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Brief Insights

Former Jharkhand CM Shibui Soren Dies at 81



JMM founder Shibui Soren died on Monday, his son and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said. Shibui Soren, 81, was undergoing treatment at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi for over a month for kidney-related problems. "Respected Dishom Gurujii has left us all... I have become 'shunya' (zero) today," Hemant Soren posted on X. Shibui Soren had been regularly receiving treatment at the hospital for an extended

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Cockroaches Spotted on Air India Flight from San Francisco to Mumbai



Air India passengers spotted small cockroaches onboard the plane flying from San Francisco to Mumbai, and the aircraft underwent deep cleaning during the scheduled stop over at Kolkata airport on Monday early morning. The airline said it will carry out a comprehensive probe to determine the cause of the incident and put in place measures to prevent recurrence. The flight was operated with a Boeing 777 aircraft, according to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com. "On flight AI180 from San Francisco to Mumbai via Kol-

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Heavy Rain Triggers Waterlogging, Traffic Woes in Hyderabad; Orange Alert Issued

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The Justice P.C. Ghose Commission of Inquiry has reportedly delivered a scathing indictment of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP), flagging "rampant and brazen procedural and financial irregularities" and holding former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) primarily responsible.

The commission, whose report is set for Cabinet discussion on Monday, found that decisions—including the selection of locations for the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages—were taken solely by KCR, bypassing formal government processes. There was no official Cabinet approval for key project decisions, the report is



Heavy downpour lashes Hyderabad, bringing parts of the city to a standstill and disrupting normal life.----Photo: Mir zulfeqar ali

said to have concluded. One of the most damning findings relates to the Medigadda barrage, which suffered major structural damage. The commission claimed project authorities and L&T, the

construction agency, acted in "concerted malicious intention" to unlawfully benefit from public funds. The report alleges collusion and ulterior motives in awarding and executing contracts.

Additionally, the commission recommended recovery of ₹677.77 lakh from officials who authorized payments to Wapcos Limited for a report that was ultimately ignored. The Wapcos

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"Some Don't Agree To Share Power": DK Shivakumar

New delhi WUT | August. 4

Congress's DK Shivakumar, seen as engaged in a tussle with his boss - Chief Minister Siddaramaiah -- over the top post in Karnataka, made a few pointed remarks while praising the Gandhi family in Delhi today. While talking about power-sharing in politics

the Congress and his efforts to bring the party to power in Karnataka.

He lauded Sonia Gandhi's decision in 2004 to step away from the Prime Minister post and spoke of power-sharing in politics. "When Sonia Gandhi was asked by the President to take oath as the Prime Minister, she said, 'For me, power is not important.' She decided that a Sikh, a minority, and an economist could save the country and should become the Prime Minister," he said, calling it an unparalleled act of political sacrifice.

"Be Very, Very Careful With Nuclear Rhetoric": Russia After Trump's Submarine Order

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Amid the near washout of the first two weeks of the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament over the Opposition's united demand for a discussion on special intensive revision (SIR), the government has lined up a number of bills and is likely to push their passage beginning Monday in its bid to wind up its legislative business in the coming days. According to a key government functionary, if disruptions continue to block the gov-



ernment's agenda in Parliament, then it will push for the passage of its key bills despite the din.

The government is likely to push on Monday the passage of a key sports bill in the Lok Sabha. The Lower House has listed the National Sports Governance Bill, which envisages greater transparency in the functioning of sports bodies, for consid-

eration and passage. Another bill that is listed for consideration and passage in the Lok Sabha is the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill. The Rajya Sabha has listed a resolution from Union home minister Amit Shah on the extension of President Rule in Manipur by another six months with effect from August 13 for passage on Monday. Union home minister Amit Shah has called a meeting of West Bengal MPs on Monday. Trinamul Congress chief and West Ben-

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Evidence Links Pahalagam Attackers to Pak: Security Sources

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Chocolate wrappers, Pakistani ID cards, satellite phone logs and other material have linked the Pahalagam attackers with Pakistan, according to security sources. The evidence recovered by Indian agencies between July 28-29 corroborates Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in the Lok Sabha on July 29, where he said the identities of the terrorists involved in the Pahalagam



massacre had been conclusively traced to Pakistan.

"For the first time we have government-issued Pakistani documents in hand that nail the nationality of the Pahalagam attackers beyond doubt," Shah had

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Priyanka Slams Bihar Voter List Move, Demands Debate

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Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday termed the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar a "very big issue" and urged the government to agree to a discussion in Parliament. She questioned why the opposition should re-



main silent when voter lists are being altered, stating, "If all this is being done to the voters' list, why should we not raise

it?" Her remarks came after the Lok Sabha was adjourned till 2 pm following continued protests by opposition MPs demanding a debate on the voter roll revision.

Several members of the INDIA bloc have been staging daily protests at the Parliament House complex against the Elec-

tion Commission's SIR exercise in Bihar. They allege that the revision is a ploy to "disenfranchise voters" ahead of upcoming elections in the state and are demanding its complete rollback.

While opposition protests have been ongoing, no protest was held on Monday out of respect for the death of

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SC Slams Rahul, Stays Army Remark Case

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In a significant relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Supreme Court on Monday stayed criminal proceedings initiated by a Lucknow court over his alleged derogatory remarks against the Indian Army during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in De-



cember 2022. The court, however, did not shy away from criticizing Gandhi's comments, questioning the appropriateness of making such statements without evi-

idence. A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih issued notices to the Uttar Pradesh government and the complainant, Udai Shanker Srivastava, seeking their responses within three weeks. The top court took a stern view of Gandhi's comments, questioning both

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PM Modi Defiant As Trump Steps Up Pressure On India's Russian Oil Purchases

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi struck a defiant tone in the face of US President Donald Trump's tariff threats, urging the nation to buy local goods as his administration signaled it would continue buying Russian oil. PM Modi's government hasn't given Indian oil refiners instructions to stop



buying Russian oil, and no decision has been taken on whether to halt the purchases, people familiar with the situation told Bloomberg, asking

not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter. Both state-run and private refiners are allowed to buy from preferred sources, and crude purchases remain a commercial decision, several of the people said.

Over the weekend, PM Modi underscored the importance of shielding India's economic interests during uncertain global conditions. The comments came just days

after the US President Trump administration imposed a 25% tariff on Indian exports to the US. The White House is also threatening more action if India continues Russian oil purchases.

"The world economy is going through many apprehensions - there is an atmosphere of instability," PM Modi said at a rally in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday.

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SC Bars Sports Facilities in Park Near Lodhi-Era Monument

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The Supreme Court has ordered the park inside the Lodhi-era monument "Gumti of Shaikh Ali" premises not to be used for the construction of badminton or basketball courts. The top court had previously directed the Delhi government to issue a fresh notification to declare the Lodhi-era monument "Gumti of Shaikh Ali" a protected monument under law. A bench comprising Justices Sud-



hanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah further directed the authorities against any commercial activity, including kiosks or shops in the area. The top court was also assured that the park, comprising four quadrants, would be maintained and beautified for it to retain its natural beauty and

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Hyderabad Among India’s Top 3 Cities With Quality Office Space

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Hyderabad has emerged as one of the most dynamic and rapidly expanding office markets in the country. In the first half of this year till June, Hyderabad’s total office stock stands at 123 million square feet, contributing 12 per cent to India’s overall office market. It grew at an impressive CAGR of 9.2 per cent, the highest among the top six metros, said real estate consultancy Knight Frank India in a report.

The country’s total office stock is set to cross the landmark one-billion square feet in office supply by September, a major landmark in the office real estate market bringing India’s stock a few steps closer to that of other global gateway markets. From under 200 million square feet in 2005 to nearly one billion



square feet in 2025, office supply has grown at a CAGR of 8.6 per cent in the last 20 years. Hyderabad is playing a leading role in shaping the future of office real estate, offering a combination of infrastructure readiness, high-grade assets, and scalable business districts that appeal to global occupiers and long-term capital alike.

Hitec City, Kondapur, and Manikonda dominate Hyderabad’s commercial office landscape, accounting for 47 per cent of the total stock. Gachibowli, Kokapet, and Nakramguda contribute another 41 per cent. Traditional business areas like Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills now account for 11 per cent. This distribution reflects a clear occupier preference for scalable, modern office ecosystems located in suburban and peripheral zones, enabled by metro connectivity, strong infrastructure, and lower operational costs.

With 68 per cent of its stock classified as Grade A, Hyderabad ranks among the top three Indian cities in terms of quality of office inventory. Grade B accounts for 30 per cent while Grade C is minimal at just one per cent.

Cabinet Approves Kaleshwaram Report, No Action Without Legislative Debate: Revanth

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In a significant move that could reshape the narrative around one of India’s most ambitious irrigation ventures, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday announced that the state Cabinet has formally approved the report submitted by the Justice P.C. Ghose Commission, which investigated the irregularities surrounding the ₹1.1 lakh-crore Kaleshwaram (KLIS).

Addressing the media at the Secretariat following the Cabinet meeting, the Chief Minister confirmed that the 665-page report will be placed before the State Assembly and Legislative Council for thorough deliberation. All political parties will be given the opportunity



to debate the findings and provide their perspectives before the government initiates any legal or disciplinary action. “There will be no action based on political or personal grudges,” Revanth Reddy asserted, underlining that the process will be rooted in democratic accountability and legislative consensus.

The Ghose Commission, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice P.C. Ghose, was formed on March 14, 2023, in line with the

Congress party’s 2023 Assembly election promise to probe alleged corruption in the Kaleshwaram project. After 16 months of exhaustive investigation, the Commission submitted its report to the state government on July 31, 2025. A special three-member committee was subsequently appointed by the government to condense the report’s findings into a summary for Cabinet review.

Revanth Reddy came down heavily on the previous BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) regime, led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrababbar Rao (KCR), accusing it of using the Kaleshwaram project as a tool for corruption and political favoritism. “The project was constructed with corruption at its core. Locations were changed, names were altered, estimates were manipulated—all in the name of redesigning,” he said.

