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### Brief Insights

## Telangana HC Dismisses Plea of MBBS, BDS Aspirants

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday refused to interfere with government orders relating to local quota in medical admissions and dismissed a petition filed by MBBS and BDS aspirants who had studied part of their schooling outside Telangana. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin was hearing the plea of 34 aspirants who challenged a notification issued on July 15, 2025, by Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences. **CONT:P5**

## India, EU To Ink Free Trade Deal By Dec

The European Union on Wednesday announced a new strategic agenda with India to “take bilateral ties to the next level” and ink a free trade agreement (FTA) by the end of the year. The announcement comes at a time when the US has been persuading the EU to impose steep tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. But the EU has instead decided to “invest in a common future with India”. A joint communication released by the EU identified “significant untapped potential in trade and investment, outlining strategies to strengthen commercial ties, particularly finalising the ongoing negotiations on an FTA, and proposes reinforcing supply chains. The EU also looks to strengthen defence ties with India, with the two sides “launching negotiations for a security of information agreement to facilitate **CONT:P4**

## EVMs Set to Get Better Visibility

Starting from Bihar assembly polls, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will, for the first time, have colour photographs of the candidates along with their serial number displayed more prominently as the Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the guidelines for the design and printing of EVM ballot papers to enhance their clarity and readability. The guidelines under Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, have been revised accordingly. ECI officials said the move is in line with the 28 initiatives already taken by the Commission in the past six months to streamline and improve election processes and enhance convenience for **CONT:P4**



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# Musi Revival Will Spur Night Economy in Hyderabad: CM

Musi project to drive 24-hour economic activity in Hyderabad, Says CM Revanth reddy

**HYDERABAD**  
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said the Musi rejuvenation project would mark the beginning of a new phase for Hyderabad by creating a vibrant night economy and positioning the city on the global stage. Participating in Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam at Public Gardens, held to celebrate Hyderabad State’s merger with the Indian Union on September 17, 1948, the Chief Minister said his government’s vision was to transform Hyderabad into one of the most beautiful and pollution-free cities in the world. Stating that commercial activity in the city cur-



rently runs between 7 am and 10 pm, Revanth Reddy stressed that the Musi Riverfront would enable round-the-clock economic activity. This, he said, would drive growth in Telangana’s economy, create employment for youth, and encourage investment in the recreation, hospitality, and

tourism sectors. “The Musi will not just be a riverfront; it will become the epicentre of Hyderabad’s economic transformation,” he said. The Chief Minister announced that the Musi rejuvenation project would be closely linked to other major initiatives, including Bharat Future City,

the Regional Ring Road, Ring Rail, the bullet train corridor, Metro Rail expansion, and new radial roads. Together, these projects would redefine Hyderabad’s infrastructure and global competitiveness. Calling on villagers in the notified area of Bharat Future City to cooperate, Revanth Reddy dismissed farmers’ protests against land acquisition as politically motivated. He said awareness campaigns would be launched to involve farmers, civic groups, and local representatives in development efforts. He also hinted that compensation packages had already been extended and asserted that works on the new city project would begin soon.

Congress, BRS Suppressed Telangana Liberation Day Out of Fear of MIM: **Rajnath**



Telangana Liberation Day was celebrated in grand style at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, under the auspices of the Central Government. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh attended as the chief guest, paid tribute at the Martyrs’ Monument, unfurled the national flag, and received the salute of Central Forces. Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, BJP Telangana President N. Ramchandra Rao, MP Etala Rajender, and other senior leaders joined the event. Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath **CONT:P3**

# Operation Sindoor Brought Pakistan to Its Knees: Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday lauded the Indian armed forces for the success of Operation Sindoor, which he said “brought Pakistan to its knees within the blink of an eye.” Speaking at a public gathering in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh, on his 75th birthday, the Prime Minister referred to a recently surfaced video confession of a top Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) commander. In the video, the JeM leader admitted that Indian missile strikes on May 7 destroyed the group’s Bahawalpur headquarters, killing several members of terror chief Maulana Masood Azhar’s family. The commander, Masood Ilyas Kashmiri, broke down as he described the devastating blow, saying, “We embraced terrorism to protect Pakistan’s borders, but Azhar’s family was torn apart by Indian forces in Bahawalpur.” Addressing the crowd, Modi said: “Just yesterday, the nation and the world saw another Pakistani terrorist crying and revealing his ordeal. This



PM Modi Marks 75th With Global Greetings, Mega Launches

**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated his 75th birthday on Wednesday with wishes flowing in from across India and the globe. Leaders, dignitaries, celebrities, and citizens joined in expressing admiration for his leadership and vision, making the day both political and personal in significance. World leaders including US President Donald Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese conveyed greetings. Putin described India-Russia relations as “exceptionally trusting since the Soviet era,” while Netanyahu praised Modi as a “good friend.” **(CONTINUE: P4)**

is the new India — it does not fear nuclear threats, it enters homes and strikes back.” He accused Pakistani terrorists of “removing the sindoor of our sisters and daughters” and declared that Operation Sindoor was India’s answer to decades of terror. Operation Sindoor targeted nine JeM bases, including Markaz Subhan Allah, the outfit’s central

hub. According to intelligence inputs and JeM communications, at least ten members of Azhar’s family were killed in the strikes. The Prime Minister asserted that safeguarding India’s sovereignty and security remains the nation’s top priority, and praised the armed forces for their decisive action.

# Teenmar Mallanna Launches Telangana Rajyadhikara Party

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MLC Teenmar Mallanna on Tuesday announced the launch of a new political outfit, the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party, at an event held at Taj Krishna Hotel. Speaking on the occasion, Mallanna said he regards September 17 as a landmark day for the Backward Classes (BCs) and stated that the party was formed to provide a political platform for the BC community, which constitutes a majority in Telangana. Mallanna was suspended



from the Congress on March 1 for alleged anti-party activities, after he criticised and burned the caste survey report released by the state government in February. A well-known Telugu jour-

nalist since the early 2000s, Mallanna rose to prominence with his satirical takes on socio-political issues. He joined the Congress in November 2023, ahead of the Telangana Assembly elections.

# Trump Flags 23 Nations, Including India as Global Drug Hubs

**WASHINGTON**  
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Former US President Donald Trump has identified 23 nations, including China, Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan, as major drug transit or illicit drug-producing countries, warning that the manufacturing and trafficking of narcotics and precursor chemicals from these regions endanger the United States and its citizens. In a Presidential Determination submitted to Congress, Trump placed

these countries on the “Majors List” of drug transit and production nations. The list includes Afghanistan, The Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Burma, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. According to the White House, the designation highlights the role these nations play in sourcing and transporting narcotics



into the US. The State Department clarified that inclusion on the list does not necessarily indicate a lack of cooperation or enforcement but reflects

geographic, economic, and commercial factors that facilitate drug transit or production. Of the 23, five countries—Afghanistan, Bo-

livia, Burma, Colombia, and Venezuela—were cited for “failing demonstrably” to meet international counternarcotics commitments or to take adequate steps against drug trafficking. The US urged them to intensify their efforts. Trump sharply criticized China, labeling it the “world’s largest source” of precursor chemicals used in illicit fentanyl production. He accused Chinese suppliers of fueling global epidemics of synthetic **CONT:P4**

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TGSRTC invites applications for driver and shramik posts

The Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board on Wednesday, September 17, issued a notification inviting applications for the posts of drivers in shramiks in Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC). No of vacancies, pay scale There are a total of 1,000 vacancies for the driver's post with a pay scale of Rs 20,960 – 60,080. For the post of shramiks, there are 743 vacancies with a pay scale of Rs 16,550 – 45,030. Eligible candidates can apply online in the prescribed pro-forma, which will be made available on the official website from 8:00 am on October 8 till 5:00 pm on October 28. Detailed information regarding eligibility criteria, procedure for online application, distribution of vacancies, selection procedure and instructions to the candidates, etc., has been made available on the TGSRTC website.

KTR Hits Out at Revanth Reddy, Says Congress Should Trade ‘Hand’ for ‘Bulldozer’

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, accusing him of running the state with “dictatorial arrogance, corruption, and no vision.” Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Rama Rao said the state had descended into chaos, with youth, farmers, and ordinary citizens protesting for justice. Rama Rao criticized the Congress government for surviving on “media management” instead of governance, suggesting it should replace its ‘Hand’ symbol with a bulldozer. “This regime is not building anything; it is demolishing institutions, hopes, and people’s faith,” he



said, predicting that Telangana would soon deliver a verdict against the government. He highlighted delays in fee reimbursements, halted Aarogyasri hospital services, and ongoing protests by ASHA workers and ration dealers as evidence of mismanagement. On the Group-1 exam fiasco, Rama Rao said students were unable even to hold peaceful meetings, calling it “dictatorship in its purest form” and alleging jobs were sold for Rs. 3 crore each. Rama Rao also attacked the government over the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project, claiming the alignment was altered to protect the lands of Revanth Reddy and others, putting thousands of farmers at risk. He accused the Chief Minister of nepotism, pointing to contracts awarded to his relatives, and blamed him for the Hyderabad Metro Rail crisis, saying harassment of L&T officials had destroyed the state’s business climate.

