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Brief Insights

White House Slams Democrats Over 'Fake Narrative' Linking Trump to Epstein

The White House on Wednesday accused Democrats of spreading a "fake narrative" after the release of emails suggesting that President Donald Trump was aware of Jeffrey Epstein's sexual abuse activities. Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt dismissed the revelations as a "hoax" intended to divert attention from an upcoming congressional vote to end the longest-ever U.S. government shutdown, which Trump has hailed as a Republican victory. "The Democrats selectively leaked emails to the liberal media to smear President Trump," Leavitt said, adding that "any American with common sense sees right through this clear distraction." The controversy erupted after Democrats on the House Oversight Committee released emails, first reported by The New York Times.

Bomb Threat on Air India Express Flight from Mumbai to Varanasi

An Air India Express flight operating from Mumbai to Varanasi received a bomb threat on Wednesday prompting the security agencies to carry out extensive searches. The flight carrying over 170 passengers landed safely at the Varanasi airport at 4 pm. The passengers were deboarded and the flight was searched. So far nothing was found. "One of our flights to Varanasi received a security threat. In line with protocol, the government-appointed Bomb Threat Assessment Committee was immediately alerted, and all necessary security procedures promptly initiated. The flight landed safely and all guests disembarked."

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Red Fort Terror Blast: 'Doctor Module' Exposed — Turkey, Afghanistan Links Unravel in Deadly Plot

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The Centre on Wednesday confirmed that the Red Fort car explosion, which claimed 12 lives and injured several others, was a terrorist attack. Investigating agencies have uncovered an international network linking the masterminds to handlers based in Turkey and Afghanistan. These handlers were reportedly in contact with members of the "doctor module" — a group of highly educated recruits connected to the banned Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM). Investigations revealed that Dr. Umar Nabi, who drove the explosives-laden car, had planned a major strike around the Babri Masjid demolition anniversary on December 6. His plan reportedly fell



Centre Declares Red Fort Blast a Terror Attack

NEW DELHI: The government on Wednesday officially termed the car explosion outside the Red Fort as a terrorist incident and directed investigating agencies to pursue the case with the "utmost urgency and professionalism" to ensure that the perpetrators and their sponsors are brought to justice without delay. A meeting of the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi upon his return from Bhutan, reaffirmed India's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. Observing a two-minute silence in memory of the victims, the Cabinet adopted a resolution expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives and stated.

apart after the arrest of Dr. Muzammil Ganaie, from whose room police seized 360 kg of ammonium nitrate. Believing the network compromised, Umar allegedly panicked, leading to an accidental explosion near the Red Fort. Both Umar and Ganaie had conducted multiple reces of the Red Fort area in January, possibly targeting Republic Day celebrations. Mobile tower data and CCTV footage confirmed their repeated presence. Investigators also found that their 2021 trip to Turkey marked the beginning of their radicalisation, as they reportedly came into contact with JeM operatives there. Telegram group records link them to Pakistan-based handler Umar bin Khattab, who instructed them to plan

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ATS Seizes Chemicals from Hyderabad Doctor

Gujarat ATS Seizes Chemicals from Hyderabad Doctor in Ricin Terror Plot

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In a major development in the alleged Ricin chemical poison terror conspiracy, the Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) on Tuesday conducted searches at the residence of arrested doctor Ahmed Mohiyuddin Saiyed in Hyderabad's Rajendranagar area, seizing unidentified chemicals and raw materials suspected to be used in preparing a toxic substance. Officials confirmed on Wednesday that the seized materials have been sent for forensic analysis. The searches were carried out as part of an ongoing probe into a suspected terror syndicate allegedly linked to the Islamic State Khorasan Province (ISKP). The ATS had earlier arrested three suspects — Dr. Saiyed, Azad Suleman

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Bomb Threat Puts Hyderabad Airport on Alert

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Security measures were intensified at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) following a hoax bomb threat received by the Delhi Airport around 4 pm on Wednesday. According to RGIA (Outpost) police, no direct threat was issued to Hyderabad airport. The email, sent to IndiGo Airlines' grievance portal, claimed that bombs were planted at

Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport's Terminal 3 and several other airports across the country, including Hyderabad. "For the past three days, we have been conducting routine security checks at the airport. After this alert, we have stepped up the inspections," said an RGIA police official. Authorities confirmed that as no specific threat was received by Hyderabad Airport, no case has been registered.

Revanth to Present "Telangana Rising 2047" Vision at Delhi meet

■ CM Revanth Reddy to Present "Telangana Rising 2047" Vision at USISPF Investors' Meet in Delhi

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy departed for New Delhi on Wednesday to attend an investors' meeting organised by the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) on Thursday. During this high-profile session, he will participate in one-on-one interactions with top global corporate leaders from Google, Meta, Boeing India, Pratt & Whitney, and APAC-AB InBev, in addition to holding a closed-door meeting with the USISPF Board of Directors. The Chief Minister is set to present his government's ambitious "Telangana Rising



2047" vision, aimed at transforming the state into a USD 1 trillion economy by 2034 and a USD 3 trillion economy by 2047. The plan focuses on accelerating industrial, technological, and infrastructural growth to position Telangana as a major global investment destination. According to official sources, the meeting will provide a key platform to showcase Telangana's investor-friendly policies, thriving innovation ecosystem, and

expanding international presence. The discussions are expected to deepen U.S.-India economic and technological partnerships while bolstering Telangana's image as a hub for innovation-led growth. The Chief Minister's engagements will include deliberations with prominent global executives such as Prabhakar Raghavan (Chief Technologist, Google), Arun Srinivas (Managing Director and Country Head, Meta), Salil Gupta (President, Boeing India), Ignacio Lares (Global Vice-President Finance-APAC, AB InBev), Ashish Saraf (Vice-President and Country Head, Pratt & Whitney), and Shantanu Narayan (Chair and CEO,

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US May End OPT Program for Foreign Students

An upcoming Trump administration rule, proposed by the US Department of Homeland Security, is expected to end or restrict the Optional Practical Training program meant for international students. Optional Practical Training, or OPT, allows international students in the US to work for 12 months in their field of study before or after completing their course requirements. Each year, around 250,000 students participate in OPT and STEM OPT, which provides an additional 24 months extension (beyond OPT) in a science, technology, engineering or math field.

TG Cabinet to Decide on Local Polls, Gig Workers Bill on Nov. 15

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The Telangana Cabinet will meet on November 15 to take key decisions on local body elections, the Telangana Gig and Platform Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Bill, 2025, and the Rythu Bharosa scheme for the ongoing rabi season. The meeting, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the State Secretariat gains political importance as it comes a day after the Jubilee Hills Assembly bypoll results on November 14. Originally scheduled for November 7, the Cabinet meeting was postponed first to November 12 and now to November 15. According to official sources, the rescheduling allows the government to take up politically sensitive issues in light of the bypoll outcome. The Congress lead-

ership, confident of winning the seat, is preparing to announce major administrative and welfare initiatives soon after. The issue of local body elections is expected to dominate the meeting. On November 3, the Telangana High Court directed the government to announce the election schedule by November 24. With the deadline approaching, the Cabinet will likely finalise its stance on reservation quotas and poll dates. The government is expected to limit total reservations to 50 per cent to comply with constitutional norms. While Backward Class (BC) organisations and opposition parties are demanding a 42 per cent quota, the Congress government is leaning toward ensuring BC representation through party nominations rather than statutory reservation.

Telangana Records Deflation for 2nd Month

Telangana recorded deflation for the second consecutive month in October, according to data released by the Central government on Wednesday. The state registered a deflation rate of 1.16 per cent in October, slightly lower than the 1.5 per cent recorded in September. Telangana was among 11 states that witnessed deflation, while India's overall inflation eased to a 13-year low of 0.25 per cent. The country's rural inflation also slipped into deflation at 0.25 per cent. The decline in both headline and food inflation was attributed to the full-month impact of the GST reduction.

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Indiramma|Saris Each woman will get two saris under the new "Indiramma Saris" scheme launched by the Congress government, replacing the previous BRS-led "Bathukamma Saris" program

Telangana Government To Give 64 L Saris On Indira Birthday

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The Telangana government is set to distribute saris to over 64 lakh women self-help group members across the state on November 19, coinciding with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Official sources on Wednesday said that each woman will receive two saris under the "Indiramma Saris" scheme, launched by the Congress government to replace the "Bathukamma Saris" scheme implemented by the previous BRS regime. The distribution was initially scheduled during the



Bathukamma and Dasara festivals in October, but was deferred following the enforcement of the Model Code of Conduct for local body elections after the Telangana State Election Commission issued poll notifications. However, the elections were later cancelled after the Telangana High Court stayed the 42 per cent re-

servation for Backward Classes in these polls. Subsequently, the Election Commission of India announced the Jubilee Hills Assembly bypoll on October 13. The ruling Congress government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, was fully engaged in the high-stakes campaign until polling concluded on November

11. With the bypoll now over and Indira Gandhi Jayanti approaching, the government has decided to proceed with the long-delayed sari distribution, sources added. Under the Indiramma Saris scheme, the saris will be distributed under the supervision of district collectors through SERP in rural areas and MEPMA in urban areas. Telangana currently has about 4.35 lakh self-help groups in rural areas and 1.70 lakh in urban areas, covering a total of 64.69 lakh women beneficiaries. The government has already supplied the required stock to warehouses across all dis-

tricts to ensure smooth distribution. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had earlier announced that women self-help group members would receive two saris annually, during the National Handloom Day celebrations on August 7 last year. This year, the government has allocated ₹480 per sari, compared to ₹350 spent under the previous Bathukamma Saris scheme. The saris are being produced under the "Indira Mahila Shakti" initiative by handloom weavers' societies in Rajanna-Sircilla, Karimnagar, and Hanamakonda districts.

