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Sleeper Buses Banned Abroad, Thrive In India

The bus fire in Kurnool that claimed 19 lives and injured 26 others has re-kindled concerns over the safety of sleeper-class buses in India — a mode of travel that several countries have long deemed unsafe. While nations such as China, Germany and Vietnam have either banned or heavily restricted sleeper buses citing

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Tejashwi Vows To Transform Bihar

I.N.D.I.A. bloc's chief ministerial candidate for Bihar Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday said he would transform the state into one of the country's leading states by attracting investments and setting up industries if the Opposition coalition is voted to power. Addressing consecutive rallies in Parbatta and Alauli (Khagaria district) and Shahpur (Bhojpur district), the RJD leader said he was contesting

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Rights groups hold protest rally in Kolkata against SIR

Rights groups including Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) on Saturday held a protest rally against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls planned in West Bengal by the Election Commission of India (ECI). As the poll panel is gearing up to conduct SIR of Bengal's voter list, the rights body claimed that National Register of Citizens

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BRS Renewed Victory March Will Begin From Jubilee Hills: KTR

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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Saturday announced that the party's "victory march and renewed fight" against the Congress government's failures and betrayals will begin from the Jubilee Hills constituency, which goes to the polls on November 11. Addressing a meeting of BRS leaders and workers from the constituency, KTR urged voters not to "be deceived again" by Congress promises. "The



Congress made tall promises and misled the people of Telangana. We may have been deceived once, but let not the people of Jubilee Hills be fooled again," he said. The BRS leader asserted that the bypoll would mark the beginning of the

party's comeback campaign and accused the Congress government of betraying public trust. "The time has come to give Congress a shock, or it will never learn. If people continue voting for them despite being cheated, they will assume their misdeeds are accept-

able," KTR said.

He claimed that people from villages across the state were coming forward to campaign for the BRS in Jubilee Hills, determined to "expose Congress' lies." KTR appealed to voters to support BRS in the November 11 bypoll, stressing that their decision would shape Telangana's future. "Your vote will decide the direction of Telangana. Let's safeguard the development and progress achieved under KCR's leadership," he added.

AICC Orders T Congress to Strengthen Grassroots

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The Congress high command has directed Telangana Congress leaders to strengthen the party's organisational structure from the grassroots level to ensure a second term for Congress government in the 2028-end Assembly elections. It instructed the leaders to approach every electoral contest in next three years in all seriousness and ensure consistent victories that would build momentum ahead of the 2028 polls.

The All India Congress Committee (AICC) held a series of one-on-one meetings on Saturday at Indira Bhavan, the party headquarters in Delhi, with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to discuss the roadmap for fortifying the party in Telangana. AICC secre-



tary (organisation) K.C. Venugopal chaired the meetings that was also attended by Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud. According to party sources, Venugopal said that district Congress committees (DCCs) would play a crucial role in revitalising the party and said the AICC will constitute new committees by appointing only hardworking and deserving individuals as DCC presidents and executive members. The AICC had earlier de-

puted observers to Telangana to identify suitable candidates for DCC posts. These observers toured all districts and submitted panels of three probables for each DCC president position. Venugopal reviewed the lists along with Revanth Reddy and Bhatti, seeking their inputs on each candidate. Based on their feedback, the high command will finalise one name for each DCC post within a week. The AICC also set an ambitious target of winning at least 80 per cent of the seats in all upcoming local body elections.

Pan-India SIR of Voters' List Next Week

HYDERABAD: The Election Commission (EC) is likely to launch the first pan-India Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters' list next week, beginning with 10 to 15 states, including those scheduled to go to polls next year. According to reports, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala, and West Bengal, which will hold elections in 2026, are among the first states where the voter list cleanup exercise will begin. Officials quoted in the reports said the poll body is expected to announce the first phase of the SIR by mid-next week, covering up to 15 states. The EC will not conduct the exercise in states where local body elections are currently underway or are due soon, as the local election machinery is engaged in those polls. The SIR in such states will be carried out in subsequent phases.

Man Held for Molesting Aussie Cricketers

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Two members of the Australian women cricket team visiting India for the ongoing ICC Women's World Cup Cricket were "approached and inappropriately touched" by a motorcycle-borne man in Indore in Madhya Pradesh, police said on Saturday. The accused followed the two women cricketers in his motorcycle when the two cricketers were walking to a

popular café in Khajrana Road from their hotel, Radisson Blu Hotel, at around 11 am on Thursday. He then tried to grab one of them and then fled the spot. He returned again and touched the other cricketer inappropriately before fleeing the area, a complaint lodged in the local police station in connection with the incident said. The incident shocked the two women cricketers who sent a distress signal to the team's security

manager, Danny Simmons, over phone by providing him their live location. The security manager rushed to the spot in a car and took them back to the hotel in his vehicle, police said. An FIR was filed in the M.I. G police station in Indore based on the complaint of the Australian team's security manager Mr. Simmons. The police sprang to action and tracked and then arrested the accused Aqueel Khan, a resident of

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'Killer Bus' Ran Over Fallen Bike

AP police on Saturday said the Vemuri Kaveri travels bus had struck a motorcycle that was already lying on the National Highway-44 near Chinna Tekuru, after which it burst into flames. The police were investigating claims made by Er-riswamy, a GHMC worker, who was on the pillion seat of the bike being driven by B. Siva Sankar. The sequence of events, which briefly emerged on Friday but was dismissed

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Amith Shah Warns Bihar Against Return of Jungle Raj

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Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday said that the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections would determine whether the state returns to "jungle raj" or continues on the path of development under the NDA government. Addressing a series of election rallies in Bihar, Shah lashed out at the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, accusing it of opposing the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. He asserted that every infiltrator would be identified,



removed from voter lists, and deported. "Rahul baba says let infiltrators stay in Bihar. You tell me, should we let them stay? No matter how many rallies he holds, he cannot protect them," Shah said, referring to the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi. He described Gandhi's "Voter Adhikar Yatra" as a "ghuspetiya bachao yatra" (a march to

protect infiltrators). Asserting confidence in an NDA victory, Shah said, "Our government will detect and deport every infiltrator. This election is not about making someone an MLA, minister, or chief minister, it is about deciding Bihar's future." He warned that a Lalu-Rabri government would bring back lawlessness, while an NDA victory would ensure a progressive Bihar. "If NDA comes to power, Bihar will make its mark as a developed state," he said. Highlighting development under the

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PM Modi to Take Part in Asean Meet Virtually

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate virtually in the India-Asean Summit on Sunday, which will also be attended by leaders of 11 Asean nations in Kuala Lumpur. External affairs minister S. Jaishankar will travel to the Malaysian capital to represent India in person. During the summit, both sides are expected to review the regional situation and explore ways to strengthen cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, where Chinese military assertiveness has been growing. Economic collaboration will be another key focus area, with

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Trump Heads to Asia for Xi Talks, Eyes Kim Meeting

NEW DELHI: US President Donald Trump left on Friday for Asia and high-stakes trade talks with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping -- adding that he would also like to meet North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on his trip. Trump is set to meet Xi in South Korea on the last day of his regional swing in a bid to seal a deal to end the bruising trade war between the world's two biggest economies. He will also visit Malaysia and Japan on his first trip to Asia since he returned to the White House in January in a blaze of tariffs and international dealmaking. Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One that he hoped for a "very good meeting" with Xi, adding that he expected China to make a deal to avoid further 100 percent tariffs that are due to come into effect on November 1. As he left Washington, Trump added to speculation that while on the Korean peninsula he could meet Kim Jong Un for the first time since 2019. "I would. If you want to put out the word, I'm open to it," Trump added aboard the presidential plane. "I had a great relationship with him." The two leaders last met in Hanoi, Vietnam, during Trump's first term. Kim has said he would also be open to meeting the US president if Washington drops its demand that Pyongyang give up its nuclear arsenal. Seoul's reunification minister has said there is a "considerable" chance that Trump and Kim will meet while the US leader is in South Korea, mainly for a regional summit - Peace and trade deals - Trump's first stop will be Malaysia, where he arrives on Sunday, for the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit -- a meeting he skipped several times in his first term. Trump is set to ink a trade deal with Malaysia, but more importantly he will oversee the signing of a peace accord between Thailand and Cambodia, as he continues his quest for a Nobel Peace Prize.

Mobile Thief Attacks Hyderabad DCP; Officer Fires in Self-Defence

HYDERABAD
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In a shocking incident, Hyderabad South East Zone Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) S. Chaitanya Kumar was allegedly attacked by a mobile phone thief on Saturday, October 25, near Victoria Playground in Chaderghat. The officer opened fire in self-defence, injuring the accused, identified as

Mohammed Omar Ansari, a habitual offender from Kamathipura. According to Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, Ansari has nearly 20 criminal cases against him, including property offences, extortion, and illegal possession of arms. He is also a rowdy-sheeter and has been detained twice under the Preventive Detention (PD) Act. The incident occurred when DCP Chaitanya and

his team, on their way to the office after a meeting with Commissioner Sajjanar, noticed Ansari allegedly stealing a mobile phone. When the police tried to apprehend him, Ansari pulled out a knife and attacked the DCP and his Personal Security Officer (PSO). "In response, DCP Chaitanya fired two rounds -- Ansari was hit on his hand and abdomen," Commissioner Sajjanar told reporters. Another alleged

offender accompanying Ansari managed to flee the scene. A wounded Ansari attempted to escape by running into a nearby residential building and jumping into a playground, but locals helped police capture him. He was taken to a hospital in Nampally for treatment, while the injured gunman and PSO were also hospitalised. DCP Chaitanya is reported to be out of danger.

The area was cordoned off for investigation, and police have launched a search for the absconding accomplice. Sajjanar said the crime scene will be reconstructed to establish the exact sequence of events. Reaffirming the department's stance, Commissioner Sajjanar stated, "If someone attacks police personnel, they will naturally retaliate. Public safety remains our top priority."

