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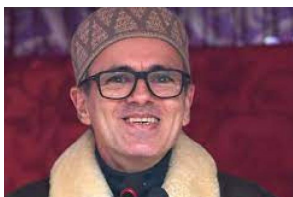
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Brief Insights

Modi To Visit Japan, China By Aug. End



Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Japan on August 30 for a bilateral summit hosted by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He will then travel to Tianjin, China, to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit hosted by President Xi Jinping on August 31 and September 1. This will be his first visit to China since the deadly Galwan Valley clash between Indian and Chinese troops in June 2020. Modi last visited China twice in 2018, first to meet **CONT:P4**

NSA Doval to Meet Putin



National Security Adviser Ajit Doval arrived in Moscow to meet Russian President Vladimir Putin and discuss a wide range of issues aimed at further strengthening bilateral ties between India and Russia. The visit underscores the strategic importance of the longstanding relationship between the two nations, particularly in defence, energy, and regional security. During his stay, Doval is expected to deliberate on cooperation in emerging technologies, counter-terrorism strategies, and evolving geopolitical developments. Meanwhile, Russian Deputy Defence Minister Aleksandr Fomin also held a detailed meeting with Indian Ambassador Vinay Kumar, reaffirming the robustness of the defence partner-



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CM Revanth Leads 'Maha Dharna' at Jantar Mantar, Demands 42% BC Quota

Revanth Reddy leads Congress's maha dharna in Delhi, demanding 42% BC quota with support from I.N.D.I.A. bloc

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former CM Shibui Soren's funeral, several senior Congress leaders, including Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, addressed the crowd. Natarajan evoked Vinoba Bhave's land donation movement, praising Revanth Reddy—a Reddy by caste—for rising above identity politics to champion BC **CONT:P2**

Rahul Gets Bail in Shah Defamation Case

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Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, was granted bail by an MP-MLA court in Jharkhand's Chaibasa on Wednesday in connection with a 2018 defamation case involving Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Gandhi appeared before the court at approximately 10:55 am, complying with a directive from the Jharkhand High Court.



The case was filed by a petitioner named Pratap Kumar, who alleged that Gandhi had made defamatory remarks about Amit Shah during a rally in Chaibasa in 2018. Kumar claimed that the comments were deliberately aimed at tarnishing Shah's public image. **CONT:P4**

PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Bhavan

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday (August 6, 2025) inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan, the first of the ten upcoming Common Central Secretariat buildings to house the bureaucracy. The ambitious project is aimed at bringing ministries and departments under one roof for efficiency. Kartavya Bhavan-03, the first to be inaugurated, will house the Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development,



MSME, DoPT, Petroleum & Natural Gas Ministries, and the Principal Scientific Adviser's office. Many key Ministries currently function from ageing buildings like Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan, constructed between the 1950s and 1970s, which are now "structurally outdated and inefficient," according to

the government. The Prime Minister, accompanied by Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Ministry Secretary HUA Secretary Katikithala Srinivas, took a tour of the newly constructed building. Mr. Srinivas briefed PM Modi about the features of Kartavya Bhavan. The HUA Ministry has plans to construct ten buildings as part of the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) under the government's Central Vista redevelopment project. **CONT:P4**

Lok Sabha passes Merchant Shipping Bill to modernise maritime laws

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A bill to expand the eligibility criteria for ownership of merchant shipping vessels and provide for investigation and enquiries on marine casualties was passed by the Lok Sabha on Wednesday after a brief discussion as opposition continued with its protests seeking discussion on poll roll revision in Bihar. As soon as the Bill was passed, the House proceedings were adjourned



for the day amid noisy protests by Opposition members. The Merchant Shipping Bill, 2024 empowers the central government to take charge and detain vessels within India or in coastal waters as a vessel without nationality, if such vessel is not legally entitled to fly the flag of a state or has lost such a right.

Centre Opposes SIR Debate Citing Case in SC

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The Opposition's demand for a Parliamentary debate on Bihar's voter-roll revision was rebuffed by the Modi government on Wednesday, which argued that the matter is sub judice before the Supreme Court and, under House rules, cannot be discussed



while pending adjudication. Both Houses were adjourned amid the Opposition's protest over the intensive revision of elec-

toral rolls (SIR), but the government still managed to pass one Bill in each House. In the Rajya Sabha, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge cited past rulings to press the Chair to allow a debate on the SIR exercise, insisting it is of fundamental importance to democracy. Opposition demands debate on Bihar's

voter revision; govt says SC case bars discussion in Parliament. In the Lok Sabha, the Shipping Bill, which broadens ownership eligibility for merchant vessels and provides for inquiries into marine casualties, was approved after a brief discussion, despite ongoing protests demanding a roll- **CONT:P4**

Govt Appoints Members to GST Appellate Tribunal

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The government has set in motion the process of making the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) fully functional and has appointed technical and judicial members for various benches of the tribunal. The Centre had appointed Justice (ret'd) Sanjaya



Kumar Mishra as the President of the Principal Bench of GSTAT in May 2024. As per a notification dated August 4, 2025, the government has appointed

Mayank Kumar Jain, retired judge of the Allahabad High Court, as a judicial member of the bench. Retired IAS officer A Venu Prasad and retired IRS officer Anil Kumar Gupta will be the Technical Member (State) and Technical Member (Centre) respectively of GSTAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi. **CONT:P4**

Uttarakhand Rescue Operations On: Rivers in Spate

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A massive search and rescue operation is underway in Uttarkashi's Dharali village after devastating floods and landslides left dozens missing and buried scores of homes, vehicles, and trees under thick sludge. As of Wednesday evening, 190 people had been rescued and two bodies



recovered, while a 28-member tourist group from Kerala remains untraceable. Teams from the Indian Army, ITBP, SDRF, and the State Dis-

aster Management Department launched rescue efforts, which were initially delayed due to landslides blocking the Gangotri Highway near

Netala and Sukhi Tal. The Indian Air Force deployed two Chinook and two Mi-17 helicopters from Chandigarh, Sarsawa, and Agra to airlift heavy machinery, personnel, and equipment to Harsil. Over 125 Army personnel, 83 ITBP troops, and BRO teams, including six officers and more than 100 workers, are now on the ground, working **CONT:P4**

Paytm becomes 100 per cent Indian-owned as Ant Group exits

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Nearly nine years ago, Paytm founder and CEO Vijay Shekhar Sharma had remarked, "We are as Indian as Maruti," in an interview with PTI, responding to queries about the company's ownership structure at that time. That statement, once seen as symbolic, now reflects the reality, one where Paytm stands as a truly Indian company, both in spirit and shareholding. The mobile payments

company is 100 per cent Indian-owned after Jack Ma's Ant Financial exited One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, by selling its entire 5.84 per cent stake for around Rs 3,803 crore. A person aware of the contours of the deal said, "Paytm is now as Indian as Tata." This transformation became official with the recent exit of Antfin (Netherlands) Holding BV, which sold its residual 5.84 per cent stake in Paytm for about Rs 3,800 crore.

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AAP demands urgent road and drain repairs

Tanker falls, drain collapses in Banjarahills

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A major civic failure unfolded at Road No. 1, Banjara Hills, near Maheshwari Towers in Hyderabad on Tuesday, when a water tanker crashed into a collapsed main drain following heavy rains the previous night. The incident has triggered outrage, especially as it occurred in the constituency of city Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, who has remained conspicuously absent from the site.

Despite the seriousness of the situation, neither Mayor Vijayalakshmi nor Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender has visited the scene or issued any public statement, drawing sharp criticism from citizens and opposition parties.

Leaders from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), including Telangana State Convener Dr. Diddi Sudhakar and senior members Burra Rama Goud, Vijay Mal-



langi, Javid Shareef, Hema Jilloju, Shivaji, and Darshanam Ramesh, inspected the site and condemned the negligence of civic authorities. "This is not just an accident—it is the result of years of corruption and poor governance in the GHMC," said Dr. Sudhakar, demanding immediate and concrete action from the government. AAP leaders highlighted that despite citizens being burdened with multiple taxes—road tax, petrol tax, property tax, income tax, sales tax, and numerous user charges—the governments, both at the Centre and the

state, have failed to provide even the most basic civic infrastructure. "Every time it rains, roads turn into rivers and canals collapse. People are living in fear, uncertain of their safety at any moment," the AAP said in a statement. The party has called for a war-footing response to fix the collapsing drainage system and roads, and demanded a complete overhaul of GHMC's functioning. They urged the government to end the rampant corruption in civic bodies before lives are lost due to administrative apathy.

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pion BC rights. "This is a story for the history books," she said.

In his fiery speech, Revanth Reddy lashed out at the BJP-led Central government for stalling BC quota reforms. He warned that failure to approve the reservation hike would cost Prime Minister Narendra Modi his position in the next elections.

"Under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, we will raise the tricolour at the Red Fort and secure BC quota rights," he declared to thunderous applause.

Revanth also criticised BJP MP Nishikant Dubey's recent remark suggesting the BJP cannot cross 150 seats without Modi, predicting the party will fall below that figure regardless.

Turning to the BRS, Revanth mocked K.T. Rama Rao as "Drama Rao" and accused the BRS leader-

ship of political theatrics, not real support for BC empowerment. "They talk drama, we pass bills," he quipped.

Revanth underscored the significance of Telangana's recent caste census and the BC-quota legislation his government pushed through. "In 70 years and over 300 chief ministers, no one has passed BC reservation bills within a year of assuming office—except me," he said.

The protest concluded with a massive display of solidarity, bringing together parties and people across states and ideologies for the common cause of social justice. Congress leaders reiterated their demand for immediate approval of the BC quota legislation and warned that the party will escalate its movement nationwide.

Floral Tributes Paid to Telangana Ideologue Prof. Jayashankar at New Bowenpally

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Commemorating the birth anniversary of Telangana ideologue Professor Acharya Kothapalli Jayashankar, the New Boinapalli Jayanagar Chowrasta Auto Union organized a grand Jayanti celebration on Wednesday, in line with the state government's official directive. The event witnessed floral tributes and

garlanding of Jayashankar's statue, joining similar statewide programs honoring the visionary's enduring legacy. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap graced the event as chief guest. He led the ceremonial garlanding, participated in the cake-cutting, and addressed the gathering. Praising Jayashankar as the intellectual architect of Telangana statehood,



Pratap recalled his tireless commitment and emphasized that the professor's ideals laid the foundation for the Telangana movement. He called on the community to embody Jayashankar's values in

everyday life to foster the region's continued progress. A large number of union members and locals participated in the tribute, including Om Prakash, Srinivas, Baburao, Ke-

sava Rao, Ashok, Bachchan Raju, Yadayya, Ramulu, wrestling coach Sai Baba Yadav, Yadagiri, Suresh, Satyanarayana, Bandi Srinivas, Karan Singh, Vasu Goud, Venkatesh, Kumar, Vara, Raju, Yadava Rao, Tirath Kumar, Shashi, and others. Their enthusiastic presence underscored the deep admiration the public holds for Jayashankar. The program began with floral tributes and con-

cluded with a reaffirmation of Jayashankar's principles—unity, development, and pride in Telangana's distinct identity. Across Telangana, schools, institutions, and public forums held similar commemorations, reflecting the professor's lasting influence on the state's history and inspiring future generations toward collective growth and empowerment.

