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Brief Insights

Announcing the Bihar Assembly poll schedule on October 6, the EC stated that elections will be held in 121 of the 243 constituencies on November 6, with the remaining 122 seats going to polls on November 11. Counting of votes is scheduled for November 14. The Supreme Court's call for detailed data highlights the judiciary's focus on ensuring transparency and accountability in the electoral process, particularly in the wake of extensive voter revisions in Bihar.

Telangana Govt Confident of 42% OBC Reservation

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Tuesday held a crucial meeting at his residence to discuss the Backwards Classes (BC) reservation issue, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said. The meeting was attended by Deputy Chief Minister



Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, State Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Vakit Srikari, and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

The meeting focused on discussing the strategy and arguments to be presented in the High Court tomorrow, where the BC Reservation case will be heard. Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka informed that the Supreme Court had dismissed the petition filed by Gopal Reddy opposing the state government's decision to enhance the OBC quota to 42% in local bodies. Vikramarka said that the Telangana government advocates presented all the facts in the Supreme Court, following which Gopal Reddy's petition was dismissed.

"In the Supreme Court, our senior advocates

brought all things to the court's notice, and the court dismissed the case in favour of the state of Telangana," Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka told ANI. Meanwhile, Telangana Backwards Class Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said that the Telangana government took the decision to enhance the 42% OBC quota after a careful survey and mentioned that they have the support of all the political parties. "We appeared in the Supreme Court today. We hope there will be a positive outcome in our case... The Telangana government took this decision after a careful survey, and support of all political parties is there," Prabhakar said. Earlier today, Prabhakar stated that the decision was taken after a survey, following which cabinet approval was sought. A bill was drafted after it was tabled in the assembly. He stated that the bill was

made into an Act by the government, after which it was sent to the governor, and subsequently to President Droupadi Murmu. He said that the matter has been pending with the president for five months. "After the survey, we obtained cabinet approval, then tabled it in the House, and then drafted a bill. We made it into an Act and sent it to the Governor. The Governor sent it to the President. It's been four or five months now... All of this is pending with the Governor or the President. We have conducted a caste survey. All political parties passed it unanimously in the Assembly," he said. The Telangana Minister mentioned that as the matter is pending with the President, a case was filed against the OBC reservation in the High Court, whose hearing was postponed to October 8.

Dalit MLAs meet TPCC president over Ponnam's comments

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The controversy triggered by BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's alleged comments on his colleague, SC Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, is yet to subside, with MLAs from the Dalit community taking a serious view of the issue. MLAs Kavvampally



Satyanarayana, Vemula Veeresham, Mandula Samuel, and Kale Ya-

daiah held a meeting with TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud at

the MLA Quarters here on Tuesday and raised strong objections to the BC Welfare Minister's remarks. The MLAs are learnt to have said that Prabhakar's comments were uncalled for and condemned his behaviour. The SC Welfare Minister had earlier demanded that the BC Welfare Minister apologise, failing which he should take responsibility for the consequences.

Party sources said the TPCC president informed the MLAs that he had already spoken to both Ministers. "The issue has already been settled. I will hold another meeting with both Ministers tomorrow to set things right," Goud assured the MLAs.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Targeted Urgent Investigation and Arrest Demanded

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Allegations have emerged that Supreme Court Chief Justice Justice R.B. Gavai was directly threatened in a serious incident involving Supreme Court advocate Rakesh Kishore. Citizens and legal observers are demanding immediate investigation and arrest of the accused. The matter involves attempted assault, intimidation, and related legal violations that require urgent attention in the public and national interest. According to reports, the incident occurred in Kajuraho, Madhya Pradesh, following the desecration of a deity's idol at a local temple. The accused advocate allegedly attempted to assault Justice Gavai, issued threats in the courtroom, and made statements that invoked caste and religious

sensitivities. These actions have prompted calls for criminal cases, including SC/ST atrocity violations, attempt to murder, and sedition, to be registered and prosecuted promptly. Given the seriousness of the attack on a sitting Chief Justice, the act is being viewed as a direct affront to the Constitution of India and the dignity of the judiciary. Authorities, including the state government and the Supreme Court Bar Council, are urged to take immediate steps to secure the victim, collect evidence, and ensure a thorough and independent investigation. The public demand is clear: swift justice must be delivered, responsible parties must be held accountable, and legal safeguards must be reinforced to protect the integrity of the highest judicial office.

BRS leader Manne Krishank booked in 26th case ahead of local body polls

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BRS social media convener Manne Krishank has alleged political vendetta after the Congress government filed yet another police complaint against him, which is the 26th since the party came to power.

The complaint, lodged at Borabanda Police Station, accuses Krishank of posting provocative comments on social media after the government hastily allocated 2,500 sq.yards of land for a Muslim cemetery in Alkapuri Colony of Jubilee Hills, just 48 hours before the election code was to be announced. However, the land was later taken over by the Defence authorities, claiming own-



ership. In his post on X earlier, Krishank accused Congress leader Faheem Qureshi of orchestrating the land allocations, to cover up his land encroachment in the area. In response to the complaint by the Congress leaders on Tuesday, he said not on him, but a case should be booked against Congress leaders for cheating Muslims of Jubilee Hills. He questioned whether the move was a political

drama to woo Muslim voters in Jubilee Hills. He suspected that the police had acted in a biased manner by reviving old and dismissed cases from the Telangana movement period to brand him a "habitual offender" as part of a larger conspiracy to open a suspect rowdy sheet against him and intimidate opposition voices. "The Congress government is misusing the police machinery to silence criticism," he said.

Residents Protest Govt Move to Allot Graveyard Land in Jubilee Hills

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They argued that the Waqf Board had denied ownership and that the land had never been classified as a graveyard prior to 1950. Hanumantha Naidu, one protestor, said, "Only three or four graves existed from 1938. The government has no right to use this as justification for the allotment." Many women living in apartments such as Brigade Citadel and Kalpatharu voiced anger, citing disruption to their community. "We bought homes worth crores and now have to see dead bodies here? This land was a peaceful spot where peacocks roamed," said one resident.

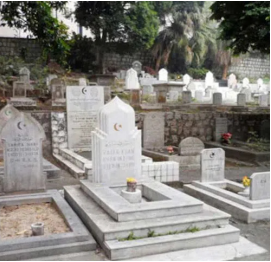
The demand for a Muslim graveyard in Jubilee Hills emerged following the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath. Authorities initially planned 2,500 square yards at Rehmat Nagar, but litigation forced them to shift the allotment to Erragadda the previous day, triggering the protests.

NGO President Slams Congress Government over Jubilee Hills Graveyard Issue

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The Hyderabad Youth Courage, a city-based Non Government Organisation, President Mohd Salman, on Tuesday came down heavily on the Congress Government for cheating Minorities by assuring a Graveyard.

Mohd Salman said that the Congress Leaders tried to con the Muslims of Jubilee Hills Constituency by allocating "disputed 2500 square yards of Land" at Alkapur Shaikpet. "The Army Authorities reached the spot the next day and stopped the works. Again, the local Congress Functionaries damaged a Boundary Wall at Erragadda and claimed the



Land Parcel will serve as a Burial Ground. Now, local Non Muslims are protesting over it," he said. Salman said the Congress Party cheated the Muslims twice in two days over Graveyard Land. "In the dead of night, the Graveyards and Religious Structures were damaged in Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Constituency Kodangal. Muslims should understand the Congress Party and their assurances," he said.

Kishan Assures Full Cotton Procurement In Telangana

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Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy has assured cotton farmers in Telangana that the Centre will procure every kilogram of cotton they produce, guaranteeing a smooth and transparent procurement process this season. Reddy said he had personally requested Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience during procurement operations. Highlighting last year's performance, he said the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) had procured nearly 80 per cent of Telangana's total cotton output, reinforcing the Centre's commitment to safeguarding cultivators



even amid declining global prices. He emphasised that all payments will be credited directly to farmers' bank accounts to eliminate middlemen and ensure transparency. To streamline operations, a new mobile app has been launched to allot time slots for farmers to bring their produce to ginning mills, reducing congestion and waiting time. Kishan Reddy urged the Telangana government to educate farmers on reducing moisture content in cotton and suggested using MGNREGA funds to build drying platforms to improve quality and prevent rejections.

He pointed out that high-density cotton planting could potentially triple farmers' income and questioned the state's delay in adopting improved seed varieties recommended by the Centre. "Farmers should maintain moisture levels below 12 per cent. Produce with slightly higher moisture should not be rejected outright but handled with guidance," he said. Reddy said the Centre had allocated sufficient funds, technology and infrastructure for operations across 122 procurement centres. "Modern moisture-measuring machines have been installed to ensure fair assessment," he said, appealing to farmers not to sell their produce to private traders at lower prices.

Cantonment Leader Promises Upgrades in Balamrai Slum

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Balamrai's Ambedkar Nagar slum is set to receive significant infrastructure improvements as Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap announced plans to construct a new Anganwadi school, community hall, and modern toilets. The announcement came during his visit to the area, where residents highlighted the poor condition of existing facilities. The key projects include a new Anganwadi school building designed to provide a safe and conducive learning environment for children, a community hall to serve as a hub for social and cultural activities, and modern toilets to replace the current dilapidated structures. Residents had specifically requested the demolition of the old



school and toilets, emphasizing the urgent need for better amenities. Jampana Pratap assured the community that their demands would be addressed promptly and construction would begin soon. Several local leaders accompanied the former board vice president during the visit, including Rajesh Yadav, Jamil, Dal Raju, Annanagar Murali, and Chanti. They engaged with residents to understand their concerns and offer support for the upcoming development initiatives.