Cantonment MLA Appeals to Defence Mini for GHMC Merger and Pending Funds

HYDERABAD WUT | Dp srinivas rao

Cantonment MLA Shri Ganesh on Wednesday submitted a memorandum to Union Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh during his Hyderabad visit, urging the merger of the Cantonment Board with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) for better governance and public convenience. Highlighting the administrative difficulties caused by the delay, Shri Ganesh requested that if the merger could not be finalized immediately, elections for the Cantonment Board



should at least be conducted without further postponement. The MLA emphasized that the absence of elections has stalled local administration, leaving residents’ issues unresolved and causing significant hardship. Alongside the merger appeal, Shri Ganesh sought support for the welfare of economically weaker sections residing in the Cantonment

constituency. He requested that lands occupied by poor families be regularized and converted to freehold ownership, fulfilling the long-cherished dream of homeownership for these residents. Additionally, the memorandum urged the central government to release ₹1,000 crore in pending Army charges owed to the Cantonment Board, which is facing financial constraints. Ensuring timely fund release, Shri Ganesh noted, would enable the Board to efficiently deliver civic services and address the administrative and public grievances in the Cantonment area.

BRS Exposes ₹1,100 Crore Grain Scam, Vows Recovery from Congress

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former MLA and senior BRS leader Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, who exposed the first grain scam before the Congress government took office, accused the party of massive corruption in civil supplies. He said the struggle will continue until Congress leaders return the money illegally taken. The BRS alleged that in 2022-



23, 35 lakh metric tons of grain purchased under global tenders

were used by state leaders in a ₹1,100 crore scam, with illegal proceeds reportedly sent to Delhi before parliamentary elections. Despite repeated Assembly warnings by BRS leaders, including KTR and Harish Rao, the Congress failed to deny allegations. BRS filed Public Interest Litigation No. 34/24 in the High Court with 755 pages of evidence. The government has delayed responding 18 times over 20

months. While the cabinet partially confiscated EMDs of defaulting tender agencies, BRS termed it insufficient and vowed to recover every rupee misappropriated, holding CM Revanth Reddy, Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and officials accountable. The party also demanded strict action against all officers involved and urged central agencies like ED, CBI, and Vigilance to probe the scam thoroughly.

National Flag Hoisted to Mark Hyderabad’s Merger with India



HYDERABAD WUT | Dp srinivas rao

On the occasion of Hyderabad State’s merger with India through Operation Polo, the Cantonment Sports Association organized a national flag hoisting and floral tribute program today at the Bowenpally Playground. Jampana Pratap, former Vice Chairman of the Cantonment Board, attended as the chief guest. Participants garlanded the statue of Telangana Talli to mark the day. Speaking at the event, Jampana Pratap recalled

how, under the then-Congress government, Home Minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel launched Operation Polo against the Nizam’s rule. Following the military action, the Nizam officially announced Hyderabad’s accession to India, thus ending princely rule and integrating the state into the Indian Union. Prominent attendees included Prabhukumar Goud, Saibaba Yadav, Bandi Srinivas, Yadagiri, Karan Singh, Raju, Satyanarayana, Suresh, and Vara Prasad, among others.



on the occasion of Hyderabad Liberation Day, Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, along with G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal and Mines, attended the celebrations at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad. The event saw participation from Goli Madhusudan Reddy, Devara Srinivas Kurma, Annu Yadav, and Nirajan Reddy. The programme highlighted the significance of the day and brought together leaders and dignitaries to honor Hyderabad’s historical liberation.

Harish Rao Inaugurates Free Heart Surgery Program

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Former Minister Harish Rao participated as the chief guest in the “Gift a Life” program, which provided free heart surgeries for 196 children at the Sathya Sai Sanjeevini Child Heart Care Center in Kondapaka, Siddipet district. Expressing his admiration for the hospital, Harish Rao said, “Life is short, but this hospital is forever. Seeing the joy in the eyes of children and their parents is beyond words. Here, patients receive not only medical care but also love and blessings.” He praised the hospital staff for treating every patient as their own child, offering treatment, meals, and travel support free of cost, which he said greatly eases the families’ burdens.



Highlighting the significance of the hospital, Rao added that in his two decades of public service, few initiatives bring as much satisfaction as this one.

“The joy I saw in farmers’ eyes during Kaleshwaram water projects is comparable to the happiness of children recovering from heart surgery today,” he remarked. He acknowledged the efforts of the Sathya Sai Trust in establishing hospitals that provide child heart surgeries across India and thanked them for setting up a facility in Siddipet to support pregnant women and children. “People come here from various states, often without knowing the local language, yet they receive respectful and high-quality care,” he noted. Rao also mentioned that only

10 percent of the 2.6 lakh children in India suffering from heart problems receive treatment, emphasizing the need for early detection and timely intervention. He welcomed the Trust’s plans to expand the operation theater, establish a training center, and provide employment opportunities for the local youth. Concluding, he expressed gratitude to the doctors and staff, saying, “The dedication of the medical team has saved countless young lives. We should draw inspiration from this service and ensure more children benefit from such programs.”

Kaleshwaram Secures Telangana’s Water, Opposition Misleads Public: BRS

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The Kaleshwaram project ensures that Telangana will not face water scarcity, even during severe droughts. Despite claims by Congress leaders that the collapse of two pillars out of 85 could endanger the project, experts say the concerns are exaggerated. The total cost of Kaleshwaram stands at ₹93,769 crore. Medigadda Barrage, including land acquisition, cost ₹4,000 crore, of which only ₹1,500 crore was spent on cement construction. Recently, two pillars in the seventh block collapsed; restoring them is estimated at ₹300 crore. L&T, the company that built the barrage, has committed to rebuilding them at its own expense, raising questions about where public funds were actually wasted. Critics of the current government highlight that Revanth Reddy’s administration spent ₹3 crore on a commission that yielded no tangible results. When Akbaruddin Owaisi asked about Medigadda repairs in the Assembly, the government did not respond. Similarly, questions on how Godavari water will reach Hyderabad if Kaleshwaram fails were left unanswered.



Kaleshwaram stands as a testament to Chief Minister KCR’s vision. Unlike Polavaram, which started decades ago and is still incomplete, Kaleshwaram’s foundation stone was laid in 2016 and completed in just six years. The project diverts Godavari waters, flowing at 80–100 meters above sea level near Medigadda, to Hyderabad, located at 535 meters above sea level, through 15 chain-link reservoirs, 19 substations, 21 pump houses, hundreds of kilometers of tunnels, and thousands of kilometers of drainage canals. With the Kondapochamma Sagar tank supplying Hyderabad, the city is secure from drinking water shortages for the next 50 years. Revanth Reddy is inaugurating projects delivered by the BRS government, while Rakesh Reddy’s efforts to clarify misconceptions and counter misinformation about Kaleshwaram have been widely appreciated.

BRS congress both parties indulging in vote Bank politics: Kondapalli

HYDERABAD WUT | Prashanth reddy

BJP state senior leader and former Kisan morcha State unit president Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy accused the Congress and BRS of using the Telangana Liberation Day as a day of merger, not liberation, for vote bank politics. Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy, who paid tribute to Shoaibullah Khan, a first-generation journalist who was killed by the goons of the Rajakars led by Kasim Razvi for writing editorials in Imroj newspaper in Subledu village of Tirumalayapalem mandal for the liberation of the Hyderabad state, and unfurled the national flag along with BJP colleagues, said that if the country got independence on August 15, 1947, then the nationalists and patriots of this



region would have fought for another 13 months for the liberation of the Hyderabad state, then and now, Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy accused the Congress of trying to hide the struggle that the nationalists and patriots of this region had waged for the liberation of the Hyderabad state. He expressed his concern that the freedom fighters who fought against the Nizam’s rule were being spoken in a way that insulted them by saying that this was not liberation but merger. He demanded that the stories

of the heroes who fought for the liberation of the Hyderabad princely state for 13 months should be taught as lessons in history books. Later, Kondapalli Sridhar Reddy, who participated in the blood donation camp organized by the BJP to celebrate the 75th birthday of Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and donated blood along with his fellow leaders, spoke to the media and said that Narendra Modi is constantly working to bring India to a state of supreme glory.



# BJP Restored Telangana Liberation Day to Its True Place in History: Rajnath Singh

*“It was Sardar Patel’s courage that freed Hyderabad from the Nizam and Razakars. But Congress and BRS hid this truth for decades out of fear of MIM, Says Rajnath Singh*

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Speaking on the occasion, Rajnath Singh recalled the events of September 17, 1948, when the Indian Army, under the leadership of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, launched “Operation Polo” to end the Nizam’s rule and crush the Razakar militia. He said the army’s advance from Vijayawada, Nag-



pur, and Bombay liberated Hyderabad, ending 13 months of atrocities and granting true freedom to the people of Telangana. The Defence Minister strongly criticized Congress and BRS, accusing them of “suppressing this history out of fear of the MIM” and denying generations of students the truth about Telangana’s liberation. “It is a shame,” Singh said, “that this day of independence has been hidden from textbooks, colleges, and official

programs, even though states like Karnataka and Maharashtra mark Hyderabad Mukti Diwas officially.” He alleged that political parties compromised with history for vote-bank politics, while the BJP government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi took the bold step three years ago to commemorate Telangana Liberation Day officially. He also recalled that Union Home Minister Amit Shah first organized the event on behalf of the Centre, ensuring rec-



ognition for Telangana martyrs. Rajnath Singh noted that while the country celebrated independence on August 15, 1947, the Nizam resisted merger with India, sought support from Pakistan, and unleashed the Razakars, who committed atrocities including massacres, loot, and assaults on women. He said this dark history must never be forgotten.