Hyderabad Churches Celebrate Harvest Fest with Thanksgiving

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The Harvest Festival, also known as the Annual Thanksgiving, is being celebrated across churches from mid-October to mid-November, with each parish observing it according to convenience. During the celebration, the faithful bring their best produce or yield to the church as an offering at the altar, continuing a tradition that began in rural India and still thrives in urban congregations today. According to Vimal Sukumar, treasurer of the Church of South India (CSI), “Even Anglican churches in the city,



such as the Church of St. John the Baptist and St. George’s Church, actively take part in the Harvest Festival. This celebration preserves our Indian identity, reminding us that our forefathers were dependent on agriculture and cattle rearing. People bring the best of

their harvest and offer it at the altar as an expression of gratitude.” Rev. Gollapalle David Prashanth of the Baptist Church, Narayanguda, shared, “We have around 12,000 members, and most of them participated in this year’s Harvest Festival. It is essentially a time to

thank God for His provisions throughout the year.” Adding to this, William Kumar, assistant general secretary of the Methodist Churches in India, said, “The Thanksgiving service at Centenary Methodist Telugu Church was a special gathering focused on expressing gratitude to God for His blessings. It was joyful, reflective, and filled with praise. Bishop Simeon’s message centred on acknowledging God’s faithfulness.” Apart from the worship service, several engaging activities form part of the annual Thanksgiving. Jessi Jeremiah, who served as auctioneer for the evening,

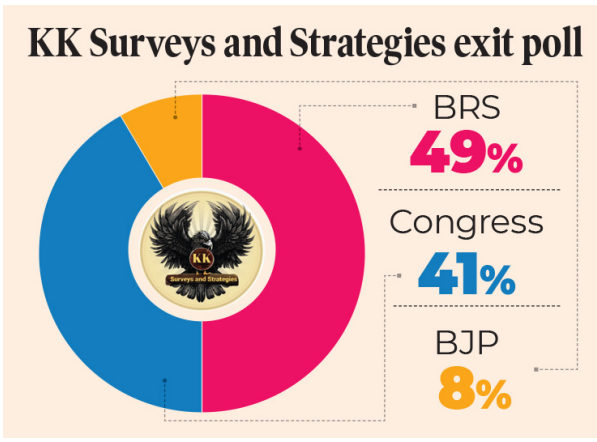
said, “Members donate from their harvest or bring items in kind. These are auctioned off, and the bidders often pay generously, knowing the proceeds go toward the church’s charity works.” At the food stalls set up by church members, women served traditional and regional delicacies. Sharlet William, who managed one of the stalls, said, “I prepared Thepla, a traditional Gujarati dish, as I am from Gujarat.” Other stalls offered chicken Arabian Mandi, chicken snacks, Pooran Poli, Tilkka Pav, club sandwiches, cakes, and handicrafts made by women parishioners.

BRS projected to retain Jubilee Hills with 8 percent lead: KK Surveys exit poll

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Multiple exit polls had on Tuesday itself predicted that the BRS would retain the Jubilee Hills constituency, which has remained the party bastion for the last 11 years. Now, KK Surveys and Strategies has also declared BRS as the frontrunner in the bypoll with a significant eight percent margin against the Congress. According to the KK exit poll, BRS was leading with 49 percent vote share, followed by Congress at 41 percent and BJP at 8 percent. KK Surveys and Strategies attributed the BRS lead to the public trust in the party’s governance and the strong

Exit polls conducted by KK Surveys and Strategies indicate that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) is poised to retain the Jubilee Hills constituency, a bastion it has held for over a decade. The survey shows BRS leading with 49 per cent vote share, ahead of Congress at 41 per cent and BJP at 8 per cent.



local connect of its candidate Maganti Sunitha Gopinath. Earlier in its pre-poll survey, the agency had already identified BRS as the frontrunner, estimating a 55.2 percent vote

share against 37.8 percent of the Congress. The BJP was ranked a distant third with just seven percent vote share. The final results of the byelection will be announced on November 14.

9th Nizam Champions Unity at Jaibharat Itehad Meet



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Nawab H.H. Raunaq Yar Khan, democratically recognized as the 9th Nizam of the Asaf Jahi lineage, emphasized interfaith harmony and social cohesion at the second session of the Jaibharat Muslim Revolutionary Forum – Itehad, held over three days at Jaibharat Headquarters, Khan Abdul Gaffar Khan Bhavan, L.B. Nagar. The session, part of Jaibharat’s independent patriotic initiative promoting national unity, secular values, and social justice, brought together Muslim participants committed to peace, tolerance, and

communal responsibility. Convened by Mr. Ramana Murty, the forum fosters progressive discourse, community reform, and interfaith understanding within India’s broader unity framework. Keynote speaker Janab Abdul Qayoom Naik of Kashmir, poet, social reformer, and National Vice President of JAIHO, highlighted the need for cross-community dialogue, reducing polarization, and strengthening bonds across cultures and regions. Nawab Raunaq Yar Khan, continuing the Asaf Jahi legacy of inclusive governance, has actively promoted inter-community relations for nearly five

decades. He has hosted annual Holi and Sankranti celebrations at his Jubilee Hills estate, welcoming participants of all faiths, and served as chief guest at numerous religious and cultural events, including Durga Puja, Sufi commemorations, Christian unity gatherings, and Gurudwara ceremonies. His efforts earned him an honorary doctorate for community bridge-building and interfaith work alongside Delhi Police. Addressing the forum, he said, “Harmony must be practiced, not preached. India’s beauty is that we do not just coexist — we live together. That spirit is our responsibility to protect.” He reiterated that the Asaf Jahi legacy of service and compassion belongs to Hyderabad and India, not just a family, and must be preserved through action, humility, and respect.

President, Vice-President To Arrive In Hyderabad

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President Droupadi Murmu and Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan are scheduled to visit Hyderabad next week to attend two official events. While the Vice-President will arrive on November 16, the President’s visit is slated for November 21. Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy on Wednesday reviewed the arrangements for the high-profile visits with senior officials at the Secretariat. The Chief Secretary directed all departments to make comprehensive arrangements in coordination with one another and to appoint nodal officers to ensure strict adherence to protocol and security norms. The Vice-President will arrive at Begumpet Airport on the afternoon of



November 16. After a brief rest at Raj Bhavan, he will attend a High Tea hosted by the Governor and later participate in a programme at Ramoji Film City. He is scheduled to depart for New Delhi from Shamshabad Airport at 8 pm. The Chief Secretary instructed officials to implement security and traffic management plans as per the Blue Book and VVIP protocol manual, ensuring there are no lapses in coordination. Departments including General Administration (GAD), Fire Services, Roads and Buildings, Health, Municipal Administration, Energy, BSNL,

and Horticulture have been directed to complete their assigned tasks meticulously. President Droupadi Murmu will arrive at Begumpet Airport on the afternoon of November 21. After a brief halt at Raj Bhavan, she will attend the Bharatiya Kala Mahotsavam as the chief guest at Rashtrapati Nilayam. The President will stay overnight at Raj Bhavan and proceed to Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh, the next morning. Ramakrishna Rao pointed out that all departments must personally monitor the preparations, maintaining the highest standards of security, coordination, and protocol. He directed the District Collectors of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Medchal to oversee arrangements closely, while Raj Bhavan officials were asked to ensure readiness at the venues. Military and airport.

Sachin Sawant appointed as secretary in charge for Telangana

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The All India Congress Committee (AICC) appointed Sachin Sawant as the secretary-in-charge of the Telangana State Congress Committee. Reacting to the development, Swant stated on his official X handle, “Deeply humbled and grateful to UPA Chairperson hon’ble Smt. Sonia Gandhi ji, hon’ble Congress President Shri Mallikarjun Kharge ji (@kharge), Hon’ble Leader of Opposition (Lok Sabha) Shri @RahulGandhi ji, and hon’ble AICC GS (Org.) Shri K.C. Venugopal ji (@kvenugopalmp) and AICC In-charge Telangana Smt.Meenakshi Natrajan ji for entrusting me with the responsibility as AICC Secretary In-charge, Telangana.” “I pledge to work with utmost dedication to strengthen the Congress



organisation and carry forward our shared vision for Telangana and the nation,” he added. According to a statement issued by AICC general secretary KC Venugopal on Tuesday, nine new secretaries have been appointed, and the responsibilities of five existing secretaries have been reorganised with immediate effect. Alongside Sawant, other newly appointed secretaries are Srinivas BV (Gujarat), TN Prathapan (Puducherry and Lakshadweep), Sanjana Jatav (Madhya Pradesh), Rehana Rayaz Chisti (Maharashtra), Hina Kaware (Punjab), Suraj Thakur (Punjab), Jeti Kusum Kumar (Odisha), and Nivedith Alva (Tamil Nadu).

Over 1L acres of crops damaged in Telangana by Cyclone Montha: Agri dept

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Cyclone Montha has damaged crops spread across 1,17,757 acres in Telangana, affecting 1,22,142 farmers in 27 districts, according to the state agriculture department’s report. The most severe losses were reported in the Nagarkurnool district. Of the total affected acreage, 83,407 acres were under paddy, 30,144 acres under cotton, and 2,097 acres under maize. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the government is preparing to pay compensation at the rate of Rs 10,000 per acre to the affected farmers. The agriculture department has been instructed to complete the verification process and release the assistance at the earliest.

As per central government norms, sand-cast lands are eligible for Rs 7,285 per acre, lands under irrigation projects and tanks for Rs 6,880 per acre, rainfed crops for Rs 3,440 per acre, and horticultural crops for Rs 9,106 per acre. The total compensation requirement is estimated at Rs 70 crore. The minister stated that the comprehensive damage report would be forwarded to the central government to seek additional financial aid. “In earlier instances, Telangana did not receive central support. This time, we are requesting immediate assistance and have also asked the Centre to send a team to inspect the affected areas,” he said after reviewing the department’s report at the Secretariat on Tuesday, November 11.