The proposed infrastructure upgrades are expected to enhance the quality of life for Ambedkar Nagar residents by providing better educational facilities for children, improved sanitation, and a venue for community gatherings. The move has been widely welcomed by the slum dwellers, who have long struggled with inadequate facilities. With construction plans underway, the project promises to bring much-needed relief and opportunities for the community.

BRS Demand Immediate Action on Hyderabad RRR Project

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Hyderabad MLAs Uppal Laxma Reddy, Sangareddy Chinta Prabhakar, former Disabled Corporation Chairman Vasudeva Reddy, and former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy held a media conference to highlight delays in the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road (RRR) project and urge the central and state governments to act immediately. The leaders accused

both the BJP-led central government and the Congress-led state government of deceiving the people over eight years, with the RRR project yet to commence. They criticized eight BJP and eight Congress MPs for failing to press Prime Minister Modi for approvals and condemned the R&B Minister for repeatedly promising progress that never materialized. They said the Northern Part of the RRR, proposed by KCR in 2015



to boost economic zones around Hyderabad, faced unnecessary delays. Although in-principle approval was granted in 2017 and the DPR sent in 2018, the central government stalled alignment approval and land acquisition, initially

demanding a Rs 2,000 crore deposit. Approval for land acquisition only came in September 2022. Within a year, the state government conducted detailed surveys, issued draft notifications for 80% of the land, and deposited Rs 100 crore. Yet the Con-

gress government reportedly spent nothing over two years, leaving farmers uncompensated despite claims of 98% land acquisition. Tenders for the northern stretch, announced on December 27, 2024, have been postponed three times, with work still not started. The leaders demanded explanations for delays despite R&B Minister promises that construction would begin in February 2025 and finish within two years. Regarding the Southern

Part of the RRR, they said the alignment approved by the KCR government remains pending at the center for over two years. They accused the current state government of altering the alignment to favor real estate interests and demanded construction proceed as per the original plan. The leaders emphasized that central and state authorities must coordinate immediately to ensure the RRR project is implemented without further delays.

KTR demands immediate formation of welfare board for auto drivers

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao on Tuesday called on the Congress government to immediately establish a welfare board for autorickshaw drivers in Telangana, accusing the State administration of betraying its promises. He pointed out that before the elections, the Congress party had assured several welfare schemes for auto drivers, including annual assistance of Rs 12,000 and in-

surance coverage, but “even after so many months, not a single driver has received any support.” Rama Rao cited Andhra Pradesh as an example of effective governance, where auto drivers are already receiving these benefits. “Why is Telangana lagging behind?” he asked, urging the State government to act without further delay. He also revealed that each driver in Telangana is now owed Rs 24,000 in pending welfare payments, highlighting the

severity of the financial neglect. The demand came during Rama Rao’s visit to Nampally Satish, an auto driver from Adavipadira village, who attempted suicide due to extreme financial distress. Satish, currently undergoing treatment at Ashwini Hospital in Yellareddypet, had consumed poison after failing to support his family. Rama Rao consoled the family and personally extended Rs 25,000 in financial assistance. “No family should



face such desperation due to government apathy,” he said. Condemning the State government’s silence despite being provided with details of over 93 auto drivers who had lost their lives due to economic hardship, Rama Rao questioned, “Is the death of 93 drivers not enough for

them to act? How many more lives must be lost before they take responsibility?” He further criticised the Congress government for discontinuing the accident insurance scheme introduced during the previous BRS administration, which has left nearly 8 to 8.5 lakh drivers without any insurance coverage. Rama Rao also slammed the State government for borrowing over Rs 2.3 lakh crore but failing to implement any major welfare

schemes, construct new roads, or launch new development projects. He accused the administration of ignoring the six major guarantees promised to the people, describing it as a betrayal of public trust. He warned that the lack of timely support is pushing many drivers into debt traps, forcing them into extreme distress and, in some cases, life-threatening situations. Assuring auto drivers that the BRS would continue to stand by them, Rama Rao

urged auto unions and drivers across the State to unite and collectively demand that the Congress government fulfil its promises. He emphasised that the party would continue to highlight the plight of drivers and hold the government accountable for its inaction. Rama Rao further announced that the BRS would organise awareness campaigns across districts to inform drivers of their rights and the promised welfare schemes.

Telangana High Court extends protection from arrest to KCR, Harish

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Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice GM Mohiuddin of the Telangana High Court on Tuesday extended the interim protection earlier granted to former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao, former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao, former Chief Secretary SK Joshi, and senior IAS officer Smita Sabharwal in the writ petitions challenging the Justice PC Ghose Commission report on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The Court expressed displeasure over the delay in filing counter-

affidavits by the State, noting that ample time had already been granted, and fixed October 7 for completing the pleadings. The Advocate General, appearing for the State, sought two more weeks to file the counters. While allowing the request, the bench cautioned that the pleadings must be completed on the next date of hearing and granted the petitioners two weeks thereafter to file their replies, if necessary. The interim protection earlier granted to the petitioners will continue till the next date of hearing on November 12.

Central Tribal University Logo Released

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Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday released the logo of the Sammakka-Saralamma Central Tribal University, recently established in Mulugu district. The university, named after the revered tribal goddesses Sammakka and Saralamma. The logo was unveiled at the minister’s residence in New Delhi in the presence of Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Y.L. Srinivas and officer on special duty (OSD) Vamshi. The design carries deep symbolism drawn from tribal culture. The yellow background represents



sanctity and vitality, especially associated with women. At the base are Gadde—platforms symbolising Sammakka and Saralamma—signifying assurance of protection for students and staff. The red sun at the centre mirrors the kumkum mark on

Sammakka’s forehead, symbolising divine blessing and spiritual strength. A peacock feather, representing the beauty and vibrancy of Adivasi life, features prominently in the design, while horned crowns framing the logo stand for courage and the

rich cultural heritage of tribal communities. Together, these elements are meant to inspire students toward growth, self-confidence and achievement. Minister Pradhan also unveiled the university’s motto, which blends three tribal languages with Sanskrit. The words Dam (Koya) mean “education,” Janan (Banjara) means “wisdom,” and Su Daran (Gond) means “development.” The Sanskrit phrase Jnanam Paramam Dhyeyam translates to “Knowledge is the supreme goal.” “The aim is to empower students with knowledge and wisdom through education that leads to holistic development,” Pradhan said.

M. Sukesh Yadav Wins Gold at SGFI Boxing



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M. Sukesh Yadav from Begumpet clinched the gold medal in the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) by representing Narayana Junior College, Medchal-Malkajgiri District in the 48–50 kg

weight category. The young boxer impressed with his skill and discipline, training at ABC Boxing Club, Khairatabad, under coach Santosh Kumar. Sukesh’s achievement highlights his dedication and the growing talent in Hyderabad’s boxing community.

Ponguleti Briefs Kharge on Indiramma Housing Progress

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Revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Tuesday met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru and briefed him on the progress of the Indiramma Housing Scheme being implemented across Telangana. The minister said that of the 4.5 lakh houses sanctioned for this year, construction of about 3.5 lakh houses is progressing at various stages under the scheme. Kharge, who is recuperating in Bengaluru, enquired about the implementation process, payment mechanisms, beneficiary selection, and the per-unit cost of houses under the Indiramma Housing Scheme.



Srinivas Reddy said that Telangana was the only state where the government has allocated Rs.5 lakh for each house, enabling beneficiaries to construct dwellings of not less than 400 sq. ft. He said that while other states depend largely on Central funds, Telangana has gone a step further by enhancing financial assistance to ensure better housing standards for the poor. The minister said that due to the lack of housing initiatives over the past decade, demand

for Indiramma houses has risen sharply. In the first phase, the government aims to construct 4.5 lakh houses across all Assembly constituencies, allocating 3,500 houses per constituency at an estimated cost of ₹22,500 crore. Beneficiary selection has been completed, and over two lakh houses are already under various stages of construction. Srinivas Reddy said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy personally participated in the housewarming ceremonies of

several completed Indiramma houses last month. He added that payments to beneficiaries are being made directly into their bank accounts every Monday based on the progress of construction. The selection process is being carried out transparently, solely based on economic criteria, without any political bias. The minister said that Chenchu tribal families living in forest areas have been sanctioned houses for the first-time ever. To ensure transparency and quick redressal, a dedicated call centre has been established to resolve complaints within 24 hours. Appreciating the detailed presentation, Kharge lauded the Telangana government for the effective.

Owaisi Calls for Muslim Unity in Bihar

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AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi urged Bihar’s Muslims to unite politically, saying no government can succeed without their participation as they form nearly 19 per cent of the population. He appealed to youth, who make up 60 per cent of Bihar’s voters, to vote wisely and shape their future. Addressing a meeting at Chakand High School ground in Bela, Gaya, Owaisi called for independent Muslim leadership ahead of the Bihar elections. He accused



mainstream parties of sidelining Muslim concerns and said AIMIM had sought an alliance with Congress and RJD, proposing six seats to jointly confront the BJP, but the offer was rejected. He asked voters in the Bela and Gaya district to stand united and use their collective strength for meaningful

change. His appeal drew strong support from the local crowd. Earlier in Madhubani, Owaisi launched a sharp attack on RJD leader Tejaswi Yadav, accusing him of indirectly helping the BJP. “BJP will win because Tejaswi’s voters are sitting on Modi’s lap and drinking tea,” he said, blaming “Yadav’s arrogance and internal party weaknesses” for political failures. He warned that Bihar’s people would not forgive such behaviour and added that Chief Minister Nitish Kumar seemed reluctant to contest for power again.