Pledging BJP’s commitment, Singh assured that in the coming years, Hyderabad Liberation Day will be celebrated as a state festival across every village and government institution in Telangana. “The sacrifices of our martyrs will not be erased,” he declared, promising that future generations will always remember the struggle for freedom.

# Telangana Praja Palana Day Celebrated in Sanathnagar

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | Dp srinivas rao

Telangana Praja Palana Day was celebrated in Sanathnagar constituency on Wednesday, organized by Dr. Kota Neelima, PCC Vice President and Sanathnagar Congress In-charge, at Jabbar Complex, Bansilalpet Division. As part of the program, Dr. Neelima unfurled the National Flag, paid ceremonial respects, and offered floral tributes to the statues of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and Babu Jagjivan Ram.

In her address, Dr. Neelima said September 17 marks the historic day when Telangana came under people’s governance after Independence, following the sacrifices of many leaders. She welcomed the decision of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to commemorate the day officially as a State event, recognizing its



importance for the people of Telangana. Dr. Neelima emphasized that the freedom enjoyed today is the result of sacrifices made by great leaders, and their struggle should continue to inspire future generations. She urged the youth to draw inspiration from their legacy and actively contribute to Telangana’s progress and development. The event witnessed the participation of Congress leaders, party workers, women, and youth from Sanathnagar constituency.

# MLA Kausar Springs into Action, Clears Waterlogging at Tolichowki

**HYDERABAD**  
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Tolichowki Junction witnessed quick relief as heavy rain caused sudden waterlogging, disrupting traffic flow. MLA Karwan Kausar Mohiuddin, local corporators, GHMC AE uday, and HYDRAA workers immediately rushed to the site to address the issue. The prompt intervention helped clear the water stagnation without delay,



restoring smooth passage for commuters and easing public inconvenience. Authorities praised the coordinated effort for minimizing disruption during peak hours.



# Telangana BJP Marks PM Modi’s 75th Birthday with Special Program

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The Telangana BJP state office in Nampally hosted a special program to celebrate Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 75th birthday. A key highlight was the release of a trilingual booklet authored by Dr. Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao, former Chairman of the Telangana State Backward Classes Commission. Published in Telugu, Hindi, and English, the booklet details Modi’s political journey, economic reforms, rural development initiatives, global leadership, and commitment to social



justice. State BJP President N. Ramchander Rao released the booklet, praising Modi’s transformative governance. He highlighted landmark initiatives such as GST, Swachh Bharat, Digital India, Make in India, and Atma Nirbhar

Bharat, noting their positive impact on millions. Rao emphasized Modi’s focus on empowering backward classes and promoting inclusive growth, calling his life and work inspirational for the nation. Dr. Krishna Mohan Rao said the booklet aims to

share Modi’s vision, philosophy, and governance model with a wider audience. He described the Prime Minister as a visionary, reformer, and yogi, whose decisions reflect dedication to national progress and social justice. The program was attended by senior BJP leaders, including OBC Morcha State President Anand Goud, Chinta Sambhamurthy, and other prominent party members. The event celebrated Modi’s birthday and his enduring contributions to India’s development and inclusive governance.

# Telangana Day of Rebellion” Mala Mahanadu Leader’s Stark Critique

**HYDERABAD**  
WUT | Dp srinivas rao

Dr. Pabbathi Srikrishna, National President of Mala Mahanadu, declared the day a “Telangana Day of Rebellion,” condemning long-standing social and economic injustice against marginalized castes and communities across the state. In a sharp address, Dr. Pabbathi said that the oppressed communities—primarily Adivasis, SCs and BCs—have received little real benefit from the Telangana armed peasant movement or subsequent land reforms. He argued that upper-caste groups have continued to monopolize land, business



and power, while Dalit and tribal communities remain deprived of education, healthcare, secure housing and land rights. Dr. Pabbathi warned that token representation—where some members of marginalized castes are elevated to visible posts in mainstream parties—has not translated into genuine welfare or empower-

ment. Instead, he said, many are used as vote machines or accept symbolic posts in exchange for patronage, leaving structural inequalities intact. He also criticised the entry and role of outside political forces, saying parties with no historical connection to Telangana are exploiting regional sentiment and furthering injustice. Dr. Pabbathi urged sustained political and social struggle to secure land, reservation rights, ration benefits and meaningful development for the annihilated communities, insisting the movement’s gains must be made substantive rather than ceremonial.

# Aarogyasri services suspended in Telangana over arrears of Rs 1.4K cr

Aarogyasri services in the empanelled private hospitals under Telangana Aarogyasri Network Hospitals Association (TANHA) have been suspended since midnight of Tuesday, September 16, due to pending reimbursements amounting to Rs 1,400 crore. Meanwhile, Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust CEO Uday Kumar on Tuesday appealed to all the empanelled hospitals to continue their services, which serve as the backbone of health security for over 99 lakh BPL (Below Poverty Line) families in the state. According to reports, members of 323 empanelled hospitals under TANHA met on Sunday and decided to withhold their services after failed deliberations with the government over reimbursement to the hospitals. Speaking to the media, TANHA president Dr Vaddiraju Rakesh stated that according to protocol, funds must be released every 40 days, but currently, the reimbursements are being delayed by 400 days or more. TANHA’s primary demand includes the clearance of pending dues, a consistent and predictable payment schedule and revised package rates to keep up with the rising cost of medical services. They have also requested the establishment of a formal grievance redressal mechanism and a revision of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

# Smriti Diwas and Maha Bhoj Organized on Pitru Paksha Ekadashi

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Kumbh Mela Agrawal Bandhu and Ashok Foundation on Monday observed Pitru Paksha Ekadashi as Smriti Diwas in memory of late Shri Ashok Kumar Agrawal, founder of the Hindu Protection Committee and revered as the son of Goddess Annapurna. A grand Maha Bhoj was organized at the foundation’s Bhandara Chowk workplace under the chairmanship of Pankaj Kumar Agrawal. The day began with the



worship of Goddess Bhagwati, followed by floral tributes offered by Surendra Narnoli, Rohit Agrawal, Rajkamal, Anoop Agrawal, Pankaj Kumar Agrawal, Sudip Raj, and Srinivas, who remembered the contributions of Shri Ashok Kumar Agrawal toward social unity and protection of

Dharma. His compassion and service for Vanvasi (tribal) brothers were highlighted as unforgettable. After the rituals, a community feast (Maha Bhoj) was held, where large numbers of locals participated with religious fervor, chanting praises and receiving prasad.

# MP Etela Distributes Wheelchairs on PM Modi’s Birthday

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Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender participated in a wheelchair distribution program for the elderly and differently-abled at Bowenpally, organized to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 75th birthday. The program aimed to provide mobility support to those in need and promote social inclusion for the disabled. Addressing the gathering, Etela Rajender emphasized the need to improve facilities for mentally disabled children. He called for research to understand the causes of mental disabilities and stressed that families affected by these challenges require support



and care. “I will always stand by these families and do everything possible to solve their problems,” he said, highlighting the role of the Central Government and Prime Minister Modi in providing assistance to ensure that the disabled can live with dignity. He also underlined the importance of early detec-

tion and preventive measures in the genome era to reduce the incidence of mental disabilities. “Permanent solutions should be found, and early intervention can prevent many problems,” he added. Praising Prime Minister Modi’s dedication, Etela Rajender noted that even at 75, Modi continues to

work tirelessly, thinking like a 25-year-old and maintaining his schedule without pause despite health challenges. He highlighted Modi’s achievements, including the expansion of Jan Dhan accounts and promotion of digital payments, even among marginalized groups. Expressing gratitude for being part of the program, Etela Rajender urged others to participate in similar social service initiatives. The event also saw the participation of Director Major Raj Kumar, DGM Sanjay Singh, Kolli Nageswara Rao, and other officials who assisted in distributing wheelchairs to beneficiaries.



## Carbon Tax to Hurt Steel Exports to EU: Official

**NEW DELHI**  
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Steel secretary Sandeep Poundrik on Wednesday said that the European Union’s (EU’s) Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM) will impact Indian exports to the region, and the industry has to take measures to address this concern. The CBAM is designed to impose a carbon price on imports from countries with lower environmental regulations, initially covering iron and steel, aluminium, cement, fertilisers, electricity and hydrogen. The secretary said that the Indian steel industry is still predominantly using the blast furnace (BF-BOF) route, where the pollution or emission is higher. “In fact, the new capacities which are being added are still in the BF-

BOF route. So, that’s an area of concern for the industry. There is capacity being added or existing in the electric blast furnace route, which is less carbon intensive. But, CBAM will impact Indian exports to Europe, and Indian industry will have to take measures to address that,” he said. The tariff is pegged to the carbon price in the EU emissions trading system (EU-ETS), which in 2026 is assumed at Rs 5,200 per tonne of CO2 equivalent, with a five per cent annual rise as free allowances in the EU are phased out. The limits of carbon emission, which are proposed in the CBAM, will definitely affect exports, the senior ministry official said in a session at ‘T Live Energy Transition Summit India’ in the national capital.