Satyavathi Rathod Slams Congress for Insulting Women Leaders, Ignoring Protocol



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Former Minister and BRS leader Satyavathi Rathod strongly criticized the Congress-led Telangana government for alleged protocol violations and mistreatment of senior women leaders, particularly MLA Sabitha Indra Reddy and MLC Surabhi Vani Devi. Rathod condemned the government's conduct during a ration card distribution program in Balapur, where she claimed Sabitha was publicly insulted while lesser-known Congress workers were given prominence on stage. She accused the administration of ignoring protocol and sidelining BRS leaders, especially women. Expressing out-

rage, she questioned why Sabitha was denied a microphone in the Assembly despite standing for four hours, and pointed to similar protocol violations in Sunitha Lakshma Reddy's constituency. Rathod claimed that officials are working like Congress party agents and warned that repeated disrespect of women leaders would be taken to the Governor.

She also criticized the government for distributing only a few thousand ration cards statewide while misleading the public with grand events. "They waste public funds on rallies instead of delivering on promises like Indiramma houses," she said, adding that only two houses have been completed in 20 months.

MLA Shri Ganesh's Birthday Celebrated Grandly by Cantonment Sports Association

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The birthday celebrations of Cantonment constituency MLA Shri Ganesh were held with much fanfare on Wednesday at Boyanapalli Playground, organized by the Walkers Association. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, sports enthusiasts, and association members.

Cantonment Sports Association's Chief Patron and Former Vice President of the Board, Jampana Pratap, attended as the chief guest and ceremonially cut the birthday cake. Speaking on the occasion, he congratulated MLA Ganesh and took the opportunity to make a heartfelt appeal. Pratap urged the MLA to initiate developmental works for Ramannakunta Lake—particularly the



creation of a dedicated walking track and recreational facilities for the public and walkers—before the next birthday celebration.

The event highlighted the community's expectations and hopes from the local leadership, especially in terms of improving sports and health infrastructure in the area. The function was also marked by camaraderie among local athletes, trainers, and association members.

Prominent attendees included renowned wres-

tlng coach Saibaba Yadav, along with Bandi Srinivas, Yadagiri, Suresh, Satyanarayana, Karan Singh, Vasu Goud, Venkatesh, Kumar, Yadav Rao, Varaprasad, Tirad Kumar, and Shashi, all of whom extended birthday wishes and expressed support for the proposed development. The event concluded on a festive note, with group photos, warm greetings, and a renewed commitment to public wellness and sports promotion in the Cantonment area.

BJP Slams Congress for Allocating Muslim Quota from BC Reservation Share

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In a sharp critique of the Congress government, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) accused it of diverting a portion of the Backward Classes (BC) quota to provide reservations for Muslims. Addressing a press conference, BJP Golconda District President Uma Mahender claimed that of the 42% reservation promised for BCs, 10% is being allocated specifically to Muslims, which the BJP termed as unconstitutional and discriminatory.

The BJP leaders alleged that the Congress, while publicly asserting its commitment to uplift BCs, is engaging in minority appeasement by



carving out a substantial portion of the BC quota. They said this not only undermines the rights of BC communities but also violates the spirit of social justice and equitable distribution.

BJP OBC Morcha President Cherukula Uday Kumar emphasized that reservations should be strictly based on social and economic backwardness, not religion. He warned that the party would intensify its protest if the government fails to roll back the 10% Muslim quota. Supporting voices at the press

conference included Jiyaguda BJP Corporator Boni Darshan, SC Morcha President Rajender Digan, BJP OBC Morcha General Secretary Katta Narsing Rao, and BJYM District Secretary Manish Join. The leaders reiterated the BJP's stand that religious-based reservation is against the Constitution and that their fight is to protect the interests of genuine backward classes. They vowed to take the issue to the people and mount pressure on the government to revoke the controversial move.

Tgana as a guide for the India with the 42% reservations for BCs: Nirmal Kumar Yadav

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AICC OBC coordinator Nirmal Kumar Yadav today in New Delhi, near the Jantar Mantar, and the Telangana Congress Committee demanded from the Modi Government to pass 42% reservation for OBC at the Centre as well as, in the Telangana state and for this, the Congress Chief protested. Congress state president

MLA and all ministers along with AICC coordinator Nirmal Kumar Yadav Sridhar Goud Krishna Kumar ChalamK Yadavgiri. Participated in this programme from Hyderabad congress.

At this juncture Nirmal Kumar Yadav said Modi is upset about CM Revanth's decision. Unable to support or oppose 42 percent BC reservations, BJP leaders are looking for loopholes. Got to work



Muslim card is being used to block BC reservations. Telangana BCs

should be indebted to Rahul Gandhi. To take Rahul Gandhi's ambition

forward, Sonia Gandhi like a Congress soldier and CM Revanth Reddy like a trusted pawn of Rahul Gandhi launched a caste survey. The caste survey was conducted scientifically. It is not a shame to give an official document that 57 percent BCs are in Telangana with the caste survey. Telangana as a guide for the entire country with the caste survey. 42 percent reservations for BCs, committed to the

Kamareddy Declaration. Wherever Rahul Gandhi has spoken in the country, Telangana does not speak without the caste survey issue. To make the suffering of BCs known, we have taken up a grand dharna with the slogan of One Voice..One Vision..United BC. 42 percent. BJP leaders are opposing the idea that approving reservations will benefit the Congress party.

Former Minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy strongly criticized the Congress party and its allies, dismissing the recent Kaleshwaram report as a politically motivated attack orchestrated by BJP, Congress, and TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu. Speaking after distributing ration cards and house construction proceedings in Atmakur (S) mandal, Reddy alleged that the report was not factual but a fabricated "kothimeera katta" aimed at discrediting former CM K. Chandrabab Naidu (KCR). He accused Congress of resorting to false propaganda to divert attention from its failure to implement new development schemes and labeled the recent political theatrics as election stunts targeting BC reservations. Reddy as-

serted that under KCR's visionary leadership, Telangana witnessed transformative progress, with schemes like Kaleshwaram setting national benchmarks. Calling CM Revanth Reddy a "puppet" in the hands of Modi and Chandrababu, he claimed there were conspiracies to divert Telangana's waters to Andhra Pradesh. He further criticized Congress for offering nothing new and exploiting issues for political mileage. Reddy urged the Congress to stop attacking BRS and focus on real development, asserting that the legacy of KCR's governance will remain with the people of Telangana.

Rao Slams Congress’ Delhi Protest as “Drama”; Questions Sincerity on BC Reservations

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Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, describing its Delhi protest over BC reservations as a "drama" staged to mislead the Backward Classes in Telangana. Speaking to media persons in Ramagundam, Rao alleged that the event was orchestrated by Rahul Gandhi, labeling him the “director” of the spectacle, with other Congress leaders playing supporting roles. Rao warned that if the Revanth Reddy-led state government proceeds to allocate 10% reservation to Muslims, the effective reservation for BCs would shrink to 32%, defeating the purpose of the much-hyped 42% reservation promise. He questioned the Congress government’s fai-



lure to implement its own Kamareddy Declaration and BC Reservation Bill, both introduced in the state assembly. “Why has it not been implemented yet? Revanth Reddy should have asked Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah—who attended the Kamareddy meeting—about the

status of BC reservations in his own state instead of going to Delhi and enacting a drama,” Rao said. The BJP leader also highlighted that the Congress government has avoided any mention of Muslim reservations in the bill presented in the assembly. Despite this, Rao stated, BJP’s eight

MLAs had supported the bill unconditionally in the interest of BCs. Recalling historical context, Rao pointed out that it was the previous Congress government under Y.S. Rajasekhar Reddy which had introduced 4% reservations for Muslims in education and employment, a decision still pending ju-

dicial review. He claimed that there was no mention of political reservation for Muslims in that order. However, over the years, both Congress and BRS allegedly resorted to appeasement politics, leading to disproportionate political representation. “In GHMC elections, 35 of 50 councillor seats went to Muslim candidates, pushing genuine BC leaders aside,” he said. Rao concluded by asserting that the Congress party is neither committed nor sincere about delivering 42% reservations for BCs. He accused the state government of shifting blame to the Centre to cover up its inaction. “If Congress is truly committed to full 42% BC reservations without sacrificing any share, BJP is ready to work alongside for justice to BCs,” he added.

Bandi Sanjay Accuses Congress of Using BC Quota to Push Muslim Reservations

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Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar has launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, alleging that its dharna at Jantar Mantar is a ploy to provide 100 percent reservation to Muslims under the guise of BC quotas. He claimed that the Congress party’s so-called Kamareddy Declaration has effectively turned into a “Muslim Declaration,” with a hidden agenda to allot 10 percent reservation to Muslims while leaving only 32 percent for BCs, despite promising 42 percent. “Congress is cheating BCs. Their dharna lacks support from the BC community because it’s clear their true aim is to appease minorities, not uplift backward classes,” Bandi Sanjay asserted. He alleged a conspiracy



by the Congress to manipulate reservation figures—adding only 5 percent more for BCs, while secretly earmarking an additional 10 percent for Muslims. “This is not about BC empowerment. It’s about vote bank politics,” he said. Bandi Sanjay challenged Congress leaders, particularly Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, to a public debate on what each party has actually delivered for the BC community. “Let’s talk facts. In 50 years of Congress rule, has a BC ever been made Prime Minister? In the 48 years of Congress rule in united Andhra Pradesh, did they

ever appoint a BC as Chief Minister?” he asked. He also demanded answers from the Congress on the number of cabinet posts, nominated positions, and Lok Sabha tickets given to BCs over the years. Citing BJP’s record, Sanjay emphasized that the credit for appointing a BC Prime Minister goes to his party. “BJP gave 27 BC leaders Union Minister posts and made several BCs Chief Ministers in various states,” he noted. He accused Congress of attempting to shift blame to the Centre while withdrawing from its own promise of ensuring proper BC representation. “Congress is disappearing in Telangana just like it has in Uttar Pradesh, Bengal, and Bihar. It is losing credibility by cheating BCs and making false promises,” Bandi Sanjay concluded.