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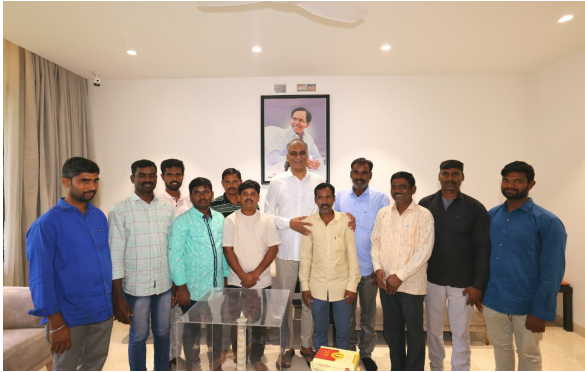
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Congress, BJP Ignored Us—BRS Brought Us Home: Jordan Returnees

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Twelve migrant workers from Telangana who were stranded in Jordan for several months have safely returned home, thanks to the intervention of former Minister T. Harish Rao and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). The workers, who arrived in Hyderabad in the early hours of Saturday, met Harish Rao at his residence and expressed heartfelt gratitude for helping them return after enduring severe hardships abroad. They said their repeated appeals to the Congress and BJP governments went unanswered. Harish Rao said that, following the directions of BRS chief K. Chandra-



shekar Rao (KCR), the party had worked relentlessly for nearly two weeks to secure the workers' release. "We brought to the notice of both state and central governments the plight of 12 Telangana migrants trapped in Jordan, but there was no response. Hence, we took it upon ourselves to bring them home," he said. The migrants had trav-

elled to Jordan for employment but were reportedly trapped by local agents and employers. Despite several appeals to the Indian Embassy in Jordan, they received no assistance. Eventually, Harish Rao, through BRS MP Suresh Reddy, contacted officials in the Ministry of External Affairs and held discussions with the Jordanian company concerned.

Following the talks, the company agreed to pay part of the penalty for their release, while Harish Rao personally bore the remaining expenses, including flight tickets for their return. The workers, who wept while recounting their ordeal, said they had struggled even for food and basic needs in Jordan. Harish Rao assured them of continued support and urged them to stay in Telangana and explore local employment opportunities. The workers were later sent to their hometowns in Jagtial, Nirmal, Kamareddy, Nizamabad, and Siddipet districts in vehicles arranged by BRS. Criticising the Congress and BJP for inaction, Harish Rao said the Revanth Reddy government

had failed to fulfil its promise of setting up a Gulf Welfare Board and special policy for migrant workers. "If the central and state governments had acted responsibly, these 12 workers wouldn't have suffered. It's the government's duty to protect our people abroad," he said. He also appealed to Union Ministers Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay and the eight BJP MPs from Telangana to establish a special department to help Telangana migrants facing hardships overseas. "People have entrusted you with power; it is your duty to keep your promises. When others failed, BRS stepped in and brought our people home," he added.

Srivarshita's Suicide Sparks Outrage Over Gurukula Schools Mismanagement

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A tragic incident at Vangara Gurukula School, under Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar's Husnabad constituency, has triggered widespread outrage. Srivarshita, a topper from Huzurabad, committed suicide on the evening of October 25 after allegedly being harassed by the school principal and vice-principal. She reportedly spoke to her parents at 6:30 PM and took her life by 7:30 PM. Her body was reportedly taken away in a tractor.

The school, part of KCR's initiative costing Rs. 25 lakh per student, has faced criticism for poor governance. BRS General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar highlighted that 110 students have died in Gurukulas over the past two years, raising serious concerns about safety and accountability.

Padi Kaushik Reddy has stood by Srivarshita's family, demanding immediate suspension of the principal and warden and ex-gratia compensation of Rs. 1 crore for the bereaved family. Questions have been raised over Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar's absence from his



own constituency during the incident and the government's silence.

Critics allege ministers are more focused on contracts, tenders, and personal gain than student welfare. The incident has drawn sharp social media reactions from both Congress and BJP, with calls for large-scale protests if accountability is not ensured.

Dr. Praveen Kumar emphasized the need for protection for Gurukula children and IAS officer Rizvi, citing neglect and misuse of authority in Jubilee Hills and elsewhere. He questioned the moral responsibility of ministers, including Revanth Reddy, Seethakka, Aduri Laxman, and Ponnampati Prabhakar, urging immediate action to prevent further tragedies.

Police raid on poker players in Nerella, Rs.1 Lakh 16 thousand seized

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Jagtial CCS Inspector Srinivas and Dharmapuri police department jointly raided a poker playing gambled place in Nerella village of Dharmapuri mandal of Jagtial district



on the orders of District SP Ashok Kumar and took 5 poker gamblers into cus-

today, Rs.1 Lakh 16 thousand and 5 cell phones seized. CCS Inspector Srinivas said that cases have been registered against those who gambled, and strict action will be taken against anyone who gambles, and that raids will continue.

Allegations of Corruption in IT Minister Sridhar Babu's Office

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former MLA Putta Madhu has accused IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu's office of turning into a hub for racketeering. He claimed that while Sridhar Babu's office is praised for being open late, it is allegedly used for illegal activities, including unauthorized car passes and employment scams.

Madhu said a complaint was filed by Kalyan Raj



on September 10, highlighting illegal collections and favoritism in job allocations, with posts allegedly going only to certain social groups. He alleged Sridhar Babu's brother, Seenu Babu, is also in-

involved, running a benami company, Align Security, after removing the previous outsourcing agency. Madhu demanded a government inquiry into the office, questioning why no investigation has been conducted against Sridhar Babu for actions affecting SC, BC, and ST communities. He urged the Chief Minister to form a committee to probe alleged corruption and illegal dealings in the Secretariat and the minister's office.

Telangana plans power boost ahead of Rabi, summer surge

HYDERABAD
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With the power demand for the upcoming Rabi and summer seasons in the State expected to exceed 19,000 MW, Energy department officials are drawing up plans to meet the demand.

Principal Secretary (Energy) Naveen Mittal held a meeting with TGSPDCL, TGTRANSCO, TGGENCO, TGNPDCL and TGREDCO officials in Hyderabad on Saturday. The Chief Engineers and Superintending Engineers were specifically directed to complete all line repairs, installation of new transformers and other developmental works by December.

Given the expected surge in demand, 72 new substations will be established under Southern



DISCOM and 31 under Northern DISCOM. Under TRANSCO, the capacity of transformers at 181 EHT substations is being enhanced. Additionally, 8,384 new distribution transformers will be installed under Southern DISCOM, and 5,280 under Northern DISCOM.

Under TSGENCO, overhaul work has been completed for almost all power generation units, with BTGS and KTGS-IV units nearing completion. All units of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station will become op-

erational in a few months, adding 4,000 MW of generation capacity. Adequate coal supply has been ensured for thermal plants, officials said.

Singareni CMD Balaraj said that coal production currently stands at 1.80 million tonnes per day, and is expected to reach 2.20 million tonnes per day by November. He assured that sufficient coal would be available for all State thermal plants during the Rabi and summer seasons.

Kavitha Leads Protest Demanding Justice for TSPSC Group-1 Aspirants



HYDERABAD
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Telangana Jagruthi President Kalvakuntla Kavitha led a protest at Gun Park, Hyderabad, condemning irregularities in the TSPSC Group-1 examinations and demanding justice for unemployed youth.

Speaking at the protest, which saw massive participation from Jagruthi members and job aspirants, Kavitha accused the Congress government of

betraying its pre-election promises. She said Rahul Gandhi had pledged employment opportunities for youth but failed to release a job calendar, instead misleading the public by presenting old vacancies as new ones.

Kavitha demanded that the Group-1 examination be cancelled and re-conducted to ensure transparency and fairness, asserting that the movement would continue until justice is achieved for the unemployed youth.

₹8,000 Crore HAM Road Scam, Govt Looting Public Money: BRS

HYDERABAD
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Former Minister and MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy has alleged massive corruption in the Telangana government, claiming an ₹8,000 crore scam in Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM) road tenders. The estimated cost per kilometer was inflated by 85%, with tenders floated for ₹17,000 crore for roads meant to be built for ₹9,000 crore.

Prashanth Reddy accused the Chief Minister of personally dividing shares when disputes arose between ministers over work tenders. He further claimed threats against contractors, misuse of officials, and scams like the liquor bottle hologram case.

The HAM model, he said, burdens taxpayers heavily, with the government itself paying interest on bank loans under CRF 10. Small contractors are



particularly disadvantaged, while mobilization advances are misused. Prashanth Reddy urged engineers, officials, and major contractors not to participate in what he called "government loot" and demanded immediate cancellation of HAM tenders. He also called for central investigative agencies, including the CBI, to step in, citing two central ministers from Telangana who could be involved indirectly. "The Telangana Congress government has become a role model in corruption," he said, criticizing the CM for frequent trips to Delhi to shield himself. He vowed to raise his voice on every platform against these HAM road tenders draining public

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Huzurnagar witnessed a record turnout as thousands of job seekers thronged the two-day mega job fair organised by the Industries Department with support from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and the Digital Employment Exchange of Telangana (DEET). Over 40,000 youth registered online, while more than 275 companies from local, national, and international sectors participated.

Industries and IT Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, who inaugurated the event, said it was the first job mela of such scale held in a rural part of Te-



langana. He announced that around 250 candidates had already received offer letters by the time of inauguration, with many more expected as interviews continued. Due to overwhelming response, the mela was extended for a second day.

Reddy said the initiative was born out of consulta-

tions with Congress leaders from Huzurnagar and Kodad, who highlighted the employment needs of rural youth. "We brought reputed companies directly to the doorstep of our youth," he said, noting that firms from cement, pharmaceuticals, IT, and construction sectors took part. The minister personally

reached out to companies across the erstwhile Nalgonda districts, assuring them of skill training support if required. "We are not only creating jobs but also building a bridge between skills and employment," he said.

Highlighting the government's commitment to tackling unemployment, Reddy said the Congress

administration had already filled between 70,000 and 75,000 government posts in 22 months. "We are filling vacancies in the public sector and boosting private employment opportunities," he said.

To facilitate participants, organisers arranged free food for over 50,000 attendees and spacious

waiting areas. Reddy thanked district officials, Singareni, DEET teams, and Congress workers for their cooperation, urging media to highlight the positive spirit of the event. "This rural job fair is a milestone for Telangana and a symbol of our confidence in the youth," he said.



Sridhar Babu Invites Indian-Origin CEOs To Invest In TG

Minister for IT and industries D. Sridhar Babu has called upon Indian-origin CEOs in Australia to partner with the Telangana government and contribute to the vision of ‘Rising Telangana’. Addressing a Business Conclave organised by the Centre for Australia-India Relations, the minister highlighted Telangana’s rapid economic growth driven by stable governance and progressive leadership. He underscored the state’s robust investment climate, supported by world-class infrastructure, transparent governance and investor-friendly initiatives such as the TG-iPASS single-window clearance system. Showcasing Telangana’s thriving industrial ecosystem, he emphasised efforts to develop a skilled workforce through global collaborations. The minister invited businesses to explore opportunities in high-growth sectors, including AI, data analytics, gaming, semiconductors, aerospace, defence, green energy, and electric vehicles. Assuring full government support and facilitation, Sridhar Babu positioned Telangana as a secure and attractive destination for global investments. The conclave saw participation from several dignitaries.