## Rahul Hydrogen Bomb Revelations Today



**NEW DELHI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

Days after Rahul Gandhi said he will soon come out with a “hydrogen bomb” of revelations about “vote chori”, the Congress announced that the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha will hold a press conference on Thursday. “Tomorrow September 17, Special Press Briefing by the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Shri Rahul Gandhi at 10 am at Indira Bhawan Auditorium,” Congress’ media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said on X. He, however, did not specify the issue Gandhi

would raise. Addressing the concluding event of his Voter Adhikar Yatra on September 1, Gandhi had said his party will soon come out with a “hydrogen bomb” of revelations about “vote chori” and after that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not be able to show his face to the country. Last month, Gandhi, citing data from the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, had claimed that over one lakh votes were “stolen” through manipulation in Mahadevapura assembly segment in Karnataka, and asserted that “vote chori” is an “atom bomb on our democracy”

## Indian Navy inks pact with deep-tech startup for indigenous underwater remotely operated vehicles

**CHENNAI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

A deep-tech startup based in Odisha has inked a Rs 66-crore contract with the Indian Navy to manufacture indigenously developed Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles. The start-up, Coratia Technologies, signed the agreement with the Indian Navy last week to supply two different underwater robots — Jalasimha and Jaladuta, and Navya (ASV) — enabling sonar-based mapping and real-time data analytics powered by AI and ML, serving a dual-use for defence and civil sectors. “This is not only a recognition of our capability to design and manufacture mission-critical underwater systems but also symbolises the Navy’s relentless efforts to

strengthen India’s research and innovation ecosystem through well-structured initiatives like the iDEX,” said Debendra Pradhan, co-founder & CEO, Coratia Technologies. The deep-tech robotics startup will supply and maintain its indigenously developed Underwater Remotely Operated Vehicles (UWROVs). The frugal design delivers advanced capabilities at significantly lower cost, marking India’s first cost-efficient underwater robotics breakthrough, a statement from Coratia Technologies said. “Induction of indigenous UWROVs not only reduces costs and reliance on foreign suppliers but also combats trade restrictions and tariff uncertainties. We’re here to unlock new possibilities for defence preparedness

# PM Modi Marks 75th With Global Greetings, Mega Launches

**NEW DELHI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated his 75th birthday on Wednesday with wishes flowing in from across India and the globe. Leaders, dignitaries, celebrities, and citizens joined in expressing admiration for his leadership and vision, making the day both political and personal in significance. World leaders including US President Donald Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese conveyed greetings. Putin described India-Russia relations as

“exceptionally trusting since the Soviet era,” while Netanyahu praised Modi as a “good friend.” Meloni lauded his strength and determination, and Albanese underlined India-Australia’s growing partnership. Greetings also came from Bhutan, Dominica, Guyana, and several other nations, highlighting India’s expanding diplomatic ties. In India, political leaders across party lines extended their wishes. Union Home Minister Amit Shah hailed Modi as a “symbol of sacrifice and dedication.” Congress leader Rahul Gandhi wished him health and happiness, while Chief Ministers, Governors, and senior leaders from Tamil



Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, and West Bengal also greeted him warmly. Former Prime Minister HD Devegowda sent a personal letter, and spiritual leaders including the Dalai Lama and Sadhguru praised Modi’s devotion and commitment, calling him an inspiration to

millions. Across the country, citizens and party workers marked the day with service activities, religious rituals, and welfare drives. Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar led a tree plantation at Delhi’s Bhalswa landfill, calling it part of the Seva Pakhwada.

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched over 20,000 women’s health camps to mark the occasion. In Varanasi, priests performed a dugdhabhishek of the Ganga, praying for the Prime Minister’s long life. Across states, BJP workers organized cultural events, sapling plantations, and health awareness drives. Modi spent his birthday in Madhya Pradesh, where he unveiled several major initiatives. He launched Swasth Nari Sashakt Parivar and the 8th Rashtriya Poshan Maah, the country’s largest women and child health outreach, under which more than 1 lakh camps will be held nationwide. He inaugu-

rated the PM Mitra Park in Dhar, a 2,150-acre textile and industrial hub expected to raise farmers’ incomes and generate jobs. Modi also launched Adi Seva Parv, focused on tribal welfare activities, and later participated in a grand roadshow with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. In his message, Modi expressed gratitude for the overwhelming wishes, pledging to continue working tirelessly for a Viksit Bharat. He reiterated India’s firm stance on security, saying the nation “fears no nuclear threats,” while also reaffirming India’s commitment to peace, especially in the context of the Ukraine conflict.

## India, EU To Ink Free Trade Deal By Dec

**NEW DELHI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

The European Union on Wednesday announced a new strategic agenda with India to “take bilateral ties to the next level” and ink a free trade agreement (FTA) by the end of the year. The announcement comes at a time when the US has been persuading the EU to impose steep tariffs on India for buying Russian oil. But the EU has instead decided to “invest in a common future with India”. A joint communication released by the EU identified “significant untapped potential in trade and investment, outlining strategies to strengthen commercial ties, particularly finalising the ongoing negotiations on an FTA, and proposes reinforcing supply chains.

The EU also looks to strengthen defence ties with India, with the two sides “launching negotiations for a security of information agreement to facilitate classified information exchange that will support closer security and defence cooperation”. On the security and defence ties, the EU said, “The joint communication takes forward the proposed EU-India security and defence partnership. This will enhance strategic consultations and joint initiatives, including on crisis management, maritime security, cyber defence and counterterrorism, and foster defence industrial cooperation, focusing on boosting production and technological capabilities, securing supply chains,

and driving innovation.” “Closer cooperation on the Indo-Pacific, addressing hybrid threats, space security, and intensifying engagement on Russia’s war against Ukraine, shadow fleets, and sanctions in other areas of focus,” the EU said. European Commission (EC) President Ursula von der Leyen said, “Now is the time to focus on reliable partners and double down on partnerships rooted in shared interests and guided by common values. With our new EU-India strategy, we are taking our relationship to the next level.” Advancing trade, investment and talent mobility. Strengthening our joint economic security. Advancing the clean transition and driving innovation together.

## EVMs Set to Get Better Visibility

**NEW DELHI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

Starting from Bihar assembly polls, the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) will, for the first time, have colour photographs of the candidates along with their serial number displayed more prominently as the Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the guidelines for the design and printing of EVM ballot papers to enhance their clarity and readability. The guidelines under Rule 49B of the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961, have been revised accordingly. ECI officials said the move is in line with the 28 initiatives already taken by the Commission in the past six months to streamline and improve

election processes and enhance convenience for voters. “Henceforth, photographs of candidates will be printed in colour on the EVM Ballot Paper. The candidate’s face will occupy three-fourths of the photo space for better visibility. Serial number, the name and photograph of the candidate shall be printed on the left-hand side and symbol on the right-hand side in the candidate panel. Serial numbers of candidates/NOTA will be printed in the international form of Indian numerals. The font size will be 30 and in bold for clarity. Photographs of the candidates shall be printed in colour (unless the candidate has provided only black and white photo-

graphs). The candidate’s face should occupy 3/4th of the space in the photograph,” the ECI guidelines said. The practice to use photographs on EVMs started 10 years ago with an aim to avoid confusion in constituencies where several candidates shared the same name or have similar sounding names. However, till now black and white photos were used. To ensure uniformity, the names of all candidates/NOTA will be printed in the same font type and font size large enough for easy readability. The EVM Ballot Papers will be printed on 70 GSM paper. For Assembly Elections, pink-coloured paper of specified RGB values shall be used.

# Trump Flags 23 Nations, Including China, India, Pakistan, as Global Drug Hubs

**NEW DELHI**  
*Wakeup telangana*

Former US President Donald Trump has identified 23 nations, including China, Afghanistan, India, and Pakistan, as major drug transit or illicit drug-producing countries, warning that the manufacturing and trafficking of narcotics and precursor chemicals from these regions endanger the United States and its citizens. In a Presidential Determination submitted to Congress, Trump placed these countries on the “Majors List” of drug transit and production nations. The list includes Afghanistan, The Bahamas, Belize, Bolivia, Burma, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, India, Jamaica, Laos, Mexico, Nicaragua,



Pakistan, Panama, Peru, and Venezuela. According to the White House, the designation highlights the role these nations play in sourcing and transporting narcotics into the US. The State Department clarified that inclusion on the list does not necessarily indicate a lack of cooperation or enforcement but reflects geographic, economic, and commercial factors

that facilitate drug transit or production. Of the 23, five countries—Afghanistan, Bolivia, Burma, Colombia, and Venezuela—were cited for “failing demonstrably” to meet international counternarcotics commitments or to take adequate steps against drug trafficking. The US urged them to intensify their efforts. Trump sharply criticized

China, labeling it the “world’s largest source” of precursor chemicals used in illicit fentanyl production. He accused Chinese suppliers of fueling global epidemics of synthetic drugs like methamphetamine and nitazenes, pressing Beijing to take stronger measures against traffickers. On Afghanistan, Trump noted that despite the Taliban’s announced ban on

narcotics, drug stockpiles and methamphetamine production continue, with revenues funding transnational crime and terrorism. He said Taliban members still profit from the trade, and the country remains on the list for failing to uphold drug control obligations. The administration also linked narcotics trafficking to broader national security threats, stressing that fentanyl and synthetic opioids have created a public health emergency in the US, now the leading cause of death among Americans aged 18 to 44. Trump’s determination underscored Washington’s concern that transnational organized crime networks are exploiting weak enforcement and chemical flows abroad to worsen America’s overdose crisis.