He alleged that KCR had deliberately abandoned the original Pranahita-

Chevela project conceived by former Congress Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, choosing instead to create a new project under the guise of modernization. “Ultimately, it collapsed within three years, in 2023, under their own rule,” Revanth pointed out, referencing severe structural failures that have plagued the project.

Citing findings from the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), Revanth highlighted alarming structural issues in the project, including the sinking of the Medigadda barrage and the emergence of cracks in the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. “These are not minor defects; they point to serious lapses in planning, construction, and maintenance,” he said.

Tension Erupts at KLIP Pump House as BRS Leaders Clash with Police Over Water Release Demand

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Tension flared at the Kanepalli pump house of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Monday, after senior Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leaders and scores of party workers attempted to forcibly enter the premises demanding immediate release of irrigation water for the ongoing Kharif season.

The protest, organised under the banner of ‘Chalo Kanepalli,’ was led by former minister Koppula Eshwar, ex-MP B. Vinod Kumar, and former MLAs Putta Madhukar, Rasamayee Balakrishna, and Chander Patel. Police personnel stationed at the site barred the leaders from



entering the pump house, leading to heated arguments and a brief scuffle between the police and

BRS cadre. As the situation grew tense, additional police reinforcements were

rushed to the location. Eventually, the leaders were taken into custody and shifted to nearby police stations to prevent further escalation.

Earlier in the day, the BRS leaders inspected the Godavari floodwaters near the approach canal of the pump house and accused the Congress-led state government of deliberately withholding water despite severe rain-

fall deficiency in the region. They alleged that the drying up of tanks and ponds across Telangana was being ignored, and demanded that the motors at the KLIP pump house be activated immediately.

The leaders staged a sit-in protest in front of the facility and warned that they would switch on the motors themselves if the government failed to act.

Niranjan Reddy Defends Kaleshwaram, Slams Congress for Politicising Irrigation Projects

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Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, accusing it of politicising the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) and undermining Telangana’s irrigation achievements. Speaking to reporters, he said the project was designed to quench the thirst of Telangana and irrigate its lands, but Congress is resorting to false propaganda for political gain.

He condemned the Congress for reducing the 665-page Justice P.C. Ghose Commission report to just 60 pages, terming it an attempt to manipulate public opinion through selective dis-



closure. “Is it fair to compress such a detailed report and create a media spectacle?” he questioned.

Reddy further drew parallels with past actions by Congress, recalling how the party had previously changed the original site of the Nagarjuna Sagar project, permanently affecting Telangana’s water rights.

“Congress’ current criticism of the Kaleshwaram site change is hypocritical,” he said.

Addressing concerns over the structural issues in KLIS, he clarified that only three out of 85 pil-

lars were affected and could be restored with minor repairs. He cited Polavaram, where Rs 2,000 crore was sanctioned for repairs, contrasting it with Congress’ obstruction in Telangana. He alleged that the Congress cannot digest the success of Kaleshwaram, which was built swiftly and economically. “They cried corruption when the project cost was Rs 24,000 crore, but every farmer has seen the benefits,” he said.

Reddy also questioned the halt of the 90% completed Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project, calling it a targeted attack on former CM KCR. He credited KCR’s deep understanding of Telangana’s land and water for the state’s irrigation revolution.

SCERT, Pi Jam Host Workshop for Govt School Teachers

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The Telangana Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), in collaboration with Pi Jam Foundation, conducted a two-day intensive capacity-building programme for government school teachers. The focus was equipping educators with the tools, mindsets and methods to effectively implement the newly launched Digital Learning Textbooks for Grades 1 to 9, an initiative of the education department. Held across two days, the training was aligned with real-world contexts, ensuring that teachers didn’t just learn about concepts but also experienced them. The workshop included



simulated real-life traffic scenarios using physical computing tools like sensors and LEDs, allowing teachers to explore how real-world problems can be translated into coding challenges. It also had AI activities that demystified concepts such as machine learning, data classification and bias without the need for screens or prior technical knowledge.

Also, roleplays and collaborative games on ethical AI decision-making and exploring human biases in algorithms fostered deep discussion and reflection. Additionally, Design Thinking helped teachers tackle everyday school challenges, model empathy and rapidly prototype contextual solutions.

Factory Oversight Left to States: Minister Shobha Karandlaje

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Union Minister of state for labour Shobha Karandlaje told the Lok Sabha on Monday that the enforcement of factory safety regulations lies primarily with state authorities such as chief inspectors of factories (CIFs) and directorates of industrial safety and health (DISH). Responding to a question by Hyderabad MP Asaduddin

Owaisi on the low rate of factory inspections, she said that although the Factories Act is designed to ensure the safety, health and welfare of all factory workers, inspection frequency has declined in recent years, largely due to COVID-19-related disruptions to on-site monitoring.

Karandlaje reaffirmed the Centre’s commitment to industrial safety under the Factories Act, 1948, even as concerns rise over de-



clining oversight, especially in major industrial states like Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and Gujarat. To address these challenges, the Directorate

General of Factory Advice Service & Labour Institutes (DGFASLI) regularly conducts training programmes to equip state-appointed factory in-

spectors with technical skills and reinforce a culture of safety in hazardous workplaces, she said. These programs, including essential courses for newly recruited inspectors, are focused on building technical skills and fostering a culture of safety and vigilance in hazardous workplaces.

The minister did not announce immediate new funding or sweeping national guidelines for inspections and reaffirmed

the government’s ongoing efforts to support states in strengthening their inspection infrastructure. The central focus, she said, remains on continuous skill development and capacity-building among inspectors to close any gaps and keep India’s industrial workforce safe. The Ministry is closely monitoring the situation and remains ready to collaborate with state governments for further improvements if required.

Srinivas Goud Slams Congress Govt Over Palamuru Neglect

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud lashed out at the Congress government, accusing it of neglecting the Palamuru region and stalling crucial irrigation works. Goud questioned why the remaining 10 percent of the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project—already 90 percent complete—has not been finished, alleging a lack of sincerity from the Irrigation Minister.

He demanded answers on SLBC bodies not being retrieved and criticized the government’s failure to conduct proper project reviews. “They speak as if we did nothing, but how is water reaching from Nettekoppa, Bima, Koil Sagar?” he asked.

The former minister pointed to the success of 188 constructed check dams and vast crop cultivation under BRS rule. “Congress has not done even a single beneficial thing for Palamuru in the last two years,” he said, asserting that Harish Rao worked tirelessly on Ka-



leshwaram, while the Congress government is busy leaking information and targeting KCR through a conspiracy via the commission.

He added that the Kaleshwaram project was praised by Union Ministers and warned against politicizing its flaws. “Was it a sin for Harish Rao to stay and complete the project?” he asked.

Taking a jibe at CM Revanth Reddy, Goud said, “What has he done to be called a Bhagiratha? At least now, complete the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project.”

Goud concluded by accusing the Congress of discriminatory land acquisition and failing the farmers. “Revanth is bringing back the Chandrababu days of urea queues. We will fight legally,” he declared.

Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin Inspects Rain-Hit Areas, Oversees Relief Efforts



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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin on Monday conducted a ground-level inspection of rain-affected areas across the Karwan constituency, including Hakeempet Government School, Balkapur Nala, Tolichowki (Rumaan Hotel area), Nadeem Colony, Virasat Nagar Colony, and nearby localities. Accompanied

by the local Corporator, GHMC officials, and HYDRAA monsoon emergency teams, the MLA personally supervised water stagnation clearance and traffic management efforts. The teams worked in coordination to restore normalcy and prevent further inconvenience to residents. Active AIMIM workers and local volunteers were also seen supporting the relief efforts on the ground.

Telangana Girls Battle Iron Deficiency

Amid a fresh spate of food poisoning cases in residential schools, health experts are warning that iron-deficient girls face greater vulnerability.

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A worsening health crisis continues to grip Telangana, where nearly 58 per cent of women across the state are anaemic, as per the National Family Health Survey-5. The condition is especially prevalent among rural adolescent girls and tribal communities, and recent incidents of food poisoning in government residential schools have only intensified concerns. Health experts are now warning that iron-deficient girls are particularly vulnerable during such outbreaks, as their compromised immunity makes them more prone to infections and significantly slows down recovery, ultimately affecting their health, school attendance, and academic performance. The government has attempted to address the cri-



sis through various schemes, the latest being the launch of the ‘Indiramma Amrutham’ initiative. Under this programme, the state has begun distributing high-nutrition bars made from peanuts and millets to girls aged 14 to 18 years in Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Bhadradri-Kothagudem, and Jayashankar Bhupalapally—districts identified as having the highest anaemia burden. While the initiative has received a positive reception, healthcare professionals caution that it is

only a temporary measure. According to Dr. Y. Rajyalakshmi Devi, senior clinical nutritionist and chief dietician, nutritional supplements like these bars may help improve iron levels in the short term, but they are no substitute for consistent, long-term dietary change. She stressed that iron must be consumed in small amounts regularly across meals, not in isolated doses, for it to have any lasting benefit. The complexity of iron absorption further complicates matters. Dr. Rajya-

lakshmi explained that simply eating iron-rich foods is not enough; the body’s ability to absorb iron depends heavily on what it is consumed with. Vitamin C-rich foods such as guava, lemon juice, amla, and raw mango can significantly boost iron absorption, whereas common dietary staples like tea, coffee, and dairy products can hinder it if taken alongside or immediately after meals. She recommended that a proper iron-rich diet for adolescent girls should include green leafy vegetables such as spinach, moringa, and amaranth; pulses like rajma, chana, and moong; millets such as ragi and bajra; and natural iron sources like jaggery, raisins, black chana, sesame seeds, and flaxseeds. For non-vegetarians, organ meats, eggs, and fish provide rich sources of heme iron, which is more easily absorbed by the body.