14 Indian Rollers Rescued During Dasara



Wildlife rescuers from Nehru Zoological Park (NZP) and the police rescued eight Indian rollers (Palapitta) during the Dasara festival. Four birds died despite treatment, while the remaining four were released in the zoo’s garden. Zoo officials said the rescued birds were extremely weak when brought in, and several could not recover despite medical care. The Greater Hyderabad Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (GHSPCA) rescued six more Indian rollers, of which one died. The remaining five were released in the Narsapur forest on Monday. GHSPCA coordinator Soudharm Bhandari said wild birds must be released in their natural habitat. Veterinarian Dr Vishva Chaitany said the survival of rescued birds depends on health, timing, and handling. “Prolonged confinement in cages severely weakens wild birds,” he added. Transparency in public institutions must move beyond compliance to become a culture, Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) chairman Prof. V. Balakista Reddy said during an online awareness session held on Tuesday as part of RTI Week 2025.

Dalit groups protest against BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

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Dalit organisations across the erstwhile Karimnagar district expressed strong anger against BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar for his alleged objectionable comments against his Cabinet colleague and SC, ST and Minorities Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar. Members of various Dalit groups held protest demonstrations and burnt effigies of the Minister at several places. Activists of the SC, ST Welfare Association staged a



dharna at Mancheril Chowk on Tuesday, raising slogans against Prabhakar. Addressing the gathering, protesters criticised the BC Welfare Minister for making derogatory remarks against a Dalit leader and demanded an unconditional apology. They warned that Prabhakar would be

obstructed from attending public programmes if he failed to apologise. Dalit activists also burnt Prabhakar’s effigy in Dharmapuri and reiterated their demand for an apology, warning that the agitation would be intensified if he failed to respond. Meanwhile, MRPS district president Bejjanki Anil warned that they would attack Prabhakar’s residence on Thursday if he did not apologise within 24 hours. He said protests would also be organised in Prabhakar’s Husnabad constituency.

Karwan MLA Meets Officials on Local Development

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Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin on Tuesday held a crucial review meeting with Hyderabad District Collector, GHMC Commissioner, and Zonal Commissioner to discuss key developmental projects in the Karwan Assembly Constituency. The meeting focused on accelerating ongoing and proposed works under the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) and the construction of box-type stormwater drains, aimed at resolving persistent drainage and flooding issues affect-



ing several localities. MLA Kausar Mohiuddin also highlighted critical infrastructure concerns in the constituency, urging officials to prioritize the development and maintenance of the Golconda Area Hospital and the

Government School. He emphasized the need for improved public amenities to ensure better services and facilities for residents. Responding to the concerns, the officials assured full cooperation and committed to exped-

iting all necessary actions to complete the ongoing works in a timely manner. They underlined their focus on enhancing civic infrastructure, improving drainage systems, and upgrading essential public facilities across Karwan. The meeting concluded with a firm commitment from the administration to address the long-standing issues and implement the proposed developmental projects efficiently, ensuring the welfare and convenience of the local population in Karwan Assembly Constituency.

India, Brazil discuss roadmap to take bilateral trade to \$20 billion in 5 years

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The seventh meeting of the India-Brazil Trade Monitoring Mechanism (TMM) was held on Tuesday here, which underscores the commitment between India and Brazil to foster economic growth.

Rajesh Agrawal, Commerce Secretary, and Tati-ana Lacerda Prazeres, Secretary of Foreign Trade at the Ministry of Development, Industry, Trade and Services for Brazil co-chaired the meeting. During the meeting in the national capital, both sides extensively discussed matters related to bilateral trade and outlined a roadmap for taking it forward. The discussions included the review of bilateral trade and investment relations, expansion of India-

MERCOSUR PTA, market access issues, visa issues, sectoral collaborations in pharmaceuticals and healthcare, chemicals and petrochemicals, MSME, banking and finance, promotion of industries and internal trade, multilateral issues and other matters of mutual interest.

India and Brazil have been strong diplomatic partners for more than 75 years now.

The two countries have built a close and multifaceted relationship marked by shared democratic values and a commitment to development.

During the State visit of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Brazil in July 2025 and meeting with the Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the leaders set a target to increase bilateral trade to \$20 billion over the next five years.

RBI Deputy Governor launches new digital payment innovations at GFF 2025

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Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar on Tuesday announced the launch of three key digital payment innovations-- UPI Multi-Signatory, Small Value Transactions using wearable glasses via UPI Lite, and forex on Bharat Connect -- at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2025.

The Multi-Signatory Accounts feature will enable multi-signatory or joint accounts on UPI that require authorisation from one or more signatories to perform UPI payments seamlessly.

Signatories can conveniently use any UPI app to manage linked bank accounts, making the process more convenient and hassle-free, and enhancing transaction speed.

This feature is fully interoperable, allowing initiators to use any UPI or bank apps, while signatories can approve

through any UPI or bank app.

The Small Value Transactions using Wearable Glasses via UPI Lite will allow users to complete hands-free and secure transactions by simply scanning a QR, authenticate and complete payments through voice on Smart Glasses, without needing a phone or entering a PIN.

UPI Lite is designed for small-value, high-frequency payments with enhanced success rates and minimal dependency on core banking infrastructure.

The solution is aimed at everyday payments such as retail, food, and transit, encouraging greater digital payment penetration. This new facility marks the first time UPI is extended to the wearable ecosystem, representing a step towards 'ambient payments' by enabling seamless digital payments.

Modi Era: 25 Years of Transforming India’s Governance, Mindset, and Civilisational Confidence

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As Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks 25 consecutive years leading elected governments—first as Gujarat Chief Minister in 2001 and then as India’s Prime Minister since 2014—India witnesses a rare political and civilisational milestone. Beyond longevity, Modi’s tenure is defined by sweeping structural, psychological, and cultural transformations reshaping the nation.

Accountable, outcome-driven governance has replaced the old bureaucratic inertia. Before 2014, governance was opaque, process-heavy, and loosely mon-

itored. Today, ministries rely on dashboards, real-time monitoring, and data-driven decision-making. Initiatives like Swachh Bharat, Jal Jeevan Mission, and PM Awas Yojana are tracked with GPS-tagged assets and performance audits, emphasizing measurable results over paperwork. Delivery has replaced drift.

A mindset shift from “Chalta Hai” to “Badal Sakta Hai” has permeated national consciousness. Fatalism has given way to confident aspiration.

India’s goal to become the world’s third-largest economy, initially set for 2043, may now be reached by 2027. Security policies reflect this change: timid re-



sponses post-26/11 have been replaced by assertive strategies, from Balakot strikes to clear demonstrations of sovereignty.

Mission-mode governance defines the era. “Ye kaise hoga?” is now replaced with “Hoga kaise

nahin?” Financial inclusion exemplifies this approach. When Jan Dhan Yojana launched, bank account access jumped from 58% to over 90% in a year, now totaling more than 500 million accounts—the world’s

largest. Politically sensitive initiatives, like the repeal of Article 370 and the construction of the Ram Mandir, demonstrate the government’s willingness to act decisively, with timelines and accountability.

National self-belief drives India forward. From confronting China at Galwan to launching the Chandrayaan mission, India projects confidence in global forums. Economic growth, startups, Olympic achievements, and robust digital infrastructure are now expressions of civilisational self-confidence rather than mere statistics.

A civilisational renaissance underscores Modi’s legacy. India’s heritage

and traditions, once considered incompatible with modernity, are now celebrated alongside progress. Projects like the Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, the Ram Mandir, the new Parliament building, and G20 cultural diplomacy reflect a nation harmonizing modernity with timeless values. India is not just rising—it is reclaiming its identity and asserting its place as a confident, self-aware global democracy. In 25 years, Modi’s leadership has transformed governance, mindset, national belief, and civilisational confidence, marking an era defined not only by policies but by the reimagination of India itself.

Cabinet okays 4 multi-tracking railway projects worth Rs 24,634 crore

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The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Tuesday approved four multi-tracking railway projects with an investment of Rs 24,634 crore across four states. The four projects covering 18 districts across Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, and Chhattisgarh will increase the existing network of Indian Railways by about 894 kms.

The projects include Wardha-Bhusawal - 3rd and 4th line - 314 kms (Maharashtra); Gondia-Dongargarh - 4th line - 84 kms (Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh); Vadodara-Ratlam - 3rd and 4th line - 259 kms (Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh) and Itarsi-Bhopal - Bina 4th line - 237 kms (Madhya Pradesh), according to an official statement. The projects will enhance connectivity to around

3,633 villages with a population of about 85.84 lakh and include the two Aspirational Districts of Vidisha and Rajnandgaon. The new lines will provide seamless connectivity for movement of people, goods, and services and significantly improve the operational efficiency and service reliability for Indian Railways.

These multi-tracking proposals are poised to streamline operations and alleviate congestion on the Indian Railway network. The projects are in line with PM Modi’s vision of a New India which will make people of the region “Atmanirbhar” by way of comprehensive development in the area which will enhance their employment opportunities, the statement said.

The projects are planned in accordance with the PM-Gati Shakti National Master Plan with focus on enhancing multi-modal connectivity and logistics efficiency through inte-

grated planning and stakeholder consultations.