## EDITORIAL

# AMID GLOBAL FLUX, SELF-RELIANCE THE WAY FOR INDIA

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Trump-Putin Alaska meeting does not appear to have brought significant benefits to India. Although the meeting was held to resolve the Russia-Ukraine war issues, at a time when both the US and Russia are considered friendly nations by India, it is disappointing that there seems to be no indication of any change in the US tariff policies affecting India.

It appears the meeting was primarily aimed at securing economic advantages for Russia and the US in the coal and oil sectors, rather than resolving the Ukraine crisis. The ceasefire promise vanished from Trump's lips. When Russia insisted on a resolution, President Donald Trump predictably re-

verted to his usual habit of altering statements, which was diplomatically unsurprising to those familiar with his approach.

With Trump and Putin revealing such tactics in Alaska, it is hard not to wonder if Ukraine is being sacrificed as a pawn. The emerging cordial atmosphere between the US and Russia might be seen by Prime Minister Narendra Modi as a potential relief for the economic pressures on India. Since India has always considered Russia a trustworthy friend, there is nothing wrong with the Prime Minister thinking along those lines.

Reality of Alaska Summit However, the reality of the Alaska summit was quite different! While it may help restore US-Russia relations, it will clearly not improve ties with

India. Since Trump assumed the American presidency, efforts have been under way not only to enhance ties with Russia but also to boost Russia exports. Meanwhile, imports of Chinese oil from Russia are rising more than those from India — a fact no one can deny!

While the US troubles India with tariffs, it simultaneously strengthens relations with Russia and ignores China's assertive actions — making it obvious that Washington looks down on India. America's double standards are evident: Trump repeatedly claims responsibility for a ceasefire between India and Pakistan, yet hosts grand dinners with Pakistan's Army Chief, showing excessive friendliness and granting wide publicity to such events.

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**The Editor**

### HC Issues Warrants Against Rajanna Sircilla Collector In Land Acquisition Case

The Telangana High Court has issued warrants against the Rajanna Sircilla district collector for failing to comply with its earlier directions in a land acquisition dispute. Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar issued the warrants while hearing a petition filed by Velupula Yellaiah, whose house (No. 3-79) and land at Cheerlavancha village, Thangalapally mandal (erstwhile Sircilla mandal), Rajanna Sircilla district, were acquired in 2009. An award was passed in 2013 granting what was described as a meagre amount, allegedly without following due rules and procedure. The petitioner later filed an appeal.

B. Arjun Rao, counsel for the petitioner, submitted that the petitioner, now 88 years old, was entitled to compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, as the earlier award violated provisions of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894. On June 30, 2025, the court had directed the collector to pay ₹7.07 lakh to the petitioner. However, the order was not complied with.

On September 3, Justice Shravan Kumar again directed the district collector and other officials to comply within two weeks, warning that they would otherwise have to appear before the court on September 17. Despite this, the collector neither complied with the order nor appeared in court.

### HC Issues Warrants Against Rajanna Sircilla Collector Over Land Case

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Thursday issued bailable warrants against the Rajanna Sircilla district collector and the deputy collector of Land Acquisition for failing to comply with its earlier directions in a long-pending land acquisition dispute.

Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar, while hearing a petition filed by 88-year-old Velupula Yellaiah, took serious note of the officials' non-compliance with repeated court orders. The petitioner's house (No. 3-79) and land at Cheerlavancha village, Thangalapally mandal, were acquired in 2009. An award passed in 2013 allegedly granted a meagre sum without following

due process. Arguing on behalf of Yellaiah, counsel B. Arjun Rao submitted that the petitioner was entitled to compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, as the earlier award violated the provisions of the Land

Acquisition Act, 1894. Taking note of the plea, the High Court on June 30, 2025, directed the collector to pay ₹7.07 lakh in compensation. However, the order was not implemented. On a subsequent hearing, Justice Shravan Kumar reiterated the directive and warned that failure to comply within two weeks would compel

the officials to appear before the court on September 17.

Despite the clear warning, the officials neither complied with the compensation order nor appeared in court. This prompted the judge to issue bailable warrants against the district collector and deputy collector, signalling the court's stern approach towards bureaucratic apathy in land acquisition disputes.

The case underscores persistent issues in compensation settlements, especially for elderly landowners like Yellaiah, who has been battling for justice for over a decade. The court's action is expected to send a strong message to authorities on adherence to judicial orders.



# IPS Officer Warns Against Nano Banana AI Scam Risks

**HDYERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A senior IPS officer has cautioned citizens against falling prey to potential scams linked to the viral Google Gemini Nano Banana AI selfie and portrait trend. VC Sajjanar, known for his proactive cyber safety awareness campaigns, warned that a single click on malicious links or unauthorised apps could allow cybercriminals to access sensitive information, including

bank accounts. Sajjanar issued the warning on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), noting that while such online trends may appear fun and harmless, they carry serious risks if users share personal details on fake websites. He stressed that data once uploaded on unverified platforms is nearly impossible to retrieve, urging citizens to prioritise safety over temporary online fads. The officer's post highlighted a scam incident

where a victim was targeted after attempting to participate in the Nano Banana craze. His cautionary message was widely shared and tagged to top government bodies, including the Prime Minister's Office, the Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, to raise nationwide awareness.

The Nano Banana AI trend, which lets users create stylised portraits through the Google Gem-



ini app, has gone viral with celebrities and influencers joining in. However, cyber experts warn that fraudsters are using lookalike apps and websites to trick users into sharing photos and personal information.

**Safety Tips to Avoid Nano Banana Scams**

- Use only the official Google Gemini app (pre-installed on most Android devices and available on the App Store for iPhones). No third-party apps can generate authen-

tic Nano Banana images.

- Avoid sharing AI-generated selfies widely on social media, as they may still expose private details.
- Limit sharing to trusted friends and family, preventing misuse by scammers.

Sajjanar reiterated that while internet trends fade quickly, personal data exposed online remains vulnerable. Citizens, he said, must remain vigilant against evolving digital fraud tactics.



# Teja Sajja Becomes A Bankable Star As Mirai Soars To One Billion

MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

The socio-fantasy thriller Mirai has emerged as a big winner at the box office, raking in over ₹48 crore plus share worldwide in just five days. In the Telugu states alone, the film collected ₹30 crore share (actual producer's take after deductions), closing in on the breakeven point against its ₹37 crore business. The film's overseas run has been equally impressive, with a whopping



₹9.5 crore share in the US market and still counting. Globally, Mirai has notched up ₹86 crore gross collections, setting a record for medium-budget films. In other territories, the film collected over ₹2.5 crore in Karnataka and touched ₹5.5 crore in

Hindi markets within the first five days. Riding high on the success, the makers are already planning a sequel with the same team—hero Teja Sajja and director Karthick Ghattamani. The Ram-centric socio-fantasy has struck gold in Telugu states and overseas, though it underperformed in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, making it a selective pan-India success. With this, Teja Sajja has cemented his position as a bankable young star after back-to-back hits HanuMan and Mirai. The actor is now set to collaborate with Prashant Varma for Zombi Reddy 2, produced by People Media Factory, who bounced back with this success after facing flops like Mr. Bachchan and Eagle. Industry analysts note that Teja Sajja now joins the league of promising young Tollywood stars like Vijay Deverakonda, Siddhu Jonnalagadda, and Naveen Polishetty—actors who can carry films on their shoulders and deliver box office results.

# Bollywood and Film Icons Wish PM Modi on His 75th Birthday



MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi turned 75 on Tuesday, and leading figures from the film industry took to social media to extend their greetings. Bollywood superstar Salman Khan and veteran actor Dharmendra were among the first to share their wishes, with many other celebrities across Indian cinema following suit. Salman Khan kept his message brief, posting on X (formerly Twitter): “Wishing our Hon. Prime Minister Narendrabhai Modi a very happy birthday ... @narendramodi.” Veteran actor Dharmendra, meanwhile, shared a heartfelt video recalling his personal bond with the Prime Minister. He revealed that Modi had personally called him when

he was recently unwell, offering words of encouragement that gave him strength. In the video, Dharmendra praised Modi as “one of India’s great sons, who has nurtured and uplifted the nation.” He also saluted the Prime Minister’s mother, saying she gave birth to a remarkable son who transformed the face of the country. On the special occasion, several leading actresses from Bollywood and beyond also joined the long list of well-wishers. Among them were Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor, Kajol, Karishma Kapoor, Shilpa Shetty, Divya Dutta, Ameesha Patel, and Saira Banu, all of whom shared warm messages celebrating the Prime Minister’s leadership and vision. “Since your arrival, the

face of our country has transformed in so many ways—it brings immense happiness,” Dharmendra added, noting that he felt a deep affection for the Prime Minister. He concluded by stating that Modi’s personal call during his illness made him feel cared for and motivated. Beyond Bollywood, film legends such as Shah Rukh Khan, Aamir Khan, Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, and Akkineni Nagarjuna also extended greetings, reflecting the admiration across industries. The wave of celebratory wishes from celebrities highlighted not only Modi’s milestone 75th birthday, but also the personal respect and affection that several actors and actresses openly expressed for him.