Revanth replaying false promise drama, warns BRS Krishank

BRS Spokesperson Krishank slams CM Revanth for “Aha Na Pellanta” repeat act before Jubilee Hills

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS spokesperson Krishank launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of repeating the “Aha Na Pellanta-style drama” ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election. Drawing parallels with the popular Telugu movie, Krishank said that just as the film’s chicken scene makes everyone’s mouth water without ever serving food, Revanth Reddy has been raising people’s hopes with hollow promises that remain unfulfilled. During the Cantonment bypolls, Krishank said, Revanth Reddy and senior Congress leaders made several tall promises but



failed to deliver even a single one. “The CM had assured regularisation of defence lands through exchange and issuance of pattas — not a single patta has been given to date,” he said. He pointed out that Cantonment bypoll in-charge Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy had promised 6,000 Indiramma Illu, none of which have been sanctioned. Similarly, Hyderabad in-charge Minister Ponnamm

Prabhakar had declared that ₹1,000 crore would be brought from the Centre, but “not even ₹1 came.” Krishank also noted that MLC and Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy had promised development funds during the campaign but never revisited Cantonment after elections or released a single rupee. Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav’s assurance to use his MP

funds for Cantonment’s development, too, remained only on paper. Issuing a challenge to the Congress leadership, Krishank said, “Before stepping into Jubilee Hills to seek votes again, let all those who campaigned in Cantonment show proof of what they have delivered from their earlier promises.” He added that the people are no longer ready to believe the Congress’s “Aha Na Pellanta-style” false assurances. “Empty words won’t build homes, regularise lands, or bring funds for development,” Krishank said, urging voters to see through the Congress’s repeated theatrics.

Unseasonal rains wreak havoc on cotton and paddy crops in Adilabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Unseasonal rains damaged standing cotton, paddy and other crops in parts of Mancherial and Adilabad districts on Friday night. According to the Telangana State Development Planning Society, Mancherial district recorded an average rainfall of 19 mm, with Kasipet mandal receiving 47.5 mm. Nennal mandal witnessed 42 mm, followed by Vemanapalli with 38 mm. Naspur, Jaipur, Bheemaram, Chennur and Bellampalli mandals recorded rainfall between 15 mm and 35 mm. Adilabad district reported an average rain-



fall of 17.7 mm. Gudihathnoor mandal recorded the highest at 60 mm, while Thalamadugu, Bazarhathnoor, Ichoda, Sirikonda, Boath and Neradigonda mandals saw between 15 mm and 45 mm. The district’s actual rainfall stood at 1,421 mm against the normal of 1,064 mm, indicating an excess of 33 per cent. The sudden downpour

flattened paddy crops and caused losses to farmers in both districts. Cotton, which was at the harvesting stage, was also affected. Farmers urged the government to conduct crop damage surveys immediately and provide compensation, lamenting that erratic weather was repeatedly pushing them into financial distress.

Electricity employees’ union threatens strike over unresolved issues

ADILABAD Wakeup telangana

A statewide strike is the only viable option left to address the long-standing issues plaguing power sector workers, including employees, labourers, and artisans, said G. Sai Baba, State General Secretary of the 1104 Electricity Employees Union on Saturday. Speaking at the State Executive Committee meeting held at the Union’s

state office in Mint Compound, he criticised management for their “negligent attitude”. The meeting, chaired by State President V. Venkateswarlu, was attended by district presidents and secretaries who highlighted critical problems faced by workers across key sectors like DISCOMs, TRANSCO, and GENCO. Sai Baba assured that the Union would initiate concrete action plans to resolve these issues. He

emphasised that the employees were making dedicated efforts to provide quality services to consumers. Sai Baba accused management of refusing even to spare time for reviewing the demands. “If this indifferent approach continues, the Union will not hesitate to call for a strike,” he warned. The workload has intensified in recent years. Sai Baba pointed out that despite repeated representations to management

and the state government, many chronic problems remain unaddressed. He noted that following the intervention of the Electricity Department Minister, discussions were held with TRANSCO management, and solutions were agreed upon for several issues. However, no formal orders have been issued to implement these resolutions, leaving artisans’ concerns—such as being forced to work without

minimum leave and perform menial tasks—unresolved to this day. The Union leader lamented that workers have been waiting “too long” for action on their demands. “We can no longer afford to wait. The situation demands immediate intervention,” he stressed. Among the pressing demands raised, he said there is a need for immediate initiation of promotion processes for eligible employees and labourers.



Senior Congress leader and Contested Corporator from Dabeerpura Division Mir Hyder Ali Jaffery met C.V. Anand, IPS, Special Chief Secretary (Home Department), Government of Telangana, and conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes.

Count Tigers, Earn Your Stripes from Forest Wing

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The forest department is expected to put this call out soon, not announcing jobs but seeking volunteers to assist it as it gears up for Phase-I of the sixth cycle of the All India Tiger Estimation next month. Faced with a staff deficit across the department, particularly in the two tiger reserves at Amrabad and Kawal, the forest department is planning to invite volunteers to join the six-day Phase-I of the tiger estimation exercise which is expected to be held in the third week of November. A senior department official said options were being created using



which volunteers can sign up for taking part in the tiger estimation which will give them an opportunity to not just go into the forest, but actually observe wildlife, and contribute to the efforts to save the tiger, the forests, and rest of the wildlife. A meeting has been scheduled by the department on October 31 with NGOs involved with nature and wildlife, after which the volunteering process will begin. “All those selected will be trained on what they will be expected to do

and how to do it during the walks,” the official said. The Phase-I of the estimation exercise involves 5 km one way carnivore walks and 2 km one-way transect walks during which the survey team will be expected to take notes of signs of presence of tigers or leopards, and prey animals such as various species of deer. The estimation exercise will not just in the two tiger reserves but in all forest areas including all the reserve forests, and its seven wildlife sanctuaries

at Eturunagaram, Pakhal, Pranahita, Sivaram, Pocharam, Kinnerasani, and Manjira. Though the department has vacancies across the board, around 1,800 at last count, the vacancy level is the highest in the Amrabad and Kawal tiger reserves which between them have 42 per cent of posts lying vacant. This past April, Union forests minister Bhupender Yadav had written a letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy highlighting the need to fill the vacancies in the tiger reserves. He had stated that it was imperative to fill the vacancies in a time-bound manner through a special drive keeping in view of the All India Tiger Estimation.

Hare Krishna Movement marks key ritual at Sangareddy cultural centre

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Celebrating a significant milestone in its construction journey, the Hare Krishna Movement-India’s upcoming project—the Hare Krishna Cultural Centre at Kandi, Sangareddy—witnessed the Maha Narasimha Homa and auspicious Garbhalaya Yantra Sthapana Puja on Saturday.

The event was attended by Sriman Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa Prabhuj, President of the Hare Krishna Movement Hyderabad & Regional President of the Akshaya Patra Foundation (Telangana & AP), and Health Minister Damodara Raja Narasimha. The forthcoming Hare Krishna Cultural Centre will not only house the most beautiful deities of Sri Sri Radha Krishna but also serve as a cultural pavilion to promote the glorious heritage and values of Sanatana Dharma.



This is a prestigious project of the Hare Krishna Movement India and will be the first and largest Hare Krishna Temple and Cultural Centre in Sangareddy. The ceremony included chanting of the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra by hundreds of devotees, Maha Narasimha Homa, followed by Purnahuti and Garbhalaya Yantra Sthapana Puja. The event concluded with Arati, bhajans, and pushpanjali. An expo of the proposed Hare Krishna Cultural Centre was also displayed, showcasing the temple’s architectural design and planned facilities.

Niranjan Reddy Slams Telangana Govt, IAS Resignations Expose Corruption

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Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, addressing a press meet attended by MLAs Madhavaram Krishna Rao, Mutha Gopal, former MLA Balka Suman, and BRS leaders Abhilash Rangineni and Medipalli Venkateswar Reddy, sharply criticized the Telangana government for alleged corruption and administrative failures. He highlighted the recent resignation of honest IAS officer Rizvi, attributing it to mental harassment by the ruling establishment, and called it a “slap in the face to politicians.” Ni-



ranjan Reddy accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and his ministers of widespread looting, saying the principle of “live and let live” has turned into “loot and let loot.” Niranjan Reddy also criticized Rahul Gandhi for touring the country with the Constitution while Telangana implements its own policies, and said his visit to Ashok Nagar included assurances to unemployed youth, who were allegedly met with a lathi charge.

He raised the issue of a pending Rs 1,150 crore bonus from last year and condemned CM KCR for mocking the Dalit Bandhu scheme, provoking other communities. He cited Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge’s promise to provide Rs 12 lakh under Dalit Bandhu and noted that Kharge’s words against the Telangana Congress government are going viral. He expressed concern over ministers and their families leaking confidential information, including departmental matters, and questioned the Chief Secretary’s accountability, urging him to write to the Governor.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

“Do you know where tomatoes and paddy are grown the most in Telangana? Can you teach your students that?” These question from drone expert R.S. Rayudu sparked curiosity among over 30 geography teachers who attended the GeoMap Society’s (GEMS) orientation programme here on Saturday at Kamala Nehru Engineering College (KNEC), Nampally. While drones are often associated with weddings, Rayudu explained their real purpose — advanced

mapping, surveillance, and data collection. “We can track where paddy or vegetables like tomatoes are cultivated more. During natural disasters, drones help identify damaged houses and inaccessible areas. Even for large gatherings like Medaram Jatara, drone surveys provide pinpoint construction data,” he said. The event, titled GEO-TOP – GeoTeachers Orientation Programme, was organised as a prelude to GeoMap Quiz. Teachers from city schools attended the hands-on workshop on mapping and geographical

information systems (GIS). Sujaya Sahapala, PGT geography teacher at Hyderabad Public School, said, “Students are tech-savvy, so we teachers need to upgrade ourselves. This GIS workshop helps us understand how drone imagery can be used to make lessons more visual and relevant.” Maj. Shiva Kiran (retired), president of GeoMap Society, presented applications of GIS and mapping in urban planning, healthcare, and public administration. Drone expert Rayudu conducted a demonstration — mapping a 22-acre area in 15 minutes

with a 25-cm resolution pictures using AI-based georeferencing and flight tracking. The GeoMap Quiz brochure was released at the event, with prelims scheduled for November 19, coinciding with International GIS Day under the theme ‘Geo-Generalist Era: Where Spatial Meets Everything’. Speakers including M. Chandrashekar, secretary of KNEC, and Dr D. Gangadhar Rao, president of the economic committee, highlighted the scope of GIS in property mapping and agriculture.