Recent cases of food poisoning in residential schools have added urgency to the issue, as vomiting and diarrhoea deplete the body’s already low iron reserves in anaemic girls, further delaying recovery and weakening immune function. Dr. D. Ravi Sekhar Reddy, senior consultant physician and diabetologist, stated that iron deficiency has been linked to prolonged recovery from bacterial infections, particularly gastrointestinal illnesses. He noted that infection often leads to reduced appetite, which in turn exacerbates iron loss and leads to a cycle of undernutrition. During such episodes, Dr. Rajyalakshmi recommends focusing on hydration with oral rehydration salts, coconut water, and light, easy-to-digest meals such as moong dal broth or khichdi with greens.

Fatima Vows to Return from US to Serve Public, Inspired by KTR

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In an emotional and inspiring moment at Telangana Bhavan, Sayeeda Fatima, a young girl from Hyderabad, met BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) before leaving for the United States to pursue a degree in political science. Fatima expressed her ambition to return after completing her education and work alongside KTR in public service. Fatima, now a teenager, had first met KTR in 2017 at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit when she was just 10 years old. That meeting left a lasting impression on her, inspiring her to follow his journey on social media and in the news. Eight years later, she met him again



and shared how his leadership, personality, and dedication to Telangana’s development motivated her to enter politics. During their interaction, Fatima said that despite lucrative career options, she chose political science to serve the public. Her dream is to join the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and contribute to the progress of Telangana under KTR’s leadership. KTR, moved by her admiration, blessed her and

urged her to study hard and bring pride to India. He praised Fatima as a symbol of the changing mindset of youth in Telangana, highlighting that more young people are looking toward BRS to shape a better future for the state. KTR said the country needs more committed, socially-driven youth like Fatima and wished her all success in her academic journey and political aspirations.

Journalist Associations Submit Petition to Joint Collector on Press Issues

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In a collective effort to address the concerns of journalists across Andhra Pradesh, representatives from multiple journalist associations submitted a formal petition to Joint Collector Bhargav Teja at the Guntur District Collectorate on Monday morning. The petition was handed over during a meeting held at Sankaran Hall under the banner of the Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation (APWJF) and Andhra Pradesh Broadcast Journalists Association (APBJA). The initiative, conducted under the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS), highlighted long-standing demands and challenges faced by working journalists in the state. The representatives urged the district administration to intervene and help resolve their issues through appropriate channels.



Leading the delegation, APWJF Guntur District General Secretary Patnala Saikumar, and APBJA District President Varadala Mahesh, emphasized the urgent need for protection, welfare schemes, and fair working conditions for media personnel. APBJA General Secretary Boska Suvarna Babu and Keshamsetty Srinivasa, along with other key members including Ravi, Guntur City President Pramod, General Secretary Shanmukha, Samuel Vamsi, Srinivasa, and Venkata Sai were present.

MLA Kaleru Venkatesh Joins Minister Ponnam in Ration Card Drive, Bats for Welfare and BC Rights

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Hyderabad Minister Ponnam Prabhakar distributed 3,358 new ration cards in Amberpet, stating over 55,000 cards are being issued across the city during Shravan. The event, held at Maha Rana Pratap Function Hall, saw the presence of MLA Kaleru Venkatesh, Collector Dasari Harichandana, and V. Hanumantha Rao. He noted the ration card process is apolitical, with ongoing verification by Civil Supplies and



GHMC. Amberpet’s card count rose from 35,980 to 39,338, and beneficiaries from 1.23 lakh to 1.43 lakh. Prabhakar slammed BJP leaders for inaction on BC reservations and urged all BC organizations to join

the Delhi rally on August 4, demanding 42% reservation. He highlighted Congress achievements: free RTC travel worth ₹6,800 crore, ₹9,000 crore farmer aid, 60,000 jobs, Indiramma houses, and subsidies.

Srikrishna Urges Malas to Boycott Congress

Mala Mahanadu Chief Slams Congress, Warns Malas Against Voting for 'Casteist' Revanth-Led Party

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Dr. Pabbati Srikrishna, national president of Mala Mahanadu, launched a scathing attack on the Congress party and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, urging the Mala community to reject Congress in the upcoming local body elections. He alleged that Congress, under Revanth’s leadership, has worked against the interests of Malas, particularly in the name of



Scheduled Caste (SC) classification. Srikrishna warned that any support from the Mala community to Congress would only lead to its further marginalization. “If Malas, who once revived the sinking Congress party and helped

make Revanth the Chief Minister, continue to support it, they will only end up being used and discarded,” he said. He accused the Congress of plotting to isolate Malas in Telangana and make them scapegoats in the name of classification. “Real Malas will never vote for Congress. Only those who use the Mala identity to secure positions—brokers and businessmen—will vote for them,” he said, lashing out at Congress leaders

from the Mala community. He also accused them—ministers, deputy chief ministers, MLAs, and MLCs—of acting out of selfish political interests and opposing the identification of the ‘creamy layer’ within SCs to protect their own positions. Srikrishna warned that if the Supreme Court permits states to classify SCs and STs, Revanth Reddy would exploit the opportunity to divide Dalit communities and push

Malas into the background. “He will go down in history as a casteist,” Srikrishna said, expressing anger over what he sees as an attempt to kill Mala representation under the guise of social justice. Mala Mahanadu further demanded that if the Congress government is serious about Mala empowerment, it should immediately implement a 10 percent special reservation for Malas in Telangana.

No Politics in Ghose Probe, Says Bhatti

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday said the Justice P.C. Ghose commission had laid bare the extensive misuse of public funds and serious administrative lapses in the execution of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme during the previous BRS regime. Addressing a press conference after the Cabinet meeting, Bhatti said that Telangana, a state that had long struggled and agitated for equitable access to water resources, was betrayed by the very project that was once billed as its lifeline. “The Kaleshwaram project, constructed at a staggering cost of over



₹1 lakh crore, has virtually collapsed due to personal decisions and political interference,” Bhatti stated. He added that the commission unequivocally found that financial indiscipline and technical oversight had marred every stage of the project, from planning to execution. Bhatti stressed that the findings were not politically motivated but were a direct reflection of the commission’s report. “This is not a political report. We are simply presenting what

the Justice Ghose commission has concluded,” he said. Citing the findings of the Ghose commission, Bhatti said the decision to construct the three key barrages was taken unilaterally by then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and irrigation minister T. Harish Rao, bypassing government channels. “There was no official decision by the Cabinet in this regard,” he said. He also refuted the claim made by then finance minister Etala Rajendar that a Cabinet sub-committee decision was formally ratified. “The commission clearly stated that the Cabinet never gave its approval. Rajendar misreported this to the inquiry panel,” Bhatti said.

BRS Rajmalla Reddy repeated requests OOSAAT authorities sanctioned 95 lakh



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BRS senior leader and former sarpanch and MPP V. Raja malla Reddy conveyed warm and heartfull thanks to Smt J. Nirmala pulur, OOSAAT (One School at a Time). It’s DALLAS, USA based NRI for donating of Rs 95 Lakh, construction of ZPHS School at Dabilpur, in the Medchal constituency only on online request, he says

about.OSAAT is Non-profit organization in Bengaluru, from Karnataka state. This non profit organization is providing basic infrastructure for rural schools in India that bring children to school and keep them learning. Facilitating increasing literary percentage and stopping school dropouts. He says repeatedly request with OOSAAT authorities eventually he achieved funds for the poor people education.

State to Launch Centralised Nutritious Meal Programme for Gurukul Students from September 5

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In a major step to ensure uniform food quality and prevent food poisoning in residential welfare institutions, the Telangana government will launch a centralised, nutrient-rich and hygienically prepared meal programme across all Gurukul institutions from September 5. The initiative will initially cover 1,023 institutions and will be directly mon-

itored by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman, highlighting the government’s commitment to student welfare and institutional reform. The programme is being implemented under the leadership of Dr. V.S. Alagu Varsini, Secretary of the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS), who also heads the Common

Procurement for Residential Education Project Monitoring Unit (CMU). A dedicated project monitoring unit has been set up to oversee the procurement of dietary items and the functioning of the programme, with standard guidelines already issued to ensure consistency and safety in food practices. Dr. Varsini, speaking to Deccan Chronicle, explained that the entire initiative rests on three core principles — quality,



quantity, and timeliness. She emphasised that the programme is not simply about food supply but about investing in the health, learning outcomes,

and dignity of students. The idea is to ensure that every student, regardless of which Gurukul they attend, receives the same standard of food, both nu-

tritionally and in preparation quality. This new model marks a significant departure from the earlier district-wise procurement system, which often led to discrepancies in food pricing, variations in quality, and frequent supply delays. The restructured system introduces centralised procurement, where essential commodities such as rice, pulses, oil, and spices will be purchased in bulk at uniform rates and based

on pre-approved nutritional grades. These items will then be distributed to institutions through GPS-enabled logistics, ensuring transparency, traceability, and timely delivery. To further support the distribution process and empower communities, the government will involve women’s self-help groups at both the mandal and district levels. These groups will play a key role in managing the last-

mile supply chain and maintaining accountability in the system. Menus for the meal programme have been carefully revised in consultation with dietary experts, aligning them with Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) nutritional guidelines for adolescents. Each meal is designed to deliver around 2,200 kilocalories and 40 to 50 grams of protein per day, supplemented by essential micronutrients.

Priyanka Slams Bihar Voter List Move, Demands Debate

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Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday termed the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar a "very big issue" and urged the government to agree to a discussion in Parliament. She questioned why the opposition should remain silent when voter lists are being altered, stating, "If all this is being done to the voters' list, why should we not raise it?" Her remarks came after the Lok Sabha was adjourned till 2 pm following continued protests by opposition MPs demanding a debate on the voter roll revision. Several members of the

INDIA bloc have been staging daily protests at the Parliament House complex against the Election Commission's SIR exercise in Bihar. They allege that the revision is a ploy to "disenfranchise voters" ahead of upcoming elections in the state and are demanding its complete rollback. While opposition protests have been ongoing, no protest was held on Monday out of respect for the death of former Jharkhand chief minister Shibu Soren. "The government should agree to a discussion and move forward," Priyanka Gandhi said, reinforcing the opposition's demand for parliamentary debate on the matter.