Madhusudan Chari strongly countered Uttam

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Legislative Council Opposition Leader S. Madhusudan Chari strongly countered Uttam Kumar Reddy’s claims, asserting that the BRS has full faith in the country’s institutions, unlike the Congress. He said Congress has no moral ground to criticize BRS, as it has a history of undermining institutions—imposing Emergency, dismissing Kerala’s communist gov-



ernment, and attempting to topple the TDP government in 1984. He accused the Congress of selectively leaking content from the 665-page commission report and trying to influence it. Chari defended BRS’s peaceful role in Telangana’s forma-

tion, contrasting it with Congress’s betrayal of the region until 2014. He noted that Congress protests Shah Commission’s probe on Indira Gandhi but questions institutions like CBI and ED when they aren’t in power. He challenged Uttam to correct Revanth Reddy’s Assembly remarks about defection-related by-elections and asked Congress to present facts if they found Harish Rao’s Kaleshwaram presentation wrong.

V. Srinivas Goud Slams Congress’s Jantar Mantar Dharna as “Stunt” Over BC Reservations

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud strongly criticized the Congress party’s dharna at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, dismissing it as a political stunt lacking real intent to secure 42% reservations for Backward Classes (BCs) in Telangana. Goud questioned the seriousness of the Congress leadership, stating that mere protests in Delhi are not enough to achieve Tamil Nadu-style reservations. “To make such a demand a real-



ity, you must meet the Prime Minister, stay in Delhi until the bill is passed, and build political pressure. But until now, not a single letter has been submitted to the PM regarding 42% BC reservations,” he said. He pointed out that the Congress party had made no meaningful effort or political

negotiation to advance BC reservation demands and accused it of misleading the public. “If you are really committed like Jayalalithaa was for Tamil Nadu, you should sit in Delhi until the Parliament passes the bill,” he challenged. Mocking the Congress for making rounds in Delhi without achieving results, Goud said, “Stop roaming, sit there and get the bill passed. Only then will people believe your commitment. Otherwise, this is just for show.” Turning to BRS leader KCR, Goud dismissed claims that

the former CM enacted 50% reservations. “That’s a lie. The Supreme Court clearly ruled that reservations should not exceed 50%. That’s why Tamil Nadu had to introduce a special bill in Parliament,” he clarified. “If you want to replicate Tamil Nadu’s model, learn from them—ask how they brought the bill and got it passed.” Goud further pointed out that injustice to BCs continues in many government and nominated posts. He criticized the current Congress government for not even initiating the legal or procedural

steps to secure higher reservations. “Don’t just pass resolutions in the Assembly—get a bill passed in Parliament and bring the paper back. That’s when people will trust you,” he said. Concluding his remarks, Goud challenged the Congress party to prove its sincerity by contesting the next elections with a clear legal guarantee of 42% BC reservation. “Your honesty will only be proven when you go to the people with the reservation in hand, not empty promises,” he said.

Koppula Eshwar Slams State Government Over Neglect of Workers and Insurance Issues

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Former Minister Koppula Eshwar has strongly criticized the Congress-led state government, alleging that many sections of society, particularly from the organized and unorganized sectors, are facing severe livelihood issues due to the government’s decisions. He expressed concern that policies meant to safeguard vulnerable communities have been sidelined. Highlighting the growing discontent, Eshwar pointed out that even women are opposing the much-publicized free bus travel scheme. More importantly, he raised alarm over the accident insurance facility, which he



claimed has been severely impacted. According to him, nearly 13.51 lakh beneficiaries—including gig workers, platform-based employees, farmers, auto drivers, and journalists—have lost access to accident insurance. “The state government has effectively washed its hands of paying compensation related to accident insurance,” he stated. “Around 1,090 victims are still awaiting their due payments.” He alleged that the Congress government is more

focused on insulting former Chief Minister KCR and defaming senior BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao rather than addressing pressing public issues. Koppula Eshwar demanded that Transport Minister Ponnampallam Prabhakar immediately intervene and ensure accident insurance payments are processed without delay. He urged the government to implement a special accident insurance policy for journalists and extend the facility to all sections of the working class. Additionally, he called for the introduction of a pension scheme for journalists’ families in the event of their death and a comprehensive policy framework for workers’ welfare.

Congress Misuses Non-Judicial Report for Political Vendetta: Transparency in Question

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The Congress-led Telangana government faces criticism for allegedly misusing the Ghosh Commission report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP) to politically target the previous BRS administration, while disregarding the legal limitations of such commissions. The Commission of Inquiry Act, 1952, under which the Ghosh Commission was constituted, clearly establishes that these bodies are not judicial authorities. They serve as fact-finding missions—unable to pass judgments or enforce penalties. Even when

chaired by retired judges, their reports remain advisory and non-binding. Despite this, Congress ministers have seemingly portrayed the Commission’s findings as though they were judicial verdicts, raising serious concerns about either a lack of legal understanding or deliberate misrepresentation. Such actions, if intentional, breach constitutional responsibility and betray public trust. Further intensifying these concerns, only 60 pages of the 665-page report have been made public. The selective release and framing of its findings suggest an attempt to manipulate public opinion rather than encourage

informed debate. During their time in opposition, Congress leaders vocally targeted individuals such as Mega Krishna Reddy and the then Irrigation Secretary. However, since assuming office, no action has been taken against these figures—suggesting political expediency rather than commitment to justice. Moreover, serious questions surround the awarding of Sunkishala and Kodangal contracts, which allegedly went to politically connected firms without transparency. Such inconsistencies hint at selective accountability—one that prioritizes political gains over institutional integrity.

Cong Diverting Panchayat Funds: BJP

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State BJP President N Ramchander Rao has alleged that the Congress-led Telangana government is diverting Panchayati Raj funds allocated by the Centre for village development purposes. Speaking at a gathering of BJP workers, lawyers, doctors, and intellectuals in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, Rao claimed that the Revanth Reddy administration is misusing central grants meant for grassroots-level progress. Highlighting the Centre’s commitment, Rao noted that 8% of the total revenue collected from states is being allocated to gram panchayats for their development. However, instead of using the funds for intended rural infrastructure and civic improvements, the state government is redirecting them elsewhere, he charged.

Emphasizing infrastructure development in the region, Rao said that Union Minister Nitin Gadkari is actively working to enhance road connectivity in Telangana. He mentioned that national highway projects worth ₹3,900 crore have been undertaken in Asifabad district, significantly reducing travel time and improving trade and mobility in the region. He further stated that the Centre is ready to approve an airport in the district if the state government allocates land. Rao also detailed central welfare schemes, asserting that the Modi government has allocated nearly ₹12 lakh crore to Telangana over the last 11 years. This includes schemes for free rice distribution, rural housing, toilets, graveyards, LPG connections, Ayushman Bharat health coverage, and financial support for women and youth.

Massive irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project, and sake of earning money for KCR

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TPCC official spokesperson Dr Satyam Srirangam speaking at a press conference organized at Gandhi Bhavan on the report given by the Justice Ghosh Commission on the Kaleshwaram project. Speaking on this occasion, Satyam Srirangam said that the Justice Ghosh Commission has revealed that there were huge irregularities in the Kaleshwaram project and that a

large amount of public money was misused due to the decisions taken by the then government leaders. The construction of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla was solely KCR’s decision. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister had clearly told everyone in a crowd press meet that the people of Telangana had made it very clear that Kaleshwara Rao was just a corrupt project that the KCR family had simply looted and hi. But yesterday,

after reading Justice Ghosh’s report in that meeting, the Chief Minister, who should be accountable to the public for the way in which public money was misused, with his reckless tendencies, dictatorial policies, and reckless attitude, sat at the dining table at night and made all the decisions they took, committing an irreparable betrayal to the people of Telangana. It has become clear that the previous ruler is KCR must take full responsibility



ity for this collapsed Kaleshwaram project. The Congress party is demanding that KCR come to the assembly tomorrow and publicly apologize to

the people of Telangana. The Kaleshwaram project was started with Rs. 38,500 crores and the estimated cost was increased to Rs.10,248 crores, and the Rs. 10,000,248 crores taken in the name of Kaleshwaram Corporation. He said that the loans of Rs 87,449.15 crore have become a trap for the state. He has robbed thousands of crores like a fox in a ditch by making people believe that he will be a guard dog for Telangana. He has played with

the lives of lakhs of people by building Kaleshwaram for illegal income. He has done nothing but lie in an unmaintained farmhouse for 10 years and advertise that he has made Telangana a golden Telangana. He said that the people have made you sit at home because of your incompetent governance, and that you have a nepotism agreement with the BJP. No matter how many scams you have committed in the last ten years, the CBI and ED

cannot look at you. He said that even if the Center does not give a penny to the state, you are keeping your mouth shut and are hiding, drowning the state in debt and causing a plague to the surplus state treasury. He said that the Revanth Reddy government will stand by all the poor, marginalized and weak sections of the Congress government. Kavitha BC Dharna Pedda joke asked why she did not remember BCs for ten years. He said that the aim

of the Congress is the advancement of the backward classes and the Congress government is sincere in increasing BC reservation by 42 percent. Everyone should come together in the implementation struggle. Let’s fight for BC reservations without politics. He said that the BJP is blocking the BC bill by using Muslims as an excuse. He said that we are staging a dharna at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar to increase pressure on the Center and to create a stir.

Uncertainty for Indians Over H-1B Visa End Call

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Amidst heightened tariff tensions, a US Congresswoman has called for putting an end to Indian H-1B visas, reigniting the uncertainties among the Indian community in the US. Meanwhile, the US State Department has proposed a bond of up to Rs \$15,000 for applicants of business and tourist visas. US Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene in a post on X said: “End Indian H-1B visas replacing American jobs instead.” She was replying to US President Donald Trump’s post accusing India of buying “massive amounts” of Russian oil and reselling much of it on the open market for “big profits.”

Greene’s remarks indicate a larger debate about the need to change visa policies. Indian nationals account for nearly 70 per cent of H-1B visas issued, according to 2024 USCIS data. The H-1B visa programme allows US companies to hire skilled foreign workers in specialised fields such as IT, engineering, finance, and healthcare. It also helps

Indian students to seek long-term employment in the US.

Meanwhile, the State Department is proposing a bond of up to \$15,000 for applicants for business and tourist visas to enter the United States. In a notice to be published in the Federal Register, a 12-month long visa bond pilot programme from August 20, 2025 will require people from countries deemed to have high overstay rates and deficient internal document security controls to post bonds of \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$15,000 when they apply for a visa.

“The Department believes these three levels will provide consular officers discretion to require a bond in an amount that is sufficient enough to ensure the alien does not overstay, while taking into account the visa applicant’s circumstances,” it said. The Trump administration has been tightening requirements for visa applicants. Last week, the State Department announced that many visa renewal applicants would have to submit to an additional in-person interview.