The project section also provides rail connectivity to prominent destinations such as Sanchi, Satpura Tiger Reserve, Rock shelter of Bhimbetka, Hazara falls and Nawegaon National Park attracting tourists from across the country.

This is an essential route for transportation of commodities such as coal, container, cement, fly ash, foodgrain and steel. The capacity augmentation works will result in additional freight traffic of magnitude 78 MTPA (million tonnes per annum).

The Railways being environment friendly and energy efficient mode of transportation, will help both in achieving climate goals and minimizing logistics cost of the country, reduce oil import (28 crore litres) and lower CO2 emissions (139 crore Kg) which is equivalent to planting six crore trees, the statement added.

Nitish gov’t welfare schemes with Centre’s support may offset anti-incumbency

NEW DELHI
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For nearly two decades, Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has been one of the most enduring figures in the state. His tenure has been marked by a consistent emphasis on social justice, women’s empowerment, and the upliftment of backward and marginalised communities. With the Union government’s backing – both financial and political – his government has rolled out a series of welfare schemes that have reshaped Bihar’s social landscape.

As the state heads for another Assembly election, these welfare initiatives are expected to play a decisive role in shaping voter sentiment, where out of a total number of 7.4 crore voters, women comprise over 47 per cent and backward classes about 36 per cent.

While most women electors have been supporting the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alli-

ance (NDA) government for its efforts at helping their cause, the Union government has tried to fight anti-incumbency with a slew of its own initiatives. So far, 1.21 crore women in the state have received a total of Rs 12,100 crore under Bihar’s Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana for starting a business, with more funds to be distributed as the model code of conduct does not apply to existing and running schemes.

While launching the first instalment of the scheme on September 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stated how the two brothers – he and Nitish Kumar – are working together for the service, prosperity, and dignity of the women of Bihar. Starting with an initial financial support of Rs 10,000, the scheme can provide up to Rs 2 lakh, based on the success of the enterprise.

The Prime Minister shared how women in Bihar can now open shops selling groceries, utensils, cosmetics, toys, and sta-

tionery. They can also pursue livestock-related businesses such as cattle rearing and poultry farming. For all these ventures, necessary training will be provided. Women are also beneficiaries of Union government schemes like Jan Dhan Yojana, Lakhpati Didi, Mudra Yojana, Drone Didi campaign, Bima Sakhi campaign, and Bank Didi. Meanwhile, state initiatives like Mukhyamantri Balika Cycle Yojana, uniform and scholarship schemes for girls from backward and economically weaker families, have been supporting the youth. Moreover, the state government mandating 50 per cent reservation for women in local bodies has created a new generation of grassroots female leaders. This move not only gave women a political voice but also reshaped Bihar’s governance culture. Nitish Kumar has also taken initiatives in setting up women’s helplines and fast-track courts to address domestic violence.

India, Iran Strengthen Ties; Ambassador Iraj Elahi Bids Farewell



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Iran’s outgoing Ambassador to India Iraj Elahi called on External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar in New Delhi on Tuesday. "Pleased to receive Ambassador Iraj Elahi of Iran for a farewell call this evening in Delhi. Recognise his contribution to building our ties and wish him the best for future endeavours," EAM Jaishankar

posted on X after the meeting. Elahi was appointed as the Iranian Ambassador to New Delhi in 2022. He had previously served as the second Eurasian Office Director at the Iranian Foreign ministry. India and Iran share a millennia-long history of interactions. The ties between two nations continue to grow further marked by high-level exchanges, commercial and connectivity cooperation, cultural and

robust people-to-people ties.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian had met on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit in Russia’s Kazan in 2024, where the two leaders had discussed ways to further strengthen the bilateral ties. This was their first meeting since Pezeshkian assumed office in July, last year.

Last month, India and Iran held annual bilateral Political Consultations in Tehran to review bilateral cooperation, including connectivity, International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC); economic, financial, trade and commercial matters, and other areas of mutual interest. The meeting was co-chaired by Anand Prakash, Joint Secretary (PAI), and Mohammad Reza Bahrami, Director General for South Asia Division, Iran’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Iran.

India has to be 'go to' option in any crisis for entire subcontinent: EAM Jaishankar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

At least 15 passengers were killed and three rescued as a private bus was hit by a rain-triggered landslide in Himachal Pradesh’s Bilaspur, the home district of BJP national President J.P. Nadda, on Tuesday, officials said. The area has been witnessing intermittent rainfall since Monday.

The bus was trapped under a massive landslide near Bhallupul in Jhanduta subdivision. As per reports, three children have been rescued alive and are being treated at the government hospital in Barthin and at AIIMS Bilaspur.

Around 35 passengers were travelling in the bus that was on its way from Marotan to Ghumarwin.



State officials and machinery have been deployed to clear the debris, and a rescue operation has been underway to trace the missing passengers. Officials said 15 bodies have been recovered so far from the mangled remains of the bus.

Eyewitnesses said the mountain came crashing down on the bus, and the chances of survival for passengers are

bleak.

Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu expressed grief over the incident and extended his condolences to the bereaved. He said that he is in constant touch with the district administration and has issued directives to expedite relief and rescue operations.

The Chief Minister has ordered that the injured be immediately trans-

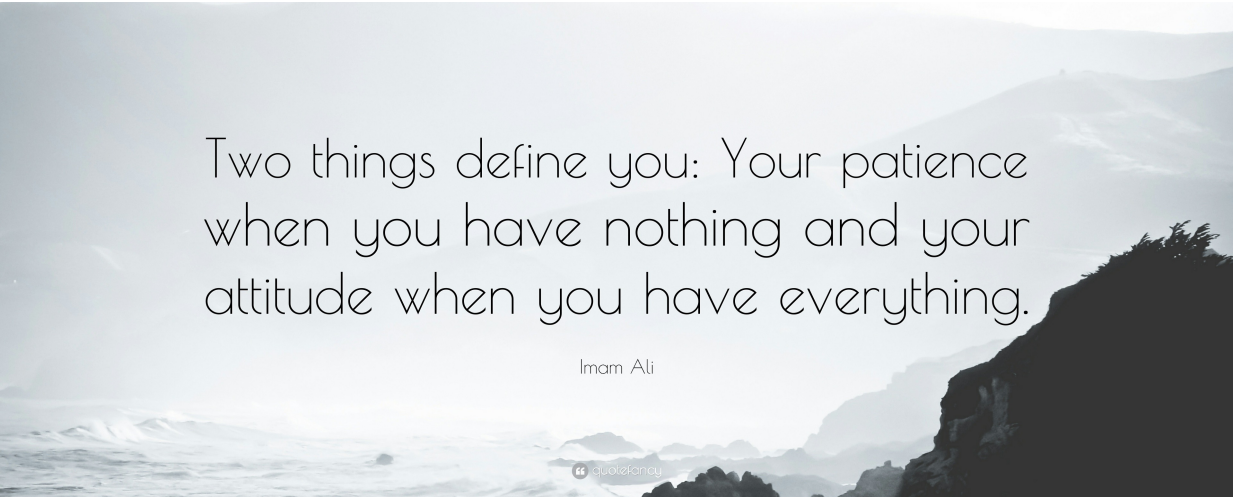
ported to hospitals and that adequate arrangements be made for their treatment.

Local administration, police, and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams rushed to the spot to carry out rescue operations, which continued late into the night. Prime Minister Narendra Modi said he was saddened by the loss of lives in the mishap and announced an ex-gratia of Rs 2 lakh to the next of kin of those dead. BJP President Nadda expressed condolences to the bereaved families.

The party President wrote on X, “The news of several people being killed or injured due to a bus being caught in a devastating landslide in the Jhanduta area of Bilaspur district, Himachal Pradesh, is

extremely heartbreaking. “I sought information from the Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh, Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, regarding the ongoing relief and rescue operations at the accident site.”

“I requested the Himachal Pradesh Leader of the Opposition Jairam Thakur, the state BJP president Rajeev Bindal and BJP workers to immediately assist the victims, and directed the Bilaspur AIIMS administration to provide prompt medical treatment facilities. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families and pray to God that He grants strength to the grieving families during this difficult time,” the Union Health Minister added.



EDITORIAL

AMID GLOBAL FLUX, SELF-RELIANCE THE WAY FOR INDIA

HYDERABAD
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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 Sends Murder Convict Back To Jail

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court dismissed a criminal appeal filed by an accused convicted for offences under Sections 302 and 307 of the IPC, which deal with murder and attempt to murder. The panel comprising Justice K. Surender and Justice J. Anil Kumar was dealing with the appeal filed by Kommu Anil. The appellant questioned his conviction for murder, in connection with the killing of four persons and injuries caused to two others in Karimnagar district in March 2012. He argued that there was no test identification parade and that the incident occurred in a sudden fight without premeditation, attracting Section 304 IPC, which covers culpable homicide not amounting to murder. The panel observed that the appellant stabbed six persons indiscriminately, killing four of them, and that the act was cruel and unusual. Holding that Exception 4 to Section 300 IPC, which applies to sudden fights without intent, did not cover the case, the panel dismissed the appeal and directed that the accused, who is on bail, be sent back to prison to serve the remaining sentence. A separate appeal by the state seeking to bar the accused's parole till his natural death was also dismissed, with the panel noting absence of any report from jail authorities that he misused bail or posed a continuing threat.