Evidence Links Pahalgam Attackers to Pak: Security Sources

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Chocolate wrappers, Pakistani ID cards, satellite phone logs and other material have linked the Pahalgam attackers with Pakistan, according to security sources. The evidence recovered by Indian agencies between July 28-29 corroborates Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement in the Lok Sabha on July 29, where he said the identities of the terrorists involved in the Pahalgam massacre had been conclusively traced to Pakistan. The terrorists were identified as: Suleman Shah (code name Faizal Jatt), an A++ commander, mas-termind, and lead shooter; Abu Hamza (code name Afghan), an A- grade commander, second gunman; Yasi (code name Jibran), an A- grade commander, third gunman and rear security. As part of the evidence, Indian forces recovered Pakistan voter ID cards. Two laminated voter slips issued by the

Election Commission of Pakistan were found in the pockets of Suleman Shah and Abu Hamza. The voter serial numbers, photographed and sent to Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency (FIA), correspond to electoral rolls in Lahore (NA-125) and Gujranwala (NA-79). Further, NADRA-linked Smart-ID chips were recovered. A micro-SD card from a damaged satellite phone contained biometric records—fingerprints, facial templates, family tree—linked to Pakistan's national database, confirming their identities and addresses in Changa Manga (Kasur district) and Koian village near Rawalakot, Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). Security forces also found Pakistan-manufactured personal items, including wrappers of Karachi-based chocolates in a rucksack containing spare magazines. The lot numbers were traced to a May 2024 consignment shipped to Muzaffarabad, PoK.

Working With Influencers To Promote Tourism Destinations: Union Minister

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The Tourism Ministry engages with social media influencers, both through collaboration requests received and through public engagement initiatives to promote tourism destinations, products, experiences and events, the Lok Sabha was informed on Monday. Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, in a written reply, said the Ministry also actively promotes the country's tourism destinations, products and various activities through its official social media platforms. In response to another question, Mr Shekhawat said the Ministry launched its 'Swadesh Darshan scheme (SDS)' in 2014-15 with the idea to develop tourism infrastructure under identified thematic tourism circuits in the country. The scheme was revamped as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)' to



develop sustainable tourism destinations with a tourist and destination-centric approach, and has sanctioned 52 projects. In addition, the Ministry has also sanctioned 36 projects under 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)', a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan. The government, under the 'Special Assistance to the States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' scheme, has also sanctioned 40 projects in the country. The projects under the above-mentioned scheme were sanctioned on receipt of the project proposals from the States, their assessment, availability of funds and inter-se priority. The Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme recognises that in order to minimise the negative impacts and maximise positive impacts, sustainable and responsible tourism is key. It encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism, including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability, he said. The scheme focuses on the development of a variety of tourism projects, including new emerging trends, in order to provide an enhanced experience to the tourists. Mr Shekhawat said the government has also announced the launch of a modified UDAN scheme to increase regional connectivity to 120 new destinations across the country and cater to 4 crore passengers in the next 10 years. The scheme will also support helipads and smaller airports in hilly, aspirational and North East Region districts. The Ministry has launched the revamped version of Incredible India Digital Platform (IIDP) as a comprehensive resource for travellers and stakeholders interested in exploring the country's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty and diverse attractions. The IIDP uses an AI-powered tool that personalises visitor experiences by offering real-time weather updates, city exploration, and essential travel services, the Minister said. The portal has also partnered with several Online Travel Agents (OTAs) and stakeholders for seamless booking of flights, hotels, cabs & buses and tickets for ASI monuments.

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The Kremlin said on Monday that everyone should be careful about nuclear rhetoric, in its first response to a statement by US President Donald Trump that he had ordered a repositioning of US nuclear submarines. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov played down the significance of Trump's announcement last Friday that he had ordered two subs to be moved to "the appropriate regions" in response to remarks from former Russian president Dmitry Medvedev about the risk of war between the nuclear-armed adversaries. "In this case, it is obvious that American submarines are already on combat duty. This is an ongoing process, that's the first thing," Peskov told reporters. "But in general, of course, we would not want to get involved in such a controversy and would not want to comment on it in any way," he added. "Of course, we believe that everyone should be very, very careful with

nuclear rhetoric." Peskov said that Russia did not see Trump's statement as marking an escalation in nuclear tension. "We do not believe that we are talking about any escalation now. It is clear that very complex, very sensitive issues are being discussed, which, of course, are perceived very emotionally by many people," he said. Peskov declined to answer directly when asked whether the Kremlin had tried to warn Medvedev to tone down his online altercation with Trump. "Listen, in every country, members of the leadership... have different points of view on events that are taking place, different attitudes. There are people who are very, very tough-minded in the United States of America and in European countries, so this is always the case," he said. "But the main thing, of course, is the position of President (Vladimir) Putin," he said. "You know that in our country, foreign policy is formulated by the head of state, that is, President Putin."

Former Jharkhand CM Shibu Soren Dies at 81

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JMM founder Shibu Soren died on Monday, his son and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren said. Shibu Soren, 81, was undergoing treatment at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital in Delhi for over a month for kidney-related problems. "Respected Dishom Guruji has left us all... I have become 'shunya' (zero) today," Hemant Soren posted on X. Shibu Soren had been regularly receiving treatment at the hospital for an extended period of time. He was admitted here recently, so we came to see him. His health is-

sues are currently being examined," Hemant Soren had said on June 24 when his father was admitted to the hospital in the national capital. Shibu Soren had been the leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha for the past 38 years and is recognised as the party's founding patron. Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday mourned the demise of former Chief Minister of Jharkhand and leader of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Shibu Soren.PM Modi remembered Shibu Soren's work for empowering tribal communities and the poor. Sharing an X post, PM

Modi wrote, "Shri Shibu Soren Ji was a grassroots leader who rose through the ranks of public life with unwavering dedication to the people. He was particularly passionate about empowering tribal communities, the poor and downtrodden. Pained by his passing away." The Prime Minister spoke to Shibu Soren's son and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, and expressed condolences."My thoughts are with his family and admirers. Spoke to Jharkhand CM Shri Hemant Soren Ji and expressed condolences. Om Shanti," the X post read.

Cockroaches Spotted on Air India Flight from San Francisco to Mumbai

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Air India passengers spotted small cockroaches onboard the plane flying from San Francisco to Mumbai, and the aircraft underwent deep cleaning during the scheduled stop over at Kolkata airport on Monday early morning.The airline said it will carry out a comprehensive probe to determine the cause of the incident and put in place measures to prevent recurrence. The flight was operated with a Boeing 777 aircraft, according to information available on flight tracking website Flightradar24.com. "On



flight AI180 from San Francisco to Mumbai via Kolkata, two passengers were unfortunately bothered by the presence of a few small cockroaches on board. Our cabin crew, therefore, relocated the two passengers to other seats in the same cabin, where they were comfortable thereafter," an airline spokesperson said in a statement on Monday. During the flight's scheduled fuel stop in Kolkata, the airline's ground crew conducted a

deep cleaning process to address the issue and the same aircraft subsequently departed in time for Mumbai. "Despite our regular fumigation efforts, insects can sometimes enter an aircraft during ground operations. Air India will be undertaking a comprehensive investigation to determine the source and the cause of this incident and implement measures to prevent recurrence," the spokesperson said. The spokesperson also apologised for any inconvenience caused to the passengers. Details about the number of passengers onboard the flight was not available.

SC Slams Rahul, Stays Army Remark Case

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In a significant relief to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, the Supreme Court on Monday stayed criminal proceedings initiated by a Lucknow court over his alleged derogatory remarks against the Indian Army during the Bharat Jodo Yatra in December 2022. The court, however, did not shy away from criticizing Gandhi's comments, questioning the appropriateness of making such statements without evidence. A bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and Augustine George Masih issued notices to the Uttar Pradesh government and the complainant, Udai Shanker Srivastava, seeking their responses within three weeks. The top court took a stern view of Gandhi's comments, questioning both the substance and the forum chosen for airing them.

"If you are a true Indian, you won't say such a thing," the bench remarked while questioning Gandhi's claim that China had occupied 2,000 sq km of Indian territory. "Were you there? Do you have any credible material?" the bench asked, pressing Gandhi on the basis for his statements. Further, the bench questioned, "Why don't you say these things in Parliament? Why do you have to say it on social media?" indicating that a responsible Leader of Opposition must raise such concerns through institutional mechanisms rather than public platforms. Senior Advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Gandhi, defended the Congress MP, arguing that raising concerns based on reports in the press cannot be construed as criminal. "If he can't say these things which are published in the Press, then he can't be a Leader of Opposition,"

Singhvi argued. He also pushed back on the court's "true Indian" comment by stating, "It is also possible that a true Indian will say that our 20 Indian soldiers were beaten up and killed. That is also a matter of concern." Justice Datta responded by saying that while casualties are not unusual in cross-border conflicts, Gandhi, as a senior political figure, should have chosen a more appropriate platform and tone for his statements. The court emphasized that Gandhi's concerns could have been more responsibly expressed in Parliament. Singhvi further contended that the criminal complaint appeared to be motivated and aimed at harassment. He cited Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, arguing that the lower court failed to hold a mandatory preliminary hearing before taking cognisance of the complaint.