Govt Appoints Members to GST Appellate Tribunal

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The government has set in motion the process of making the GST Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) fully functional and has appointed technical and judicial members for various benches of the tribunal. The Centre had appointed Justice (retd) Sanjaya Kumar Mishra as the President of the Principal Bench of GSTAT in May 2024. As per a notification dated August 4, 2025, the government has appointed Mayank Kumar Jain, retired judge of the Allahabad High Court, as a judicial member of the bench. Retired IAS officer

A Venu Prasad and retired IRS officer Anil Kumar Gupta will be the Technical Member (State) and Technical Member (Centre) respectively of GSTAT, Principal Bench, New Delhi.

States too will have to appoint technical members in their respective state benches to make the Goods and GSTAT fully functional, which will help expedite dispute resolution. The government has already notified 31 state benches of GSTAT. For the state benches, the government has in total appointed 31 technical members and 52 judicial members as well. Only a few states.

Uttarakhand Rescue Operations On: Rivers in Spate

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A massive search and rescue operation is underway in Uttarkashi’s Dharali village after devastating floods and landslides left dozens missing and buried scores of homes, vehicles, and trees under thick sludge. As of Wednesday evening, 190 people had been rescued and two bodies recovered, while a 28-member tourist group from Kerala remains untraceable. Teams from the Indian Army, ITBP, SDRF, and the State Disaster Management Department launched rescue efforts, which were initially delayed due to landslides blocking the Gangotri Highway near Netala and Sukhi Tal. The Indian Air Force deployed two Chinook and two Mi-17 helicopters from Chandigarh, Sarsawa, and Agra to airlift heavy machinery, personnel, and equipment to Harsil. Over 125 Army personnel, 83 ITBP troops, and BRO teams, including six officers and



more than 100 workers, are now on the ground, working to restore connectivity and aid survivors. The Army’s Ibex brigade, known for its role in the Mana avalanche rescue, is preparing to deploy sniffer dogs and ground-penetrating radars to locate the missing. According to the Central Water Commission, several rivers in the Ganga Basin, including the Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Banganga, and Mandakini, are flowing above danger levels due to heavy rainfall in Uttarakhand’s higher reaches. The Banganga rose to 231.69 m, 0.69 m above its danger

mark and increasing at 40.01 mm/hr, while the Ganga at Haridwar reached 294.20 m, slightly over its danger threshold. The Bhagirathi at Devprayag stood at 464.30 m, 1.30 m above its danger mark, and the Mandakini hit 1,976.80 m at Gaurikund, reaching its critical level. Although river levels are above danger thresholds, officials say they are still below 2013’s catastrophic high flood levels (HFL). For instance, Banganga is 1.71 m below its 2013 HFL, Bhagirathi 10.20 m lower, Alaknanda 7.25 m below, and Mandakini remains 0.55 m below its peak at

Gaurikund. Dharali, a key stopover en route to Gangotri and home to many hotels and homestays, was heavily impacted. The State Emergency Operation Centre confirmed 130 people were rescued under challenging weather conditions. Meanwhile, relatives of the missing Kerala tourists are anxious, having lost contact with the group after they departed for Gangotri at 8.30 am on the day of the disaster. Rescue efforts are expected to continue as authorities work urgently amid rising water levels and unstable Himalayan terrain

Modi To Visit Japan, China By Aug. End

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Japan on August 30 for a bilateral summit hosted by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida. He will then travel to Tianjin, China, to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit hosted by President Xi Jinping on August 31 and September 1. This will be his first visit to China since the deadly Galwan Valley clash between Indian and Chinese troops in June 2020.

Modi last visited China twice in 2018, first to meet President Xi informally in Wuhan, and then for the SCO summit in Qingdao that June. President Xi visited India most recently in October 2019 for an informal summit near Chennai. The SCO comprises nine member states, China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Iran, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyz Republic, with Belarus set to join as the tenth member. Pakistani

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif may also attend, marking the first in-person meeting between the Indian and Pakistani leaders since India launched Operation Sindoor against terror targets in Pakistan in May this year.

During the SCO summit, Modi is expected to hold a bilateral meeting with President Xi, his second in a year following their encounter on the sidelines of last October’s BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia. At that meeting, the two countries announced a military disengagement agreement for Depsang and Demchok in Ladakh after several rounds of diplomatic and military talks. India and China’s relations had soured in April–May 2020 when Chinese troops amassed along the Line of Actual Control in Ladakh, culminating in the Galwan Valley clash. Since then, both nations have sought to rebuild ties, with the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage to Tibet resuming this year.

Rahul Gandhi Out on Bail in Shah Remarks Case

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Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, was granted bail by an MP-MLA court in Jharkhand’s Chaibasa on Wednesday in connection with a 2018 defamation case involving Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Gandhi appeared before the court at approximately 10:55 am, complying with a directive from the Jharkhand High Court.

The case was filed by a petitioner named Pratap Kumar, who alleged that Gandhi had made defamatory remarks about Amit Shah during a rally in

Chaibasa in 2018. Kumar claimed that the comments were deliberately aimed at tarnishing Shah’s public image.

Gandhi’s legal counsel confirmed the bail grant and stated, “Rahul Gandhi ji appeared before the court as per the high court’s direction. Bail was granted, and we will proceed with the legal process accordingly.”

Previously, Gandhi had moved the Jharkhand High Court on June 2, challenging an order from the special MP-MLA court that had directed him to appear on June 26. On June 10, his counsel informed the high court that Gandhi would not be available on that date and

instead requested August 6 for the appearance. The court accepted the request, which led to Wednesday’s court appearance and subsequent bail.

Gandhi reached Jharkhand on Tuesday, a day before the court proceedings, to attend the funeral of veteran tribal leader and former Chief Minister Shibu Soren in Nemra village of Ramgarh district. He travelled from Ranchi to Chaibasa by helicopter, with a temporary helipad arranged at Tata College Ground to facilitate his arrival.

The defamation case adds to a series of legal challenges faced by the Congress leader.

PM Modi inaugurates Kartavya Bhavan

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday (August 6, 2025) inaugurated Kartavya Bhavan, the first of the ten upcoming Common Central Secretariat buildings to house the bureaucracy.

The ambitious project is aimed at bringing ministries and departments under one roof for efficiency.

Kartavya Bhavan-03, the first to be inaugurated, will house the Home Affairs, External Affairs, Rural Development, MSME, DoPT, Petroleum & Natural Gas Ministries, and the Principal Scientific Adviser’s office.

Many key Ministries currently function from ageing buildings like Shastri Bhawan, Krishi Bhawan, Udyog Bhawan, and Nirman Bhawan, constructed



between the 1950s and 1970s, which are now “structurally outdated and inefficient,” according to the government.

The Prime Minister, accompanied by Union Housing and Urban Affairs (HUA) Minister Mahanar Lal Khattar and Ministry Secretary HUA Secretary Katikithala Srinivas, took a tour of the newly constructed building. Mr. Srinivas briefed PM Modi about the features of Kartavya Bhavan.

The HUA Ministry has plans to construct ten buildings as part of the Common Central Secretariat (CCS) under the government’s Central

Vista redevelopment project.

Two CCS buildings, 1 and 2, are scheduled to be completed by next month, while construction work on CCS 10 will be finished by April next year. The project of CCS buildings 6 and 7 will be completed by October 2026. On Tuesday (August 5), Mr. Khattar said that offices functioning from the four bhawans will shift to four new locations on Kasturba Gandhi Marg, Minto Road, and Netaji Palace temporarily for two years, while the construction is carried out.

Centre Opposes SIR Debate Citing Case in SC

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The Opposition’s demand for a Parliamentary debate on Bihar’s voter-roll revision was rebuffed by the Modi government on Wednesday, which argued that the matter is sub judice before the Supreme Court and, under House rules, cannot be discussed while pending adjudication. Both Houses were adjourned amid the Opposition’s protest over the intensive revision of electoral rolls (SIR), but the government still managed to pass one Bill in each House. In the Rajya Sabha, Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge cited past rulings to press the Chair to allow a debate on the SIR exercise, insisting it is of fundamental importance to democracy. Opposition demands debate on Bihar’s voter revision; govt says SC case bars discussion in Parliament

In the Lok Sabha, the

Shipping Bill, which broadens ownership eligibility for merchant vessels and provides for inquiries into marine casualties, was approved after a brief discussion, despite ongoing protests demanding a roll-revision debate. Opposition members also urged the Speaker to refer the National Sports Governance Bill and the National Anti-Doping (Amendment) Bill to a joint parliamentary committee.

Meanwhile, in the Upper House, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill, 2025, intended to simplify and modernise shipping law for exporters, importers, and maritime professionals, was passed, and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman tabled the Demands for Grants for Manipur for 2025–26. Responding to the Opposition’s insistence, Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju reiterated that sub judice matters cannot be debated

in Parliament and that issues concerning the autonomous Election Commission are likewise beyond Parliament’s purview. He emphasised that all parliamentary discussions must conform to the Constitution and the Lok Sabha’s rules of procedure, noting that the electoral-roll revision in Bihar is currently before the Supreme Court. In the Rajya Sabha, Deputy Chairman Harivansh rejected 35 notices under Rule 267 for failing to meet the rule’s requirements and urged members to use Zero Hour to raise their concerns, only for the House to be adjourned amid continued protests.

In a letter to Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Kharge invoked a July 21, 2023, ruling by the then Rajya Sabha chair, which stated that “this House is entitled to discuss everything under the planet with one restriction” (the conduct of judges in the discharge of their duties).

Trump’s 50% tariff blow on Indian exports triggers economic alarm, political backlash

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The United States’ abrupt decision to impose an additional 25% tariff on Indian exports—doubling the existing rate to 50%—has sent shockwaves through India’s export sector and sparked a sharp diplomatic response. Signed into effect by former President Donald Trump under an executive order, the move links the penalty to India’s continued crude oil trade with Russia.

Exporters, economists, and policymakers in India have described the action as “unfair and politically motivated,” warning of serious repercussions on trade volumes, sectoral revenues, and GDP growth projections for FY26.

Under the order titled “Addressing Threats to the US by the Govern-

ment of the Russian Federation”, the combined 50% tariff—comprising the already existing 25% and an additional 25%—will be implemented in two phases: the base duty from August 7 and the added tariff from August 27, following a 21-day period.

The new duty is expected to drastically impact India’s key export sectors—especially textiles, leather, marine products, gems and jewellery, and engineering goods. Industry experts estimate that nearly 55% of India’s exports to the US will now fall under the 50% tariff bracket.

Ajay Sahai, Director General of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO), termed the development “extremely shocking” and warned that it would undermine India’s compet-

itiveness in the American market.