Congress Aspirant V. Naveen Yadav Booked for Voter ID Distribution

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader and Jubilee Hills Assembly ticket aspirant V. Naveen Yadav has been booked for allegedly influencing voters by distributing voter ID cards, violating the model code of conduct and the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The action follows a complaint lodged by BJP MP M. Raghunandan Rao with the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) on Monday. Rao demanded Yadav's disqualification if he filed a nomination.

On Tuesday, the CEO referred the complaint to the Election Commission



of India (ECI) and directed Hyderabad police to register a case after finding prima facie evidence. Jubilee Hills election officer G. Rajinikanth Reddy had lodged a formal complaint with Madhurana-

photographs and a report showing Yadav distributing voter ID cards.

Madhurana police recorded the complaint, and Sub-Inspector G. Shiva Shankar has been assigned to investigate. Police said the cards distributed were e-cards

generated through MeeSeva, not original Electoral Photo Identity Cards (EPIC), which only authorised election officials can issue.

During the preliminary investigation, statements of eyewitnesses and circumstantial witnesses were recorded. Madhurana station house officer H. Prabhakar confirmed cases have been registered under Sections 170, 171, and 174 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and Sections 123(1) and 123(2) of the Representation of the People Act, covering offering gratification to influence voters, corrupt practices, bribery, and undue influence..

Telangana HC Refuses Interim Orders on Mandatory Telugu Second Language

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court was not inclined to issue interim orders in a PIL challenging the state government's decision to impose Telugu as the mandatory second language in all schools in Telangana state. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesk Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin was of the view that there was no urgency to restrain the government, as counsel for the state government had submitted that the government was contemplating granting an exemption to students in Class 9 for the current academic year. The bench pointed out that no student was named as a petitioner in the PIL. Apart from that, the court

noted that a single bench of the High Court had already had issued interim orders in the writ petition filed by some students, restraining the respective institutions from insisting that these students attend Telugu classes. The PIL was filed by Pramila Pathak of Hyderabad, questioning the implementation of the Telangana (Compulsory Teaching and Learning of Telugu in Schools) Act, 2018, and subsequent government orders issued in December 2024 mandating Telugu as a mandatory second language. The bench recorded the submission of special government pleader Rahul Reddy that exemptions had been granted to students of Classes 9 and 10 for the academic year 2024-25, and to Class 10 students.

HC Dimisses Writ Petition Seeking Considering a Building in Hyderabad as a Heritage Structure

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a significant ruling, the Telangana High Court has dismissed a writ petition seeking to declare a building in Begum Bazaar, Hyderabad — alleged to be the birthplace of former President of India Dr. Zakir Hussain — as a protected monument or heritage structure. Justice Laxmi Narayana Alishetty delivered the judgment while dealing

with the plea filed by Ghanshyam Bhati, who claimed that the authorities had failed to take steps to preserve the premises located at No. 15-6-214 to 220, Begum Bazaar.

The petitioner contended that Dr. Zakir Hussain, who went on to become the President of India, was born and lived in the said house for eight years, thereby making it a site of historical and cultural importance. He argued

that several newspaper reports had highlighted the building's heritage value, and even the Bahadurpura MLA had requested the concerned authorities to declare it a heritage site. Alleging that the building's owners were attempting to demolish the structure citing its dilapidated condition, Bhati urged the court to intervene and direct the government to preserve the property.

However, the Greater



Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC)

and the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development

Authority (HMDA) opposed the plea, asserting that the petitioner was merely a tenant and not the owner of the property, thereby lacking the locus standi to file such a petition. They also clarified that the building, situated behind Osmania General Hospital, was currently being used for commercial purposes and did not possess any architectural, cultural, or historical attributes

warranting heritage status. Further, they informed the court that no government notification had been issued under the 1981 Zoning Regulations to classify the structure as a heritage building.

Citing the provisions of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, Justice Alishetty observed that only the Central Government has the authority to declare a

monument or site as one of national importance. The law does not empower individuals or courts to independently recognize private buildings as heritage structures. Concluding that the petitioner had failed to provide sufficient evidence of the building's historical or architectural significance, the court dismissed the plea, ruling that he lacked the legal standing to seek such relief.

Government of India's IICT joins hands with Netflix & FICCI to support India’s creative

MUMBAI
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The Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) has collaborated with Netflix and FICCI in an attempt to support students in India’s AVGC-XR sector (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality). During the 25th edition of FICCI Frames, an MoU was exchanged between the three in the presence of Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.



Netflix will support IICT in developing a curriculum, along with facilitating industry professionals to share real-world experience and best practices with the IICT students. They will be conducting workshops, masterclasses, and guest lectures—delivered directly or through

partners—designed to mentor students, enhance the academic environment of the institute, and equip students with skills to thrive. Under this MoU, Netflix will also offer scholarships to select students identified in association with IICT.

Talking about the partnership, Mahima Kaul, Director - Global Affairs, Netflix India, said, “Building on our efforts to promote skill development and inclusive access in the media and entertainment sector, this collaboration with IICT and FICCI aligns with the government’s vision to strengthen India’s AVGC sector. By nurturing world-class talent, IICT aims to serve as a catalyst for India’s digital economy—empowering youth and enhancing the nation’s creative capabilities. Together, we aim to

equip every aspiring creator with the tools and opportunities to drive innovation in entertainment.” Dr. Vishwas Deoskar, Chief Executive Officer, IICT, shared, “This collaboration with Netflix and FICCI marks a significant step in bridging the gap between academia and the creative industry. By providing our students with hands-on experience, mentorship, and exposure to global best practices, we are equipping the next generation of storytellers and technologists to thrive in India’s dynamic

Vijay Deverakonda takes a trip down memory lane; shares pictures of his visit to his school in Puttaparthi

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actor Vijay Deverakonda, who recently paid a visit to Puttaparthi with his family, on Tuesday shared a cute video clip of him visiting his school and meeting his teachers. The actor, who took a trip down memory lane, took to his X timeline to share a video clip that featured pictures of at his old school, revisiting his classrooms and meeting his teachers. Sharing the video clip,



Vijay Deverakonda wrote, "In life there are people and places that play a huge role in the person we become. This is a place and these are people that played one of the biggest roles in my

own life. Forever indebted and forever love." The video clip began with a slide that read, "Going back to where we all started -- our foundation, where most of our core memories come from -

Puttaparthi." The next picture was that of the actor posing with the Head Mistress of the school. This picture had a caption that read, "Our HM aunty, we loved her and feared her, but everyone's favourite." The next picture to come up was the actor's first classroom - Section 1A. What followed this image was an image of the actor and his friends at the prayer hall. Vijay Deverakonda wrote, "Our prayer hall. Many prayers were said, many naps taken and

many memories made. Where we learnt many vedas, mantras and bhajans." The actor then posted a picture of him signing autographs for the current crop of students at the school. He wrote, "Meeting the little kids who are today living the lives we did." The video also had a picture of Vijay Deverakonda's room B-13. The actor wrote, "Today, just as it was 20 years ago. That middle cupboard was mine."

Diljit Dosanjh returns to kitchen, whips up some quick hunger fix

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Global superstar Diljit Dosanjh, who was last seen in 'Jatt & Juliet 3', is making a return to his kitchen. On Tuesday, the actor-singer took to his Instagram, and shared a fun video in which he can be seen with his team member cooking up a storm in the kitchen.

The actor prepared soyabean ki sabzi as he grooved to a trap beat song. He kept the vibe of the video groovy, and fun as he documented himself at different stages of cooking the recipe. He wrote in the caption, "Sexy soyabeans ki sabzi".

Earlier, Diljit landed a nomination in the International Emmy Awards. The actor has been nominated in the Best Actor in a Lead Role for his work in the biopic 'Amar Singh Chamkila'. The Hindi-biographical drama film was directed and co-written by Imtiaz Ali, and starred Diljit Dosanjh in the titular role of Chamkila and Parineeti Chopra as his wife Amarjot.

Chamkila is considered the “Elvis of Punjab”,



whose provocative music captured rural Punjab in the 1980s. The narrative blends performance sequences with the social realities that fueled Chamkila’s songs, tackling themes of caste, desire, and conservatism.

The film follows Chamkila’s rise from a Dalit labourer and aspiring musician in Punjab to becoming a folk icon known for his bold lyrics, and ends with his unsolved 1988 assassination when he was gunned down while he was performing on stage with his wife.

The film’s music was composed by the Oscar and Grammy-winning music director A. R. Rahma, and it reimagines Chamkila’s spirit, combining folk roots with contemporary ar-

rangements. The film avoids a conventional biopic style, instead using musical storytelling and interviews to piece together his journey and the mystery of his murder. This marks another international recognition for Diljit, who has emerged as a superstar in the past few years owing to the exceptional quality of his work. In addition to his packed live shows featuring his electrifying performances, he made history in 2023 when he became the first Punjabi artiste to perform at Coachella, captivating global audiences with his dynamic stage presence and cultural pride. He also featured on ‘The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon’ in 2024, where he performed ‘Born to Shine’ and ‘G.O.A.T.’ and delivered a vibrant, high-energy set. Jimmy Fallon introduced him as “the biggest Punjabi artiste on the planet”, and joined in the energy on stage. By blending traditional Punjabi sounds with contemporary beats, Diljit has elevated regional music to a global platform.