PM Modi Defiant As Trump Steps Up Pressure On India's Russian Oil Purchases

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi struck a defiant tone in the face of US President Donald Trump's tariff threats, urging the nation to buy local goods as his administration signaled it would continue buying Russian oil. PM Modi's government hasn't given Indian oil refiners instructions to stop buying Russian oil, and no decision has been taken on whether to halt the purchases, people familiar with the situation told Bloomberg, asking not to be named due to the sensitivity of the matter. Both state-run and private refiners are allowed to buy from preferred sources, and crude purchases remain a commercial decision, several of the people said. Over the weekend, PM Modi underscored the im-

portance of shielding India's economic interests during uncertain global conditions. The comments came just days after the US President Trump administration imposed a 25% tariff on Indian exports to the US. The White House is also threatening more action if India continues Russian oil purchases. "The world economy is going through many apprehensions - there is an atmosphere of instability," PM Modi said at a rally in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday. "Now, whatever we buy, there should be only one scale: we will buy those things which have been made by the sweat of an Indian." India has become one of Mr Trump's top targets as he looks to pressure Russian President Vladimir Putin to end his war in Ukraine. The US president lashed out at India

last week, criticizing it for joining the BRICS grouping of developing countries and maintaining close ties with Russia, saying "they can take their dead economies down together." The rebuke marked a stunning shift in tone for the US, which for years had overlooked India's close historical ties with Russia as it courted the nation as a counterweight in Asia to China. Now, US President Trump appears willing to undo that strategy to gain leverage against Putin, who has resisted the US president's efforts to end the fighting in Ukraine. Stephen Miller, Mr Trump's deputy chief of staff, on Sunday accused India of imposing "massive" tariffs on American goods and "cheating" the US immigration system in addition to purchasing

about as much Russian oil as China. "President Trump, he wants a tremendous relationship and has had always a tremendous relationship with India and the prime minister," Mr Miller said. "But we need to get real about dealing with the financing of this war." "So, President Trump, all options are on the table to deal diplomatically, financially and otherwise with the ongoing war in Ukraine, so we can achieve peace," Mr Miller added. US President Trump last week told reporters he "heard" India would no longer be buying oil from Russia, calling it "a good step." Bloomberg reported last week that refiners were told to come up with plans for buying non-Russian crude, but one of the people said the in-

struction amounted to scenario planning in case Russian crude were to become unavailable. The New York Times reported Saturday that India would keep buying Russian crude despite a threat of penalties from Mr Trump, citing two senior Indian officials it didn't identify. An Oil Ministry spokesperson didn't reply to messages from Bloomberg seeking comment outside of regular business hours. India's refiners have been singled out by the European Union and the US for supporting Moscow during its war in Ukraine with the oil purchases. It has become the world's biggest buyer of Russian seaborne exports of crude, soaking up discounted barrels and ramping up its purchases from almost zero to about one-third.



EDITORIAL

RAHUL MUST PROVE EC WRONGDOING


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The neutrality of the Election Commission of India has been suspect for quite some time. The timing of declaration of elections and their phasing, the selective action and inaction on the complaints against political leaders violating model code of conduct and the total silence on its part when Prime Minister Narendra Modi went about spewing communal venom while campaigning in the last Lok Sabha elections are enough to put this important constitutional body under a cloud. The haste with which it is going ahead with the special intensive revision of voters' list in Bihar despite the Supreme Court repeatedly expressing reservations about it only helps lengthen its shadow. It is the right and responsibility of the Opposition



in these circumstances to raise a question on the conduct of the EC, but sadly, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi does not inspire much confidence when he does the same. He has been levelling allegations of wrongdoing at the EC, starting with those involving the functioning of the electronic voting machine. The fact remains that the EC has been able to offer explanations that can satisfy most people, including the apex court. The allegations about vote theft are the latest. The Congress cried foul post elections to the Maharashtra and Haryana Assemblies but has not been able to come up with evidence that can

sustain these charges. Mr Gandhi now says he has a "bomb" on "vote theft" in his possession. He must be suggesting that he has information about misdeeds by the EC with respect to the Maharashtra election. If indeed he has such information, then as a person with the responsibility to audit it, he must publish those valuable details and demand that the law take its course. For, Mr Gandhi has no right to keep the info to himself, has he? And if he does not have this mysterious information, then his statement carries similar weight to those he has made on the same subject earlier, and he and his advisers must seriously ponder whether such strategies of attack really does strengthen the democratic institutions in our country, including the EC, and of course, the office of the Leader of the Opposition.



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The Editor

HYDRAA Denies of Demolishing Gurduwara Shed at Ameerpet

HYDRAA refuted claims that it had demolished a shed erected by the gurudwara at Ameerpet for allegedly encroaching on a drain line. HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath in a statement said the agency was not involved in the demolition. "HYDRAA has not undertaken any demolitions in Ameerpet, and has not tried to do anything", Ranganath said. The GHMC, on July 30, issued notice to the Gurudwara Saheb in Ameerpet to remove the tin shed they had raised allegedly by encroaching over the drain line. The GHMC said it would remove the shed the gurudwara management failed to do so in a day. The gurudwara committee said that it had not encroached on the land, and said that the previous BRS government minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav had taken an initiative to create a parking lot. The committee said that it was using the shed to park the gurudwara's Palki vehicle, and no other activities take place on the land. On Saturday, GHMC authorities went to the spot to remove the shed, but were stopped by members of the gurudwara. They protested the move, and said the government is not taking their religion into consideration.

SC Bars Sports Facilities in Park Near Lodhi-Era Monument

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The Supreme Court has ordered the park inside the Lodhi-era monument "Gumti of Shaikh Ali" premises not to be used for the construction of badminton or basketball courts. The top court had previously directed the Delhi government to issue a fresh notification to declare the Lodhi-era monument "Gumti of Shaikh Ali" a protected monument under law. A bench comprising Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Ahsanuddin Amanullah further directed the authorities against any commercial activity, including kiosks or shops in the area. The top court



was also assured that the park, comprising four quadrants, would be maintained and beautified for it to retain its natural beauty and might be used for the benefit of the general public. "The only direction which needs to be given here is that it should not be used for any other purpose and no activity such as construction of badminton court, basketball court, etc., be made considering the limitations of the area itself," the

bench's July 31 order said. The apex court further directed the court commissioner to coordinate with the department concerned, including the Horticulture Department, for maintenance and beautification of the park. The matter was posted for August 28. The dispute over the monument surfaced when the top court directed the Defence Colony resident welfare association to vacate its structures and pay Rs 40 lakh to the archaeology department of the Delhi government as compensation for occupying the historical place since the 1960s. The apex court was hearing a plea filed by Defence Colony resident Rajeev Suri, who

sought to have the Gumti declared a protected monument under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (AMASR Act). The plea was filed in the top court after the Delhi High Court dismissed his plea in 2019. The top court has been regularly passing directions to ensure removal of encroachments, illegal occupation, and beautification of the monument and its surrounding area. Protected monuments under the AMASR Act benefit from legal protection, conservation efforts, and restrictions on activities around them to ensure their preservation for future generations.

Mudra Loan Fraudster Nabbed After Three Years on the Run

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A man who had been absconding since 2021 in connection with multiple Mudra loan fraud cases was finally arrested by Hyderabad police on Monday. The accused, identified as Shaikh Jani alias Harinath Rao (34), a private employee residing in Saroor-nagar, was wanted in at least seven fraud cases across the tri-commissionerates of Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda. Hyderabad Deputy Commissioner of Police (Task Force), Y.V.S. Sudheendra, confirmed that Jani's arrest has helped solve several cases registered under different police jurisdictions. Jani allegedly targeted women involved in small-scale businesses by falsely promising help in obtaining Mudra loans, collecting their documents and money, and then fleeing.

Originally from Nakrekal in Nalgonda district, Jani moved to Hyderabad in 2011 seeking better employment opportunities. He worked with several private firms but grew frustrated with low earnings and lost his job during the Covid-19 lockdown in 2020. Facing financial hardship, he began watching YouTube videos about government schemes and learned about the Mudra loan program. He then devised a plan to exploit the system, posing as a loan facilitator. Using fraudulent tactics, he duped multiple individuals — mainly women — who were in urgent need of funds. Police eventually traced and apprehended him in Hyderabad based on credible inputs. An investigation is ongoing to determine if more people were victimized and if any accomplices were involved.

Justice N. Tukaramji Stays Proceedings in FIR Against Sri Sneha BHEL Employees Housing Society Members

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has arrested 228 individuals, including 27 women, for their involvement in a wide range of cybercrime activities across the country between January 1 and July 31, 2025. According to TGCSB Director Shikha Goel, the arrests were made in multiple states, including Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karna-

taka, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, and Jharkhand. These individuals were linked to 1,313 cybercrime cases, including 189 reported in Telangana, with the total amount of fraud estimated at ₹92 crore. The crimes spanned fake call centres, investment and job frauds, child sexual exploitation and abuse material (CSEAM), cyber slavery, online trading scams, SIM box operations, digital arrest



frauds, impersonation, and identity theft. Among those arrested, 93 were from Telangana, followed by 42 from Nagaland, 20 from Gujarat, 17 from Andhra Pradesh, and others from West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Manipur, Assam, Maharashtra, Odisha, Karnataka, Bihar, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Madhya Pradesh. A majority of the accused—149 individuals—belonged to the 18-30 age group, with backgrounds ranging from students and private employees to bank

staff and software professionals. Educationally, the arrests included 49 graduates, 18 engineers, and even a law graduate, indicating how people from various walks of life are becoming involved in digital crimes. Three major crackdowns defined the TGCSB's operations during this period. In February, the Bureau dismantled a fake call centre in Patrikanagar, Hitec City, Hyderabad, and arrested 63 people,

mainly from Gujarat and the Northeast, for scamming NRIs and US citizens. In May, a 10-day operation in Surat led to the arrest of 20 cybercriminals connected to 60 cases in Telangana and over 500 cases nationwide. In June, the Child Protection Unit (CPU) apprehended 15 habitual offenders following 57 CSEAM-related cyber tipline complaints. These focused actions reflect the TGCSB's aggressive approach in tackling both

emerging and recurring forms of digital crime. Director Goel also reported a 13 percent decline in cybercrime cases in Telangana during the first half of 2025, crediting this positive trend to sustained enforcement efforts, inter-state coordination, and public awareness initiatives. She emphasized the need for vigilance among citizens, warning them against falling prey to online scams, suspicious calls, or fake job offers. The

bureau plans to further enhance its operations by building stronger cross-border intelligence networks, training law enforcement officers in advanced cybercrime detection, and launching more public outreach programs. With cybercriminals adopting more complex and decentralized methods, the TGCSB remains committed to staying a step ahead in securing digital spaces and protecting citizens across India.