While pharmaceuticals, electronics, energy commodities, and certain critical components are exempted, the elevated tariffs are expected to heavily skew India’s cost advantage, especially against countries facing lower US tariffs. For example, Vietnam and the Philippines face a 20% rate, and China—despite higher Russian oil imports—faces only a 30% levy.

India’s Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) condemned the US move as “unfortunate,” calling it unjustified and inconsistent with fair trade principles. “India has previously clarified that oil procurement is based on market needs to ensure energy security for 1.4 billion citizens,” the MEA said in a strongly worded statement.

The ministry expressed dismay over India being singled out, even as several other nations—including China and EU countries—continue purchasing Russian oil without facing such punitive action. “We reiterate that these actions are unfair, unjustified and unreasonable. India will take all actions necessary to protect its national interests,” it added.

The economic repercussions of the tariff spike are expected to ripple through India’s macro indicators. Sakshi Gupta, Principal Economist at HDFC Bank, noted that the imposition of these duties could shave off 40–50 basis points from FY26 GDP growth, potentially dragging it below the 6% mark.

Echoing similar concerns, ICICI Securities economist A. Prasanna warned that India would

now face serious handicaps in US-bound exports compared to competitors within the 15–30% duty range. Meanwhile, Nirmal Bank’s Teresa John interpreted the move as “a pressure tactic” to push India into finalising a trade agreement with the US—and perhaps to recalibrate its Russian oil policy.

Trade experts see Trump’s order as a strategic attempt to force India’s hand in the ongoing negotiations over a bilateral trade deal. The US is reportedly pushing for reduced duties on American industrial products, agricultural goods, automobiles (especially EVs), dairy, and GM crops. Both nations aim to conclude the first phase of the deal by October–November this year.



EDITORIAL

TRUE INDIAN? IT'S NOT SC'S CALL

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The Supreme Court raising an objection to the statement of the Lok Sabha Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, on China's encroachment into India's territory and losses suffered at the hands of the Chinese by the Indian Army is an unwarranted interference in the affairs of the legislature by the judiciary. The court's suggestion that "if you are a true Indian, you wouldn't say such a thing" is equally abominable. Mr Gandhi has said nothing against the Indian Army as is being propagated by the BJP and its allies. All that he said in his repeated statements about the border skirmishes is that India has lost patrolling rights over 20,000 square kilometres which, if true, is a sobering thought. He also men-



tioned that the Army has lost around 20 of our soldiers. And the government has never been unequivocal about the outcome of the face-off in terms of territorial losses while the death of troops was indeed widely reported. Thus, Mr Gandhi's statements cannot be construed as being "against" the Army by any standards, especially those of the government and the armed forces. Questions on the loss of Indian fighter jets during Operation Sindoor were blocked by the very logical stand that India had achieved its operational targets and that losses were part of defence operations. By the same token, then, the government can clarify

that it has achieved its targets on the Chinese border, too, losses notwithstanding. Why then are its feathers ruffled? Mr Gandhi was certainly not questioning the professionalism of the Army. The court's suggestion that the Leader of Opposition ought to raise such topics in Parliament is also avoidable. The judges may have missed the fact that Mr Gandhi is often not allowed to speak on the floor of the House. On a related note, not long ago, the Mumbai high court did advise the CPI(M) activists to limit their protests to causes within the country, instead of agitating against Israel for causing the deaths of thousands of Palestinians due to hunger. It will be ideal if the judiciary leaves it to politicians and political parties to decide the causes of their demonstrations.



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HC Refuses Twin Pregnancy Termination

In a sensitive and high-profile case, the Telangana High Court has denied a request to medically terminate the pregnancy of a minor girl who is carrying twins, citing advanced gestational age and associated medical risks. The minor, a survivor of sexual assault, was found to be 28 weeks pregnant at the time of the petition. Upon reviewing the circumstances, the High Court had constituted an expert medical board to evaluate the girl's physical and psychological condition and to advise on the feasibility and risks of terminating the pregnancy at such a late stage. The board, comprising senior gynecologists and other specialists, conducted a thorough examination and submitted its report to the Court. According to the findings of the medical board, any attempt to terminate the pregnancy at this stage would pose a significant threat to the minor's life. The gestational period of 28 weeks is considered well beyond the legally permissible limit for termination under the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act, which, with recent amendments, generally allows abortion up to 24 weeks in exceptional cases such as rape survivors or minors. However, beyond 24 weeks, termination is permitted only under extraordinary circumstances where the life of the mother is at severe risk.

Safety Lapses Persist After Blast At Chirec School

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A day after a rock blast at a construction site near Chirec International School in Serilingampally injured at least three people and triggered panic, little had changed — children kept moving out and workers at the construction site kept working without any safety precautions. An FIR was filed against a sub-contractor engaged by Namishree Projects for work opposite Gate No. 3 of the school. The blast, carried out around 3 pm on Tuesday, was conducted in unsafe conditions, sending large blocks of stone into the



school grounds. While the school's management denied any injuries, students told Deccan Chronicle that one student and two staff members suffered minor injuries. "One student was playing football when rocks had just fallen. He accidentally tripped over a stone, fell and got hurt. He was treated immediately," a student said. Another upper primary student,

waiting near the gate for her parents, said, "Honestly, these construction companies should be aware and follow all safety rules. They should mix the right proportion of dynamite. We keep hearing blasts and tremor-like sounds all the time. Something this big has happened for the first time, but it is still scary." "Even the school management knows how bad it is, but would not bother to flag it. We hear blast sounds and do not even know where they come from," another student added. At the site, several safety violations were visible. Workers doing centering work on the 20th floor were seen without helmets, shoes or other protective gear. Police had also not inspected the site to verify compliance with safety norms. School media officer and facility manager Venu Swamy said, "They had taken permissions and usually carried out blasting after 6 pm, when the school premises were empty. This was the only exception. We were not informed about the blast."

Tenants Evicted Without Notice by IDFC Bank

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In a shocking incident, a woman named Chennamma has filed a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission and the State Women's Commission, accusing IDFC First Bank officials of serious human rights violations. The complaint pertains to the bank forcibly evicting tenants from a property located at 8-3-108, Second Bazaar, Secunderabad, in connection with a home loan default by the landlord. According to the complaint, the tenants were not served any prior notice. Despite having no role in the loan default, they were reportedly evicted on July 30 by bank officials who arrived with police support. The tenants allege that the eviction was carried out forcefully and

without legal procedure. Among the residents was Chennamma, recovering from a major surgery just two months ago, and a 75-year-old woman under the care of a leg surgeon. Their repeated pleas and medical conditions were ignored, the complaint states. A young girl pursuing her studies was also allegedly forced out in bandages, and all personal belongings were locked inside the house. Chennamma has demanded strict action against the bank officials, highlighting that tenants cannot be penalised for the landlord's liabilities and that the bank's actions violated fundamental rights and due process. She has urged both commissions to investigate the matter urgently and ensure justice for the affected patients and family.

Top Para-Cyclists Drag Cycling Federation of India to High Court Over Discrimination, Nepotism, and Misgovernance

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In a scathing petition that has sent ripples through India's sports community, a group of top para-cyclists led by internationally acclaimed medalist Aryavardhan Cheelampalli has moved the Delhi High Court, accusing the Cycling Federation of India (CFI) of discrimination, nepotism, and gross administrative negligence. The athletes allege that continued bias and corrupt practices within CFI are not

only affecting their individual careers but are actively jeopardizing the growth of para-sports in the country. The petitioners highlight that Aryavardhan, despite achieving qualifying standards, was arbitrarily denied a slot for the World Championships — a move that could now derail his Asian and Commonwealth Games prospects. The petition also outlines ten major issues of concern, including the loss of eight potential medals at the Asian Championship due to the CFI's failure to submit athlete



Aryavardhan Cheelampalli

classification documents on time. Four eligible athletes were unable to compete as a result. Another serious grievance is the federation's refusal to bid for the 2026 Paracycling World Cup, despite full backing from the Andhra Pradesh government. This cost India a major opportunity to secure Paralympic qualification points. The federation also shifted a national event venue from accessible Hyderabad to Haryana, reportedly to favor the chairman's son. The event

was later canceled entirely, adding to athletes' frustration. The petition further accuses the CFI of celebrating minor achievements of able-bodied junior athletes on public platforms while ignoring para-athletes who won eight medals at the Asian Championship. Additionally, the chairman allegedly sent his ineligible son to an international event without trials or UCI clearance — a clear case of nepotism. Shockingly, when formal complaints were made to the Sports

Authority of India (SAI) and the Ministry of Sports, they were redirected back to the very official being accused. Whistleblowers claim vital evidence, including para-cycling updates, was deliberately deleted from official communication channels. Though CFI officials admitted faults verbally, no formal accountability was enforced. Even offers of consolation posts to affected coaches were rejected. The petitioners are seeking immediate government in-



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tervention, an independent inquiry, and structural reform in the CFI to ensure transparency, fairness, and dignity for India's para-athletes moving forward.

Tom Holland reveals he wore his grandmother’s fishnets for iconic ‘Umbrella’ performance

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Hollywood star Tom Holland revealed that he wore his granny’s fishnets for ‘Lip Sync Battle’ and that his father warned him against the performance. On a recent episode of Gordon Ramsay’s “Scrambled,” the “Spider-Man” star went behind the scenes on his 2017 rendition of Rihanna’s “Umbrella” on the Spike competition show. Holland started his performance with “Singin’ in the Rain” before quickly switching to “Umbrella.” During the transition, Holland trades his suit for a dress, fishnets and a wig. He appeared on the episode with his fiancée Zendaya, reports variety.com. “It’s so funny, Zendaya and I, we were chatting at the time about what we were gonna do,



and we had agreed that we would take it easy,” he said. “That was the agreement, that it was like, ‘I’m not gonna do anything crazy, you’re not gonna do anything crazy, we’re just gonna keep it nice and easy breezy.” However, as Holland prepared for the show, the idea to surprise the audience with “Umbrella” started to develop. “When I was working with the creative team coming up with the ideas, they kind of pitched this ‘Umbrella’ thing, and as we were rehearsing, it got crazier and crazier,” he said. “And then

the rain machine came in. And then I was like, ‘I wanna wear fishnets and do this, and I want a wig and a quick-change.’” Ramsay then asked if he was wearing “mum’s fishnets.” Holland replied, “They were my granny’s, actually.” Holland added that when he told his father about the performance, he didn’t think it was such a good idea. However, the actor said his dad was just looking out for him in the long run. “When I told my dad, he was like, ‘Son, I don’t think that’s a good idea. I don’t think you should do that,’” Holland said. “I think he was just, at that time in my career, he was very worried about me becoming too famous too quickly. So he was really keen for me to not do extra TV shows that I didn’t have to do to try and maintain that part of my childhood.”