Telangana DISCOMs Prep for 19,000 MW Peak in 2026

Principal secretary (energy) Naveen Mittal has directed power utilities in Telangana to be fully prepared to meet a record power demand of over 19,000 MW expected during the forthcoming Rabi and Summer seasons of 2026. At a high-level meeting held at the TGSPDCL headquarters, Mint Compound, Mittal reviewed the state’s preparedness with CMDs of TGGENCO, TGTRANSCO, TGSPDCL, TGNPDCL, TGREDCO and Singareni Collieries Company Ltd. He noted that Telangana’s peak power demand this year touched 17,162 MW while ensuring uninterrupted supply, thanks to advance planning. With projections crossing 19,000 MW by 2026, he instructed engineers to complete all line repairs, transformer installations and development works by December. To strengthen infrastructure, 72 new substations will come up under the Southern DISCOM and 31 under the Northern DISCOM, while TRANSCO is enhancing transformer capacity across 181 EHT substations. Additionally, 8,384 new distribution transformers will be installed under Southern DISCOM and 5,280 under Northern DIS.

Rights groups hold protest rally in Kolkata against SIR

NEW DELHI
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Rights groups including Association for Protection of Democratic Rights (APDR) on Saturday held a protest rally against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls planned in West Bengal by the Election Commission of India (ECI). As the poll panel is gearing up to conduct SIR of Bengal's voter list, the rights body claimed that National Register of Citizens (NRC) will be carried out in the name of SIR. To mark their protest, members of the rights group took out the rally from College Street in north Kolkata to Dorina Crossing in central Kolkata.



APDR alleged that a conspiracy is going on to take away the voting rights and citizenship of many people through this process. General Secretary of APDR,

Ranjit Sur said, "In the name of creating the voter list under SIR, every person aged 18 years and above will have to mandatorily fill the SIR form. Along with this, every appli-

cant will have to fill a self-declaration form to get their name included in the voter list. Along with the place and date of birth, the place and date of birth of the parents will have to be mentioned compulsorily along with proof. Even the information of the husband and wife will be taken. But none of these will be mentioned in the voter card. Then why is it being taken?" He said that they want an accurate voter list and not SIR. According to him, the accurate voter list has been revised and updated twice. The APDR general secretary further said, "They will conduct NRC based on all this information. In 2019, an attempt was made to include this infor-

mation with the census. But then the government could not do it due to the pressure of the civic movement. The responsibility of proving citizenship has been imposed on the individual. This is against the Indian judicial system. Moreover, the Election Commission has no authority in this matter. There is a Supreme Court verdict in this regard. Most of the people will not be able to get all the documents that are being asked for." The rights body claimed that neither Aadhaar nor voter card is being accepted by the Election Commission. They fear that, if the common man fails to submit the documents properly, his citizenship will be taken away.

Education must to eradicate social inequality: Siddaramaiah

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said on Saturday that education is essential for developing one's personality, and to eliminate social inequality, everyone must become educated. "Education is important for everyone, regardless of caste or religion. Education is crucial for leading a life with dignity. B.R. Ambedkar emphasised that education is necessary to break free from social constraints. Every Muslim should be educated. To shape one's personality, education is essential, and to eradicate social inequality, everyone must become educated," said the Chief Minister during the inauguration of the Darul Quran Campus run by

Jamia Masjid and Muslim Charitable Trust, in Bengaluru. He said that after the Constitution came into existence, equal education opportunities became possible for all. "The government has prioritised education and will provide grants for it. Additionally, hostels are being established to facilitate primary and higher primary education for Muslim children," he claimed. Siddaramaiah emphasised that while following one's own religion, people should respect other religions, and live in harmony and solidarity, as the Constitution mandates. "We should not incite religious hatred. Hatred will not help anyone win hearts."

Sleeper Buses Banned Abroad, Thrive In India

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The bus fire in Kurnool that claimed 19 lives and injured 26 others has reignited concerns over the safety of sleeper-class buses in India — a mode of travel that several countries have long deemed unsafe. While nations such as China, Germany and Vietnam have either banned or heavily restricted sleeper buses citing safety and evacuation challenges, India continues to allow thousands of such vehicles to ply across state borders with minimal checks despite repeated tragedies. In China, sleeper buses were phased out more than a decade ago, in 2012, after a string of deadly crashes and fires. In 2011, a bus carrying 46 people caught fire in Henan province, killing 41 passengers and leaving only five and the driver alive. Following the accident, China's



ministry of transport issued guidelines mandating that long-distance drivers rest between 2 am and 5 am. A year later, a sleeper bus carrying 39 passengers collided with a methanol tanker in Shaanxi province, setting the vehicle ablaze and killing 36 people. Only three passengers survived with severe burns. In response, the Chinese government banned the manufacture and registration of new sleeper coaches in 2013, citing their instability and the difficulty of rescuing

passengers during emergencies. Germany also restricts the use of sleeper-style layouts on public roads. Rules introduced in 2006 require all passengers to be seated upright with seat belts fastened while the vehicle is in motion. Despite strong protests from transport operators, sleeper buses remain prohibited. Vietnam, once known for its extensive overnight sleeper network, began curbing routes after data showed a disproportionately high number of fatal crashes

involving such vehicles. Several Vietnamese cities, including Ho Chi Minh City, have now imposed local bans, especially on mountainous or highway routes. Experts say the design of sleeper buses — with enclosed bunks, narrow aisles and limited exits — makes evacuation nearly impossible during collisions or fires. In many cases, passengers get trapped inside as the main door is often locked by the driver for security reasons while the bus is in motion.

Tejashwi Vows To Transform Bihar

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Wakeup telangana

I.N.D.I.A. bloc's chief ministerial candidate for Bihar Tejashwi Yadav on Saturday said he would transform the state into one of the country's leading states by attracting investments and setting up industries if the Opposition coalition is voted to power. Addressing consecutive rallies in Parbatta and Alauli (Khagaria district) and Shahpur (Bhojpur district), the RJD leader said he was contesting the election not merely to form a government but to rebuild Bihar's economy and infrastructure. "We need to make Bihar number one by bringing in investment, improving education, and ensuring better healthcare facilities," Yadav said. He criticised Union home minister Amit Shah, claiming the BJP leader had remarked that factories cannot be set up in Bihar due to a shortage of land. "We will set up fac-



ories and attract investors to put Bihar on a development path," Yadav asserted. Accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government of neglecting the state, Yadav said, "The Centre has not even set up a needle factory in Bihar. The PM opens factories in Gujarat and seeks votes in Bihar." He also attacked the Nitiish Kumar government's liquor prohibition policy, calling it "a sham." Yadav alleged that while affluent sections get home delivery of liquor, poor families, especially women,

harassment through late-night raids. "Meanwhile, rats are drinking thousands of litres of liquor in police stations," he said, referring to reports of missing seized alcohol. Yadav further accused Modi and Shah of "hijacking" Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, saying he was "incapable of leading Bihar anymore." He declared that the time for change had arrived. Promising to address unemployment, Yadav said that if the I.N.D.I.A. bloc forms the government, it would enact a law within

20 days to ensure at least one government job per family, with recruitment completed in 20 months. "I cannot ignore the pain of unemployed graduates. I will reveal my financial plan for this soon," he added. Highlighting the recurring flood problems in Khagaria, Yadav said the district remains inundated from July to December every year, yet no government visits the affected areas. "I will ensure proper drainage facilities to end waterlogging once and for all," he promised. Reiterating his welfare pledges, he said the new government would regularise contractual workers and community mobilisers and provide ₹30,000 annually to women in a single instalment, contrasting it with the NDA's "debt of ₹10,000." Concluding his speech, Yadav invoked Chhathi Maiya, saying, "I pray to Chhathi Maiyya to end the people's suffering by overthrowing the NDA government."

FROM FRONT PAGE

Shah Warns Bihar Against Return of Jungle Raj

He warned that a Lalu-Rabri government would bring back lawlessness, while an NDA victory would ensure a progressive Bihar. "If NDA comes to power, Bihar will make its mark as a developed state," he said. Highlighting development under the NDA, Shah said Prime Minister Narendra Modi had restored Nalanda University's historic legacy, claiming that even "100 Bakhtiyar Khaljis cannot destroy it again." He noted that elections in Bihar are now being held in two phases, unlike the six phases during Lalu Prasad's regime, and predicted that the next elections would be conducted in a single phase. "Vote for the NDA to make that happen," he appealed. Accusing the Opposition alliance of "corruption and nepotism," Shah alleged that RJD supremo Lalu Prasad was only focused on his family's welfare. "Nitish babu wants Bihar's development, while Lalu wants to make his son chief minister and Sonia Gandhi wants her son to be prime minister," he said, adding that there were no corruption charges against Modi or Nitish. Shah alleged that under the RJD, Bihar had become a hub of "murder, robbery, extortion, and kidnapping," while industries fled the state. "Under Nitish babu's leadership, the NDA ended jungle raj, dynastic politics, and Naxalism," he said. Extending greetings for Chhathi Puja,

Shah prayed for Bihar to remain free of lawlessness and to continue progressing. "May our sisters and daughters remain safe, and may Bihar become a developed state," he said. Outlining the NDA's priorities, he said the government's focus was on schools, healthcare, irrigation, and drinking water for all households. He highlighted the government's welfare initiatives, including the ₹10,000 deposit to one crore women under the Jeevika scheme, increased pensions for widows and the elderly from ₹400 to ₹1,100, and the ₹3,000 monthly honorarium for ASHA workers. Shah also cited Modi's leadership, claiming that India's economy had moved from 11th to 4th position globally and would rise to third by 2027, adding that the government had successfully struck at terrorist hideouts inside enemy territory.