Ponguleti Inspects Medaram Works, Sets Dec 15 Deadline for Bridges

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The state government is committed to permanently upgrading the Medaram temple area to accommodate up to 10 crore devotees in the future. All development works for the Sammakka-Saralamma Jatara will be completed two weeks before the festival, scheduled for January next year, said erstwhile Warangal In-charge minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Accompanied by ministers Seethakka, Konda Surekha, and Adhuri Laxman, along with MP Porika Balram Naik, Srinivas Reddy inspected the ongoing developmental works and offered prayers to the tribal goddesses Sammakka and Saralamma during his visit to Medaram in Tadvai mandal of Mulugu district on Wednesday. During a review meeting held at Haritha Kakatiya Hotel with senior officials and contractors, Srinivas



Reddy directed that civil works, including the elevation of platforms (gaddelu), construction of main gateways, and four watchtowers, be completed swiftly within the stipulated timeframe. He instructed that the construction of CC roads, greenery, and plantation around the compound wall be carried out simultaneously. He also ordered that the Mallampalli and Katakshpur bridge works on the National Highway be completed by December 15 and that all approach roads leading to Medaram, including dividers

and plantation, be finished within a month. The minister directed officials to immediately prepare proposals for check dams on the Jampanna Vagu, as requested by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He also instructed them to propose a permanent bus station and submit plans for the beautification and development of Jampanna Vagu through the tourism department. Additionally, he directed the animal husbandry department to establish four modern slaughterhouses. Srinivas Reddy emphasised that the ongoing development is aimed at

creating permanent structures designed to last 200 years and cater to future pilgrim inflow. He said the works are being executed in consultation with tribal priests and in accordance with Adivasi traditions. Minister Konda Surekha noted that development is progressing at an unprecedented pace and urged the Central government to declare the Medaram Jatara a national festival. Minister Seethakka assured that the restoration of the gaddelu is being done with full respect to Adivasi traditions and will take shape within a week. Minister Laxman Kumar appealed to the public to cooperate with the development efforts. Principal secretary to the Chief Minister K.S. Srinivas Raju, endowments principal secretary Shailaja Ramaiyer, commissioner S. Harish, district collector T.S. Diwakar, and police superintendent Sabarish were also present.

Min Konda Surekha issues fresh apology to Actor Nagarjuna

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Telangana Forest and Environment Minister Konda Surekha has once again issued a public apology to actor Akkineni Nagarjuna and his family, reiterating that her earlier remarks were not intended to cause any hurt. Posting on X (formerly Twitter) on Wednesday, November 12, the minister expressed regret and formally withdrew her previous statements. “I would wish to clarify that the statement I had made in relation to @iamnagarjuna Garu was not intended to hurt Nagarjuna Garu or his family members. I had no intention of hurting or defaming Akkineni Nagarjuna Garu or his family members. I regret any unintended impression given in my statements in relation to them and withdraw the same.” The apology comes as

the minister continues to face a defamation case filed by Nagarjuna over her earlier comments. On October 2, 2024, Konda Surekha made remarks involving former minister and BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) and actor Nagarjuna, suggesting that KTR was responsible for the divorce of actors Samantha Ruth Prabhu and Naga Chaitanya. Her statements drew widespread criticism, prompting an apology the following day to Samantha and the Akkineni family. At that time, she said that her comments were directed at KTR and not intended to offend anyone personally. However, Nagarjuna later filed a criminal defamation case, stating that Surekha’s remarks damaged the reputation of his family had built over decades in cinema and social service.

Princeton Students Protest Over Campus Recruitment Charges

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Students of Princeton Engineering College have complained that the college is refusing to accept their semester examination fees unless they first pay the Campus Recruitment Training (CRT) charges. The issue has created tension ahead of the university exams under Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad (JNTU-H). On Wednesday, several students staged a kneel protest in front of the JNTU-H administrative building, demanding im-



mediate action against the college management. They said the protest was meant to draw attention to the continued inaction despite repeated complaints to university authorities. Students said the management is collecting several thousand rupees from each student in the name of CRT fees and blocking access to examination registration for those who have not paid. "We were told that until we clear CRT fees, our exam fee payment will not be accepted. Many of us are scared that we will not be

allowed to write the exams," said one student speaking to Deccan Chronicle. Another student said the college had turned CRT training into a mandatory expense. "We do not even know what training is being provided. Still, they are forcing everyone to pay. It is unfair and stressful," she said. The students said they had taken the matter to university officials, but there has been no action so far. "The university contacted the college management, but there was no response. The silence from both sides is troubling," said another student. They

pointed out that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had recently warned private colleges against harassing students over fee disputes. "If the government really wants to stop this kind of exploitation, it should act quickly," said one of the protesters, Durga Prasad. Students demanded that JNTU-H intervene and allow them to pay examination fees directly without any condition related to CRT charges. They said if no steps are taken, they will continue their protest until they are allowed to write the exams.

Telangana SSC exams likely from March 18, 2026

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The Telangana SSC Public Examinations 2026 are likely to be conducted from March 18, 2026. To this effect, the Education department has prepared a detailed timetable and sent it to the State government's approval. The Class X exams will begin on the day the intermediate public examinations conclude. Meanwhile, the Telangana Gazetted Head Masters Association (TGHMA) urged the School Education department to extend the November 13 deadline for re-mitting the Class X exam fee by an additional 10 days. According to association president P Raja Bhanu Chandra Prakash, the headmasters have been



facing persistent technical issues while paying the students' exam fee via the website. It has become extremely difficult to complete the fee payment process within the stipulated time frame, he added.

Hyderabad police tighten security around EVM strong room for Jubilee Hills bypolls



Heavy police deployment ensured tight security at the Jubilee Hills constituency bye-election distribution and reception centre in Yousufguda, Hyderabad. Vote counting is scheduled for November 14, 2025.

Sridhar Babu: Telangana to Back Rural Talent

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IT and industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said the state government would extend full support to new innovations and take steps to nurture and showcase the hidden talent in rural areas. The minister inaugurated and participated in several development activities during his visit to Manthani constituency in Peddapalli district on Wednesday, focusing on education, infrastructure, agriculture, and rural in-



novation. As part of his visit, the minister laid the foundation stone for new additional classrooms and repair works worth Rs 3.43 crore under DMFT funds, inaugurated a synthetic shuttle court built at a cost of Rs 44 lakh, and participated in the housewarming ceremony of 40 houses completed under the Indiramma Housing Scheme pilot project, out of the 228 houses sanctioned. Later, minister Sridhar Babu, along with district collector Koya Sri Harsha, un-

veiled the book 'Mindset Maker' and distributed English-to-Telugu books on modern technology to 100 students at the 'Dream, Start, Rise' office, which operates under the aegis of T-Works. Encouraging students to emulate the vision of former president Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, the minister urged them to dream big and work hard to achieve those dreams. He expressed happiness over the innovative spirit of local youth in Manthani, citing examples

such as the development of a power feeder for agriculture and a modern safety helmet. He noted that the 'Dream, Start, Rise' initiative was established in Manthani under T-Works to encourage such innovators. The government, he said, is implementing special programmes through the initiative in 20 schools across Peddapalli district. The minister also instructed the collector to arrange a study visit to T-Works, Hyderabad, for students actively participating in the programme.

Minority Students in TMREIS Schools Face Harassment, Dropouts Rise

● Dr. Anis Siddiqui Team Steps In to Help Students

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Minority students in certain Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) schools are reportedly facing oppressive treatment from principals and staff, causing disillusionment with education and increasing dropout rates, according to concerned stakeholders. The decline in minority student enrollment has created vacant positions, which, it is alleged, some staff are attempting to fill with non-minority students with political backing. Safety concerns have



also emerged, particularly in girls' residential schools, where the appointment of male staff has reportedly led to insecurity. Several molestations and sexual harassment cases have been reported in the media, prompting calls for male staff to be re-

placed by female personnel. Religious rights violations have also been highlighted, with minority students reportedly being compelled to participate in rituals against their faith. Stakeholders emphasize that such practices must be strictly prohibited. To curb these irregularities, a proposal has been made to form district-level vigilance committees comprising committed parents and social organization members to inspect schools regularly. Dr. Anis Ahmed Siddiqui, President of the All India Muslims Think Tank Association, has offered his team's voluntary support for monitoring and investigating these institutions. The memorandum urges the TMREIS administration and the Telangana government to take immediate action to safeguard student welfare, ensure safety, and uphold religious freedoms.

Malkajgiri Corporator Seeks Funds for Crematoriums, Safilguda Lake, and Road Works

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Malkajgiri Corporator Sravan met Secunderabad Zonal Commissioner Ravi Kiran Kumar today to request additional funds for multiple civic development projects across Malkajgiri Division. During the meeting, Sravan sought immediate sanction for the complete development of the Sardar Patel Nagar crematorium, including making its gas crematorium operational. He also submitted a formal request for the full-scale development of the Yadav crematorium at Kakatiya Nagar. On environmental concerns, Sravan highlighted the ongoing cleanup of Safilguda Lake, noting that a major portion of the invasive horseweed (Parthenium) has already been removed. He requested the implementation of a comprehensive maintenance plan to prevent regrowth and address mosquito breeding in the area. Additionally, he sought funding for the relocation of a high-tension tower at the Safilguda crossroads. Sravan also raised infrastructure issues, submitting a representation seeking financial support for box drain-related



works on several roads across Malkajgiri Division to improve drainage and road conditions. Malkajgiri Circle Executive Engineer Lakshman accompanied the corporator during the meeting and discussed technical and administrative aspects of the proposed projects with the Zonal Commissioner. The corporator emphasized the urgency of these measures to improve public amenities, sanitation, and safety in the division, urging the officials to expedite approvals and fund allocation. These initiatives reflect ongoing efforts to enhance civic infrastructure, environmental management, and public welfare in the Malkajgiri area.