Prabhas’ ‘The Raja Saab’ to get a sequel, confirms producer

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Producer T G Vishwa Prasad, whose firm is producing director Maruthi’s eagerly awaited horror thriller ‘The Raja Saab’, featuring Prabhas in the lead, has now confirmed that they had intentions to make ‘The Raja Saab – Part 2’ as well, but that it would be a completely different story. In an interview with a YouTube channel, Producer Vishwa Prasad said, “The Raja Saab 2 is there. But this story will not continue. The second part will be in the type of a multiverse. It will belong to this franchise and



will be in that scale and grandeur.” For the unaware, ‘The Raja Saab’ will hit screens worldwide on December 5 this year. Prabhas will be seen stepping into uncharted territory with this film as The Raja Saab will be Prabhas’s first full-fledged horror entertainer.

The first motion poster, which the makers had released a while back, had hinted at a deliciously twisted blend of supernatural elements and old-school charm, instantly grabbing attention across the board. Directed by Maruthi, known for his unique

blend of humour and emotion, The Raja Saab promises a horror film laced with surprising entertainment. Backed by People Media Factory, the film is expected to be a visual spectacle. Sources close to the unit say that the film has been made on a grand scale with uncompromising production values. The film has cinematography by Karthik Palani and music by Thaman S. Unlike conventional filmmaking in which songs are finalized before shooting, the unit of ‘The Raja Saab’ had taken a different approach, offering Thaman the creative freedom to revisit his compositions.

Armaan Malik & Ikka Drop Soulful Track 'Maybe' with Royal Stag



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Royal Stag BoomBox, in collaboration with Universal Music Group, has dropped its third and final original track of the season — Maybe, featuring the emotive vocals of Armaan Malik and the introspective rap of Ikka. Released across all major streaming platforms, this unique musical offering blends Bollywood’s soulful melody with the dynamic energy of hip-hop. Maybe captures the un-

certainty and nostalgia of fleeting love — a signature of the “Generation Large” sound that defines BoomBox Originals. The track speaks to the hesitation and hope found in moments we wish could last forever. “Maybe is an honest and emotional song. Working with Ikka brought a refreshing energy,” said Armaan Malik. Echoing the sentiment, Ikka added, “This song reflects a softer, more reflective side of me. It’s not just a love song — it’s a whole vibe.”

Royal Stag BoomBox continues to reshape India’s musical narrative with genre-defying collaborations. After successful releases like Sigh by Nikhita Gandhi and Dino James, and Sajna Mera by Neeti Mohan, Panther, and Ravator, Maybe completes the season’s trilogy. Kartik Mohindra, CMO of Pernod Ricard India, emphasized the brand’s commitment to music: “Royal Stag celebrates music as a key youth passion. BoomBox Originals brings bold new

soundscapes that truly embody Living It Large.” Preeti Nayyar of UMG for Brands added, “BoomBox stands for creative freedom and bold expression. It empowers artists to explore and connect with youth audiences authentically.” This season of Royal Stag BoomBox Originals has witnessed an overwhelming response from fans, with millions of streams and social media engagement across platforms. The initiative continues to nurture a

culture of experimentation and innovation in music, bringing together some of India’s most celebrated and emerging artists. With Maybe, Royal Stag cements its role as a trendsetter in India’s evolving music scene. Building on its success, Royal Stag BoomBox has emerged as a cultural catalyst, pushing the boundaries of contemporary Indian music. The platform not only champions artistic innovation but also serves as a bridge between traditional musi-

cal roots and modern sounds. By bringing together artists from diverse backgrounds, it fosters a unique collaborative spirit that resonates deeply with today’s youth. Maybe is more than just a track—it’s a statement of emotional authenticity and creative synergy. As the final release of the season, it reinforces Royal Stag BoomBox’s mission to craft experiences that are bold, expressive, and true to the spirit of “Living It Large.”

BUSSINESS

Nissan New Magnite MURO Special Edition Features, On Road Price Autos

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Nissan Motor India Private Limited (NMPL) unveiled the New Nissan Magnite KURO Special Edition, a premium black-themed variant of its popular compact SUV, starting at INR 8.30 Lakhs (ex-showroom, Delhi). The KURO Special Edition, inspired by the Japanese word for ‘black,’ highlights bold styling, a sophisticated all-black interior, and unique Japanese design cues. Bookings are open with a refundable advance of INR 11,000 via Nissan dealerships and the official website, which features an interactive 3D

configurator. The special edition offers both turbo-petrol and naturally aspirated petrol engine options. It sports exclusive design elements including a Piano Black front grille, black skid plates, gloss black roof rails, 16-inch diamond-cut alloy wheels, black door handles, and Signature Black LED headlamps with Light-saber turn indicators. Inside, the cabin features a mid-night-themed dashboard with piano black accents, wireless charging, and optional stealth dash cam. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director of Nissan Motor India, said the KURO edition responds to strong customer

demand for a stylish and feature-rich SUV that combines safety, innovation, and value. The Magnite recently earned a 5-star overall passenger safety rating from Global NCAP, underscoring Nissan’s commitment to world-class safety standards. Saurabh Vatsa, Managing Director of Nissan Motor India, said the KURO edition responds to strong customer

Schaeffler India Launches Made-in-India Large Bearings and Housings

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Schaeffler India has expanded its industrial portfolio with the launch of Made-in-India large size Spherical Roller Bearings (SRBs), Cast Steel Housings, and accessories, further reinforcing its commitment to localization and self-reliance in advanced motion technologies. The newly introduced components, manufactured at the company’s state-of-the-art facility in Savli, Gujarat, cater to heavy-duty applications across sectors such as Steel, Cement, Mining,



Power Plants, and Pulp & Paper. The SRBs, available in sizes up to 720 mm outer diameter and across series 222, 223, 230, 231, 240, and 241, meet X-life quality standards—offering superior dynamic and static load

ratings, reduced friction, extended life, and improved performance. To complement this, Schaeffler has also launched large-size Cast Steel Housings along with Adapter, Withdrawal, and Hydraulic Sleeves, en-

abling OEMs and industrial consultants to access a complete motion solution suite from a single source. The housings are engineered for durability and extreme operating conditions, featuring advanced sealing, internal lubrication grooves, and provisions for sensor mounting and auto-lubricators, ensuring greater reliability and ease of maintenance. “This launch underlines our unwavering focus on ‘Make in India’ and Schaeffler’s ability to deliver advanced localized solutions backed by global engineering,” said Mr. Seshan Iyer, President

- Bearings and Industrial Solutions. “It strengthens our response capability and delivers economic, high-quality solutions tailored for Indian industries.” The product range, which includes condition monitoring systems and lubricants, enhances Schaeffler’s positioning as a trusted, single-window partner in motion technologies. This expansion aligns with the Government of India’s vision for domestic manufacturing and marks a pivotal step in supporting the evolving needs of India’s core industries.

Leather, Textiles, Gems, Jewellery to Hit Hard by 50% US Tariff

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Domestic export sectors such as leather, chemicals, footwear, gems and jewellery, textiles and shrimp will be severely impacted by the imposition of the 50 per cent tariff by the US, say industry experts. US President Donald Trump on Wednesday slapped an additional 25 per cent tariff, raising the total duties to 50 per cent on goods coming from India, as a penalty for New Delhi’s continued purchase of Russian oil. The United States has imposed additional tariffs or penalty for Russian imports only on India while



other buyers such as China and Turkey, have so far escaped such measures. “The tariffs are expected to make Indian goods far costlier in the US, with potential to cut US-bound exports by 40–50 per cent,” think tank GTRI said. After the new tariff, it said, organic chemicals’ exports to the US will attract additional

54 per cent duty. The other sectors which will attract high duties include carpets (52.9 per cent), apparel - knitted (63.9 per cent), apparel - woven (60.3 per cent), textiles, made ups (59 per cent), diamonds, gold and products (52.1 per cent), machinery and mechanical appliances (51.3 per cent), furniture, bedding, mat-

treasses (52.3 per cent). The 25 per cent duty, announced on July 31, will come into force from August 7 (9.30 am IST). The additional 25 per cent will be implemented by the US from August 27. These will be over and above the existing standard import duty in the US. In 2024-25, the bilateral trade between India and the US stood at USD 131.8 billion (USD 86.5 billion exports and USD 45.3 billion imports). The sectors, which would bear the brunt of 50 per cent duty include textiles/clothing (10.3 billion), gems and jewellery (12 billion), shrimp (USD 2.24 billion), leather and

footwear (USD 1.18 billion), chemicals (2.34 billion), and electrical and mechanical machinery (about USD 9 billion). Kolkata-based seafood exporter and MD of Megaa Moda Yogesh Gupta said that now India’s shrimp will become expensive in the US market. “We are already facing huge competition from Ecuador as it has only 15 per cent tariff. Indian shrimp already attracts a 2.49 per cent anti-dumping duty and a 5.77 per cent countervailing duty. After this 25 per cent, the duty will be 33.26 per cent from August 7,” Gupta said.

As layoffs loom, TCS announces wage hikes for junior and mid-level staff

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India’s largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Wednesday informed employees that it will roll-out wage hikes for about 80 per cent of workforce, covering mid to junior levels. The wage hikes comes at a time when TCS is set to lay off about 12,000 employees this year. The wage hikes will be effective September 1, TCS CHRO Milind Lakad and CHRO Designate K Sudeep said in an email to employees on Wednes-

day. “We are pleased to announce a compensation revision for all eligible associates in grades upto C3A and equivalent, covering 80 per cent of our workforce. This will be effective 1st September 2025,” says the email seen by PTI. The email goes on to say: “We would like to thank each one of you for your dedication and hard work, as we build the future of TCS together.” The extent of wage hikes could not be immediately ascertained. When reached for comment, the company in a

statement said: “We can confirm that we will be issuing wage hikes to around 80 per cent of our employees effective 1st September 2025.” The move to reward and retain talent comes at a time when TCS has decided to lay off over 12,000 employees as part of what it describes as a broader strategy to become a “future-ready organisation”. This entails focus on investments in technology, AI deployment, market expansion, and workforce realignment, according to the company.

CITY CLICKS



The Hug That Demolished Doubts

As Shubman Gill wrapped Gautam Gambhir in a tight, heartfelt hug moments after India's dramatic six-run win at The Oval, the image didn't just go viral, it became the emotional signature of a series that tested resolve, relationships and redemption. For Gambhir, India's head coach, now under immense scrutiny, the embrace was more than celebration, it was validation. After months of criticism and pressure, his simple yet powerful message — "We'll win some, we'll lose some... but we'll NEVER surrender" — resonated far beyond the dressing room. It was a declaration of grit, of belief, and of a team refusing to buckle under the weight of expectations. Gill, in his first major outing as Test captain, had faced his own share of doubts. Yet in that moment, his gesture spoke volumes — not just of victory, but of trust.