'Killer Bus' Ran Over Fallen Bike

The sequence of events, which briefly emerged on Friday but was dismissed by the police, emerged after the police began following up on a CCTV camera from a petrol bunk that showed Sankar and Erriswamy. The timestamp on the video showed 2.22 am, about half an hour before the accident which is believed to have occurred between 2.45 am and 3 am. Kurnool SP Vikrant Patil said police verified CCTV footage from nearby areas and identified the pillion rider as Erriswamy, also known as Nani, a GHMC worker

from Tuggali mandal. Police traced Erriswamy and questioned him. DIG Dr Koya Praveen said that the bikers had not consumed alcohol. The duo had dinner together and as there were no buses available to the village at that time, Siva Sankar offered to drop Erriswamy on his way to Dhone. According to the police, Siva Sankar, a granite worker, and Erriswamy left Lakshampur village around 2 am. After refuelling their bike with petrol worth ₹300 at the bunk, they continued their journey. A few minutes later, near Chinna Tekuru, Siva Sankar lost control of the bike, which skidded and hit the divider on the right side of the highway. He died on the spot, while his friend Erriswamy escaped with minor injuries. Erriswamy told police that he pulled Siva Sankar off the road and checked if he was alive. While he tried to move the fallen bike, he saw the speeding bus heading towards him. He escaped, and the bus struck the bike for a short distance before bursting into flames. Erriswamy fled the scene and reached Tuggali. Initially, police believed the version given by the bus driver or others, who claimed that the vehicle hit a moving bike. But the new footage and Erriswamy's statement have exposed the truth — the bus driver failed to notice the bike lying on the road and ran over it due to sheer negligence, leading to the loss of 19 innocent lives. SP Vikrant Patil said Ulindakonda police have registered a case and are continuing the investigation. With regard to the bus

fire victims, DIG Praveen said the police had gathered details of passengers who made reservations. One person boarded the bus at Aramghar in Hyderabad without a reservation, and his whereabouts are still unknown. He said the district SP has contacted Rajendranagar police to obtain CCTV footage of that individual. He added that a detailed report from the RTA officials regarding the bus is awaited. "If the forensic or motor vehicle inspection reports confirm negligence by the bus owner, we will take appropriate action," the DIG stated.

PM Modi to Take Part in Asean Meet Virtually

Economic collaboration will be another key focus area, with discussions likely to include progress on the review of the Asean-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). India remains one of Asean's top trading partners. In 2024-25, bilateral trade between India and the Asean bloc rose to US\$123 billion, with Indian exports valued at \$38 billion and imports at \$84 billion. Between 2000 and 2023, cumulative Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) from Asean countries into India amounted to \$156 billion, primarily from Singapore. Officials noted that Asean is a crucial pillar of India's Act East Policy and its broader Indo-Pacific vision. A strong and unified Asean, they said, plays an essential role in shaping regional dynamics, while India remains committed to sup-

porting Asean centrality, unity, and the Asean Outlook on the Indo-Pacific. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) currently includes Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. Timor Leste is expected to be formally inducted on Sunday as the 11th member of the grouping, after being granted observer status in February 2023. Malaysia chairs Asean this year, while the Philippines will take over in 2026.

Man Held for Molesting Aussie Cricketers

The police sprang to action and tracked and then arrested the accused Aqueel Khan, a resident of Khajrana area, within 24 hours on Friday evening, sources said. "Cricket Australia can confirm two members of the Australian Women's Team were approached and touched inappropriately while walking to a café in Indore," a statement issued by the Cricket Australia on Saturday said. Sources said that a local man rushed to the spot and tried to calm down the two Australian cricketers and then noted the registration number of the motorcycle of the accused. He then passed on the registration number to the police to help the cops identify the accused. "A case was registered under Sections 74 and 75 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which deal with stalking and outraging a woman's modesty through assault."

Teenager tries to kill girl over rejection

ernment order of August 2012. They pointed out that though the Group-I recruitment notification issued in February 2024 earmarked four posts under the 2 per cent quota, the commission allowed only one such candidate to appear for the mains until the court, by an interim order, directed that all petitioners be permitted to take part, subject to the result of the case. The state and the commission maintained that only candidates with Form-I certificates were eligible for Group-I posts. The petitioners argued that these forms were merely proof of participation and not a basis to deny consideration, as the government orders clearly recognised merit across all levels of sport.

Kethepally police on Friday booked a 19-year-old youth for attempting to murder a minor girl who rejected his love proposal. According to police, the accused, identified as Korivi Madhu of Kethepally, went to the girl's house in the same village and attacked her with a stick after she refused his ad-

vances. Madhu had allegedly been harassing the girl for the past few months, professing his love for her despite repeated warnings from her family. Based on a complaint lodged by the girl's father, Kethepally police registered a case under the BNS section for attempt to murder and took the accused into custody. The girl was admitted to the government

A 65-year-old woman was brutally murdered by thieves who stole three tolas of gold ornaments from her house in Huzurnagar, Suryapet district. The victim, Chema Anasuya, lived alone in her house located behind the Area Hospital at Huzurnagar.

According to police, unidentified persons broke into her house on Thursday night and strangled her to death before fleeing with the gold ornaments. On Friday morning, neighbours found Anasuya lying dead inside her house and alerted the police. Huzurnagar police have registered a case and launched an investigation to identify.

Justice Nagesh Bheemappa of the Telangana High Court directed the chairman of the Nirmal district diet managing committee and other competent authorities to award a hospital diet supply contract to a tribal woman contractor who has been supplying food to inpatients for nearly a decade. The judge was dealing

with a writ petition filed by L. Jhansi, a member of the Scheduled Tribe community, who contended that the contract for supplying diet to government hospitals was improperly allotted to another bidder through a draw of lots, despite a clause in the tender notification stating that local women would be given preference. The dispute arose from a tender notification issued in June 2025 for the supply of diet

to patients at Community Health Centres in Mudhole and Bhainsa and the Area Hospital in Narsapur. Multiple bidders, including the petitioner, quoted an identical rate of ₹72 per patient per day. The district authorities conducted a draw of lots among those tied on price and selected the unofficial respondent, a society, without informing the petitioner. She argued that she was neither notified

nor given an opportunity to be present during the finalisation process and that her statutory priority as a local tribal woman was ignored. The respondents contended that all qualified bidders consented to the draw of lots and that the petitioner's husband had been informed. They argued that there was no violation, as participation in the bidding process did not guarantee a right to be awarded the contract.

App Link Sent By Friend Costs Hyderabad Woman Of Rs 6.5 Lakh

In a setback to IAS and IPS officers who purchased alleged Bhoodan and gairan land in Survey No.s 181, 194 and 195 of Nagaram of Maheswaram mandal, the Telangana High Court on Friday dismissed their request to remove the properties from the prohibited list. The court rejected their interim applications seeking to allow the transactions or alter or change the character of the land. Justice K. Lakshman on Friday dismissed the interim applications filed by IAS officer Naveen Mittal; Aishwarya Raj, daughter of IAS officer Vikas Raj; Perla Varun, son of IPS officer Vishwa Prasad; and others, who had requested the court to vacate the stay orders issued on April 24. The stay orders

were issued by Justice C.V. Bhaskar Reddy while dealing a petition filed by Birla Mallesh alleging government inaction on the complaints against the IAS and IPS officers and their kin for purchasing government or bhoodan land.

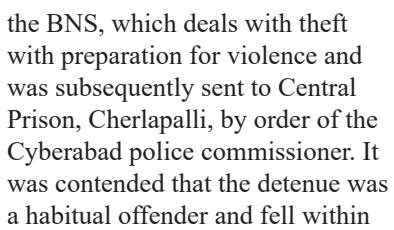
Petitioner Mallesh had requested the court to direct a probe by the Enforcement Directorate and the CBI. Justice Reddy while issuing stay orders had directed the government to move the properties to the prohibited list and not allow transactions, alterations or any changes.

EIPL Constructions and their directors and several IAS and IPS officers and their kin had filed interim applications seeking to vacate the stay orders and allow transactions and alienations by removing the properties from the prohibited list.

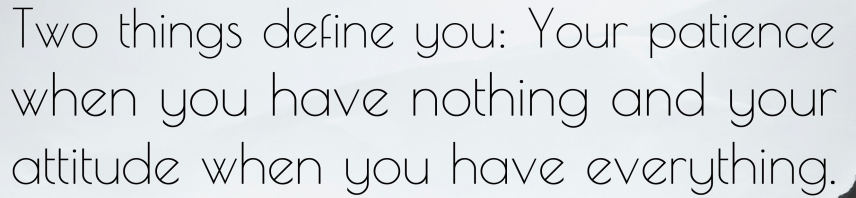
A 36-year-old woman from Karmanghat was duped of Rs 6.58 lakh after investing in a fraudulent mobile app, for which a link was sent by her friend, that falsely claimed to be government-authorised and police-certified. According to a complaint filed with the Rachakonda cyber-crime police, Vijay-alaxmi, was introduced to an app named LF WORK by a friend in June. After registering with her Aadhaar details, the victim was contacted by a woman identifying herself as Park Lina, who claimed the platform was approved by the government and verified by the police. To reinforce the claim, the fraudster shared a certificate which later investigations estab-

lished to be fake. Vijayalaxmi was added to two WhatsApp groups administered by individuals using names such as Lee Young-ac, Park Ji, and Song Yunah, apart from Park Lina. The victim initially received small profits, which encouraged her and her husband to invest larger sums. When the couple attempted to withdraw their money, the fraudsters informed them that the funds could only be released after three years. Vijayalaxmi told the police she had invested Rs 7,59,266 and managed to recover only Rs 1,00,640, losing Rs 6,58,626 in total. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway. Officials said the scammers made the app appear genuine by falsely portraying it as government-certified and police-authorised.

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court, comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Gadi Praveen Kumar, upheld the preventive detention of Nazim Aziz Kotadia, detained under the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities Act, 1986, rejecting the plea filed by his father, Aziz Hassan Kotadia, seeking his release through a writ of habeas corpus. The prosecution said the detainee was involved in theft of jewellery from shops, including one incident in Medchal, during which he attempted to murder the shop owner when the latter tried to apprehend him. Nazim Aziz was booked under Section 307 of



the definition of a 'goonda' under Section 2(g) of the Telangana Prevention of Dangerous Activities Act, 1986. The division bench noted that the detainee's acts, committed in public places, disturbed public order and warranted preventive detention. The court rejected the plea that there was a violation of procedural safeguards on the ground that the detainee was unfamiliar with the English language. The bench accepted the argument advanced by government pleader Swaroop Oorilla, who contended that the detainee's past conduct and likelihood of committing successive offences justified his continued detention. The court dismissed the habeas corpus petition.



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.

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.