Second ragging incident within a week rocks Nalgonda Medical College

The Nalgonda Medical College has been put under close observation as a second incident of ragging came to light in less than a week. Four first-year MBBS students had allegedly faced harassment from six seniors last week during a so-called orientation session. It was reportedly marked by physical and verbal threats. As no official complaints were lodged, the management could not initiate action. Within less than a week, five juniors faced abuse from a similar senior group. This time also the victims did not dare to lodge a formal complaint. But as the information reached the management, the higher authorities have reportedly called for video footage of the campus happenings. Nalgonda Superintendent of Police Sharat Chandra Pawar has addressed both the students and staff sounding a warning against repetition of such incidents. "No mercy would be shown for those hurting the students in the pretext of ragging. Tough steps are coming," he said, calling students to give up once and for all the ragging habit.

NIA files chargesheet against 2 in Vizianagaram terror conspiracy case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a chargesheet against two accused in an Andhra Pradesh and Telangana terror conspiracy case, an official said on Tuesday. The two accused, identified as Siraz Ur Rahiman of Vizianagaram (Andhra Pradesh) and Syed Sameer of Hyderabad (Telangana), were arrested by the Andhra Pradesh Police on May 16 and May 17, 2025, respectively.



The chargesheet, filed against them before the NIA Special Court, Visakhapatnam, names them for their involvement in radicalising and preparing gullible youth across India through social media platforms to carry out terrorist attacks at various places in the states of Andhra Pradesh

and Telangana and across the country. Siraz Ur Rahiman and Syed Sameer have been charged under various sections of the BNS, Explosive Substances Act, and Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. The NIA, which took over the case from Andhra Pradesh Police, collected sufficient evidence establishing that the accused were inspired by ISIS ideology and were actively involved in spreading radical content through various social media groups and channels, targeting hundreds

of gullible youths across India with the intent to incite them towards violent jihad and anti-national activities. The NIA investigations revealed that the accused had created several social media groups on platforms such as Instagram and Signal, which were used to promote unlawful activities threatening the unity, integrity, security and communal harmony of the country. The NIA continues to investigate the conspiracy to spread extremist propaganda and promote radicalisation, said a statement.

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Myanmar Military Takes Delivery of Helicopters, Aircraft From Russia and China

NEW DELHI
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Myanmar’s military government has formally commissioned new Russian helicopters and Chinese aircraft into its air force, highlighting its ongoing reliance on Moscow and Beijing for military support despite international sanctions and pressure to end the country’s civil war. Photos released by the Tatmadaw, Myanmar’s military, show three Russian Mi-38T helicopters and two Chinese Y-8 transport planes commissioned on November 7 in the capital, Naypyitaw. Military officials said these aircraft will likely be deployed to transport troops into mountainous regions, boosting operational mobility and air support in conflict zones.



“The current international conflicts and internal situation clearly indicate the essential role of all types of aircraft,” said Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing, head of the ruling junta. According to the military, the new aircraft will enhance its ability to secure Myanmar’s airspace and conduct operations more effectively. Analysts note that Myanmar is the first known export customer for Russia’s Mi-38T helicopter. Despite sanctions imposed by the United States, the European

Union, and other countries banning arms sales to Myanmar, Russia and China have supplied the military with hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of equipment. Morgan Michaels, a Singapore-based analyst with the International Institute of Strategic Studies, said the deliveries “demonstrate that the Myanmar military continues to acquire critical equipment despite economic and diplomatic pressures, with Russia serving as a key lifeline.” Since overthrowing Aung

San Suu Kyi’s democratically elected government in February 2021, the Tatmadaw has faced widespread opposition. Initially peaceful demonstrations were suppressed with lethal force, prompting many civilians to take up arms, forming the pro-democracy People’s Defence Forces, while long-standing ethnic militias continue their fight for autonomy. Despite losing large swaths of territory, the junta has leveraged superior heavy weaponry and air power to regain strategic areas, including key towns in Shan state and Mandalay region, ahead of the December 28 elections. In recent months, the military reached a Chinese-mediated agreement with a major ethnic rebel group to reclaim additional

towns, including Mogok, the ruby-mining center. However, the ongoing conflict has disrupted normalcy across the country. The military government has announced that polling will not be held in all of Myanmar’s 330 townships, with voting to be conducted in phases, highlighting continued instability and the challenges of conducting elections under military rule. The commissioning of Russian and Chinese aircraft signals the junta’s intent to rely increasingly on air power to maintain control and expand operations across the country, despite international condemnation and mounting civilian casualties from airstrikes and ground offensives.

Israel's Army Chief Vows to End Settler Attacks in West Bank

JERUSALEM
Wakeup telangana

Israel's military chief on Wednesday pledged to halt settler violence in the occupied West Bank, following a wave of attacks targeting Palestinians in the territory. On Tuesday, Israel's police and military said security forces had arrested several Israeli settlers after clashes near the West Bank city of Tulkarem, during which Palestinians were injured and property destroyed. The military said it dispatched troops after "masked Israeli civilians... attacked Palestinians and set fire to property in the area," adding that four injured Palestinians were evacuated for medical treatment. "We are aware of

the recent violent incidents in which Israeli civilians attacked Palestinians and Israelis. I strongly condemn them," army chief Lieutenant General Eyal Zamir said, in a statement issued by the military. Zamir said the military "will not tolerate criminal behaviour by a small minority that tarnishes the law-abiding public. "These acts contradict our values, cross a red line, and divert the attention of our troops from their mission," he warned. "We are determined to stop this phenomenon and will act decisively until justice is served." Israel has occupied the West Bank since 1967, and more than 500,000 Israelis live in settlements in the Palestinian

territory. A minority of these Israelis engage in violence against Palestinians, who complain that Israeli forces usually do not arrest settlers. All settlements in the West Bank are illegal under international law. The UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs said that October 2025 was the worst month for settler violence since it began recording in 2006, with 264 attacks that caused casualties or property damage. Almost none of the perpetrators have been held to account by the Israeli authorities. Zamir said that troops were operating "to prevent threats and harm to residents of the area."

EAM Jaishankar holds talks with Saudi Foreign Minister at G7 meetings in Canada

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar held bilateral talks with Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan on the sidelines of the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting in Niagara, Canada. EAM Jaishankar posted on X, “Met with FM Prince @FaisalbinFarhan of Saudi Arabia. Our interaction covered bilateral ties, regional hotspots, connectivity and energy.” The Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs also wrote on X, “Foreign Minister HH Prince @FaisalbinFarhan met with Minister of External Affairs of India, @DrSJaishankar, on the sidelines of His Highness’s participation in #G7FMM.” Earlier on Wednesday, Jaishankar attended a special session on maritime security along with other G7 foreign ministers.



He also held a bilateral meeting with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, where the US Secretary of State offered his condolences on the loss of lives in the Delhi blast on Monday. EAM Jaishankar posted on X, “Good to meet @SecRubio this morning at #G7 FMM. Appreciate his condolences on the loss of lives in the blast in Delhi. Discussed our bilateral ties, focusing on trade and supply chains. Exchanged views on the Ukraine conflict, the Middle East/West Asia situation and Indo-Pacific.”

On Tuesday, Jaishankar held a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Canada, Mexico, France, Brazil, South Africa, the United Kingdom and Germany. India is participating in the G7 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting as an invited partner under the Canadian presidency, alongside countries such as Brazil, Australia and South Korea. The two-day event focuses on global security, economic resilience, energy cooperation and strengthening partnerships in the Indo-Pacific region.

India on track to command 10 pc of global green hydrogen demand by 2030: Minister

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India is on track to command 10 per cent of the global green hydrogen demand by 2030, Union Minister Shripad Y. Naik said on Wednesday. While addressing the third International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH 2025) here, the minister noted that India’s energy transition is among the boldest and fastest in the world, guided by the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his 'Panchamrit' commitments at COP-26. He said the country is steadily advancing toward its target of 500 GW of non-fossil-fuel capacity by 2030 and net-zero emissions by 2070. The minister added that India’s installed non-fossil-fuel-based power generation capacity has reached nearly 260 GW, led by solar and wind



energy. “This strong renewable base has now empowered India to take the next decisive step -- the Green Hydrogen Revolution -- converting renewable strength into clean molecules that can decarbonise industries, fuel transport, and enable global trade,” he noted. Naik pointed out that India’s green hydrogen market is projected to grow at a compound annual rate of 20-40 per cent over the next decade.

With its renewable-energy abundance, strategic geography and enabling policy environment, India is poised to become both a leading producer and exporter of green hydrogen and its derivatives such as green ammonia and methanol. The union minister emphasised that India is not merely participating but leading the global hydrogen transition through robust policy frameworks, standardisation initiatives and international collabo-

ration. Naik urged industry and investors to accelerate project execution, scale up electrolyser manufacturing, and strengthen innovation pipelines. He also encouraged State Governments to develop hydrogen hubs and industrial clusters to anchor local economies. Calling the Green Hydrogen transition an economic, environmental, and societal transformation, Shri Naik said it would fuel sustainable prosperity and strengthen India’s position as a key pillar of the global hydrogen value chain. Highlighting the rapid progress of the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM) launched in January 2023, the union minister stated the Mission has transitioned from planning to implementation, with incentive schemes worth Rs 17,000 crore supporting green hy-

drogen production and electrolyser manufacturing. Projects have been awarded for 3,000 MW per annum of domestic electrolyser manufacturing and 8.62 lakh metric tonnes per annum of green hydrogen production. The Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) has discovered globally competitive prices, among the lowest in the world, for the supply of 7.24 lakh MTPA of green ammonia to fertiliser units. Further, projects have been sanctioned for the supply of 20,000 MTPA of green hydrogen to IOCL, BPCL and HPCL refineries. The minister also added that 'ICGH 2025' highlights India’s commitment to advancing green hydrogen technology, fostering innovation, and accelerating our journey toward a clean and sustainable energy future.