# Saiyaara Releases on OTT: Where to Watch

MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

After a record-breaking theatrical run, Saiyaara, the romantic musical drama starring Ahaan Panday and Anheet Padda, premiered on Netflix on September 12, 2025. Available in Hindi with English subtitles across 190+ countries, the film quickly became the platform’s top non-English global title, logging millions of viewing hours in its first week. Directed by Mohit Suri and produced by Yash Raj Films, Saiyaara narrates the love story of Krish, a passionate musician, and Vaani, a writer-songwriter diagnosed with early-onset Alzheimer’s disease. Blending haunting music with raw emo-



tions, the film struck a chord with audiences worldwide. Following its theatre release, the film grossed ₹329 crore net in India and ₹570 crore globally, earning widespread acclaim for



its performances, direction, and emotional intensity. Its music, particularly the title track, became a global sensation, breaking into the Billboard Hot 200 top 10.

Commenting on the streaming release, director Mohit Suri said he was thrilled that Krish and Vaani’s story would now reach new audiences across the globe. Netflix India’s Vice-President Content, Monika Shergill, echoed the sentiment, calling Saiyaara “a cultural phenomenon” that delivers “unforgettable music and a deeply touching story of love, loss, and destiny.” With its critical success, commercial triumph, and global musical footprint, Saiyaara has cemented itself as one of the most moving love stories in recent Indian cinema. Its Netflix debut now offers audiences a second chance to experience the heartbreak, melodies, and universal message of love.

# BUSSINESS

## L&T Finance Rolls Out Festive Two-Wheeler Loan Schemes with No-Cost EMI & More

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF), one of India’s leading Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs), has launched a special festive portfolio of two-wheeler finance schemes to make ownership easier and affordable. The offers, valid till November 30, 2025, include No Cost EMI, Prompt Payment Rebate, and the EMI Lite Festive Scheme (Buy in 2025, Pay in 2026). The No Cost EMI scheme allows customers to purchase without paying interest, with only a nominal documentation charge. The Prompt Pay-

ment Rebate rewards borrowers who choose a 36-month tenure by waiving their final EMI after timely payment of 35 installments through central clearance. The EMI Lite Festive scheme enables customers to pay only the interest component in the first two months, deferring principal repayment to 2026, easing festive season expenses. Highlighting the launch, Mr. Jinesh Shah, Chief Executive – Urban Secured Assets & Third-Party Products at LTF, said, “With over 75 lakh customers and a network of 10,000+ sourcing points, we are confident these tailored offerings will help customers real-

ize their aspirations. With lower GST and rising demand, we anticipate strong uptake across dealer outlets.” Beyond festive offers, LTF continues to provide competitive interest rates, instant loan approval within 5 minutes, and a fully digital process with zero physical documentation. Strengthening visibility, the company also unveiled its new TVC – ‘Just Zoom Two-wheeler Loans’ with brand ambassador Jasprit Bumrah, carrying the tagline ‘Bumrah Ki Speed Par’. An integrated marketing campaign will follow across 13 key markets.

## MakeMyTrip Partners with Zomato to Deliver Food on Trains from 40,000+ Restaurants

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

MakeMyTrip, India’s leading online travel company, has partnered with Zomato to offer train passengers the convenience of ordering food directly to their seats. Travelers booking tickets on the MakeMyTrip app can now choose meals from 40,000+ restaurant partners listed on Zomato, available at 130+ railway stations across India. The service comes at a time when demand for on-

train meals is surging. In FY 2024–25, more than 90,000 passengers used catering daily, reflecting a 66% year-on-year growth. MakeMyTrip plans to leverage this demand through its ‘Food on Train’ marketplace, powered by its Live Train Status tool, which prompts travelers to place orders at convenient times. The soft launch has received encouraging feedback, with passengers showing preference for travel-friendly meals. To

build awareness, MakeMyTrip will roll out targeted campaigns in the coming months. As a Diwali special, passengers booking train tickets on MakeMyTrip will also receive a complimentary food coupon redeemable via Zomato. Raj Rishi Singh, Chief Business Officer & CMO, MakeMyTrip, said the initiative reflects the company’s focus on customer-centric innovations: “With the Food on Train Marketplace, we are enhancing the travel experience by offering greater choice and convenience. This partnership strategically unlocks one of the fastest-growing opportunities in India’s mobility ecosystem.”

Rahul Gupta, VP - Product, Zomato, added: “This collaboration allows passengers to enjoy meals from their favorite restaurants delivered seamlessly to their seats, making journeys more enjoyable.” Zomato, an authorized IRCTC partner, has already fulfilled 4.6 million+ orders across stations. Passengers can pre-book meals up to 7 days in advance using their PNR details, with multiple cuisines and pricing options available.

## Hyundai announces Rs 31k per month salary hike over 3 years for employees

MUMBAI  
Wakeup telangana

Hyundai Motor India on Wednesday said it has decided to hike monthly employee compensation by Rs 31,000 effective from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027. The company and United Union of Hyundai

Employees (UUHE), the recognised union, have announced the successful conclusion and signing of a mutually beneficial wage settlement agreement for the period 2024–2027, the automaker said in a regulatory filing. The long-term wage settlement for mostly techni-

cian/workmen cadre will be effective from April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027, it added. “The package includes an industry-best salary increase of Rs 31,000 per month, structured over a three-year period in the ratio of 55 per cent, 25 per cent, and 20 per cent,” Hyundai Motor India said.

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Samsung today announced a limited-period festive offer on its latest Galaxy A06 5G smartphone, starting at just INR 9,899. As part of the deal, consumers can also own the device at an affordable EMI of INR 909 per month, while availing a Samsung 25W travel adapter worth INR 1,399 at just INR 299. The festive promotion

makes Galaxy A06 5G Samsung’s most affordable Galaxy A series 5G smartphone, aimed at enabling millions of consumers to upgrade from feature phones or 4G devices. Supporting 12 5G bands with carrier aggregation, the smartphone ensures full network compatibility across all telecom operators, offering faster speeds and a seamless 5G experience. Powered by the Media-

Tek D6300 processor, Galaxy A06 5G delivers smooth performance for multitasking, gaming, and streaming. With RAM Plus technology, users can enjoy up to 12GB of RAM for enhanced efficiency. The device is backed by a 5000mAh battery with 25W fast charging, ensuring long-lasting usage. In terms of cameras, Galaxy A06 5G comes equipped with a 50MP main rear camera and a

2MP depth camera, while the 8MP front camera supports high-quality selfies and video calls. A large 6.7-inch HD+ display enhances the viewing experience, packed in a sleek and stylish design. Samsung has committed to 4 generations of OS upgrades and 4 years of security updates, setting a benchmark for reliability in the segment. With an IP54 rating, the device offers dust and splash resistance.

Additional features include Voice Focus, a Make for India innovation that ensures clear calls in noisy environments, and Samsung Knox Vault security, delivering defense-grade protection for user data. This festive offer reflects Samsung’s mission to bridge the digital divide by bringing powerful 5G technology to more consumers at an accessible price.



# Neeraj Chopra Qualifies for World Javelin Final with First Throw of 84.85m

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Defending champion Neeraj Chopra stormed into the men's javelin throw final of the World Championships in style after clearing the automatic qualification mark of 84.50m in his very first throw here on Wednesday. The 27-year-old two time Olympic-medallist sent his spear to 84.85m in his first throw in the Group A of the qualification round. In fact, Chopra was the first thrower and he packed up after making it to the final. Those who touch the automatic qualifying mark of 84.50m or the best 12 finishers will make the final round to be held on Thursday.

Chopra has been clubbed with German star Julian Weber, who also qualified with a throw of 87.21m, Keshorn Walcott, Jakub Vadlejch and Sachin



Yadav in the 19-man Group A qualification round on Wednesday. The 18-strong Group B will feature Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem, Anderson Peters, Julius Yego, Luiz Da Silva, Rohit Yadav, Yashvir Singh, and rising Sri Lankan Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage among others.

In the last edition in Budapest, Chopra had thrown 88.17m to win the gold, while Nadeem (87.82m) and Vadlejch (86.67m) had pocketed silver and bronze respectively. Chopra will aim to become the third male javelin thrower in

history to defend the World Championships gold. Czech legend Jan Zelezny (1993, 1995), who is now Chopra's coach, and Peters (2019, 2022) are the other two who have won the world championships crown on two consecutive occasions. Chopra is set to face Nadeem for the first time after the 2024 Paris Olympics, giving him a chance to avenge his second-place finish in the French capital. Nadeem had won gold in Paris with a monster throw of 92.97m while Chopra had a best of 89.45m that night.