India Eyes 350 Airports by 2047 as Renovated Delhi Terminal 2 Reopens

MUMBAI
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Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram-mohan Naidu inaugurated the extensively renovated Terminal 2 (T2) at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport (IGIA) on Saturday, unveiling a key milestone in the government's ambitious plan to transform India into a global aviation hub. The minister emphasized that India's long-term vision includes operating 350 airports by 2047, more than double the current number, as the country seeks to meet growing domestic and international air travel demands. India presently operates 164 airports, including both domestic and international facilities. Speaking to the media, Naidu explained that the challenge ahead is not merely constructing new airports, but ensuring that



India attracts a higher number of aircraft to service these expanded routes. "Building airports is just one part of the equation. The real task is to bring more aircraft into India and ensure connectivity matches our infrastructure growth," he said. The T2 terminal, which has been closed since April 2025 for extensive renovation, is set to resume operations on Sunday. The overhaul of T2 is part of a broader modernization effort at IGIA, aimed at increasing pas-

senger-handling capacity and improving the overall travel experience. The Civil Aviation Minister described the upgrade as "a critical step in positioning India as a major global aviation hub." Delhi's IGIA has witnessed a sharp surge in passenger traffic over recent years. Naidu highlighted that the airport is now targeting a capacity of 120 million passengers annually, with the T2 expansion alone projected to add approximately 15 million seats. The minister underscored that these developments reflect India's rapid growth in air travel infrastructure and its commitment to world-class airport facilities. Addressing ongoing concerns regarding aviation safety, Naidu confirmed that a thorough investigation is underway into the AI-171 crash. While he did not provide a definitive timeline for

the completion of the inquiry, he emphasized that the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is strictly following International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) protocols. Highlighting a recent domestic milestone, the minister revealed that the black box from the incident was decoded in India for the first time—a significant technological achievement for the country's aviation sector. Reflecting on India's progress in the past decade, Naidu remarked, "We have built so many airports over the last 10 years that we've become experts. Give us land anywhere in the country, and we can deliver a state-of-the-art airport." His comments underline the government's confidence in India's aviation capabilities and its determination to expand infrastructure to meet future demand.

Govt to ensure fair marketplace, ease of doing business: Union Minister

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Pralhad Joshi on Saturday reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening regulations and enforcement mechanisms against unfair trade practices while simplifying compliance. During his address at the National Conference of Controllers of Legal Metrology in Goa, the minister highlighted the government's vision of empowering consumers and ensuring a fair, safe, and transparent marketplace. On social media platform X, the minister wrote, "The government remains committed to strengthening regulations and enforcement mechanisms against unfair trade prac-

tices, while simplifying compliance to build a reliable and trustworthy environment for all consumers." He said the government's initiatives reflect its commitment to a consumer-centric, tech-driven and globally aligned ecosystem that prioritises consumer welfare and innovation. Joshi addressed the event with Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod P. Sawant, on issues of 'Ease of doing business,' and 'Use of digital technology, and consumer awareness'. "Following the guidance of PM Narendra Modi, consumer care & protection remain our top priorities. At the same time, we are committed to ease of doing business—balancing progress with convenience for all," his post read. India is steadily moving

towards becoming the third-largest economy in the world. Under the visionary leadership of PM Modi, let us all contribute to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, he urged his followers on social media. The government recently relaxed Rule 18(3) of the Legal Metrology (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 2011, which earlier required companies to issue advertisements in two newspapers announcing revised prices. Instead, manufacturers and importers will now only need to circulate price change notifications to wholesalers and retailers, with copies sent to the Director of Legal Metrology at the Centre and Controllers of Legal Metrology in all states and union territories.

Crossing the Due Date: Why Waiting Too Long Can Endanger Mother and Baby

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Waiting past the due date can turn the joy of pregnancy into a medical emergency, and doctors warn that post-dated pregnancies, if not closely monitored, can endanger both mother and baby. Recently, a 28-year-old mother of two who delayed going to the hospital after crossing her expected delivery date by a week required an emergency cesarean when doctors discovered dangerously low amniotic fluid levels. Prolonged pregnancy, defined as 41–42 weeks, and post-dated pregnancy, beyond 42 weeks, occur in 4–15% of pregnancies and may result from incorrect estimation of the due date, maternal obesity, prior prolonged pregnancies, or



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waiting for natural labour without medical supervision. Beyond 40 weeks, the placenta begins to age, reducing oxygen and nutrient supply, while amniotic fluid decreases by roughly 33% per week, raising risks of fetal distress, cord compression, stillbirth, meconium aspi-

ration, macrosomia, reduced baby movements, and placental insufficiency. Regular monitoring in the final month is crucial, with weekly antenatal visits to track fetal heart-beat, movements, amniotic fluid, and placental health; doctors may recommend Non-Stress Tests, ultrasounds, or labour induction at 40–41 weeks if labour does not begin naturally. Expectant mothers should confirm their due date early, track daily fetal movements, avoid delaying hospital visits after 40 weeks, and discuss delivery planning with their doctor. A baby is safest in the womb only until its time, and as Dr. Amreen Sharif emphasizes, awareness, timely check-ups, and early action are essential for safe motherhood.

Union MoS George Kurian urges fisheries workers to register under NFDP

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Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying George Kurian on Saturday called on all stakeholders in the fisheries sector to register under the National Fisheries Development Programme (NFDP) to avail insurance coverage and various welfare benefits. During a Fisheries Outreach Programme in Thrissur, the minister said that the NFDP aims to ensure that maximum benefits reach those associated with the fishing community, an official statement said. The minister appreciated the Government of Kerala for extending full cooperation in implementing the Central government policies in the fisheries sector. Highlighting the progress made in infrastructure development, Kurian said that many fishing harbours have



been redeveloped through the joint efforts of both governments. The minister also informed about the provision of low-interest loans for the development of fishing harbours. The minister said that nine integrated coastal villages in Kerala have been selected for development, adding that facilities such as processing centres, kiosks, and community centres will be installed in these villages. The central government will fully fund these projects aimed at promoting climate-resilient and technology-driven fisheries, with an allocation of Rs 2

crore, while the state government will identify beneficiaries, Kurian said. The minister emphasised the importance of increasing fisheries production, highlighting that India is the second-largest fish producer and processor in the world. He reiterated the government's commitment to supporting co-operative societies of fish farmers, ensuring that they receive due benefits under welfare and development schemes. The Outreach Programme aimed to create awareness among fishers and fish farmers about various welfare and livelihood enhancement

Trump says trade deal with South Korea 'pretty close' to being finalised

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Wakeup telangana

US President Donald Trump has said a trade deal with South Korea is "pretty close to being finalised", noting that he is "ready" if the Asian country is ready for finalising the details of the framework deal struck in July. Trump made the remarks in a press meeting aboard Air Force One on Friday, as he was en route to Malaysia as part of his Asia trip that will also take him to South Korea and Japan. Seoul and Washington have struggled to bridge differences over how to implement Korea's US\$350 billion investment pledge under the July deal. "It's pretty close to being finalised," he said, according to the White House pool report. "If they have it ready, I'm ready." In a separate online briefing on Friday, a senior US official said the United States

is keen to "nail down" a trade deal with South Korea as soon as Seoul is willing to take "appropriate" commitments. The two countries reached their trade deal in late July, under which Seoul committed to investing \$350 billion in the US, among other pledges, in return for Washington's agreement to lower its "reciprocal" tariff and sector-specific duty on South Korean autos to 15 percent from 25 per cent. But the deal has yet to take effect amid negotiations to reconcile differences over a series of sticking points, including how to fund the investment package. In recent weeks, top South Korean officials, including Kim Yong-beom, the presidential chief of staff for policy, Finance Minister Koo Yun-cheol and Industry Minister Kim Jung-kwan, have visited Washington multiple times, underscoring Seoul's stepped-up efforts.

Pakistan's public debt reaches 'unsustainable' \$286 billion by FY25

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Pakistan's total public debt hit \$286 billion by the end of the 2024–25 fiscal year, and its borrowing has reached an "unsustainable" level, a new report has said. The figure, up 13 per cent from the previous year, underscores not only a fragile recovery but also the deep structural flaws that have become the hallmark of Pakistan's fiscal management, according to the report from Maldives Insight. "Pakistan's economy is not expanding fast enough to outpace its liabilities, and its borrowing remains both habitual and unsustainable," the report said, adding that servicing debt, rather than financing growth, remains the single largest use of public resources. Pakistan's Ministry of Finance's 'Annual Debt Review 2025' concedes that the debt-to-GDP ratio has climbed to 70 per cent, up from 68 per cent the previous year.

Pakistan's fiscal deficit for the year stood at \$25.2 billion, financed primarily through domestic borrowing, the report said, adding that domestic debt alone now accounts for \$194 billion, up 15 per cent from the previous year. Meanwhile, the external debt rose to \$92.5 billion, up 6 per cent. The ministry reported an average time to maturity for domestic debt of 3.8 years and a reduced external debt share. However, interest expenses increased by 9 per cent year-on-year, limiting development spending, according to the report. Multilateral loans accounted for 57 per cent of total external debt, bilateral loans constituted 26 per cent, and commercial borrowing, which includes Eurobonds, made up the remainder. The report noted that these numbers demonstrate the extent to which Pakistan's economic sovereignty is dependent on the conditionalities and fluctuations of external financiers.

Centre harmonises customs exemption framework to boost ease of doing biz, effective from Nov 1

NEW DELHI
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The government has issued a new notification towards bringing a major reform in the customs exemption framework towards ease of doing business. The new notification by Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) rationalises and harmonises existing customs duty exemptions across various sectors. The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) has consolidated 31 separate Customs Duty notifications into a single comprehensive document. The sectors covered include renewable energy, metals, fertilisers, agriculture, pharmaceuticals, electronic components etc. Effective from November 1, 2025, the notification consolidates a



wide range of legacy notifications into a single unified structure, while providing conditional exemptions on customs duties, Integrated GST, and compensation cess where applicable. The 'Notification No. 44/2025—Customs dated 24th October 2025,' amends several existing Customs notifications in the public interest. The new consolidated notification effectively merges all relevant exemptions and procedural details into a single framework,

thus eliminating redundancy while preserving the substance of existing benefits. The amendments affect key notifications governing customs exemptions and procedural frameworks, including Notification Nos. 11/2018-Customs, 8/2020-Customs, 11/2021-Customs, and 52/2017-Customs. The current changes bolster the government's effort to harmonise customs provisions with ongoing budgetary and policy adjustments under the

Integrated and Goods and Services Tax framework. Earlier this month, the CBIC introduced system-based auto-approval for IFSC code registration to enhance the ease of doing business. The system will automatically approve requests for registration of the same incentive bank account and IFSC code for a particular Importer Exporter Code (IEC) at multiple Customs locations, provided the same combination has already been approved at any one location. The move comes as part of the CBIC's initiatives to leverage technology to simplify procedures, reduce transaction costs, and enhance the ease of doing business for India's trade community, the statement added.