BUSSINESS

Rohit Sharma & Royal Stag Bring AI-Powered #CelebrateLarge This Festive Season

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Seagram’s Royal Stag Packaged Drinking Water has unveiled its festive campaign #CelebrateLarge – Hum Hain Generation Large, Humaara Har Celebration Large, inviting India’s youth to “Live it Large” this season. Central to the campaign is an AI-powered personalized greeting experience, enabling fans to create hyper-realistic video wishes alongside Rohit Sharma, blending advanced voice synthesis with an organic conversational format. The campaign also features a 3D



AR Festive Map, offering an interactive, visually rich journey to celebrate the spirit of #CelebrateLarge. Additionally, India’s T20 captain Surya Kumar Yadav shares expert festive tips on gifting, food, fashion, and music, helping users craft memorable celebrations. Partnering with Gaana, the

campaign combines music, technology, and creativity to deliver immersive, expressive experiences. Fans can create their personalized festive greeting with Rohit Sharma and stand a chance to win ICC T20 World Cup tickets and other prizes at royalstagliveitlarge.com.

Lexus RX Drives Strong Growth Amid SUV Surge in India

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Lexus India has reported a robust performance for its RX SUV, recording an 18% increase in sales from January to September 2025 compared to the same period last year. September alone saw the RX grow 38% year-on-year, highlighting its pivotal role in the brand’s expanding footprint in the luxury SUV segment. SUVs have emerged as the key growth engine for Lexus India. The combined SUV lineup, comprising the NX, RX, and



LX, grew 58% in September 2025 versus the same month last year, contributing over 54% of the brand’s total monthly sales. Among them, the RX continues to be a cornerstone, delivering sustained growth in India’s competitive luxury mar-

ket. The RX lineup includes two variants. The RX 350h hybrid pairs a 2.5-liter inline four-cylinder engine with a high-output motor, while the RX 500h F-Sport integrates a 2.4-liter turbocharged engine with a motor, six-speed

automatic transmission, and eAxe, offering a premium blend of efficiency, performance, and driving exhilaration. Hikaru Ikeuchi, President of Lexus India, said, “The luxury SUV segment in India continues to grow, driven by evolving lifestyles and demand for versatile mobility. The RX’s strong 18% cumulative growth underscores the deep connection it has built with our guests and its foundational role in our SUV portfolio.” In addition, Lexus India recently introduced the Smart Ownership Plan

with assured buyback, designed to enhance luxury car affordability and flexibility. The program allows guests to experience Lexus vehicles—including the ES, NX, and RX—without long-term financial commitments, making entry into luxury ownership easier than ever. With steady customer demand across major markets, the RX remains a key driver of Lexus India’s growth and a symbol of the brand’s commitment to innovation, craftsmanship, and premium experience.

Haryana CM holds meetings with top Japanese investors in Tokyo

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The delegation led by Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini held a series of meetings with senior representatives of leading Japanese investors, including Aisin, Air Water, TASI, Nambu, Denso, Sojitz, Nissin Foods, Kawakin Holdings, Toppan, TDK Corporation, and Seiren Corporation in Tokyo, on Tuesday. These projects are expected to provide a further boost to the man-

ufacturing ecosystem in Haryana and generate significant employment. "Chief Minister of Haryana, Nayab Singh Saini, held one-on-one meetings with leading Japanese corporations, including M/s Aisin, Air Water, TASI, Nambu, Denso, Sojitz, Nissin Foods, Kawakin Holdings, Toppan, TDK Corporation and Seiren Corporation. Discussions were held on green field investments in the field of automotive, electronics and precision components, industrial

parts, metalworking industries and processed foods among others," the Indian Embassy in Tokyo posted on X on Tuesday. "Meaningful discussions were held on enhancement of Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) engagement and technological collaboration. Haryana Government showcased their policy on Model Industrial Townships and encouraged Japanese companies to come and invest in Haryana," the post added.

NEW DELHI
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Xiaomi has launched 10 Premium Service Centres in major Indian cities, including Bangalore, Hyderabad, and Kochi, with Chennai, Kolkata, Delhi, Jaipur, Mumbai, Pune, and Ahmedabad scheduled to open in the coming weeks. The move sets a new benchmark in customer service and experience, reflecting Xiaomi’s “Customer First” philosophy and long-term commitment to India. Plans are underway to expand the network to 100 centres nationwide, further strengthening Xiaomi’s presence across the coun-



try. The Premium Service Centres are designed to go beyond traditional after-sales support, offering faster and more accurate repairs, immersive product experiences, and en-

hanced customer engagement. Equipped with advanced diagnostic tools and a ready supply of spare parts, the centres aim to complete 95% of repairs within 24 hours, an improvement over the

current 89% rate. For longer repairs, standby handsets ensure uninterrupted connectivity. Each centre is staffed with certified, experienced engineers and Customer Relationship Managers who provide personalised assistance in English, Hindi, and local languages. Gender diversity and inclusivity are emphasised, with women playing key roles in operations, supported by regular upskilling programs to stay updated on the latest Xiaomi technologies. The centres also serve as holistic experience hubs where customers can explore and purchase products, enjoy paperless

operations, and participate in community-focused initiatives like Xiaomi Days, offering free software upgrades, exclusive discounts, and educational workshops. “At Xiaomi, we aim to build more than products; we strive to create lasting connections. These Premium Service Centres raise the bar for customer experience and deepen our engagement with users across India. We are committed to listening, learning, and innovating to ensure every customer interaction is seamless and memorable,” said Sudhin Mathur, Chief Operating Officer, Xiaomi India.

We did what we needed to, says skipper
Sciver-Brunt after England edge Bangladesh



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Nat Sciver-Brunt praised her team’s resilience after England Women held their nerve to secure a tense four-wicket victory over Bangladesh at the Baraspara Stadium on Tuesday in the ICC Women’s World Cup 2025. England made it two wins out of two in the tournament, chasing down 178 in 46.1 overs to move to the top of the points table with four points, level with India but ahead on net run rate. “We did what we needed

to get over the line. Before the tournament, we spoke as a group that we needed to be gritty and resilient to get over the line. It could have looked better, but we are happy side. Early on, it felt it was easier to hit the seam. Capsey bowled some important overs. It was very valuable and we were happy to restrict them to that total,” Brunt said after the match. Early on, England’s seamers did the job, but it was the spin quartet — Sophie Ecclestone (3-24), Charlie Dean (2-28), Alice Capsey (2-31), and Linsey

Smith (2/33) — who strangled the Bangladesh innings, ensuring the home side never recovered despite a fighting half-century from Sobhana Mostary. “We are pretty lucky to have Linsey and Sophie, who can bowl in the death. Something to think about me when the lights come in, it’s easier to bat and bring back Bell in the attack or hold back Sophie. “Talking about the balance of the side, a great thing is we have Charlie coming in at that number. The calmness that they both showed was brilliant. We would have liked to get over the line with more wickets in hand,” she added. Former skipper Heather Knight stood tall under pressure, guiding her side home with a composed unbeaten 79 off 111 balls. Chasing the modest total, England lost early wickets to Marufa Akter (2/28) and Fahima Khatun (3/16), reducing them to 29/2. Knight found support in Sciver-Brunt, adding 40 crucial runs for the third wicket. When Sophia Dunkley and Emma Lamb fell in quick succession, the match hung in the balance.

Atrachali reaches ‘200’ as Dabang Delhi
beat Haryana Steelers in tie-breaker

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Dabang Delhi once again showcased their class in Season 12 of the Pro Kabaddi League, clinching a thrilling win in a close encounter against the Haryana Steelers in a Season 12 match of Pro Kabaddi League (PKL) at the SDAT Multi Purpose Indoor Stadium in Chennai on Tuesday. Ajinkya Pawar stepped up with eight points, while Saurabh Nandal’s High Five helped Dabang Delhi take the match into a tie-breaker and eventually secure the victory. It was also a proud milestone for Fazel Atrachali, who notched up four points and delivered a Super Raid in the tie-breaker in what was his 200th PKL appearance. The Haryana Steelers started the match on a positive note with a successful raid from Vinay, giving them an early lead. However, Dabang Delhi quickly responded with points of their own to move ahead. The Steelers stayed composed and hit back through a strong



tackle from Neeraj, who brought down Dabang Delhi’s star raider Ashu Malik to level the scores. Both teams continued to exchange points over the next few minutes, keeping the contest evenly balanced. The Steelers showed better control in both defence and attack, maintaining a narrow two-point advantage at 9-7 when the first-half timeout was called. Dabang Delhi quickly levelled the scores after the restart, and the game remained tightly contested. Both teams matched each other point for point, with neither al-

lowing the other to take control. As the first half moved into its final minutes, the Haryana Steelers broke the deadlock with an impressive defensive effort, inflicting an ALL OUT to take a 16-12 lead. The Steelers built on that momentum, maintaining their advantage with disciplined defence and sharp raiding. However, just before halftime, Ajinkya Pawar produced a brilliant Super Raid, earning three points for his side and cutting the deficit to 18-17. The first half ended with the Steelers holding a narrow one-

point lead. Dabang Delhi started the second half on a strong note, as Neeraj Narwal picked up a point with a successful raid to level the scores at 18-18. The Steelers looked to build on their advantage, keeping pressure on Dabang Delhi, but they refused to back down. Their raiders fought back strongly, and the team managed to inflict an ALL OUT, closing the gap to just one point. Both sides continued to go toe-to-toe, exchanging points with every move and keeping the contest finely balanced. As the intensity grew, neither team allowed the other to pull away. When the Time Out was taken midway through the second half, the scoreboard reflected how close the game had been — locked at 27-27. The Steelers started well after the restart, earning the first point through a confident raid from Shivam Patare. Moments later, Rahul added another point with a solid tackle, giving the Steelers a two-point cushion. However, Dabang Delhi stayed in the fight. Their

raiders picked up quick points, reducing the gap to just one with about four minutes left in the second half. Fazel produced a brilliant tackle to make it 31-31 — a special moment in his milestone game. With time running out, Fazel once again showed his class. He delivered under pressure, earning a crucial point to level the scores at 33-33 and forcing the game into the ninth tiebreaker of the season. Dabang Delhi started the tiebreaker on a strong note, striking first through a solid defensive effort to take the early lead. They quickly followed it up with another point to make it 2-0. Haryana Steelers finally got on the board with a point in their second raid, but Delhi continued to dominate the contest. Ajinkya Pawar’s successful raid extended Delhi’s advantage to 3-1, putting more pressure on the Steelers. Soon after, Surjeet Singh came up with a powerful tackle to make it 4-1.