# Somnath Mandal Crowned Winner of Starface of Telangana 2025

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Rising talent Somnath Mandal has been crowned Winner of Starface of Telangana 2025, a national-level modeling and talent competition founded by Prakhar Sharma and organized by Modelling Icon.

The grand finale in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, featured some of the country's most promising young contestants. The event was judged by Rohit Khandelwal, Mr. India winner and Miss India mentor, who evaluated participants across multiple rounds including introduction, talent, traditional



and western ramp walks, a Q&A

round, and the final announcement.

Somnath excelled in every round, showcasing poise, confidence, and stage presence that won the admiration of both the judges and the audience. Reflecting on his win, Somnath described the competition as a transformative experience: "It was a great experience and a truly wonderful show. I am glad to be the winner of Starface of India 2025. The four days of intense training in Indore have finally been worth it. As an IT employee, it was very difficult to manage time and everything, but I followed my passion, entered

into modeling, and now I'm proud to say I have won the title."

What makes his achievement notable is his journey as a full-time IT professional who successfully balanced a demanding career while pursuing modeling. His success demonstrates that passion and dedication can open new doors even outside one's primary profession.

Winning the Starface of Telangana 2025 title positions Somnath for broader opportunities in the fashion industry, giving him national exposure and a platform for growth. His accomplishment is seen as an inspiration for aspiring models across India.

# Shivam Patare stars as Haryana Steelers beat Patna Pirates 43–32

**JAIPUR**  
Wakeup telangana

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opening quarter. Shivam looked unstoppable early on, striking with successive successful raids to leave the Pirates on the back foot.

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start, suddenly began to crack under relentless pressure. The momentum had clearly shifted by the midway mark.

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From trailing by seven, the Pirates clawed their way back to reduce the deficit to just three

points at halftime, with the score reading 21–18 in favour of the Steelers. The Steelers still held the edge, but the Pirates sent a clear message that they were not down and out heading into the second half of this rivalry week clash. The second half began with the Pirates throwing everything they had at the Steelers. Ayan and Sudhakar M tried to wrest control with some quick raids, while Navdeep and Ankit held the defense steady. The Steelers, however, absorbed the pressure calmly, with Jaideep and Rahul standing tall at the back to deny the Pirates an easy point.

# Taneira Launches Festive Collection 'Miara' with Exclusive Offers Across Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Taneira, the women's ethnic wear brand from the House of Tata, has unveiled its new festive collection Miara: Crafted by Hand, Rooted in Purity. The collection features handcrafted sarees that combine traditional weaving techniques with contemporary design sensibilities.

As part of the festive launch, the brand rolled out its campaign "The Gift of Pure Love", positioning the saree as a timeless expression of love and purity. The campaign underlines that gifting a saree is akin to honoring relationships with something as rare and enduring as love itself.

To elevate the shopping ex-



Somprabh Kumar Singh, Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Taneira, along with Ajay Kumar, Business Manager – Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, Taneira, at the launch of the brand's festive collection "Miara", held on Wednesday at the Taneira Sarees store in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad.

perience, Taneira announced limited-period festive offers, valid until October 20, 2025. Customers will receive a ₹1,000 voucher for every

₹10,000 spent, redeemable on their next purchase. Additionally, those making purchases worth ₹50,000 or more will be gifted a 0.2 g Tanishq gold coin. The

brand has also introduced the Golden Cocoon purchase plan, allowing patrons to gradually fulfill their dream of owning a handcrafted saree.

Speaking at the launch, Somprabh Singh, CSMO of Taneira, said that Miara reflects both imagination and heritage through versatile drapes. He expressed optimism for high double-digit growth this festive season, driven by strong consumer sentiment.

The Miara collection starts at ₹6,499 and is now available at Taneira showrooms across Hyderabad, including Jubilee Hills, Banjara Hills, Kukatpally, Punjagutta, Kompally, and Le Meridien Gachibowli, Serilingampally, Ranga Reddy.

# NSN Karate League Poster Unveiled; National Level Tournament in Hyderabad on Nov 1–2

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The poster of the prestigious NSN Karate League 2025 – Season 1 was unveiled in Hyderabad, announcing the national-level championship scheduled to be held on November 1 and 2 at Kotla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy Indoor Stadium.

The unveiling ceremony featured NSN Brand Ambassador and social worker K. Siddu Reddy, actor and NSN Visionary Advisor Indrasena, Indian National Karate Team Coach & Joint Secretary Keerthan, and league organizers Master P. Nani, Master Sripal Reddy, and Master Naresh.



Approved by the Karate India Organization (KIO) and supported by the Telangana State Karate-Do Association (TSKDA), the tournament will provide a national platform for young karatekas. The KIO is affiliated with the World Karate Federation (WKF) and the Asian Karate Federation (AKF), both recognized by the International Olympic Com-

mittee (IOC). The league also partners with ISKU, further strengthening its global connections.

Speaking at the unveiling, Siddu Reddy said NSN stands for Next Stars of the Nation and expressed pride in serving as Brand Ambassador. He encouraged parents and students to embrace Karate as a valuable sport and skill, emphasizing

that tournaments like this should be organized more frequently to nurture future talent.

Actor Indrasena, who brings over 25 years of martial arts experience, described the league as an opportunity for athletes to showcase talent, discipline, and sportsmanship on a national stage.

Coach Keerthan highlighted that winners of the league would qualify for national, international, Asian, and Commonwealth-level competitions, stressing the encouragement this initiative provides to India's youth. Registrations for the tournament are open at nsnkarateleague@gmail.com or 7702777331.

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# Varun Chakravarthy Becomes No.1 T20I Bowler in ICC Rankings

**NEW DELHI**  
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Mystery spinner Varun Chakravarthy on Wednesday rose to the top of the ICC T20 Bowlers' Rankings for the first time in his career, becoming only the third Indian to achieve this feat. The 34-year-old emulated fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah and leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi by moving up three spots following spells of 1/4 against the UAE and 1/24 in against Pakistan. Chakravarthy, whose previous best was second place in February 2025, displaced New Zealand's Jacob Duffy, who had held the top position since March.

"India spinner Varun Chakravarthy has been



rewarded for his consistent form in 2025 by becoming the No.1 ranked bowler on the latest ICC Men's T20I Player Rankings," the ICC said in a statement. Left-arm spinner Kuldeep Yadav has made a significant leap, jumping 16 places to 23rd, while spin all-

rounder Axar Patel has moved up one place to 12th. Bumrah has also improved his position, rising four spots to 40th.

In the all-rounders' rankings, Hardik Pandya continues to hold the top spot, while Abhishek Sharma has climbed four places to 14th. Abhishek has also consolidated his position at the top of the T20 batting rankings. His explosive innings of 30 off 16 balls against the UAE and 31 off 13 against Pakistan have helped him achieve a career-high 884 rating points. His opening partner Shubman Gill has moved up four places to 39th. However, Tilak Varma and captain Suryakumar Yadav have slipped in the rankings.

# Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Atmakuru Wins State-Level Sports Aerobics & Fitness Championship 2025

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Atmakuru clinched the 1st Place Team Championship Trophy at the 1st State-Level Sports Aerobics & Fitness Championship 2025, organized by the Sports Aerobics & Fitness Association of Telangana at Modern Function Hall, Lakdikapul Road, Khairatabad.

Over 200 children from across Telangana participated in the inaugural championship, showcasing their skills and fitness levels. Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Atmakuru emerged champions with 254 points, followed by St. Theresa's High School, ECIL in second place with 192 points, and Springfield High School, Hyderabad in third place with 150 points.



The championship trophy was presented to the winning team by M.G. Dhatri, General Secretary, All India Sports Aerobic & Fitness Association, along with Mohammad Ismail Shariff, President, and Raaja Singh, General Secretary, Sports Aerobic & Fitness Association of Telangana.

Coaches G. Brahma Nanda Prasad, Hanuma Naik, R. Baba, Samba Shiva, Vijaypal Reddy, Ravi, Shekar, Subbaraidu, Mustafa, Laxmikanth (Bablu), Aakashay Singh, and Suresh Patil were

present during the prize distribution ceremony and were acknowledged for their efforts in guiding the students to success.

Organizers highlighted that the event not only promoted fitness and discipline among children but also provided them with a competitive platform to showcase their talent in sports aerobics. The association aims to conduct such championships regularly to encourage physical fitness and prepare students for future state and national-level events.



HYDRAA outsourcing employees protest over salary issues in Hyderabad

Outsourcing employees of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (Hydraa) held a protest at Hydraa’s head office, Budha Bhavan, on Wednesday over salary issues.

This is the second instance of outsourcing employees staging a protest. The first protest occurred when marshals working for Hydraa boycotted duties and staged a stir on August 11, stating their salaries were cut.

According to a release, the Hydraa clarified the salaries of outsourced employees were not being reduced, despite a temporary delay in receiving matching grants from GHMC. Hydraa had raised this issue with the government which proposed the entire difference be covered by a matching grant from GHMC, according to an official statement.