MLA writes to Guv demands separate state for 15 districts in North K'taka

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Congress MLA and President of the North-West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, Raju Kage, has written a letter to the Governor of Karnataka, Thawarchand Gehlot, on Wednesday, demanding a separate state for 15 districts in North Karnataka. In his letter addressed to the Governor, Raju Kage stated that he was demanding separate statehood for 15 districts of the North Karnataka region for better administrative convenience and comprehensive development. The proposed state would comprise 15 districts -- Bidar, Kalaburagi, Vijayapura, Yadgiri, Bagalkot, Belagavi, Dharwad, Gadag, Koppal, Raichur, Karwar, Haveri, Vijayanagara, Ballari, and Davanagere. He noted that since the unification of Karnataka,

all sectors of this region have been subjected to constant injustice, discrimination, and step-motherly treatment. “The creation of another Kannada-speaking state would be a matter of pride for us,” he claimed. “North Karnataka is rich in natural resources and is a land of prosperity. This region has made significant contributions towards the preservation of the Kannada language and the unification of Karnataka,” MLA Kage stated. “I extend my full support to the collection of signatures by the representatives of the people under the North Karnataka Agitation Committee. They have collected more than one crore signatures and written opinions,” he said. He further mentioned that a memorandum in this regard had been submitted to the Governor on January 5, 2024.

Red Fort Blast Unmasks In-

Telegram group records link them to Pakistan-based handler Umar bin Khattab, who instructed them to plan coordinated attacks across India. Before the explosion, Nabi, an assistant professor at Al-Falah University, was seen offering prayers at a mosque near Ramlila Maidan. He later parked the car at Sunehri Masjid before leaving the area. Police have since seized another car registered in his name and detained a Faridabad dealer involved in its sale. The Delhi Police Special Cell, NIA, and intelligence agencies continue joint investigations, describing the “doctor module” as one of the most sophisticated terror cells recently exposed in India.

Centre Declares Red.....

Observing a two-minute silence in memory of the victims, the Cabinet adopted a resolution expressing deep sorrow over the loss of lives and stated that the situation is being closely monitored at the highest levels of the government. Modi also visited Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital to meet the injured soon after returning from his two-day Bhutan visit. Later, he chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security. “The Cabinet directs that the investigation into the incident be pursued with utmost urgency and professionalism so that the perpetrators, their collaborators,

and sponsors are identified and brought to justice without delay. The situation continues to be closely monitored at the highest levels of the government,” the resolution stated. Terming the explosion a “senseless act of violence,” the Cabinet condemned the cowardly attack and extended its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. It also prayed for the speedy recovery of the injured and commended medical teams and emergency responders for their swift action. Information and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, reading out the resolution, said the Cabinet appreciated global statements of solidarity and support received from many governments. The Cabinet further praised the timely and coordinated response of authorities, security forces, and citizens who acted with courage and compassion. “Their dedication and sense of duty are deeply commendable,” the resolution said, reaffirming the government’s resolve to safeguard the lives and security of every Indian. The Cabinet meeting took place two days after an explosives-laden car detonated outside the Red Fort, killing 12 people. On the same day, police arrested eight persons, including three doctors, after busting an inter-state “white-collar” terror module.

ATS Seizes Chemicals.....

The ATS had earlier arrested three suspects — Dr. Saiyed, Azad Suleman Sheikh, and Mohammad Suhail Moham-

mad Saleem — for allegedly plotting to manufacture and use Ricin, a highly lethal biological toxin derived from castor beans. Two Glock pistols, a Beretta pistol, 30 live cartridges, and four litres of castor oil were reportedly recovered during the arrests. According to ATS DIG Sunil Joshi, Dr. Saiyed, who holds a medical degree from China, had begun chemical research and initial processing to produce Ricin. His handler, identified as Abu Khadija, an Afghanistan-based operative linked to ISKP, was allegedly in contact with individuals from Pakistan. Meanwhile, searches conducted at the residences of Sheikh and Saleem in Uttar Pradesh yielded no incriminating evidence, officials said. They also clarified that no connection has been established between Dr. Saiyed and the doctors arrested in the recent Delhi car blast case. The trio has been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, and the Arms Act. A court has remanded Dr. Saiyed to ATS custody till November 17 as the investigation continues. Officials said the case underscores growing concerns about bio-terrorism threats and the alleged use of highly educated recruits in such plots.

Revanth to Pitch TG

The discussions are expected to deepen U.S.–India economic and technological partnerships while bolstering Telan-

gana’s image as a hub for innovation-led growth. The Chief Minister’s engagements will include deliberations with prominent global executives such as Prabhakar Raghavan (Chief Technologist, Google), Arun Srinivas (Managing Director and Country Head, Meta), Salil Gupte (President, Boeing India), Ignacio Lares (Global Vice-President Finance–APAC, AB InBev), Ashish Saraf (Vice-President and Country Head, Pratt & Whitney), and Shantanu Narayen (Chair and CEO, Adobe Systems, and Vice-Chair, USISPF). The USISPF’s mission of promoting Indo–U.S. economic cooperation and innovation aligns with Telangana’s goal of attracting international investments and fostering high-value collaborations. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will also interact with the USISPF Board, which includes influential figures such as John Chambers (Founder & CEO, J2 Ventures; Chairman, USISPF), Jack P. Williams (Senior Vice-President, Exxon Mobil), Sumant Mandal (Managing Partner, March Capital), Salil Parekh (CEO, Infosys), and Shantanu Narayen (CEO, Adobe Systems). Officials indicated that these discussions are expected to result in meaningful partnerships and help define a strategic roadmap for strengthening sub-national collaboration within the India–U.S. economic corridor, thereby advancing Telangana’s global investment strategy.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CRIME

Metro Security Guard Killed in Road Mishap

A 21-year-old security guard at the Victoria Memorial Metro Rail station parking lot in Saroornagar died after being hit by a two-wheeler late on Saturday night. Police said T. Ranjit was crossing the road around 10.30 pm when the speeding vehicle struck him. He was taken to a nearby hospital, where he succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment. The bike rider, who also suffered injuries, is currently under treatment. Police registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

Quacks Held For Treating Pregnant Women With Steroids

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A man posing as a doctor and administering beta-methasone steroid injections to pregnant women without medical supervision was arrested during a surprise inspection by the Telangana Medical Council (TGMC) in Warangal. The raid, conducted in the Karimabad area, also led to the arrest of another fake practitioner who had been illegally treating pa-

tients for nearly two decades. Acting on the instructions of TGMC chairman Dr K Mahesh Kumar and registrar Dr D Lalayya Kumar, officials raided unregistered medical centres as part of a statewide crackdown on quackery. The accused, Gaddam Harish, was found running a fake first-aid centre for the past four months and administering steroid injections to pregnant women without consulting

a qualified physician — an act that could cause serious complications for both mother and child. Another quack, Gaddam Srinivas, was discovered using dangerous drugs such as gentamicin and diclofenac without prescriptions. Officials noted that he himself suffers from a hearing impairment, raising questions about his ability to assess or treat patients.

MANAGE conducts 2-wk agri-tech training

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE) is conducting a two-week Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) training programme focused on the application of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) in agriculture. Supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, the programme has brought together 27 participants from 16 countries, including Mauritius, Tanzania, Nigeria, and Zimbabwe. Addressing farmers dur-

ing the programme, Dr. Sagar Hanuman Singh, Director General of MANAGE, emphasized the importance of integrating scientific knowledge into agriculture. He highlighted the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in precision agriculture, fisheries management, and early warning systems that provide timely alerts and precautionary measures to mitigate potential risks. Dr. Singh also showcased the “Godaam Sense” app developed by Godaam Innovations, which leverages IoT technology to detect onion spoilage, offering real-time monitoring for

farmers. Srikanth, the ITEC programme coordinator, spotlighted Telangana’s “Saagu Baagu” project, which aims to transform agriculture through technology with a particular focus on soil health management. The training seeks to enhance participants’ understanding of digital tools and their role in promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Key modules of the programme include ICT applications in rice production, Geo-AI in rural development, and remote sensing in agriculture. Participants are gaining hands-on experi-

ence and exposure to innovative technologies that can optimize productivity and resource management. To enrich the learning experience, the programme includes visits to leading institutions such as T-Hub, T-Works, PJTSAU Drone Academy, NIRDP, ICAR-CRIDA, and other centres of agricultural and technological innovation. The training will conclude on November 25 with a historical tour of Hyderabad, offering participants both professional insights and cultural exposure. The initiative underscores MANAGE’s commitment.

Retd employee loses Rs 20 L to online fraud

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A retired employee from Kondapur lost `20.72 lakh to cybercriminals who duped him through a fake online trading platform, police said. According to the complaint, the 65-year-old victim was lured by online advertisements and phone calls claiming that the company was authorised by the Central government to provide professional trading assistance. Believing the claims, he opened a trading account on October 9 and initially saw fabricated profits on the website, which prompted him to invest further. He transferred

money in several instalments from his bank accounts to those shared by the company representatives through various UPI IDs. Later, the fraudsters claimed he had suffered “trading losses” and demanded an additional `10 lakh to recover his funds. When he said he had exhausted his savings, they persuaded him to borrow money and continue trading through a fake mobile application. In total, he transferred `20,72,320. When he could neither withdraw nor see genuine profits, he realised the platform was fraudulent and lodged a complaint with the police on November 11.

Child run over near home in Shastripuram

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

An eight-year-old Class 2 student was killed after being run over by a minilorry in Shastripuram, Mailardevpally, on Sunday evening. The accident occurred just 500 meters from his home, police said. According to the complaint filed by the boy’s father, the child was heading to a nearby park with friends when the lorry hit him near a turning. “The driver failed to notice him and kept moving,” said investigating officer Sheikh

Abdullah. The boy sustained grievous injuries and died while being shifted to the hospital. The driver, Gulam Rasool, was caught by locals and handed over to the police after being beaten. CCTV footage showed the lorry navigating a narrow lane at the time of the accident. Police said notices had been issued to the driver and the vehicle was seized for inspection.