JK Tyre unveils Levitas luxury range at Mumbai supercar event

JK Tyre & Industries Ltd. marked a new chapter in its premium journey with a high-octane showcase of its luxury tyre range, Levitas, at Fast & Fabulous: The Supercar Catwalk in Mumbai. Blending high fashion with high performance, the event brought together supercars and the ultimate expression of speed, positioning Levitas as the tyre of choice for India's growing tribe of luxury and performance car enthusiasts. The evening brought together industry leaders, auto and racing enthusiasts, and personalities from across domains under one roof, including Mr Anshuman Singhania, Managing Director, JK Tyre & Industries Ltd., Mr Akhilesh Reddy, Chairman of Racing Promotions Pvt. Ltd and rally champion, and India's only Arjuna awardee in Motorsports, Mr Gaurav Gill, underscoring the brand's unique intersection of performance, aspiration and lifestyle.



Siraj climbs to career-best 15th in Test rankings after Oval heroics

Fast bowler Mohammed Siraj has surged ahead to reach a career-best 15th position after helping India win the fifth match of their ICC World Test Championship series against England in dramatic fashion at The Oval to draw the series 2-2. Siraj has shot up 12 slots after his 'Player of the Match' effort of nine for 190 that included three of the four wickets to fall on the final day including the last dismissal of Gus Atkinson as India won the Test by six runs — their narrowest margin ever in terms of runs. While Siraj improved on the 16th position that he reached in January 2024, his teammate Prasidh Krishna also attained a career-best 59th position after the two became only the second India pair to take four or more wickets each in both innings of a Test, a feat earlier accomplished by spinners Bishan Bedi and Erapalli Prasanna against Australia in Delhi in 1969. England fast bowlers Atkinson and Josh Tongue have also attained career-best positions after finishing with eight wickets each in the match. Atkinson is in the top 10 for the first time while Tongue is up 14 places to 46th position. The latest weekly rankings, that also take into consideration performances in the first Test of the two-match series between Zimbabwe and New Zealand in Bulaway.

Sania Mirza, PV Sindhu urge India to back women's sports beyond hype

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When the Indian women's cricket team participated in the World Cup in 1997 at home, they got Rs 1000 as match fee for each match. Things have come a long way from those dark ages to 2025, when in the Women's Premier League (WPL) mini-auction, Simran Shaikh got a bid of Rs 1.90 crore, and the 16-year-old G Kamalini went for Rs 1.60 crore. The media has started taking attention, and the broadcasters are also



showing women-only sports even amidst top-level men's competition — like in the case of WPL 2025 in the middle of the men's Champions Trophy. However, there is a lot that still needs to be done to change society's perspective towards women's sports, attract more eyeballs on the broadcast spectrum and gain the confidence of the corporate world to take a full dive into women's sport. This was the outcome of an evening of discussion on the scope of the sector during The Sports Women

Huddle 2025 — Invest in Her, organised by Capri Sports Foundation, which owns the WPL franchise UP Warriorz, the Bengal Warriorz team in Kro Kabaddi League and the Warriorz FC, a women's football team. In a panel discussion on female athletes as market makers, brand builders and change drivers, multiple-time Grand Slam champion in doubles tennis, Sania Mirza, two-time Olympic medallist shutter P.V Sindhu, 2016 Paralympic Games silver medallist Dr. Deepa Malik and Atiqua Mir, first female

racer from India to win the Micro Max category at the Rotax Max Challenge International Trophy (RMCIT) held in Le Mans, talked about their experiences, how they tackled adversities to succeed and how they envision the women's sport growing in the country. The panellists discussed how, in the changing world, when there is social media, improved corporate sponsorship and a bit more attention being given to women's sports, what more needs to be done to improve female participation, change the

narrative to their skills and promote them as people capable of laying the marker when it comes to brand promotion and corporate engagement. Talking about how society's perspective towards female sportspersons needs to change because they still want them to but demure and act like good girls, Sania Mirza said the onus is on women to also be on the female sportspersons to act like world beaters and conduct themselves in such a way that they get the attention they deserve.

Manoj, Pranav smash centuries for Osmania University in HCA B-Division league

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AV Manoj Sastry (146) and R Pranav Aditya (118) for Osmania University, SK Rehaan Roshan (127 n.o.) and M. Lokesh (105) for Imperial CC battled well in the HCA B-Division two-day league cricket championship here on Wednesday. The scores: B-Division two-day league: Mahmood 94/3 in 30 overs (Nitesh Naik 48 batting) vs Nalgonda. Megacity 215 in 69.2 overs (Jawad Khan 47, Anvesh Reddy 32, Sumanth 3/15, Sridhar 4/34) vs Medak 10/1 in 1 over. Cheerful Chums 128/5 in 48.3 overs (Shiva Rama Krishna 68) vs Mahbubnagar. Nizamabad 207 in 50.5 overs (Jasrith Reddy 45, Gari Varshith 32,



Vikram Naik 56, Akanksh Sitaraman 3/61, S Suraj 3/17) vs Visaka. Warangal 116/2 in 23 overs (N Rahul 70batting, Rishyanth 32batting) vs MCC. Karimnagar 212 in 57 overs (Kamran 32, Sai Vinay 45, Manoj 3/28, Nanda Kumar 4/28) vs Vijay Hanuman 72/3 in 29 overs. Khalsa 171/2 in 37 overs (Karan Yadav 52, Harshavardhan Reddy 39batting, Aawez Ahmed 47batting) vs Future Stars. Telangana 194 in 59.4 overs (Rithwik Raj Goud 46, Nikhil Parwani 32) vs Sayi Satya

119/4 in 23 overs (Vinmukh Raj 55 batting). Osmania University 442 in 81.1 overs (Vineeth Pawar 35, A.V. Manoj Sastry 146, Cherry 34, R. Pranav Aditya 118, Mirza Mudassir Baig 30, Lohith Kumar 3/47) vs Sri Chakra 6/0 in 6 overs. Imperial 396/5 in 90 overs (Loknath 68, Jaikeerth 69, SK. Rehaan Roshan 127 no, M. Lokesh 105) vs Beema. C-Division one-day league: Rushiraj Cc w/o Kakatiya. Lords 224/18 in 38 overs (M. Krishna 52 no) bt PJJLCC 167 in 30.4 overs (Pratheek Raj 31, Vivaan 4/34).

Nizam CC 243/7 in 35 overs (Moiza Houzef Baig 35, Arshad Ahmed 51, Syed Humaid 74, Mirza Maqbool Biag 36 no) bt Hyd Patriots 115/4 in 35 overs (Ritesh Reddy 36). Universal 176 in 39.2 overs (Riteesh Reddy 97, Ashish Kumar 5/42) lost to Sutton 177/2 in 37.1 overs (Abhiroop 95 no, Sri-nadh 33 no). SK Blues 206 in 48.3 overs (Sai Charan 54, Manideep 70, Geeth Mudhiraj 3/22) lost to VP Willowmen 207/9 in 39 overs (Akhileshwar 68, Gowtham Reddy 30).

Amended National Sports Governance Bill keeps BCCI out of the purview of RTI

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In what can be construed as a relief to the BCCI, the Sports Ministry has amended the RTI-related provision of the National Sports Governance Bill, placing only those bodies under its ambit which rely on government grants and assistance. The bill was tabled in the Lok Sabha by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya on July 23 and its clause 15 (2) stated that "a recognised sports organisation shall be considered as a public authority under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 with respect to the exercise of its functions, duties and powers under this Act." The RTI has been a thorny issue for the BCCI, which has steadfastly opposed coming under it as the Board is not dependent on government funds unlike

a majority of other National Sports Federations (NSFs). The amendment proposed in the Bill effectively puts an end to that apprehension. "The amended clause defines public authority as an entity that is relying on government funds or assistance. With this amendment, there is a clear definition of what is a public authority," a well-placed source told PTI. "If this had not been done, it would have been a grey area that could have led to the bill getting held up or being challenged in court. So anything that involves public money will come under RTI. It defines the specifics," the source added. "And even if a national sports body is not taking government funds, it can still be questioned if government assistance of any kind is involved.

DRDO Girls Win Silver, Bronze at National Martial Arts Meet

DRDO Township's Young Martial Artists Shine Nationally: Akshara and Jashwitha Bag Silver, Bronze at 11th National Championship

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In a proud moment for the DRDO Township community, two promising martial artists from the Nayak Budokan Academy, K. Akshara and K. Jashwitha, clinched silver and bronze medals respectively at the 11th National Martial Arts Championship held on July 27, 2025. The championship, a premier event in India's martial arts calendar, saw participation from the finest talent across the country. Akshara stood out with her precision, discipline, and sharp technique, which earned her the silver medal in her category. Meanwhile, her fellow academy-mate Jashwitha delivered a tenacious and skillful



performance, securing the bronze medal amid intense national-level competition. Their victories not only brought recognition to their individual talent but also reflected the growing stature of Nayak Budokan Academy on the national stage. To honor their achievement, a felicitation ceremony was organized within the DRDO Township, attended by eminent personalities from both the scientific and local communities. Esteemed senior scientists Dr. Man-

ickavasagan and Dr. Sundaraiah Konda graced the occasion as chief guests. They personally congratulated the young achievers and praised their hard work, focus, and dedication to martial arts. Their encouraging words resonated deeply with the audience, many of whom were inspired by the discipline and resilience displayed by the two girls. The driving force behind this success, Chief Coach Ganesh Naik, expressed immense pride and joy. "This achievement is just



the beginning," he said during the ceremony. "Akshara and Jashwitha have demonstrated incredible potential. With continued discipline and rigorous training, they are poised for greater milestones in the future." Several respected community members and mentors, including Sneha, U. Mili, and other well-wishers, attended the celebration, offering their blessings and encouragement to the budding champions. Their presence emphasized the community's strong sup-

port system for young talent in sports and martial arts. The Nayak Budokan Academy, based in DRDO Township, has steadily gained recognition for cultivating youth talent under the dedicated mentorship of Coach Ganesh Naik. The recent medals are seen not only as personal triumphs for Akshara and Jashwitha but also as a testament to the academy's growing legacy in the national martial arts arena. The DRDO Township

community erupted with pride as news of the duo's achievement spread. The event has sparked renewed enthusiasm among local students, with many expressing a desire to follow in Akshara and Jashwitha's footsteps. The success is expected to act as a catalyst for greater participation in martial arts and sports within the township and beyond. As the young martial artists return to their training mats, their eyes now set on future national and international events, their recent success stands as a beacon of what passion, perseverance, and proper mentorship can achieve. The DRDO community will undoubtedly continue to watch—and cheer—as they journey toward even greater heights.