ABD’s New Sterling Reserve B7 Casts a Smooth Spell on Hyderabad

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Allied Blenders and Distillers (ABD), India’s leading spirits company by volume, has rolled out the refreshed Sterling Reserve B7 whisky in Hyderabad, offering a smoother, more refined blend crafted for the evolving Indian whisky drinker. The new SRB7 delivers bold character with a rich, fuller-bodied experience while enhancing drinkability—striking a perfect balance for both connoisseurs and newcomers. Priced at ₹880 in Telangana and ₹750 in Andhra Pradesh for 750ml, the semi-premium whisky marks a major upgrade in taste and finish. To mark the relaunch, ABD has kicked off the #B7MagicBarTour in Hyderabad—an engaging, high-energy campaign featuring



local street magicians, pop-up bars at unexpected venues, and live tastings that transform everyday spaces into immersive brand experiences. Supporting the tour is the 360-degree campaign “So Smooth, Must Be Magic”, combining influencer tie-ups, digital storytelling, and

on-ground engagement to amplify the brand’s refreshed identity and smooth appeal. Hyderabad, with its blend of tradition and modern urban culture, is a key city for the campaign. It has emerged as a fast-growing market for premium and semi-premium spirits, with strong consumer demand and a rapidly evolving taste profile. ABD Managing Director Alok Gupta said, “Today’s consumers want innovation grounded in tradition. The renewed SRB7 delivers just that—superior smoothness and refined taste for modern palates.” With its focus on innovation, product superiority, and regional relevance, the new Sterling Reserve B7 continues to charm whisky lovers—reaffirming its premium place in India’s dynamic spirits market.

Dhanush slams AI version of ‘Raanjhanaa’: It has completely disturbed me

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Tamil cinema star Dhanush expressed his disappointment over the altered AI ending of his Bollywood debut film “Raanjhanaa”. The film, which originally came out in 2013, was directed by Aanand L Rai and also starred Sonam Kapoor in the lead role. It was recently re-released in theatres. But this time, the ending was altered with the help of an AI, which got mixed reactions from the audience and was also pointed out by the filmmaker. Now, the lead actor Dhanush shared his take on the same and said it wasn’t the film he committed to 12 years ago.



The 42-year-old actor shared a post on his X handle on Sunday, calling the new version of the film disturbing, adding it has “stripped the soul” of the movie. “The re-release of ‘Raanjhanaa’ with an AI-altered climax has completely disturbed me. This alternate ending has stripped the film of its very soul, and the concerned parties went ahead

with it despite my clear objection. This is not the film I committed to 12 years ago,” he wrote in the post. The actor said such practices threaten the “integrity of storytelling”. “The use of AI to alter films or content is a deeply concerning precedent for both art and artists. It threatens the integrity of storytelling and the legacy of cinema. Sincerely hope that

stricter regulations are put in place to prevent such practices in the future,” he added. Set in Varanasi and Delhi, the story of the film follows Kundan (Dhanush), a Hindu boy who falls in love with Zoya (Kapoor), a Muslim girl, from childhood. Towards the end of the film, Kundan is shot at a rally and dies later at a hospital. In the altered version, the actor doesn’t die at the end of the film. Rai has previously slammed production and distribution company Eros for the latest version. The filmmaker said the film didn’t need a new climax and had already achieved cult status with its original version.



Rashmika Mandanna reveals what her ‘non-filming’ days are like

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Actress Rashmika Mandanna, who has been crowned as the National Crush, has given a sneak peek into a day of her life when she’s not filming. Sharing details about her off day, Rashmika told IANS: “On my non-film-

ing days, I try to slow down. My mornings start with journaling. I still write in my diary regularly. It helps me feel present and grateful. I spend time with my dog, maybe go for a walk, catch up on reading or shows I’ve missed.” The actress said that sometimes she would be

on a “brand call” or “working on Dear Diary, because I’m very hands-on as a founder.” “But even then, I try to carve out quiet moments with my family, with nature, or just with myself. Those are the moments that refill my cup,” said the actress, who was recently seen in the crime

thriller Kuberaa, directed by Sekhar Kammula. The film stars Nagarjuna Akkineni, Dhanush, Jim Sarbh and Dalip Tahir. It is about a beggar who undergoes a dramatic transformation. The film explores themes of greed, ambition and the moral dilemmas faced by the characters, ultimately

leading to a quest for redemption. The actress has The Girlfriend next lined up for release. The upcoming Telugu movie is directed by Rahul Ravindran. Along with that, the 29-year-old star also has Thama starring Ayushmann Khurrana, which is labelled as a gripping love

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

BUSSINESS

String Metaverse Ltd Reports ₹199 Cr Revenue and ₹18.29 Cr PAT in Q1 FY26, Marks 298% YoY Growth

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String Metaverse Ltd (BSE: META | 534535), India’s listed Web3 infrastructure firm, released its Q1 FY26 consolidated results, reporting revenue of ₹199.14 crore and profit after tax (PAT) of ₹18.29 crore. The company recorded a YoY revenue surge of 298% and a 240% jump in net profit. The PAT margin stood at 9.19%, while operating EBITDA for the quarter reached ₹21.83 crore, indicating robust financial health and scalability ac-

ross verticals. Key growth was driven by the activation of Solana and Hyperliquid validator nodes through its unit String DePIN & AI Ltd in Ras Al Khaimah, which contributed to steady protocol-based revenue. The company also expanded its fintech footprint with a Canada MSB license, enabling crypto-linked virtual debit cards in over 100 countries through partnerships with Visa, Mastercard, and UnionPay. In the Web3 gaming sector, String saw rising user engagement and digital

asset monetization through in-app activity and ad revenues, boosted by the launch of a Singapore-based RTB Ad Exchange. Management stated that diversified revenue channels and scalable tech platforms are powering profitable growth and global outreach. Director Santosh A noted that the company’s infrastructure-first strategy positions it at the core of the emerging decentralized financial ecosystem, with a focus on programmable payments and on-chain monetization.

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As the festive season kicks off with Raksha Bandhan, families are being encouraged to celebrate with more mindful and health-forward choices. Nutritionists and celebrities alike are advocating for the inclusion of California almonds in daily diets, especially during festive indulgence, to promote long-term wellness and prosperity. Health experts highlight that while celebrations often involve sweets and rich foods, small changes—such as incor-



porating almonds into meals—can significantly boost nutritional value. Almonds are known to help manage blood sugar levels, reduce LDL and total cholesterol, and support heart health. By making smarter choices like

replacing refined sugar with natural sweeteners and opting for baked over fried dishes, families can enjoy festivities without compromising their health. Bollywood actress Soha Ali Khan shared her Rak-

sha Bandhan rituals, stating, “I prepare healthy yet tasty treats like grilled almond burfee and almond brownies. Almonds are a daily habit in our home—they’re not only delicious but also vital for our well-being.” Supporting this view, Ritika Samaddar, Regional Head-Dietetics at Max Healthcare, Delhi, noted, “People tend to over-indulge during festivals. I recommend almonds as a nutritious alternative. They offer plant-based protein and align with the ICMR Dietary Guidelines for Indians.”Sheela Krishnaswamy, Nutrition and

Wellness Consultant, emphasized that sweets can spike glucose levels, especially in individuals with diabetes or pre-diabetes. “You don’t have to skip treats. Choose almonds and fruits for a balance of taste and nutrition,” she advised. As siblings exchange tokens of love and care, this Raksha Bandhan can become even more meaningful with a shared commitment to health. Begin the day with a handful of California almonds—an easy step toward smarter snacking and long-term family wellness.

Tesla awards CEO Musk USD 29 billion stock months after court scraps pay

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Tesla is awarding CEO Elon Musk 96 million shares of restricted stock valued at approximately USD29 billion, just six months after a judge ordered the company to revoke his massive pay package. The electric vehicle maker said in a regulatory filing on Monday that Musk must first pay Tesla USD 23.34 per share of restricted stock that vests, which is equal to the exercise price per share of the



2018 pay package that was awarded to the company’s CEO. In December, Delaware Chancellor Kathaleen St Jude McCormick reaffirmed her

earlier ruling that Tesla must revoke Musk’s multibillion-dollar pay package. She found that Musk engineered the landmark pay package in sham negotiations with directors who were not independent. At the time, McCormick also rejected an equally unprecedented and massive fee request by plaintiff attorneys, who argued that they were entitled to legal fees in the form of Tesla stock valued at more than USD 5 billion. The judge said the attorneys were enti-

tled to a fee award of USD 345 million. The rulings came in a lawsuit filed by a Tesla stockholder who challenged Musk’s 2018 compensation package. That pay package carried a potential maximum value of about \$56 billion, but that sum has fluctuated over the years based on Tesla’s stock price. Musk appealed the order in March. A month later, Tesla said in a regulatory filing that it was creating a special committee to look at Musk’s compensation as CEO.

Signature Global Bags CARE A+ for ₹875 Cr NCD

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Signature Global (India) Ltd., a leading real estate developer in the country, has received a CARE A+ (Stable) rating from CareEdge Ratings for its proposed ₹875 crore long-term Non-Convertible Debenture (NCD) issue. The funds raised will be used to refinance existing debt and support the company's ongoing expansion plans. The rating reflects the company’s robust financial position, consistent sales performance, and timely project execution. Signature Global has developed over



146 lakh square feet of residential and commercial space and continues to show strong growth momentum. In FY25, the company achieved a 42% year-on-year increase in bookings amounting to ₹10,290 crore, while collections rose by 40% to ₹4,380 crore, driven by the successful launch of seven new projects covering over 100 lakh square feet. With more than 83% of its ongoing project inventory booked, and an inventory overhang of only two quarters, Signature Global

demonstrates sustained demand and healthy sales velocity. CareEdge also highlighted the company's diversification across various stages of project development and the consistent growth in collections. For FY26, Signature Global has debt obligations of ₹328.49 crore, which are expected to be well-covered by projected collections exceeding ₹6,000 crore, indicating a strong liquidity position. Overall, the CARE A+ rating affirms Signature Global’s financial discipline, operational strength, and ability to maintain stable cash flows amid rapid growth.