Realtor duped of Rs 8 lakh in fake promotional scheme

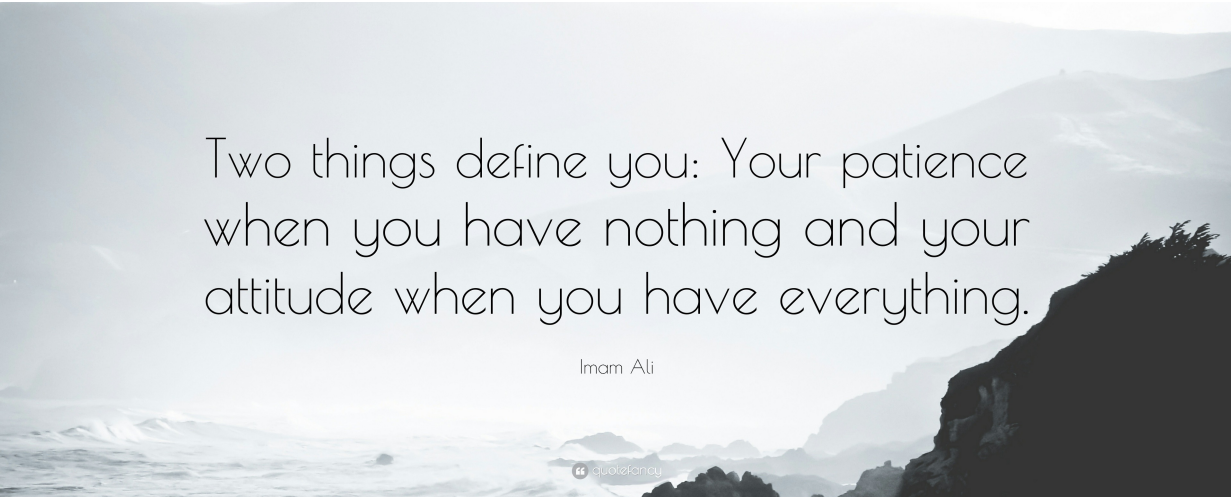
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A city-based businessman from LB Nagar has reportedly been cheated of more than `8 lakh by two individuals who posed as executives of the well-known real estate firm, Lodha Group. The victim, a 29-year-old entrepreneur, fell prey to a fraudulent promotional scheme that promised daily profits through online investments. According to police sources, the accused, identifying themselves as Venkateshwar and Vinay, initially contacted the businessman through messages, claiming to represent Lodha Group. They assured him that investing in their scheme would help expand his

business and generate consistent daily returns. Though initially skeptical, the victim was eventually persuaded after the scammers shared screenshots showing supposed clients earning profits through their platform. The accused maintained regular contact via WhatsApp calls and emails, further enhancing the illusion of legitimacy. They even provided login credentials in emails appearing to be from the company, making the operation seem authentic. Convinced by their elaborate setup, the businessman began transferring money for the so-called promotional campaigns. Over time, he made a total of 17 transactions, amounting to `8,72,258.

However, only `51,356 was returned, raising suspicions about the scheme’s authenticity. When the accused became unreachable, the businessman approached Rachakonda Cybercrime Police and filed a complaint against them. Preliminary investigations revealed that the scammers had created a fake online portal and misused the Lodha Group’s name to gain the victim’s trust. Police are now tracing the accused using phone numbers and transaction details to apprehend them. Authorities have urged the public to exercise caution while dealing with investment or promotional schemes, particularly when approached by unknown in-

dividuals claiming affiliation with reputed companies. Verification of such schemes before transferring money online is crucial to avoid falling victim to fraud. This case highlights a growing trend of sophisticated online scams, where fraudsters exploit popular company names to lure unsuspecting investors. Officials advise that individuals remain vigilant, avoid sharing sensitive financial information, and report suspicious activity immediately to cybercrime authorities. As the investigation continues, Rachakonda Police are working to track the perpetrators and prevent further instances of similar fraud in the city.



EDITORIAL

AMIDST SIR ROW, RAHUL’S HARYANA EXPOSE JOLTS EC

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The Election Commission, established as an independent body under the Constitution to conduct free, transparent and ideally flawless elections, operates a “system” that is replete with errors and wholly complicit in hiding flaws. Its functionaries serve up the weakest excuses when its systems are exposed as inefficient. Asked about the magnitude of errors found in electoral rolls in Dhakola village of Haryana’s Ambala district last week, booth level officer Arvind Aggarwal said: “Only previous officials can explain how this mistake happened.” However, the EC, under its current chief, Gyanesh Kumar, doesn’t have the luxury of dodging responsibility. He declared himself a new broom that will usher in a new era. Alas, the past

mistakes left uncorrected were discovered and the onus is on him. Institutions, unfortunately, can’t argue that “previous officials can explain how this mistake happened”. Institutions like the EC have histories, precedents and continuing responsibilities. After spending thousands of crores of rupees on making the “system” work, it must own up for its mistakes. A national newspaper was following up on Rahul Gandhi’s momentous revelations that in Haryana’s Dhakola, the same woman’s photograph appears on the voters list over 223 times. A report found it was an understatement; her photo appears 255 times against different names in two booths in the village. Charanjeet Kaur knows the voters list is replete with mistakes; her reaction was: “Whenever I go to vote, the election staff,

policemen on duty and polling agents all laugh.” But this is not a laughing matter for the EC, the Haryana government and everyone who, from all accounts, knew what was wrong, but failed to revise the voters’ list. There was a moment in the history of elections in India when Mamata Banerjee, then in the Congress, marched to Kolkata’s Writers’ Buildings to evict the government of Jyoti Basu as she doubted the legitimacy of the election that was widely suspected of being “scientifically rigged”. Though the Basu government survived, the electoral rolls and proof of voter identity changed forever. Instead of just names and addresses, voters were enrolled with photographs and the Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC). This is what the EC has succeeded in subverting; putting a name, a face and an address together.



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Public sector banks clock net profit of Rs 93,675 crore in first half of 2025-26

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Public sector banks have reported a robust net profit of Rs 93,675 crore in the first half (April-September) of FY 2025-26 and a marked improvement in their asset values with Gross NPAs declining to a multi-year low of 2.3 per cent while Net NPAs have dipped to 0.45 per cent. The aggregate business of the government-owned banks has increased to an impressive Rs 261 lakh crore with advances growing by 12.3 per cent year-on-year and deposits by 9.6 per cent, according to a Finance Ministry statement issued on Wednesday.

The Return on Assets of public sector banks was 1.08 per cent while the cost of funds improved to 4.97 per cent, reflecting better efficiency and profitability during the first half of the current financial year. The Secretary of the Department of Financial Services (DFS), M. Nagaraju, chaired a review meeting of public sector banks here, with the Managing Directors and Chief Executive Officers of Public Sector Banks (PSBs) to assess their performance for the H1 FY 2025-26. On the asset quality front, it was noted that PSBs continued to register improvement in recoveries. The National Asset Reconstruction Company Limited (NARCL) has acquired debt aggregating



Rs 1.62 lakh crore and achieved significant recoveries during the first half of the year. Banks were advised to leverage digital platforms such as BAANKNET for faster and transparent resolutions and to maintain focus on strengthening early warning systems. The meeting reviewed key areas including financial performance, asset quality, recovery and resolution, digital transformation and progress

under government flagship schemes. UIDAI made a presentation on the usage of Aadhaar for digital identity integration and de-duplication. Discussions were also held on the theme of human AI convergence in banking. The DFS Secretary appreciated the consistent performance of PSBs and stressed the need to sustain momentum in low-cost deposit mobilisation and credit growth, particularly in the MSME

and agriculture sectors. Banks were advised to further strengthen risk management, underwriting practices, and operational resilience to sustain profitability in an evolving financial environment. Public Sector Banks also showcased advancements in digital banking and mobile app services. A live demonstration highlighted improvements in user interface, multilingual options and transaction efficiency. The Secretary emphasised that digital banking must remain inclusive and secure, urging banks to enhance cyber resilience, ensure operational continuity and improve the quality and timeliness of grievance redressal.

Centre invites online applications for recognition as govt-approved test centres

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Department of Consumer Affairs on Wednesday invited applications through online portal for recognition as government approved test centres (GATCs), in a significant step in expanding India's verification ecosystem and infrastructure for weights and measures, which is aimed at ensuring accuracy, transparency and fairness in trade. Private industries, laboratories, and testing facilities can apply through the online portal till November 30, according to Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. Applicants must have proper testing and

calibration facilities linked to national standards, along with qualified technical staff who have at least three years of experience in Legal Metrology. Before granting approval, officials from the Department and State Legal Metrology offices will inspect the applicant's premises to verify infrastructure, staff competence, and calibration systems. As per the Legal Metrology (GATC) Amendment Rules, 2025, applicants are required to pay an online fee of Rs 2 lakh per category of instrument or equipment, which will also apply annually for renewal of recognition. The recognized GATCs shall take verification or re-verification fees as specified in the

newly introduced Fifth Schedule of the Rules. These standardized fees ensure uniformity and transparency across the country. Recognized GATCs will be authorised to verify 18 types of weighing and measuring instruments, including water meter, Sphygmomanometer, Clinical thermometer, Automatic rail weighbridges, Tape measures, Gas meters, Energy meters, Speed meters for vehicles, Breath analyzers and more. "Any organisation seeking recognition as a Government Approved Test Centre can now apply online through the new portal by submitting the prescribed form to the Joint Secretary, Department of Consumer Affairs.

India's textile exports record growth in 111 countries



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India's global exports of textiles, apparel and made-ups grew by 0.1 per cent during April-September 2025, compared to the corresponding period in 2024, the government data showed on Wednesday. The textile and apparel sector, including handicrafts exports, demonstrated remarkable resilience in the first half of FY 2025-26 despite global headwinds and tariff-related challenges in major markets. Some of the large export markets for India which clocked impressive

growth rates were the UAE (14.5 per cent), the UK (1.5 per cent), Japan (19.0 per cent), Germany (2.9 per cent), Spain (9.0 per cent) and France (9.2 per cent). On the other hand, some of the other markets that recorded higher growth rates were Egypt (27 per cent), Saudi Arabia (12.5 per cent), Hong Kong (69 per cent), etc. These 111 markets contributed \$8,489.08 million during April-September 2025, compared to \$7,718.55 million in the previous year — reflecting a 10 per cent growth and an absolute increase of \$770.3 million.