Over 1.5 crore train passengers travelled in festive season so far: Ashwini Vaishnaw

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Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday said nearly 1.5 crore train passengers have travelled so far in this festive season, adding that over 2.5 crore passengers are likely to travel by the end of the festival season. Vaishnaw informed that big holding areas have been set up at 30 railway stations for smoother crowd management. Speaking to reporters here, the minister further said that during former Railways Minister Lalu Prasad's tenure, 178 special trains were run during the Diwali and Chhath festival, which have now increased to over 13,000 — a massive jump. The safety has also increased, and the number of accidents has reduced from over 170 in 2014 to just 31 in 2024–25, and "we aim to reduce it further

and make it safer." According to Vaishnaw, rail track construction has risen from 400–600 kilometres per year to over 4,000 per year. The Indian Railways is also gearing up for the safe and comfortable return journey of passengers after the Chhath Puja festivities. For October 28, 6,181 special trains have been notified to facilitate passengers returning to their workplaces after the festival season. Around 30 stations in Bihar are gearing up for the festive rush with holding areas, additional ticket counters, CCTV surveillance, and other passenger-friendly arrangements. Moreover, Railways has set up 24x7 medical booths at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Gaya, and Saharsa with fire brigade and ambulance services on standby for prompt passenger health assistance and safety management.

Kriti Sanon says 'I'll always be proud of' Do Patti as the film turns 1

It has been a year since actress Kriti Sanon marked her new creative journey as a producer with "Do Patti", the first project of her production house, Blue Butterfly Films. Commemorating one year of "Do Patti" on Saturday, Kriti took to her Instagram and shared a heartfelt message. Expressing her joy, she penned, "It's been a year of my first butterfly (butterfly and red heart emoji) A film that I'll always be proud of.. my first production.. (folded hands emoji) @bluebutterflyfilm-sofficial Happy 1 year @kanika.d @kathhapiictures @beatnikbob5. (sic)."

Made under the direction of debutante Shashanka Chaturvedi and written by Kanika Dhillon, "Do Patti" shares the tale of a police officer who comes across a couple wherein the wife, who has a jealous twin sister, accuses the husband of attempting to murder her. The movie also marks Kriti's first dual roles in her career as twin sisters Saumya and Shailee.

The core cast of the drama also includes Kajol and marks the Hindi film debut of Shaheer Sheikh, with Tanvi Azmi playing a supporting role. Coming to the technical crew, the project has Mart Rassepp on board as the cinematographer, and Naman Arora and Hemal Kothari as the editor.

Up next, Kriti will be seen as the leading lady in the highly-talked-about sequel "Cocktail 2". Recently, the diva took to her Instagram and dropped a couple of pictures from the Italy schedule of the drama, along with the caption, "Ciao my Bellas. And just like that we've wrapped #TheSicilianChapter of #Cocktail2. Sunshine, rain and ending with a beautiful Rainbow. See you guys super soon (sic)".



Ronit Roy calls son Agasthya 'one in trillion' as he turns 18



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Actor Ronit Bose Roy's son Agasthya turned 18 years old on Saturday. Celebrating the milestone moment, the '2 States' actor uploaded a childhood photo of his son on social media, followed by a current pic of the birthday boy. Wishing Agasthya on his special day, Ronit penned on his Instagram account, "Jhebaaaaaa mera chota sa simba!!!! Mufasa always got your back!!!! Love your more (red heart emoji) From there to here Happy 18th Birth-

day my Sonshine (Sparkles emoji) this is the beginning of a truly wonderful journey (Raising Hands Emoji) (sic)." Showering blessings on his son, he added, "God bless you my raja (King crown emoji) you're (hundred points emoji) original!!! One in trillion...you'll always be able to find your way, your way (red heart and evil eye emoji) #ra-jabeta #mysonshine (sun emoji)". Earlier, Agasthya's uncle and Ronit's brother, Rohit Bose Roy, penned a lovely birthday wish for his nephew on his 18th birthday. Posting a throwback photo with

Agasthya, the 'Des Mein Niklla Hoga Chand' actor wrote on the photo-sharing app, "Happy birthday to my one and only... To the best looking Bose Roy...May all your dreams come true and much more!!! Can't believe you are 18 already! (sic)." "For me, you will forever remain a chotu (red heart emoji) Love you Agu," he added. Work-wise, Ronit was recently seen as King Someshwar in the show "Chakravarti Samrat Prithviraj Chauhan". Sharing his experience of playing King Someshwar, Ronit said in a state-

Chris Pratt shares experience of working with LAPD in new film

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Wakeup telangana

Hollywood actor Chris Pratt, who will be next seen in his upcoming thriller, 'Mercy', has shared his experience of filming with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). He also shed light on the most difficult part of working on the film, and how he prepared for his new film, reports 'People' magazine.

In the film, he stars as an Los Angeles detective who has limited time to uncover the truth about his wife's death after being blamed for her murder. As per 'People' magazine, the actor revealed that the most difficult part of working on 'Mercy' came while he was spend-



ing time with law enforcement officers to gain a deeper understanding of his character. "I had an opportunity to work with the Los Angeles Police Department, and their homicide division and so I was able to go down and talk to those guys." He added that he performed stunts while working alongside the po-

lice. "It was really incredible. I mean some of the stunt work we did was really great," he shared. The 'Guardians of the Galaxy' star says performing stunts wasn't the most challenging aspect of his time with the Los Angeles Police Department. He also said, "We got to drive, cop cars and do some like cool bar fight stuff, but, the majority of the difficulty was just kind of hearing some of these stories and wow, it's a real testament (sic)." "Like we kind of take it for granted here we are in New York City, but there's a homicide detective out there right now working a homicide. We don't really see much about that necessarily in the news, but man.

Manoj Bajpayee admits Pinjar has a 'special place in my journey' as film clocks 22 years of release

NEW DELHI
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Actor Manoj Bajpayee admitted that the historical drama "Pinjar" holds a special place in his cinematic journey, as the film clocked 22 years of release on Friday. Uploading some glimpses from the Chandraprakash Dwivedi directorial on his IG, Bajpayee pointed out that despite not qualifying for any mainstream awards, the movie managed to get two National Awards - 'Best Feature Film on National Integration' and the 'Special Jury Award' for Bajpayee.

The 'Satya' actor penned on the photo-sharing app, "Two decades and two years ago, Pinjar released and this film has a special place in my journey. The film that did not qualify for any mainstream awards but won two National Film Awards, including my second (sic)." Bajpayee shared that "Pinjar" talked about the human cost of the division of the two neighbouring countries.

"Based on the legendary Amrita Pritam's novel, it spoke about unity, inclusiveness, and the human cost of division. The love it continues to receive means a lot. Grateful to the wonderful team, co-actors, and everyone



who made this journey so memorable. #22YearsOfPinjar," he added. Aside from Bajpayee, the project also features Urmila Matondkar, Sanjay Suri, Sandali Sinha, Priyanshu Chatterjee, Kulbhushan Kharbanda, Isha Koppikar, and Farida Jalal in key roles, along with others.

The drama sheds light on the Hindu-Muslim problems during the partition of India. The film is based on a Punjabi novel of the same name by Amrita Pritam. It talks about a Hindu woman who gets abducted in the days leading up to Partition. Forced into marriage, she finds herself living in a new country. Backed by Lucky Star Entertainment, "Pinjar" features music scored by Uttam Singh. While the camera work for the drama has been handled by Santosh Thundiyl, the editing department has been headed by Ballu Saluja. With a theatrical release on October 24.

PVL 2025: Mumbai Meteors and Bengaluru Torpedoes Set for Thrilling Final

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The fourth season of the RR Kabel Prime Volleyball League powered by Scapia reaches its climax as the Mumbai Meteors take on the Bengaluru Torpedoes in a highly anticipated finale at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium on Sunday. Both teams have displayed top form throughout the league stage, setting the stage for a thrilling contest that promises edge-of-the-seat action.

The Mumbai Meteors finished the league at the top, winning 6 out of 7 matches and accumulating 17 points, while Bengaluru Torpedoes secured second place with 5 wins and 14 points. Meteors Captain Amit Gulia emphasized focus and teamwork, saying, "We don't have to think much about



the last point we lost. We have to think more about the upcoming point." Head Coach Matt van Wezel highlighted Bengaluru's disciplined approach, noting, "Just avoiding mistakes is not enough to beat them tomorrow. We will have to do more than that." The final features key individual battles. Bengaluru's Joel Benjamin leads the season scoring chart with 103 points, closely followed by Mumbai's Shubham

Chaudhary. Both teams will also rely on strong blocking, with Mumbai's Petter Alstad Ostvik and Chaudhary ranked among the league's top five blockers. Meteors will need to contain Sethu, Bengaluru's top server with 11 points, tied with Goa's Rohit Yadav. Bengaluru Torpedoes' Head Coach David Lee stressed the importance of performance over opponent strategy: "It's going to be a lot about

how we play the game, not so much how the opponent plays." He praised the team's resilient core, whose fighting spirit has become their hallmark. Captain Matt West urged his team to embrace the moment: "Don't change. It's not where you are, it's who you are. Just execute." While this is the Meteors' first final, Lee has prior experience, having led Bengaluru to the 2023 final. Both teams anticipate a thrilling showdown that highlights the best of Indian volleyball. Gulia summed up the excitement, saying, "I think it's going to be one of the best matches we've seen in PVL." Fans can expect intensity, skill, and drama as two of India's top teams battle for the ultimate crown.

Telangana's Sai Tanvi Reddy dominates Dressage Junior, takes double medals

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The third day of the Regional Equestrian League (REL) and Telangana State Equestrian Competition (TSC) 2025 concluded at HPRC, Aziz Nagar, Moinsabad, Hyderabad, organised by the Telangana State Equestrian Association (TSEA). The competitions, held from 23rd to 26th October 2025, showcased exceptional talent across show jumping and dressage events.