Although Hydraa attempted to pay the full salaries using this matching fund, a delay occurred as the GHMC indicated that the grant would be released following the standing committee’s approval. To avoid delays in employees’ salaries, Hydraa paid the salaries immediately and the difference amount would be adjusted soon, said the statement.



Residents Praise MLA Kausar Mohiuddinfor Local Development

Residents of Salarjung Colony in Nanal Nagar Division, Karwan Constituency, expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the efforts of AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin and the Nanal Nagar Corporator in addressing local development needs.

During a meeting with the GHMC Horticulture Manager held at the Meraj Colony Office, key issues concerning community infrastructure and greenery were discussed, highlighting the MLA’s commitment to improving the quality of life for residents.

The community specifically acknowledged the successful completion of vital projects, including the construction and repair of VDCC roads and the enhancement of the local sewerage system. Residents praised the leaders for their prompt response to grievances and proactive involvement in ensuring smooth implementation of development initiatives.

Special recognition was also given to the dedicated efforts of AIMIM party workers, whose consistent support and participation have played a crucial role in advancing welfare and progress in the locality.



Hyderabad District Election Officer inspects EVM godown

Hyderabad District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan on Wednesday inspected the main Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) godown at Chudi Bazaar.

During his inspection, the District Election Officer reviewed the storage conditions of the materials, verified the stock registers, and assessed the overall security and maintenance of the godown. He also checked the functioning of the CCTV surveillance system and security arrangements on the premises.

The District Election Officer instructed the staff to strictly adhere to the security protocols established by the Election Commission of India to ensure foolproof safety at the godown.

Telangana teachers association urges formation of committee for staff transfers

The Telangana Social Welfare Residential Teachers and Employees Association on Wednesday urged the State government to constitute a committee for the Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society for taking up temporary staff transfer/deputation under GO 190 as was being done in other departments.

In a statement, association president Ch Bala Raju and general secretary N Dayakar wanted the deputation/transfer process be carried out transparently under the supervision of the committee. “We insist that the entire process be subject to the committee’s approval,” they said.

The association urged society teachers and employees not to fall prey to false promises or be misled by the middlemen regarding their transfer/deputation. It expressed gratitude to the government for issuing G0 190 and providing relief to staff affected by the GO 317, which displaced employees from their native places.

Welfare with Development, No Compromise: CM Revanth

Says, No Compromise on Krishna, Godavari Waters

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday reiterated that his government was determined to balance welfare and development despite financial challenges, while addressing the Praja Palana Dinotsavam at Public Gardens, held to mark Hyderabad State’s merger with the Indian Union in 1948. Beginning and ending his speech with “Jai Telangana,” he drew a parallel between September 17, 1948, and December 7, 2023, calling both milestones in Telangana’s democratic jour-

ney. He accused the previous BRS regime of authoritarianism and declared that the Congress government had restored democracy in the spirit of the armed struggle.

On water resources, he assured that Telangana would not compromise on its rightful share, revealing a legal strategy to secure 904 TMC ft of Krishna waters and pledging to dedicate the Srisaigram Left Bank Canal to the people by December 2027. Revanth highlighted welfare initiatives rolled out in the past 18 months: waiver of ₹20,616 crore in farm loans benefiting 25.35 lakh farmers, ₹9,000 crore deposited

under Rythu Bharosa within nine days, free power to 29 lakh farm motors at a subsidy cost of ₹16,691 crore, and a network of 7,178 procurement centres purchasing every grain of paddy with a ₹500 bonus on fine rice. Telangana produced 2.9 crore tonnes of paddy last year and is on track to cross 2.8 crore tonnes this year, he added.

The Chief Minister also emphasized social welfare and women’s empowerment, citing the Indiramma Illu housing scheme with ₹22,500 crore sanctioned for 3,500 houses per constituency and Telangana’s distinction as the only state to

provide free fine rice to 3.1 crore people. <

He praised the Indira Mahila Shakti initiative, which enabled women’s groups to profitably manage fuel stations and marts, with plans to expand such models. On education and jobs, he announced model schools, sports and skill universities, and filling of 60,000 government posts in 20 months. Revanth vowed to make Hyderabad drug-free, citing global recognition for Telangana Police. Concluding, he said governance rests on freedom, equality, and justice, with the goal that “every poor person must smile.”



Telangana Jagruthi Marks Hyderabad Merger Day

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Jagriti President K. Kavitha Rao on Tuesday unveiled the national flag at the Telangana Jagriti office to mark Telangana Merger Day. As part of the commemorations, the armed peasant struggle warriors of Telangana honored veteran leader M.K. Moinuddin with great respect for his lifelong contributions. The solemn gathering served as a reminder of the sacrifices made by countless fighters who

took part in the struggle for justice, equality, and dignity.

Kavitha Rao emphasized that Telangana Merger Day is not merely a historical observance but a living tribute to the ideals of courage and resistance. She urged the younger generation to carry forward the legacy of unity and social justice while drawing inspiration from the sacrifices of the past. The event concluded with cultural tributes that celebrated Telangana’s identity, resilience, and democratic values.



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BRS Marks National Integration Day

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National Integration Day was celebrated at Telangana Bhavan on September 17 under the aegis of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Party working president K.T. Rama Rao, along with senior leaders, hoisted the national flag. Addressing the occasion, KTR said September 17 marked the day when the people of Telangana stepped from monarchy into a democratic system. “Some called it liberation, others merger, but thousands of people



fought against monarchy and sacrificed their lives. On behalf of our party, we bow to all those fighters and martyrs,” he said. He recalled the armed peasant struggle, the 1969

movement, and the Telangana statehood agitation under K. Chandrashekar Rao, calling Telangana “a land of sacrifices and struggles.” KTR criticised the state government, alle-

ging dictatorial tendencies.

“When Group-1 students voiced their concerns, they were met with repression. Farmers are suffering for want of urea, while the government speaks of the Olympics,” he said. He asserted that the BRS, under KCR’s leadership, would continue to fight for a welfare and development-oriented Telangana, free from authoritarianism. “Let us celebrate this day as Unity Day, and resolve to fight once again as a tribute to the sacrifices of Telangana’s martyrs,” he added.

Govt to carry out an overhaul of education sector: CM

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday announced plans for a comprehensive overhaul of the state’s education sector to ensure students receive quality education and acquire employable skills. Speaking to retired bureaucrats, academics, and experts, he emphasized the need for a new education policy to serve as a guiding framework for the state and potentially the nation.

Highlighting the skills gap, the Chief Minister expressed concern that although lakhs of engineering graduates emerge from colleges annually in Telangana, fewer than 10 percent secure jobs. “Lack of requisite skills is the reason,” he noted, stress-



ing the importance of transforming education to help students seize opportunities across sectors.

Revanth Reddy outlined several initiatives already underway. The state government recently conducted teacher recruitment drives and implemented transfers and promotions. ITIs have

been upgraded into Advanced Technology Centres, and a Young India Skills University has been established to promote vocational training and skill development.

Reflecting on past welfare measures, he observed that earlier governments distributed land and funds to allevi-

ate poverty, but such resources are now limited. “Except education, there is no weapon for poverty alleviation,” he said, underlining education’s central role in social development.

The Chief Minister further announced that education would feature prominently in the government’s upcoming ‘Telangana Rising 2047’ vision document. He encouraged educationists to form sub-committees aligned with their interests and provide inputs to help draft a forward-looking framework.

“Transforming education is key not just to employability but to the overall development of Telangana,” Revanth Reddy said, calling on all stakeholders to contribute ideas and collaborate in shaping a skilled, capable workforce for the future.

Focus on Welfare & Development: Minister Ponnam

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

On the occasion of Public Administration Day and Telangana Liberation Day on September 17, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar paid homage to the martyrs of the Telangana armed struggle, especially those who sacrificed their lives in Bairanpally on August 27, 1948. “All the people fought for Telangana’s achievement. We must recognize their sacrifices,” he said.

Minister Prabhakar highlighted the government’s achievements since its formation on December 7, 2023, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Within 48 hours, free RTC bus travel for women was initiated, crossing ₹200 crore in free journeys. The Arogya Sri health coverage was in-



creased from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, 200 units of free electricity are being provided, and long-pending ration cards have been issued.

He emphasized women empowerment through zero-interest schemes aimed at making one crore women millionaires. Farmers have

received ₹9,000 crore in assurances and ₹23,000 crore in loan waivers within nine days, along with ₹500 bonuses for small farmers. Housing projects have been expedited, with 3,500 Indiramma houses sanctioned per constituency.

Prabhakar also spoke about

administrative reforms, including the appointment of Bahugram officers, cleansing of revenue records with Bhu Bharati, and the completion of pending martyrs’ monuments. He reaffirmed support for Telangana’s culture by honoring poets and artists and promoting the Telangana anthem as the state anthem.

On education, he stressed strengthening government schools to achieve 100% literacy, noting that both he and other senior officials studied in government institutions. He called on every government employee to plant saplings and ensure development programs reach citizens at the micro level. “Public administration exists for the welfare of the people,” he said, “so that everyone can live happily in the achieved Telangana.”

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