Hyderabad: LKG student injured after teacher allegedly hurls tiffin box in Saidabad school

A LKG class student suffered a head injury after a teacher allegedly hurled a tiffin box at him at a school in Saidabad on Wednesday. The boy Avula Eshwar, aged three years, is studying in LKG at a private school in Saidabad. On Wednesday, Manikantha, the boy’s father, dropped him off at the school in the morning. In the afternoon, the school clerk called Manikantha’s family over the phone and informed them that the child suffered a head injury while playing. When the parents reached the school, the staff allegedly did not cooperate with them. “Our child suffered an injury after a teacher hit him with a tiffin box. The school management is trying to downplay the incident, saying two children fought,” Manikantha told media persons. The parents approached the I S Sadan police station and made a complaint. A case is registered.



Cyber fraudsters dupe man of Rs 35 lakh in fake rental platform

Cyber fraudsters posing as representatives of a fake rental platform have duped a private employee from the city to the tune of Rs 35.2 lakh, under the pretext of rental commissions and bonuses. The victim from Musheerabad received a WhatsApp message from two individuals claiming to be part of a rental portal from Kerala. They promised commissions and bonus payments for posting properties on their website and sharing them on WhatsApp. “To join the scheme, the victim was asked to make an initial deposit of Rs 10,000, following which he received an additional amount for the deposit. The man continued depositing funds in multiple instalments, eventually sending a total of Rs 35.26 lakh,” said a police official. The scammers further demanded an additional Rs 12 lakh to release his earnings. Realising he had been cheated, the victim filed a complaint with the Hyderabad Cybercrime police, who are investigating the case.



MLA Venkatesh Urges Action on Amberpet Service Road

In a decisive move to resolve long-standing infrastructure delays, Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh held a key review meeting with Roads & Buildings (R&B) department officials at the Golnaka Camp Office on Wednesday. During the meeting, the MLA focused on the service road project that has been pending for an extended period, causing inconvenience to commuters and local residents. He directed the concerned officials to take immediate and appropriate measures to expedite the construction and completion of the service road, emphasizing the urgency of the matter. The meeting saw the participation of R&B officials including Sri Dharma Reddy and Venkat Reddy, as well as GHMC officials and the Assistant Commissioner of Police from the Traffic East Zone Division. MLA Venkatesh underscored the importance of inter-departmental coordination to address the issue efficiently and avoid further delays.

Telangana Civil Supplies Minister Meets Philippines agri Minister

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A meeting took place in a cordial and cooperative atmosphere between the Sri N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Hon’ble Minister of Telangana and the Hon’ble Minister for Agriculture from the Philippines, the Hon’ble Francisco P.Tiu LAUREL Jr. The conversation began with the Philippines Minister’s appreciation of the high quality of rice from Telangana. He expressed interest in expanding the scope of rice and paddy exports from Telangana to the Philippines. The Philippines Minister indicated that the country’s total requirement for rice and paddy might be around 2.00 MMT in the



upcoming year. In response, Telangana Civil Supplies Minister thanked the Philippine Minister for taking the time to meet and expressed gratitude for the recognition of Telangana’s rice quality. He assured full cooperation and commitment to consolidating and expanding the trade relationship between Telangana and the Philip-

pires. Additionally, the Minister extended an invitation for the Philippine Minister to visit Telangana later this year, which was accepted. A breakthrough in the meeting was the Philippine Minister’s positive response to Telangana’s proposal to export paddy in addition to rice. The Philippines Minister showed a keen interest in importing paddy from Telangana. At one point, the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Sri. D.S. Chauhan suggested the potential export of Telangana’s Sona (RNR 15048) rice variety, which the Philippine Minister also found interesting. Furthermore, the Philippine Minister inquired about the possibility of importing maize from Telangana.

Vasavi Constructions booked for drain encroachment in Hyderabad

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The Hyderabad Road Development and Administration Authority (HYDRAA) has served stern notices to Vasavi Constructions for encroaching upon a stormwater drain linking major water bodies in the city. The Kukatpally police have

registered a case based on a complaint made by irrigation officials. The drain in question connects Kamuni Cheruvu and Maisamma Cheruvu along the Bharatnagar–Kaithalapur corridor. The people had complained that Vasavi Construction was flouting development norms by failing to keep the required 17-

meter width and 9-meter buffer zone on both sides of the stormwater channel. Following these complaints, HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath conducted a field inspection on Wednesday, August 6. When the inspection was carried out, the authorities found that the drain linking

Mullakattu Cheruvu, Kamuni Cheruvu, and Maisamma Cheruvu, close to the HiTech City Railway Station, had been filled with mud. HYDRAA used JCBs and tippers to clear the mud from the canal, which was then dumped on land belonging to the company.

Man stabbed to death in Hyderabad over Rs 11 lakh debt; four held

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Four individuals were arrested by Jagathgiri Gutta police on Wednesday, August 6, for the murder of Mahaboob, a history sheeter who had been involved in 12 cases under various police stations. The accused have been identified as Syed Fazel, 48, Syed Jahangir, 23, Shaik Kareem, 23 and Shaik Ameer, 23. On Tuesday, August 5, at around 4:00 pm, Mahaboob was allegedly stabbed to death by Syed Fazel and his associates in front of Goodwill Restaurant in Yellammabanda. During the investigation, police found that Syed Fazel and his brother had given Rs 11 lakh to the deceased as debt. Since then, Fazel had tried to re-



cover the amount many times, but Mahaboob kept avoiding paying him back and even started threatening to kill Fazel if he asked about the money. Finally, on Tuesday, Fazel, along with his nephew Syed Jahangir and his two friends, hatched a plan to kill Mahaboob and called him to Yellammabanda. There, they argued, after which Jahangir took a knife and attacked Mahaboob on his head, due to which he collapsed on the ground. Seeing this, the two people who had come with him also fled from

CBI Probe Demanded into Kaleshwaram Corruption: Telangana BJP Chief

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Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao has demanded a CBI inquiry into the alleged large-scale corruption in the Kaleshwaram project, accusing both the previous BRS government and the current Congress regime of shielding those responsible. Speaking in Sirpur Kagaznagar, Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, Rao said that only a few officials have been arrested while the real culprits—politicians and contractors—remain untouched, questioning if there’s a nexus between Congress and BRS. He reiterated BJP’s long-



standing position that while they support irrigation projects for farmers, they oppose corruption. Rao alleged the KCR family used the Kaleshwaram project as an “ATM,” looting crores of rupees and compromising on construction quality, as proven by damage to the Medigadda barrage and cracks in other dams. He cited the National Dam

Safety Authority’s findings of design flaws and poor construction. Proposing a solution, Rao advocated a new irrigation project at Tummadihatti on the Wardha-Wainganga confluence to meet the water needs of 2.5 lakh acres in the region. He urged the Congress government to prepare and submit a DPR to the Centre, assuring

full central support. He also questioned the limited revelations made by the Justice P.C. Ghosh Commission, claiming it only scratched the surface of the larger corruption issue. Criticizing CM Revanth Reddy’s frequent Delhi visits and lack of focus on administration, Rao said both Congress and BRS are two sides of the same coin and asserted BJP is the only viable alternative for Telangana’s future. He claimed that a growing number of political leaders are voluntarily joining the BJP, echoing public sentiment for a double-engine government that can deliver development.

Telangana HC denies abortion for 28 week pregnant minor

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The Telangana High Court has denied permission for the termination of an unwanted pregnancy of a minor girl, citing a medical board’s report that stated an abortion at this stage would pose a risk to both the mother and the babies. The mother of the minor girl, a resident of SR Nagar, Hyderabad, had filed a petition in the High Court seeking a court order to form a committee for the abortion as per the law. Justice Nagesh Bheemapak took up the petition for hearing and sought a report from the medical board.

The medical report revealed that the girl was carrying 28-week-old twin fetuses and that a termination at this stage would be life-threatening. Considering the medical report, the judge denied permission for the abortion and issued directives to the Niloufer Hospital superintendent to provide necessary medical facilities to the minor. The court ordered that she should not be discharged until the delivery, keeping her health and safety in mind. The court also directed the Women and Child Welfare Department to provide necessary assistance through the Sakhi Centre.

juries while Ayodhya Chary was killed on the spot as the car rammmed into a truck in front. Hailing from Manuguru in the district Ayodhya Chary served as the erstwhile Khammam Zilla Parishad vice chairman in the past. He played a key role in several people’s movements and fought for the rights of people in the agency villages.

Former MP Nama Nageswara Rao said that Ayodhya Chary was a communist warrior with decades of history, a leader who fought selflessly for the people, and was committed to democratic values. MPs Vaddiraju Ravichandra and R Raghuram Reddy also extended condolences over the death of the CPI leader.

Hyderabad police commissioner transfers 17 inspectors in city

As many as 17 inspectors were transferred out of their positions by Hyderabad police commissioner CV Anand on Thursday, August 7. The list included the transfer of Md Shakeel Ali, the detective inspector at the Market police station under which a cow was kidnapped by unknown persons under a week ago. He has been posted as the Station House Officer at the Bahadurpura PS in Hyderabad. Other transfers by the Hyderabad police commissioner include the SHO Bahadurpura who has been sent to main police control room (PCR). Nethaji Chirra, who was attached to the main PCR, has now been posted as the SHO Rein Bazar PS. Anuradha Balningani, who was an inspector with the Special Branch police, has now been posted as the SHO of the Karkhana PS. Gudimalkapur detective inspector Sheik Kaviuddin has been bumped up as the SHO Banjara Hills, which is considered to be an important area as many VIPs live under the police station limits in Hyderabad.

Revanth Reddy’s Delhi drama on BC reservations exposes Congress hypocrisy: Harish Rao



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Terming the Congress party’s protest on BC reservations in Delhi a flop show, former Minister and senior MLA T Harish Rao said it exposed the Congress party’s indifference towards Backward Classes (BCs) and a lack of public trust in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. He pointed out the glaring absence of senior Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge at the protest. “Even when the protest was held close to Rahul Gandhi’s location, he chose to skip it. Kharge openly prioritised Bihar over BCs,” he remarked. In a statement, Harish Rao exposed contradictions within the Congress

narrative. He said while Revanth Reddy said the demand for 42 per cent BC reservation was specific to Telangana, and not Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh or any other State, Rahul Gandhi tweeted that the struggle was for the entire nation. “The mismatch speaks volumes about their sincerity,” he added. The former Minister ridiculed the party’s selective activism. “They never demanded BC quota in Congress-ruled States,” he said, accusing Congress of using backward classes as mere political props in Telangana. He stated that people of Telangana could see through the Congress’s duplicity.