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2026 CSK Captaincy: Dhoni Sets the Record Straight

ICC Hall of Famer and Chennai Super Kings player MS Dhoni stated that the batting order of the franchise is sorted as the team skipper, Ruturaj Gaikwad, will be returning after recovering from injury. In the IPL 2025, an injury put an end to Gaikwad's season, as he made 122 runs in five matches, averaging 24.40, with two half-centuries. Not only was Gaikwad inconsistent, but he could win only one out of five matches during the season. Speaking during the event, Dhoni said, "I think our batting order is quite sorted as of now. Gaikwad will be coming back; he got injured, so he will be coming back. So it looks as if we are quite sorted now with a small auction coming in December.



India in a Good Position: Varun Aaron Praises Pace Trio

After a gripping Day 2 in the fifth Test of the Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy at The Oval, former India pacer Varun Aaron shared his thoughts on India's spirited performance, particularly lauding the efforts of the pace attack and Yashasvi Jaiswal's attacking knock. Reflecting on the day's play, JioHotstar expert Aaron said, "I think India are in a good position. The wicket of Sai Sudharsan could have been avoided, but it was a great delivery - there wasn't much he could have done." Sudharsan, who looked composed early on, was dismissed LBW by England pacer Gus Atkinson for 11. For Aaron, the standout performers were clear. "For me, the story of the day was the bowling spells from Siraj (Mohammed) and Prasidh Krishna. They bowled with real heart. Even Akash Deep did a solid holding job," he noted.



The Pitch Is Still Doing Enough. I Still See India As Favourites: Stuart Broad

Speaking on 'Match Centre Live' after the first session on Day 4, JioHotstar expert Stuart Broad spoke on India's chances and the threat of Harry Brook: "I definitely still see India as favourites. I think the pitch is still doing enough. Siraj brought a fantastic spell this morning. You could see the wobbly seam was nipping around a little bit. Anytime you get Ben Duckett out in a run chase, it feels like a huge moment. It was a brilliant bit of bowling from Krishna. It's Harry Brook who can take this game away from India. He is the huge wicket to get. If Brook gets 100 off 80 balls, England win. If they get him out before 50, India wins. But remember, Chris Woakes won't bat unless it gets really, really close towards the end. So, although England feel like they bat deep, they will miss Chris Woakes at the back end." On Brook's approach and the missed chance: "Harry Brook will treat this like a 50-over game. He'll find the boundary where possible. If it's not going to be a boundary, it'll be a single, trying to put the fielders under pressure. And the more tired the Indian bowlers get, the more pressure Brook will try and put on them. So it's one of those where you say you've got to take your chances against Harry Brook.

Telangana Education Department Empowers Teachers for a Digital Future

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In a major step toward reimagining classroom education, the Telangana State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), in collaboration with the Pi Jam Foundation, conducted a two-day intensive training program for government school teachers across the state. The initiative focused on building educators' capacity to implement the newly launched Digital Learning Textbooks for Grades 1 to 9—an innova-

tive effort to integrate technology and 21st-century skills into mainstream education. Unlike traditional workshops, this training was immersive and experiential, designed to mirror real-world challenges. Teachers explored programming, computational thinking, AI, physical computing, and Design Thinking through engaging, hands-on activities. Each session was carefully aligned with the new digital textbooks to ensure that the skills and approaches learned could be directly applied in the



classroom. From simulating traffic lights using sensors and LEDs to decoding the concept of AI bias through games and roleplays, educators experienced firsthand how technology and empathy

can reshape pedagogy. Teachers participated in design sprints that helped them identify common classroom challenges and develop rapid, contextual solutions. AI-focused activities demystified complex concepts like machine learning and data classification without screens or prior tech knowledge, making the subject approachable and relevant. "For the first time, I saw how I could teach AI not just through screens, but through stories, games, and the real lives of our children," said Mr. Madhusudan, a

teacher from Model School, Gundala, Yadadri Bhuvanagari. To support continuous learning and access, the state has launched telangana.codemitra.org, a dedicated platform for students, teachers, and parents to explore the same experiential modules. This initiative is part of Telangana's broader vision to nurture future-ready learners—curious, creative, and equipped to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

I Googled and Got Believe Emoji After I Woke Up Today: Siraj

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The word impossible is not a part of Mohammed Siraj's dictionary as he always believed that he can win the final Test for India from any point of time. "I woke up in the morning and checked google on my phone and took out a 'Believe' emoji wallpaper and told myself that I will do it for the country." Without Jasprit Bumrah, the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) of Telangana Police bowled 185.3 overs with 23 wickets and it couldn't have been more fitting that he earned India a win for posterity. "I always believe that I can win the game from any point, and

did to the morning," Siraj told Dinesh Karthik in a post match chat for Jio Hotstar. Having consistently troubled the English batters, Siraj finished with 5 for 104 in 30.1 overs and a match haul of nine wickets. "My only plan was to bowl good areas. Didn't matter if I took wickets or went for runs," Siraj said. His feet touched the

scored a smashing ton when it

looked like the match slipping from India's grasp. "I didn't think I'd touch the cushion when I took it. It was a match-changing moment. Brook got into T20 moment. We were behind the game after that but Thank God. I thought the match was gone," Siraj said.

bound- ary rope while trying to catch Harry Brook when he was on 19 and he



It Means So Much: Shubman Gill on Oval Win

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India captain Shubman Gill said Monday that squaring the Test series with England at 2-2 "means so much" after his side won a thrilling match at the Oval by six runs. England arrived on the final day of the five-game series needing just 35 runs with four wickets in hand to complete a remarkable chase of 374 but were blown away on a morning of unbearable tension. Mohammed Siraj took three of the four wickets to fall to finish with figures of 5-104. "It means so much," Gill told the BBC. "This was a very hard-fought series. Both teams throwing punches and you could never really predict after day four who was going to win the match. "We are a young team but before the start of the series we spoke about how we didn't want to be looked at as



a young team... and I think we showed that today." England captain Ben Stokes, who missed the Oval match with an injury, said it had been an "incredible series", with all five matches going to a fifth and final day. "So much has been put into this series from both teams," said the all-rounder. "The commitment and energy has been outstanding. "Stood here now, we're bitterly disappointed we couldn't get the series win but myself being a massive advocate of the game of Test cricket, this series has been an unbelievable advert for it across the world. "All the doubters saying it's dying a death, this series has said the opposite."

Hockey India Names 24-Member Men's Hockey Team for Tour of Australia

India Announces 24-Member Men's Hockey Squad for Australia Tour; Youngster Poovanna CB Included Ahead of Crucial Asia Cup

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India, on Monday, unveiled a 24-member men's hockey squad for the upcoming four-match tour of Australia, set to kick off on August 15 in Perth, as part of the team's critical preparation for the Asia Cup, which begins later this month in Rajgir, Bihar. The Asia Cup not only holds continental importance but also serves as a qualifying event for the FIH Men's Hockey World Cup, making the Australian tour a vital exposure opportunity for the Indian team. The squad will be led by ace drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh, with several experienced names joined by fresh faces, underscoring the coaching team's intent to strike a balance between stability and experimentation. One of the major highlights of the selection is



the inclusion of young Karnataka defender Poovanna CB, who has received his first call-up to the senior national side. His selection is being viewed as a nod to India's ongoing strategy of grooming young talents and widening the talent pool, especially in the defensive department. Chief coach Craig Fulton emphasized the significance of this exposure tour in the broader roadmap leading up to the Asia Cup.

"We are heading to Perth, Australia to sharpen up ahead of the Asia Cup in Bihar. The focus will be on improving our physical conditioning and technical execution through quality training and warm-up matches," Fulton said. Fulton further explained that the tour is not just about preparation but also about experimentation and adaptation. "We have brought in some younger players to give them valuable exposure and test

combinations under pressure. This camp is a key part of our preparation and a chance to build individual and team momentum before competing at home," he added. With the World Cup qualification hanging in the balance, the Indian team is taking no chances, opting for rigorous training, tactical testing, and international match exposure. The goalkeeping duties will be handled by Krishan Bahadur Pathak

and Suraj Karkera, both of whom have shown solid form in recent tournaments. The defensive line features a reliable core comprising Sumit, Jarmanpreet Singh, Sanjay, Amit Rohidas, Nilam Sanjeev Xess, and Jugraj Singh, with Poovanna CB entering the mix to bring youthful energy and fresh perspective. Captain Harmanpreet Singh, who has long been a mainstay in both defence and penalty corner conversions, will once again anchor the backline with his leadership and experience. The midfield unit boasts a blend of strength, vision, and versatility. Manpreet Singh, a former captain, brings maturity and composure, while Hardik Singh and Vivek Sagar Prasad are expected to drive the team's creative transitions. Also included are Raj Kumar Pal, Rabichandra Singh Moirangthem, Vishnu Kant

Singh, and Rajinder Singh, the latter often compared to Indian legend Sardar Singh for his calmness under pressure and field awareness. Their inclusion marks a strong attempt to fortify the mid-field ahead of the high-stakes Asia Cup. Up front, India has gone with a powerful and dynamic forward line, featuring Mandeep Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Abhishek, Sukhjeet Singh, Dilpreet Singh, Selvam Karthi, and Aditya Lalage. These strikers offer a combination of pace, skill, and finishing prowess, which the coaching staff hopes will convert into consistent goal-scoring form. With several of these forwards proving their mettle in previous tournaments and leagues, they will be expected to lead India's attack against a competitive Australian side.



Massive Turnout at Overseas Job Drive for Muslim Youth in Hyderabad

Telangana Congress MLC and Siasat News Editor Amer Ali Khan today took a significant step toward the economic empowerment of Muslim youth by spearheading an overseas recruitment programme in partnership with Telangana Overseas Manpower Company Ltd. (TOMCOM).