The key sectors driving this growth included ready-made garments (RMG) of all textiles (3.42 per cent growth) and Jute (5.56 per cent growth). The ministry said that this performance highlights the sector's adaptability and competitiveness in the face of global uncertainties. India's continued expansion into non-traditional markets reinforces the Government's policy focus on export diversification, value addition, and global market integration under the "Make in India" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" initiatives. Meanwhile, the GST 2.0 rate cuts on several handicraft items from 12 per cent to 5 per cent have come as a major boon for the country's artisans, as demand for their products has gone up, leading to higher earnings and also enabling them to compete with factory-made goods.

Samsung Expands Samsung Care Plus Extended Warranty to Home Appliances

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Signature Global (India) Ltd. could see a sharp rise in its stock price, with top brokerage firms projecting an upside of up to 75%. ICICI Securities, Axis Capital, and Nuvama have all issued BUY recommendations, signaling strong confidence in the company's growth outlook. The stock opened at Rs. 1,029.90 on November 11, 2025. ICICI Securities has set the highest target price of Rs. 1,786, indicating nearly 75% upside. Axis Capital has assigned a target of Rs. 1,780, while Nuvama has pegged the stock at Rs. 1,376, reinforcing positive long-term sentiment across analysts. The bullish outlook is backed by Signature Global's strong financial performance in H1FY26, where the company recorded pre-sales of Rs. 46.6 billion, revenue of Rs. 12.0 billion, and col-



lections of Rs. 18.7 billion. The company expects collections to accelerate in the second half of FY26 as major construction milestones are completed across its premium projects in Gurugram. ICICI Securities highlighted the company's robust growth trajectory, pointing to a 57% CAGR in sales bookings between FY21 and FY25. It further projects sales bookings of Rs. 119 billion in FY26, Rs. 127 billion in FY27, and Rs. 139 billion in FY28, supported by a strong launch pipeline with a gross development value (GDV) of over Rs. 450 billion for FY25-28.

Axis Capital echoed similar optimism, noting that a launch pipeline of over Rs. 130 billion for H2FY26 will likely boost construction activity, bookings, and operating cash flow. Nuvama emphasized Signature Global's strategic advantage in land acquisition, stating that the company's ability to secure land at 10-15% of selling price has played a key role in its rapid rise as a leading developer in Gurugram's housing market. Overall, brokerages expect continued momentum, supported by demand in mid-income housing and efficient project execution.

TATA AIG Launches CyberEdge to Boost South India Cyber Insurance

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TATA AIG General Insurance today launched CyberEdge, a comprehensive cyber insurance solution for enterprises, startups, and MSMEs in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The company aims to double its cyber insurance business in the region by FY28, with the portfolio expected to contribute 25% of Financial Lines premiums in three years. The launch addresses rising cyber threats in the region, which ranks second in India for reported cybercrime, with over 6.2 million malware detections and 17,500 ransomware incidents in 2024. Key sectors targeted include IT/ITES, BFSI, pharmaceuticals, and manufacturing. CyberEdge provides end-to-end protection,



covering forensic investigations, data restoration, legal support, extortion management, and business interruption losses. Features include 24/7 first response, system recovery, network loss coverage, BYOD protection, and multimedia liability, along with mitigation and prevention services at no extra cost. Najm Bilgrami, National Head – Financial Lines, said the product enables businesses to strengthen defenses, respond faster, and build true cyber resilience.

Black Box reports strong performance in Q2 FY26, revenue grew by Rs 198 crore

NEW DELHI
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Black Box Limited, Essar's technology arm and a leading provider of digital infrastructure solutions, announced its unaudited financial results for the quarter and half year ended September 30. The Company delivered a resilient performance, with strong quarter-on-quarter improvements across revenue, operating profit, and net profitability. With its transformation program now largely stabilised and a more focused go-to-market architecture in place, the Company is shifting decisively toward sustained revenue acceleration and a higher-quality business mix through FY26. Backed by robust order wins, a growing backlog, strong execution, deepening client relationships, and a healthy pipeline, the Company is firmly on a growth trajectory and remains confident of deliv-

ering a strong second half. Revenue for Q2 FY26 stood at Rs 1,585 crore from Rs 1,387 crore in Q1 FY26, witnessing a growth of 14 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 6 per cent year-on-year. The strong revenue performance reflects a sharp rebound as tariff conditions normalized and earlier project execution delays from Q1 were cleared, bringing the business back to its expected run-rate heading into the second half of the year. H2 FY26 is expected to outperform H1, supported by a growing order book, improving pipeline visibility, and stronger execution momentum across regions. EBITDA and EBITDA Margin (per cent) EBITDA for the quarter stood at Rs 143 crore, up from Rs 116 crore in Q1 FY26, representing a growth of 23 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 6 per cent year-on-year. EBITDA margins improved by 60 basis points

on a sequential basis to 9 per cent in Q2 FY26, compared to 8.4 per cent in Q1 FY26. The improvement was primarily driven by higher revenue throughput, better fixed-cost absorption, and a balanced business mix. With ongoing operational efficiency and cost optimization initiatives, there remains further potential for incremental margin expansion as strategic priorities continue to be executed through H2. Profit after Tax (PAT) Profit after Tax (PAT) stood at Rs 56 crore, up from Rs 47 crore, a growth of 17 per cent quarter-on-quarter and 9 per cent year-on-year, reflecting strong operating leverage and improved profitability in the core portfolio. As revenue growth accelerates in H2 FY26, PAT expansion is expected to outpace topline growth, driven by margin normalization, improved revenue quality, and greater contribution from high-value

opportunities. Business and Operations Highlights Order momentum remained strong, with the backlog at the end of Q2 FY26 at Rs 4,846 crore (US\$555 million), up from Rs 4,523 crore (US\$518 million) at the close of Q1 FY26. Order bookings during the quarter were robust at Rs 1,906 crore (US\$218 million), showing an increase of US\$42 million from Rs 1,536 crore (US\$176 million) in Q1 FY26. Notable orders during the quarter included significant extensions from the company's existing large-value clients, for networking and connectivity from the company's largest global financial services customer, and further engagement from our hyperscaler customer, reinforcing Black Box's position as a trusted partner in complex, high-value digital infrastructure programs.

India is a key part of global transition to self-reliant hydrogen economy: Jitendra Singh

NEW DELHI
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India today is a key part of the global transition to a self-reliant hydrogen economy, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh, said on Wednesday. While addressing the 3rd International Conference on Green Hydrogen (ICGH-2025), the Minister underscored that clean energy is no longer a matter of environmental choice, but an "economic, technological, and strategic imperative" for the nation's growth. Dr Singh said that India's clean energy transformation is being driven by a collaborative model bringing together government, industry, and academia to build sustainable solutions for the future. "India will not merely adopt clean technologies — we will invent them, lead them, and ignite the



world with our vision and grit," he stated, calling the hydrogen economy a key pillar of India's energy security and industrial competitiveness. Highlighting key initiatives, Dr Jitendra Singh announced that four Hydrogen Valleys are being developed across the country to demonstrate the full hydrogen value chain — from production and storage to transport and utilisation — with a total investment of Rs 485 crore. Of this, Rs 169.89 crore has been allocated under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), while Rs 315.43 crore will come from industry and consortium partners. These Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters

(HVICs), conceptualised by DST and now integrated under MNRE's NGHM, are designed to showcase India's first large-scale hydrogen demonstration projects and serve as living laboratories for innovation, standardisation, and policy development, said the Minister. The Minister also drew attention to the recently launched Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 3, 2025, describing it as a "historic step to bridge discovery and deployment." With a corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore and an allocation of Rs 20,000 crore for the Department of Science and Technology, the scheme aims to strengthen deep-tech and clean energy innovation while encouraging active participation from startups and industry. The Union minister said

the initiative represents a shift from government-driven funding to a more collaborative, sustainable model that ensures long-term scientific and economic resilience. Dr Singh highlighted the establishment of the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) as a landmark reform to integrate academia, industry, and government under one mission-oriented framework. The Foundation, he said, will align India's scientific capabilities with national priorities in clean energy, advanced manufacturing, and sustainability. Citing the Mission for Advancement in High-Impact Areas – Electric Vehicle (MAHA-EV), Dr Singh noted that the initiative reflects India's Atmanirbhar Bharat spirit by promoting indigenous innovation in electric mobility and hydrogen fuel technologies.

Vijay Varma exudes class and style while dubbing for ‘Gustaakh Ishq’

Actor Vijay Varma was recently spotted at the dubbing studio, looking chic and at his classiest best. Fans couldn't stop praising his look, which was an effortless blend of work and style. The actor recently shared pictures from the dubbing session and captioned it as, “Jab producer @manishmalhotra05 ho... toh dubbing bhi designer kapdon mein hoti hai.” Dripped in MM couture for gustaakh ishq dub Gustaakh Ishq aa rahi hai 28 Nov ko” with a red heart emoticon. Dressed head-to-toe in Manish Malhotra couture, Vijay was seen effortlessly blending work with style as he prepped for his upcoming romantic drama Gustaakh Ishq.

The post instantly won hearts online for his signature wit and understated charm. Known for his bold, experimental style and sharp sartorial choices, Vijay has often turned heads with his red-carpet looks and outings. Gustaakh Ishq marks a special milestone in Vijay's journey as he steps into the shoes of a romantic lead for the first time. Un-



derstanding all the love pouring in for the actor, Gustaakh Ishq's maker and Bollywood ace fashion designer Manish Malhotra, who makes his debut as a producer with the movie, recently shared his idea behind casting Vijay in the film. “Vibhu and my team, we had a lot of discussions on the cast,” said Manish.