In the Show Jumping Children-1 category, Mohammed Amair Shanawaz (Nasrpolo) clinched 1st place with zero jumping faults and a timing of 67.47 seconds. Penumutchu Arnav Sri (Archi Horse Academy) finished 2nd, also with zero faults and a timing of 69.35 seconds. Aizah Mir (Nasrpolo) secured 3rd



place with 4 faults in 53.07 seconds, followed by Eashan Naidu Karri (THEC) in 4th place with 4 faults in 57.53 seconds. The Show Jumping Children-2 category saw Salomi Anet Castilino

(Rancho De Caballos) take 1st place with 4 faults in 58.55 seconds, closely followed by Mir Najamuddin Azam (Nasrpolo) in 2nd place with 4 faults in 58.84 seconds. Castilino also se-

cured 3rd place with 4 faults in 64.48 seconds, while Ayaan Varma Nadimpalli (Nasrpolo) finished 4th with 4 faults in 80.89 seconds.

In the Dressage Junior event, Sai Tanvi Reddy (Telangana) dominated, earning 1st place on Paraz with 54.456 points, and 2nd place on Centaur with 56.086 points. The closing ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow at 4:00 PM, with Shri Vakiti Srihari, Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development & Fisheries and Sports & Youth Affairs, as the chief guest. Justice V Ram Krishna Reddy will attend as guest of honour, along with MLA Sri Janampalli Anirudh Reddy. The four-day event continues to highlight Telangana's emerging equestrian talent while promoting competitive sportsmanship among children and juniors across the state.

Telangana DCA flags illegal sale of steroids in gyms

The Telangana Drug Control Administration (DCA), on Saturday, October 25, warned retail and wholesale pharmacies against the illegal sale of mephentermine injections to gyms and fitness center. The DCA maintained that certain gyms and fitness centers illegally procured and sold anabolic-androgenic steroids and cardiac stimulants like mephentermine Injection to gym-goers, who are reportedly misusing them for bodybuilding purposes. “The abuse of prescription medicines such as anabolic-androgenic steroids, mephentermine sulphate injections, etc., for bodybuilding purposes can lead to serious adverse effects, including cardiovascular disorders, hormonal imbalance, psychiatric disturbances, and, in some cases, even death,” said the DCA. It stated that anabolic androgenic steroids and cardiac stimulants like mephentermine injection, etc., are ‘Prescription Medicines,’ and shall mandatorily be sold only against a valid prescription issued by a registered medical practitioner. “Any illegal sale, diversion, or distribution of such prescription medicines for non-therapeutic or abusive purposes constitutes a serious violation of the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Rules thereunder, and shall be dealt with strictly,” the DCA warned. It added that the strict compliance of all stakeholders is mandatorily required to ensure that these prescription medicines are not diverted for misuse and that public health and safety are effectively safeguarded.

Telangana DGP Reviews CID, Orders Yearly Crime Focus

Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivadhar Reddy on Saturday directed the Crime Investigation Department (CID) to focus on emerging crime trends and take special preventive measures. He was reviewing the performance of the department with additional DGP Charu Sinha, DIG Narayana Nayak, superintendents of police, and other officers concerned. Under review was the functioning of the CID’s various wings — the State Crime Records Bureau (SCRB), Centre of Excellence, CCTNS, and Women Safety Wing. DGP Shivadhar Reddy also examined the details of crime trends over the last five years. The DGP discussed the prevailing crime situation and highlighted the need to analyse the causes and patterns of crimes thoroughly. Shivadhar Reddy suggested that each year, the CID should identify a priority area or crime category as its main focus, and make concerted efforts not only to control it but also to prevent related crimes.

HYDRAA protects public land worth Rs 86 crore

Officials of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Saturday, October 25, fenced a public utility land measuring 4,300 sq. yards, valued at around Rs 86 crore, in Kondapur, Serilingampalli mandal of Rangareddy district. Criminal cases have been registered at the Gachibowli police station against those accused of attempting to encroach on the land. The land is located within the Osmania University Teachers’ Welfare Society layout at Raja Rajeshwari Nagar, Kondapur, which originally consisted of 370 residential plots approved by the gram panchayat in 1978. At the time, the seller, Chinthala Pochoiah, had earmarked the open space for a school building and other public utility purposes. However, residents of the colony alleged that Pochoiah, along with his relative Chinthala Raju and one Kolla Madhava Reddy.

From Hyderabad Startup to Nationwide Snack Delivery

The **Tidbeat** Story of Unwavering Care, Consistent Service, and Dedication to Community



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What began as a simple office idea in Hyderabad has grown into Tidbeat, a snack box delivery service now reaching homes, schools, and corporate clients across multiple major Indian cities. With over 1.5 lakh snack boxes delivered so far, Tidbeat illustrates how a small, everyday problem, when approached with care, consistency, and persistence, can evolve into a nationwide enterprise with a meaningful impact. The journey began when Matheen Shaik, working in a corporate office, encountered a recurring challenge familiar to many employees: arranging snack boxes for meetings and office celebrations was often a last-minute scramble. Suppliers were unreliable, quality varied widely, and coordinating payments and packaging became unnecessarily stressful. Realizing this was a problem that affected many, Matheen shared his idea with friends Achitha Reddy, Vineesh, and Swarup. Together, they decided to build a simple, dependable solution to

streamline snack delivery. “There was no plan for a startup at first. We just wanted to solve a small problem we faced every day,” recalls Matheen. Tidbeat’s growth was driven by its focus on freshness, neat packaging, and punctual delivery. Early orders came primarily



from offices, but word spread quickly, and demand expanded to schools, residential communities, and local events. From a modest kitchen in Hyderabad, the venture gradually scaled to cities such as Bengaluru, Pune, Mumbai, and Chennai. The company now caters to top organizations, including Amazon, BMW, Samsung, Tata Projects, Deloitte, Accenture, Mercedes-Benz, and Wipro, along with renowned schools like Meluha

International, Spring International, and The Tree House Play School, as well as large residential complexes. Remarkably, much of this growth has been organic, fueled by word-of-mouth and consistent service rather than expensive marketing campaigns. Beyond business, the founders have embedded community work into Tidbeat’s mission, organizing snack donations for orphanages and old age homes and running food and blanket drives during crises. “We didn’t just want to deliver snack boxes. We wanted to deliver happiness. Giving back reminds us why we began,” says Matheen. As Tidbeat expands further, the team continues to emphasize reliability, eco-friendly packaging, and efficient logistics to meet growing demand without compromising quality. The journey of Tidbeat reflects not only entrepreneurial spirit and determination but also a belief that even simple ideas, executed with sincerity and dedication, can leave a lasting positive impact on communities and customers alike.



Waqf Board Conducts UMEED Portal Training



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The Telangana Waqf Board, in collaboration with the Association of Telangana Sajjada Nasheen Mutawallis and Khidmat Guzaran of Waqf, conducted a training session on Saturday at Dar-gah Hazrath Shah Khamoosh, Nampally. The session aimed to raise awareness on the importance of properly registering details of Waqf institutions on the UMEED portal under the guidance of Waqf Board

chairman Azmattullah Hus-saini, CEO Mohammed Asadullah and the association chairman Moulana Syed Ali Akbar Nizamuddin Hus-saini Saberi. Akbar Nizamuddin Hus-saini emphasised the need for coordination between custodians and the Waqf Board to protect and preserve Waqf properties through accurate registration on the UMEED portal. Mutawallis, Sajjada Nasheens and Khidmat Guzars from across the state participated in the workshop.

Telangana government junior college students likely to get free uniforms from next academic year

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If the Intermediate Education Department’s proposal fructifies, students in government junior colleges will get uniforms from the next academic year. The department has proposed providing two pairs of uniforms free of cost to each student studying in all government junior colleges in the State. On Saturday, the government held discussions with officials from various departments on this proposal. “The idea behind proposing uniforms at the intermediate level is to ensure uniformity among stu-

dents and to help identify those who skip classes and roam outside during college hours,” sources said. At present, there are 430 government junior colleges across the State, with over 1.6 lakh students enrolled. It may be mentioned here that the State, in partnership with the Central government, already provides free uniforms to students in government-run schools. Every year, about 24 lakh students receive two pairs of uniforms each. The government spends Rs 600 per pair, incurring a total annual cost of about Rs 133 crore for one academic year.

Sudharshan Reviews Electoral Roll Revision



Hyderabad: For the first time, Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharshan Reddy on Saturday directed district electoral officers to come up with an update on the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. The CEO explained the importance of completing pending activities, including the table-top exercise on the SIR, within the prescribed timelines, at a video conference with district election officers (DEOs), collectors, and electoral registration officers (EROs) to review the progress of work related to the upcoming SIR. He directed the officials to closely monitor Assembly constituency-wise and polling station-wise progress in coordination with the concerned EROs to ensure accuracy and timely completion of the revision process. Sudharshan Reddy said the next review would be held on November 1, to assess the updated status and address pending issues.

Cellphones in Bus Were Delivered by Hyderabad Businessman

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Telangana officials have revealed that a massive lithium-ion battery explosion from 243 illegally stored new mobile phones in a Vemuri Kaveri Travels bus may have triggered the fire that killed 19 passengers. The batteries, worth about Rs 49 lakh, were packed in

cardboard boxes and placed in the luggage cabin, where the blast tripped the ignition system and jammed the hydraulic door, trapping passengers inside. Investigators said Hyderabad businessman Mangana-nath handed over 234 boxes of mobile phones to driver Shiva Narayan and co-driver V. Laxman for delivery to a Bengaluru

dealer against an online order. The driver had illegally agreed to carry the consignment. Police have taken Mangana-nath into custody and plan to hand him over to Andhra Pradesh police for further investigation. Forensic experts confirmed that a “massive lithium-ion battery explosion” was the primary cause. Telangana CLUES

team head Narakuti Venkanna explained that overheating or damage can trigger thermal runaway in lithium-ion batteries, causing short circuits, rapid gas release, and chain explosions. In this case, the initial blast spread to other batteries and the air-conditioner compressors, igniting a catastrophic blaze. Andhra Pradesh fire services DG

P. Venkataramana added that the aluminium flooring melted under extreme heat, accelerating the fire. RTA officials noted that using aluminium instead of iron in the bus body increased combustibility. Joint Commissioner C. Ramesh warned that carrying cargo other than passenger luggage is prohibited under the Motor Vehicles Act, and vio-

lators risk suspension or cancellation of permits. Many operators evade Telangana road tax by obtaining National or Temporary Permits from other states, officials said. Private bus drivers are also incentivised for early arrivals, often driving above 120 kmph with minimal speed monitoring, raising safety concerns.

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