The initiative, held at the Siasat Auditorium here, witnessed a massive turnout of job aspirants seeking opportunities in countries like Japan, Qatar, the UAE, and Fiji. Speaking on the occasion, Amer Ali Khan highlighted the historical role of The Siasat Daily in uplifting the community through education and employment. “From the very beginning, Siasat has worked for the welfare of the community. Initially, our focus was on education. Now, we are channelling our efforts to ensure economic empowerment,” he said.

Reflecting on the 1980s, Amer Ali Khan recalled how Siasat became a lifeline for thousands of job-seeking Muslims by publishing employment advertisements from leading English national dailies at free of cost. “When the Gulf boom opened job doors, Muslims in Hyderabad were at the peak of educational and economic backwardness. Siasat took it upon itself to help, and thousands secured jobs abroad through those classified ads,” he noted. The recent collaboration between Siasat Hub Foundation (S-Hub) and TOMCOM marks a new chapter in structured overseas recruitment.

Amer Ali Khan explained that the Telangana Government, through TOMCOM, is now proactively identifying overseas job vacancies and facilitating recruitment.



Relief for BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy as HC stays probe in 6 cases

The Telangana High Court has issued an interim order halting the investigation into six separate cases filed against BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy. The cases were registered in various police stations for his alleged remarks that tarnished the reputation of chief minister A Revanth Reddy.

The High Court’s decision came after it found that the police had filed multiple cases for a single offence, a practice that violates the Supreme Court’s guidelines, which mandate only one FIR for one crime. Padi Kaushik Reddy had filed a petition seeking to quash the cases registered in Banjara Hills, Rajendranagar, Chevella, Shankarpally, Mokila, and Shadnagar police stations, all related to the same incident.



Revanth to Lead Congress Stir for BC Bill Consent

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will leave for Delhi on Tuesday for a three-day visit from August 5 to 7 to intensify pressure on the BJP-led Central government to clear the 42 per cent BC reservation Bill passed by the Assembly in March. These Bills have been pending with the Centre for months. All Cabinet ministers, Congress MPs, MLAs and MLCs will accompany the Chief Minister. Revanth Reddy will lead a dharna at Jantar Mantar on August 6. The TPCC took party leaders and workers in large numbers in a special train. The train carried at least 50 party workers from each Assembly constituency. Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, along with Congress MLAs and MLCs, travelled in the special train. On August 7, the CM will lead a Telangana to Rashtrapati Bhavan to meet President Droupadi Murmu. Congress MPs will move adjournment motions in Parliament on Tuesday. “We are hopeful of a positive response,” said Prabhakar, noting that over 100 Congress MPs and national leaders will join the agitation. He also urged BJP MPs to support the initiative to expedite Presidential assent.

MLC Kavitha Launches 72-Hour Hunger Strike Demanding 42% BC Reservations

72-hour fast began at home after denied permission at Dharna Chowk

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MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha, president of Telangana Jagruthi, launched a 72-hour hunger strike at her residence on Monday after being denied permission to hold it at Indira Park’s Dharna Chowk. Before beginning the protest, she performed pujas and took blessings from her in-laws and husband, Anil.

The strike is aimed at demanding 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs) in local body elections and 10% separate reservation for Muslims. Kavitha said her struggle is not political but a fight for the self-respect and rights of marginalized communities. She emphasized that the Congress government must implement the Kamareddy Declaration as promised and stop blaming the BJP-led



Telangana Jagruthi President and BRS MLC K. Kavitha launched a 72-hour hunger strike at Indira Park in Hyderabad on Monday, demanding 42% reservation for Backward Classes (BCs).

Centre for delays. “Putting pretexts on the Centre, Congress wants to wring its hands. BJP says it’s a state matter. Then who will give BCs their

rights?” she asked. Kavitha warned that no matter where the authorities take her — to the police station, hospital, or home — she would con-

tinue the fast without interruption. “Even if I am forcefully shifted, I will not call off my hunger strike until justice is done,” she asserted. De-

spite heavy rains, police allegedly attempted to evacuate activists from the protest site, triggering criticism of government suppression.

Indian National Lok Dal (INLD) leader Arjun Singh Chautala, great-grandson of former Deputy PM Devi Lal, extended his full support to Kavitha’s agitation, saying the fight was for justice, not politics. “We will stand by Kavitha in Hyderabad and Delhi. Her demand is genuine, and we support it,” he said.

Kavitha reminded that Telangana Jagruthi had played a vital role in bringing BC reservation issues to the Assembly in the past. She called upon BC youth across Telangana to unite and stand up for their rights, warning that local body elections must not be held until BC reservations are ensured. She vowed to continue the agitation at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar if necessary, declaring the movement as Gandhian and non-violent.

Telangana Wildlife Board Declines Ethanol Plant in Tiger Corridor

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A proposal for setting up an ethanol manufacturing plant abutting the forests in the planned tiger corridor in KB Asifabad district, was rejected by the Telangana Board for Wildlife (TGBWL) at its meeting on Monday. Though there was some discussion on possible alternative location for the plant that was to come up near Metpalle, very close to the tiger corridor forests, the TGBWL, at its meeting chaired by forests and environment minister Konda Surekha, decided not to approve the proposal.

The proposed location has over the years, witnessed movement of tigers and leopards and other wildlife, and the National Tiger Conservation Authority had said in May 2024, following a report in these columns on May 19, 2024, about concerns over the ethanol plant that unless proper wildlife clearances are obtained, the project cannot be approved. The meeting on Monday at



the Secretariat was attended by minister Danasari ‘Seethakka’ Anasuya, and MLAs Payam Venkateswarlu, Koram Kanakaiah, Murali Nayak, Ram Das Nayak, and Vedma Boiju and other members of the board. Senior forest officials including principal secretary, forests, Ahmed Nadeem, PCCF (HoFF) Dr C. Suvama, PCCF (wildlife) Elu Singh Meru, and others were part of the meeting. Another significant decision by the board was approving establishment of a ‘Tiger Cell’ at Aranya Bhavan, the forest department headquarters, to monitor tiger and leopard activity and record human-wildlife conflict outside designated wildlife protection areas comprising the state’s wildlife sanctuaries and two tiger reserves.

Telangana Gets 2 National Research Centres

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Telangana is set to strengthen its position as a key research hub with the allocation of two prestigious Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for critical minerals research under the Union government’s National Critical Mineral Mission. These centres, to be housed at IIT Hyderabad and the Non-Ferrous Materials Technology Development Centre (NFTDC), will focus on innovation in minerals vital for clean energy, defence, electronics and space technologies.

The initiative is part of the Centre’s Rs.16,300-crore National Critical Mineral



Mission, supported by an additional Rs.18,000 crore from public sector undertakings, aimed at boosting research in minerals of strategic importance. “The allocation of these two CoEs to Telangana is a testament to the state’s growing stature in scientific innovation,” said Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, whose efforts were instrumental in securing the centres for Hyderabad.

Heavy Rain Triggers Waterlogging, Traffic Woes in Hyderabad

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A spell of heavy rain lashed Hyderabad on Monday evening, leading to waterlogging in several areas and causing significant traffic congestion. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an orange alert for the city, forecasting light thunderstorms and moderate to heavy rainfall over the coming days.

The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre warned that thunderstorms accompanied by gusty winds are likely to continue across Hyderabad and its surrounding regions. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) rainfall forecast indicated an intense spell of rain was likely to persist until at least



6 PM on Monday. According to the Telangana State Development Planning Society, the CMTC premises in Banjara Hills recorded the highest rainfall at 74.5 mm, followed by Ahmed Nagar with 53.3 mm and Srinagar Colony with 50.8 mm between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM.

Amid growing public concern, popular weather analyst T. Balaji, also known as Telangana Weatherman, issued a strong warning on social media, urging residents to stay indoors. “It’s going to be a dangerous thunderstorm for the entire city. Massive cumulonimbus is developing. 50 mm of rainfall is

expected in a very short time,” he posted on X (formerly Twitter).

The Hyderabad Traffic Police also issued alerts, advising commuters to avoid waterlogged routes. “Due to heavy rain and waterlogging at Shaikpet Nala flyover, traffic movement is slow. Please take alternate routes to avoid congestion,” the advisory read.

Looking ahead, the IMD has predicted continued rainfall for Telangana over the next 48 hours. Alerts have been issued for multiple districts, including Hyderabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Warangal, Siddipet, Mahabubnagar, and several others.

Residents are advised to stay updated through official channels and exercise caution during commutes.

Man Kills Cousin with Stone Over Money Row in Hyderabad

A 20-year-old man, Prem Raj, was arrested for allegedly murdering his cousin, Basavaraj, 21, over a financial dispute at Indiranagar in Borabanda, Hyderabad, in the early hours of Monday. According to police, the cousins, who lived together, had a heated argument over money on Sunday night that escalated into the early morning hours. Around 4:30 am, while Basavaraj was asleep, Prem Raj allegedly attacked him with a granite stone, causing severe head injuries. Basavaraj, who worked as a driver, was rushed to a private hospital where doctors declared him brought dead.

The brutal nature of the attack shocked local residents. Police have arrested Prem Raj and registered a case of murder. Further investigation is underway to determine the motive and sequence of events leading to the crime.

Rs 9 lakh stolen from mobile shop in Koti; Case registered

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A major burglary was reported at a mobile store in Gujarati Galli, Koti, where unidentified miscreants made off with ₹9 lakh in cash.

The incident took place late on Sunday night, raising concerns over security in the busy commercial

area. According to the Sultan Bazaar Police, the offenders targeted Laxmi Mobiles, a shop located on the first floor of a commercial complex.

The burglars are suspected to have gained entry by forcefully breaking the grill locks and shutter locks of the shop. Once inside, they accessed the cash counter and decamped with ₹9

lakh. Additionally, the accused also took the store’s DVR (Digital Video Recorder) system, which stored the CCTV footage — a move believed to be aimed at erasing evidence and hindering police investigation.

“The offenders committed theft of ₹9 lakh from the cash counter and took away the DVR system,” said an

official from Sultan Bazaar Police Station.

The burglary came to light on Monday morning when the shop owners arrived to open the store and found the locks broken and the premises ransacked. A case was immediately registered under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code pertaining to theft and house-breaking.

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