WFI suspends Olympic bronze medallist Aman

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The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Tuesday suspended Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat for one year after the 22-year-old was disqualified for exceeding the 57kg weight limit at the World Championships in Zagreb, Croatia, in September. The suspension, which came into effect on September 23, bars Sehrawat from participating in any wrestling-related activities — both at the national and international levels — until September 2026. The decision was confirmed by WFI President Sanjay Singh, who told IANS that the wrestler’s response to the disciplinary notice was found “unsatisfactory.”



“The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has announced the suspension of Olympic medallist Aman Sehrawat for violating weight regulations. The suspension, effective from September 23, prohibits him from taking part in any wrestling activities at both national and international levels,” Sanjay Singh told IANS. He added that while Sehrawat’s coaching staff have also been issued formal warnings, the federation had given the wrestler a one-week window to respond before taking final action. “Sehrawat’s coaching staff have also been issued formal warnings. However, the wrestler has been given a one-week window to respond,” Singh said. The explanation submitted by Sehrawat and subsequent clarifications from his support team were reviewed by the disciplinary committee, which deemed them un-

satisfactory. The committee also noted that Sehrawat had joined the preparatory camp in Porec, Croatia, 18 days before his scheduled bout on September 14, giving him ample time to maintain his weight and fitness levels in accordance with regulations. The last time India toured Australia for a bilateral ODI series, the visitors’ lost by 2-1 margin in 2020/21 but managed to win the subsequent T20I series by the same margin on the same tour. India will be led by newly appointed Shubman Gill in the ODIs, with stalwarts Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli named in the squad too, while Suryakumar Yadav would take over as the skipper for the T20I leg of the tour.

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Abhishek, Kuldeep, Smriti nominated
for Player of the Month for September

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India’s Abhishek Sharma, Kuldeep Yadav and Smriti Mandhana have been named among the ICC Player of the Month nominees for September. Abhishek and Kuldeep feature on the men’s shortlist alongside Zimbabwe’s Brian Bennett. Abhishek earned the nod after a stellar Player of the Series performance at the Asia Cup in the UAE while Kuldeep’s match-winning spells made him the tournament’s leading wicket-taker. Bennett’s strong run in multiple



T20I series, including the T20 World Cup Africa Qualifiers, secured his place. On the women’s shortlist, Mandhana is joined by Pakistan’s Sidra Ameen and South Africa’s Tazmin Brits. Mandhana was named Player of the Series in the ODI series against Aus-

tralia while Sidra and Brits impressed with dominant batting displays in their bilateral series in Pakistan. Men’s shortlist: Abhishek Sharma: The left-handed opener scored 314 runs in seven matches at an average of 44.85 and an astounding strike-rate of 200 in the Asia Cup. His attacking batting was crucial in his team’s wins in the continental tournament, and he achieved the highest rating points ever in the ICC Men’s T20I Batting Rankings when he touched 931 at the end of the Super Fours stage of

the tournament. Kuldeep Yadav: The left-arm wrist-spinner was the leading wicket-taker in the Asia Cup with 17 scalps in seven T20Is at an average of 9.29 and an economy rate of 6.27. The highlight for him was a haul of four for 30 in the final against Pakistan and he also grabbed four wickets in a league match against the United Arab Emirates. Brian Bennett: The 21-year-old top-order batter aggregated 497 runs in nine T20Is at an average of 55.22 and an impressive strike rate of 165.66.

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Platinum Collection This Festive Season

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This festive season, Men of Platinum, from Platinum Guild International (PGI) India, presents the MS Dhoni Signature Edition, a platinum jewellery collection inspired by the resilience, composure, and quiet confidence of cricket legend MS Dhoni. Crafted in 95% pure platinum, a metal known for its natural white sheen, enduring strength, and resistance to tarnish, each piece is designed to last as a symbol of the values it represents. Alongside owning these rare and timeless pieces, shoppers stand a chance to win an exclusive meet-and-greet with MS Dhoni



in Mumbai, early 2026. This campaign runs across select retail stores from 18th September to 16th November 2025, offering fans a unique opportunity to turn admiration into a personal experience. The collection features

bracelets and chains that blend minimalist elegance with deep symbolism. The Platinum Grid Bracelet showcases dual-tone sophistication with rose gold accents, reflecting quiet determination. The Platinum Momentum Bracelet features alternat-



ing bevelled triangles in gloss and matte, representing strength through life’s challenges, while the Platinum Cube Fusion Bracelet balances versatility with durability. The Platinum Bold Links Bracelet embodies unyielding resilience with interlocking platinum links, and the Platinum Harmony Chain reflects composure through its fluid, intertwined links. The latest additions — Platinum Inlay, Platinum Unity, and Platinum Regal Bracelets — feature dual-tone designs, intricate de-

tails, and Dhoni’s signature, celebrating inner strength and greatness. Available at leading jewellery retailers across India, each piece carries the Pt950 purity stamp and a tamper-proof quality assurance card, certified by TUV India Pvt Ltd, guaranteeing 95% platinum purity. The Men of Platinum MS Dhoni Signature Edition combines aesthetic elegance with meaningful symbolism, offering jewellery that is both a style statement and a tribute to enduring values. For more information, visit menofplatinum.com or follow on Facebook and Instagram: @MenOfPlatinum.

I want to play every match India is
playing, says spinner Varun Chakravarthy

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Fresh off India’s dramatic Asia Cup 2025 victory, spinner Varun Chakravarthy stands at the intersection of form, flair and controversy. His performance in the final, combined with his cheeky social media gesture, has amplified his standing as a key spin weapon for India — one he hopes extends across formats in the coming years. In the Asia Cup final against Pakistan in Dubai, Chakravarthy played a vital role, picking crucial wickets (2-30) and helping trigger Pakistan’s collapse from 113/1 to 146 all out. His dismissals of openers Sahibzada Farhan and Fakhar Zaman tilted

the match in India’s favour. But the on-field victory was complicated by the post-match drama. India refused to accept the trophy from ACC chairman and PCB chief Mohsin Naqvi. Dignitaries walked off, and Indian players celebrated with an imaginary trophy in their midst. Chakravarthy responded with equal doses of wit and defiance. On social media, he posted a photo of himself holding a simple teacup in place of a trophy, captioned: “Akkha duniya ek taraf, aur mera INDIA ek taraf. Jai Hind !!!!” The post quickly went viral, as fans turned his cup into a symbol of the moment and shared their own edited images of the

team lifting imaginary silverware. Amid all that, Chakravarthy remains grounded in his ambition. “I would like to play every match India is playing, but it’s up to the selectors,” Varun Chakravarthy said on the sidelines of the CEAT Cricket Rating Awards in Mumbai on Tuesday. He’s clear about what makes him effective, especially on Asian pitches. “If you see the pitches in Dubai, they have worked well towards me...they are a little on the slower side, so that kind of helps me more. My role was to just keep on attacking the stumps and keep on challenging the batsmen to hit me for a six or something, take an aggressive option.

US Student Visas for Indians Plunge Over 44%

The number of Indians securing US student visas has witnessed a dramatic plunge, diving by over 44 per cent in August 2025, according to data released on Monday. This marks the steepest drop among all countries and signals a major shift in global student mobility trends, with China now surpassing India as the leading source of US student visas. The International Trade Commission reported that the US issued a total of 313,138 student visas in August — a critical month for university admissions — which reflects a 19.1 per cent decline compared to the previous year.

India, which was the largest contributor of international students to the US last year, experienced a staggering 44.5 per cent reduction in visa issuances, which equaled 42,666. In contrast, China received 86,647 visas, more than double the number issued to Indian applicants, underscoring a significant geopolitical change.

Several factors under the Trump administration’s immigration crackdown have fueled this sharp decline. Stricter visa policies targeting student inflows, increased H-1B visa fees affecting Indian technology workers, and tighter regulations around visa applications outside US consulate jurisdictions have all contributed to the downturn. Additionally, enhanced scrutiny of applicants with academic backlogs and escalating political tensions between the US and India have further strained longstanding educational exchange relations.

Arvind Dwivedi is SCB's new CEO

Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) chief executive officer D. Madhukar Naik has been transferred to the Directorate General of Defence Estates (DGDE) headquarters in Delhi, where he will assume charge as deputy director-general. He will be replaced by Arvind Kumar Dwivedi, currently deputy director-general at the DGDE, Delhi Cantt. The change of charge is expected to happen towards the end of this month. Naik said the transition would take a few weeks. “The proper taking charge will happen towards the month end as the officer from Delhi will need about two to three weeks to be relieved. I will hold the post until at least October 23,” he said.



Nizam's Kin Urge CM Compensate Musi Flood Victims

In the wake of the recent floods along the Musi river, Himayat Ali Mirza, a great-grandson of Nizam Mir Osman Ali Khan, has requested Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to initiate a probe into the unannounced release of water from the Himayatsagar reservoir, which led to the inundation of areas along the river. In a letter to the Chief Minister, Mirza urged the government to provide immediate compensation to the affected families and rehabilitate them. “Being the grandson of Prince Moazzam Jah, I feel deeply concerned and anguished as devastating floods struck the city dwellers,” he wrote.

He said the “sudden and large-scale” release of water from the reservoir on the night of September 26 had led to widespread flooding across multiple areas downstream, directly impacting over 10,000 families. “The absence of prior warnings, inadequate coordination between civic agencies, and failure of early-warning systems have resulted in irreparable loss of property and livelihoods. This tragic incident has exposed serious lapses in flood management, disaster preparedness, and administrative accountability,” he opined.

SLBC Tunnel Works to be Resumed by December 2027: Uttam

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Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday reiterated the State Government’s commitment to completing major irrigation projects with strict adherence to deadlines, technical transparency, and institutional accountability.

Speaking after a detailed review with senior officials at the Dr B. R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, Uttam said the Thummidihetti barrage under the Pranahita–Chevella Sujala Sravanthi Project, the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel, and Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages under Kaleshwaram are top priorities. He noted that engineering teams were reviewing two alternative alignments for the Thummidihetti canal, with the final decision expected by October 22. One option involves a 71.5-km gravity canal with a 14-km tunnel from Mylaram, while the second diverts water via Yellampalli with an intermediate pumping station. Comparative analysis considering cost, hydraulic efficiency, topography, and energy requirements is underway, and the Cabinet will approve the preferred alignment.

On SLBC, Uttam reaffirmed the government’s goal to complete the 43-km tunnel by December 2027. Fortnightly progress reviews are being held, and aerial magnetic surveys by NGRI will map underground rock formations to guide alignment adjustments, ensuring safer and efficient tunneling. He described the tunnel as a



“lifeline project” for southern Telangana districts, connecting the Srisailem reservoir to drought-prone regions. Restoration of Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages is being undertaken strictly as per NDSA recommendations, with a premier IIT and the State’s Chief Design Organisation handling structural design, testing, and

rehabilitation planning. Pre-monsoon assessments are complete, and post-monsoon verification will follow. Weekly progress reviews and detailed technical documentation will ensure accountability, with safety remaining the top priority. The Minister also reviewed ongoing legal proceedings in KWDT-II, water allocation for Sammakka–Saralka, investment-clearance applications for Seethamma Sagar, Modikuntavagu, Chanaka–Korata, and Chinna Kaleshwaram projects, as well as Devadula Project progress. Rs 33 crore has been released for land acquisition, and revised

estimates are to be approved within the month to facilitate mission-mode completion. Further, Uttam instructed officials to review Dindi Project progress, adopt desiltation policies for reservoirs, strengthen ISWR and CDO capabilities, recruit additional engineers, upgrade hardware, and maintain reservoirs at full capacity with telemetry-based monitoring. Through these measures, the Telangana Government is ensuring a scientific, transparent, and accountable approach to strengthen irrigation infrastructure, benefiting farmers and drought-prone regions across the State.

Jubilee Hills Bypoll: Candidates' Colour Photos to Appear on EVMs

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The upcoming Jubilee Hills assembly by-election on November 11 will implement new electoral reforms, including affixing colour photographs of candidates on EVMs, Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy announced on Tuesday. Votes will be counted on November 14. The bypoll was necessitated following the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath in June this year. The CEO met with representatives of Congress, BJP, BRS, AAP, and AIMIM to discuss



preparations and stressed adherence to the Model Code of Conduct (MCC). New measures aim to enhance voter convenience, transparency, and efficiency. They include limiting voters per polling station to 1,200 to reduce overcrowding, deploying additional women polling personnel, and displaying candidates’ colour photographs on EVMs and ballot units to aid identification.

Reddy reviewed the preparedness of departments for conducting free, fair, and peaceful elections. A District Grievance Committee has been established under the District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner RV Karnan to handle complaints, monitor cash seizures, and ensure MCC compliance. The committee will oversee Flying Squad Teams (FST) and Static Surveillance Teams (SST) operations. The public has been advised to carry limited cash and valuables during the election period and maintain transparency regarding their source.

Governor Lauds Gandhi's Ideals

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The spirit of Mahatma Gandhi came alive at Raj Bhavan during the ‘Jaya Ho Mahatma’ Gandhi Jayanti celebrations on Tuesday. The event, organised by Sarvodaya International Trust, featured music, dance and reflections on Gandhi’s teachings, creating an atmosphere filled with patriotic and spiritual fervour. Governor Jishnu Dev Varma, who attended as the chief guest, said Gandhi’s message of peace and compassion remained vital in today’s divided world. “If people understood the meaning of the bhajans and hymns associated with Gandhi, they would appreciate his philosophy of respect and love for all,” he said. The Festival Choristers, a multi-faith choir, rendered Gandhi’s favourite hymns ‘Lead Kindly Light’ and ‘Abide With Me’, introducing their meaning and relevance. One of the performers, Deepti, said the gathering was deeply moved by the rendition, especially by Gandhi’s reflection: “For it is toward



evening and the day is far spent.” Kuchipudi dancer Deepika Reddy presented a thematic ballet, ‘Jaya Ho Mahatma’, depicting Gandhi’s journey through evocative choreography and an LED backdrop of scenes from his life. Aruna Bahuguna, IPS (Retd), recalled Gandhi’s belief that “if we are to reach real peace, we must begin with the children,” and thanked the Governor for his inspiring message to the young audience. A.K. Khan, IPS (Retd), president of Sarvodaya International Trust, spoke about the trust’s ongoing activities in promoting Gandhian ideals.

Telangana rolls out Tourism Police for visitor safety

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Telangana has officially launched its first-ever ‘Tourism Police’ force, with 80 personnel beginning training at the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM) in Gachibowli on Monday. The new force aims to enhance visitor safety, provide assistance, and maintain law and order at major tourist destinations across the state. The Tourism Police will be deployed at key locations including Amrabad, Somasila, Ananthagiri, Ramappa, Yadagirigutta,



Pochampally, Buddhavanam, Bhadrachalam, and Hyderabad. Their responsibilities include guiding visitors, managing crowds during festivals, offering emergency support, and facilitating smooth tourist experiences. “The initiative is a significant step to strengthen tourist safety and improve visitor ex-

perience in Telangana. Trained Tourism Police personnel will now be stationed at major destinations to ensure law, order, and seamless facilitation,” said Mahesh M. Bhagwat, IPS. During their training, the personnel will focus on soft skills, public guidance, tourist facilitation, festival and crowd management, emergency preparedness, communication, coordination, ethics, and cyber awareness. The training aims to equip the force with comprehensive skills to address the diverse needs of domestic and international tourists.

Telangana now joins 14 other Indian states in deploying dedicated Tourist Police, becoming one of the largest forces of its kind in the country. Kerala was the pioneer, launching the initiative in 2010. Across India, there are currently over 600 Tourist Police personnel, while globally, more than 20,000 operate in around 60 countries. With the launch of this force, Telangana steps into the elite group of regions worldwide prioritizing tourist safety and hospitality, aiming to create a secure and welcoming environment for all visitors.

Two held for attempting to rob man at Shalibanda

Shahalibanda police arrested two men, Abdul Ahmed Khan, 27, and Abdul Hameed, 24, in connection with a knife attack and attempted mobile phone robbery that took place last week. The incident occurred on October 1 when Omer Bin Khaled was riding his motorcycle near the Jagannath temple at Kummawadi. According to Shahalibanda SHO P Mahesh Goud, Ahmed Khan, Hameed, and an accomplice intercepted Khaled. Ahmed Khan allegedly snatched Khaled’s mobile phone and assaulted him. When a friend of Khaled intervened, Hameed attacked him with a knife, causing injuries to both victims. Following a complaint lodged by Khaled, the police registered a case against the three men. Ahmed Khan and Hameed were arrested on October 7, while the investigation to apprehend the third suspect is ongoing. Authorities are examining CCTV footage and witness accounts to gather further evidence.

Man Injured as Lime Plaster Falls from Machili Kaman on Charminar Road

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A man was seriously injured on Tuesday noon after a large piece of lime plaster fell from the Machili Kaman on Charminar road. The injured, a shop owner, was standing on the road when the plaster struck him and is now receiving medical care. Locals expressed concern over the recurring danger, saying pieces of lime plaster regularly fall from the arches, putting pedestrians and shopkeepers at risk.

The incident comes months after the state government carried out a costly renovation of all four arches around Gulzar Houz. According to local shopkeepers, the work was not professionally executed, raising safety concerns. AIMIM Charminar MLA Mir Zulfeqar Ali, accompanied by a local corporator, visited the site, interacted with residents, and assured them he would raise the matter with GHMC authorities to ensure proper safety measures are taken.

Hyderabad Left Parties Rally Protests Israel's Gaza Strikes



Activists from Left Parties and mass organizations staged a massive rally in Hyderabad, protesting against Israel’s bomb attacks on Gaza, Palestine. The rally began at VST X Roads and concluded at Indira Park. CPI Telangana State Secretary and MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao, CPI(M) Telangana State Secretary John Wesley, former MP Aziz Pasha, and several leaders from Left Parties and mass organizations participated in the protest

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