He added, “I think we were sitting in my atelier, and then Vijay's name came up, and I said Vijay would be very good because they knew each other. I also knew Vijay but not so closely as we know each other now. And then of course he's an intense actor, and I felt he would be great in a romantic role be-

cause an actor is an actor, and Vijay has the height and the look, all of it, and an old-world charm. So we thought Vijay would be a very good choice for it, and that's how we spoke about Vijay, and that's when he went to Vijay,” elaborated Manish.”

The movie, along with Vijay Varma, also stars Naseeruddin Shah and Fatima Sana Khan. The movie will be produced under Manish's production banner known as Stage5 Production. Set in the bylanes of Purani Dilli (Old Delhi) and the fading kothis (vintage houses) of Punjab, “Gustaakh Ishq” is a love story of passion and unspoken desire, drawing from a world where architecture holds memory and music carries longing.

The film is directed by Vibhu Puri with music by Vishal Bhardwaj, lyrics by Gulzar, sound by Resul Pookutty and cinematography by Manush Nandan. from veteran Naseeruddin Shah to the deft Vijay Varma, Fatima Sana Shaikh and Sharib Hashmi. With the film being produced by Manish Malhotra and set to release on November 28, 2025.

Divya Dutta celebrates 21 years of SRK-Preity Zinta starrer ‘Veer-Zaara’

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Bollywood actress Divya Dutta, on Wednesday, took a nostalgic trip down memory lane as she celebrated 21 years of Yash Chopra's timeless classic Veer Zara, sharing a series of memorable stills from the film.

The actress penned an emotional note reflecting on how the movie changed her life. Sharing a series of stills from the movie, Divya wrote, ““21 glorious years...of #Veer-Zaara! A film that got me so much love and yes... stardom. I have grown up on #YashChopra movies, and it was my biggest desire to be directed by him...a big thank you to #AdityaChopra and @yrf for the most memorable role. I didn't foresee the



love #Shabbo would receive...But they had a bigger vision for me! This film has amazing memories!! This film walks with me hand in hand wherever I go... 21 years of receiving that love and many, many more to come... And a big shout-out to the most amazing people I found on this set. @iamsrk @ranimukerji.”

The photos she shared featured herself with Rani

Mukerji, Preity Zinta, and veteran actress Kiron Kher. Capturing some of the most heartfelt moments from the film, from an emotional rain sequence to tender sisterly scenes with Preeti that remained etched in her memory. Directed by the legendary Yash Chopra and produced under Yash Raj Films, Veer-Zaara was released on 12th November 2004.

Ananya Panday asks Aryan Khan to ‘smile’ on his birthday

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Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan turned a year older today, and all of his close people from the industry took to their respective social media accounts to wish the birthday boy. Bollywood actress Ananya Panday also took to her social media account in sharing a picture featuring herself posing with Aryan Khan, Suhana Khan, Bhavana Panday, Maheep Kapoor and Shanaya Kapoor.

She captioned it as, “Smilleeeee, it is your birthday,” further tagging Aryan Khan. Aryan Khan is most of the time seen not smiling for any photographs, be it for the paparazzi or even for selfies with family and friends. Talking about Ananya and Aryan, the two have known each other right from their birth. Their respective parents, SRK-Gauri Khan and Chunky-Bhavana Pandey, have known each other for decades.

Earlier in the day, Bollywood star Kajol also took to her social media account to wish Aryan on his birthday. Sharing a picture featuring herself with Aryan and his superstar father and her BFF, Shah Rukh Khan, Kajol wrote, “Here's to new beginnings and bigger dreams. Have a wonderful birthday,” and tagged Aryan. The actress has al-



ways been seen coming out in support and rooting for Jr Khan. Especially when Aryan ventured into Bollywood with his directorial debut, The Ba*** of Bollywood, in September, Kajol had penned a congratulatory note for him. Taking to her social media account, Kajol captioned the post as: “With the Ba***ds of Bollywood, :) congrats @__aryan__ ... The only thing more awesome, I'm sure, will be your show! Too excited...” Talking about “The Ba***ds of Bollywood”, the series marked the debut of Shah Rukh Khan's son Aryan Khan and won him great reviews. On Aryan Khan's birthday, sister and actress Suhana Khan also took to her social media account earlier in the day and penned a cute caption for her brother. She wrote, “Happpppy Birthday, love youuu most,” followed by a red heart emoji. .

Adele ventures into acting with Tom Ford’s ‘Cry to Heaven’

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The sky is set to fall as the English singer-songwriter Adele is making her acting debut. The Grammy-winning artiste will be seen showing her acting chops in Tom Ford's new film ‘Cry to Heaven’.

The fashion mogul and filmmaker will direct, produce and write the adaptation of Anne Rice's 1982 novel, reports ‘Variety’.

The film is set in 18th century Italy, the fictional story follows two men, a Venetian noble and a castrated Opera singer, whose lives become unexpectedly intertwined.

As per ‘Variety’, Adele will star



in the film alongside Nicholas Hoult, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Ciarán Hinds, George MacKay,

Mark Strong, Colin Firth, Paul Bettany, Owen Cooper, Daniel Quinn-Toye, Hunter Schafer, Josephine Thiesen, Thandiwe Newton, Theodore Pellerin, Daryl McCormack, Cassian Bilton, Hauk Hannenmann and Lux Pascal.

‘Cry to Heaven’ is currently in pre-production in London and Rome, with principal photography set to commence in January. The movie is expected to release in the fall of 2026. Ford is self-financing the film and plans to find a buyer after production is complete, according to Deadline, which broke the news of the project.

Ford, who launched his eponymous fashion brand after serving as creative director at Gucci and

Yves Saint Laurent, made his directorial debut with 2009's Oscar-nominated ‘A Single Man’. His second film was 2016's ‘Nocturnal Animals’, which won the grand jury prize at Venice and earned a supporting actor Oscar nomination for Michael Shannon.

‘Cry to Heaven’ reunites Ford with Taylor-Johnson, who appeared in the sprawling ensemble of ‘Nocturnal Animals,’ as well as Firth, who starred in ‘A Single Man’, Adele, whose biggest hits include ‘Hello’, ‘Chasing Pavements’, ‘Rolling in the Deep’ and the Oscar-winning ‘Skyfall’, announced that she planned to temporarily step back from music following the conclusion of her Las Vegas residency.

Woxsen Sports Academy, Telangana Basketball Association Launch State’s First Collegiate League

Woxsen Sports Academy Partners with Telangana Basketball Association to Launch State's First Collegiate Basketball League

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Woxsen Sports Academy and the Telangana Basketball Association (TBA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to strengthen Telangana's collegiate basketball ecosystem. The partnership covers governance, branding, commercial operations, and technical oversight for the 2025 season. As part of this collaboration, the Telangana College Basketball League (TCBL)—the state's first official collegiate basketball league, hosted by Woxsen University—was also announced. The signing and launch event was attended by Dr. Raul Villamarin Rodriguez, Vice President, Woxsen University; Mr. Vishal K, Head of Sports, Woxsen University; Mr. R. Sridhar Reddy, President, TBA; and Mr. A. Prudhviswar Reddy, General Secretary, TBA, who outlined the league's objectives and its potential to nurture young talent.

Speaking on the occasion, R. Sridhar Reddy said, “Partnering with Woxsen University allows



Telangana basketball to grow from grassroots to international levels. The league and the Telangana Basketball Academy will provide world-class training, expert coaching, and the right environment to identify and nurture top talent.”

Dr. Raul Villamarin Rodriguez added, “Having played professional basketball in Spain, I saw India's potential but limited structure. Our goal is to make basketball a top sport in India through an academy league, a centre of excellence, and scholarship-backed programs. Players

will gain both athletic and academic opportunities, ensuring a strong foundation even if they don't go professional. The 5x5 league in Telangana will set a benchmark and inspire other states.”

The collaboration aims to promote sports-led education, offering scholarships, scouting programs, and inclusive participation. Woxsen Sports Academy will manage commercial and branding aspects, including sponsorships and broadcast, while TBA will oversee technical regulations, eligibility, and officiating.

A. Prudhviswar Reddy said, “From the Telangana Coaching Camp to the College League, this is a first-of-its-kind collaboration in India. It will provide college players with a platform to pursue basketball professionally.” The Telangana College Basketball League will feature Men's and Women's 5x5 divisions, with Woxsen University hosting marquee matches and partner colleges hosting select rounds. Over 20 colleges are expected to participate, with potential expansion to 32 teams, culminating in a Grand Finale at Woxsen University, Hyderabad.

About Woxsen University: Located in Hyderabad, Woxsen University offers new-age programs across Business, Technology, Arts & Design, Architecture, Law, and Liberal Arts & Humanities. Spread over a 200-acre campus, it houses Asia's largest sports infrastructure, partners with 175+ global universities, and ranks among India's top institutions for academic excellence and global exposure.

Ashi Chouksey and Anjum Moudgil miss out on 3P final

NEW DELHI
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Seasoned Ashi Chouksey and Anjum Moudgil missed out on a place in the final of the women's 50m rifle 3 positions (3P) after finishing 15th and 17th in qualification in the ISSF World Championships Rifle/Pistol 2025, as Norway's Jeannette Hegg Duestad became the World Champion at the Olympic Shooting Range in Cairo, Egypt. Switzerland's 17-year-old Emely Jaeggi won the silver, and Seonaid McIntosh of Great Britain won the bronze. India maintained their second position behind China in the medal tally with three gold, five silver, and three bronze medals, while China has eight gold and a total of 15 medals to remain on top of the medal table.

Ashi was the best Indian



shooter in qualification with a final score of 588-26x, just one point less than the eighth-placed qualifier in Misaki Nobata of Japan. Anjum shot 587-23x to finish in 17th place. The third Indian in fray, Olympian Sift Kaur Samra, finished in 48th place with a score of 580-28x.

Duestad, who has been in brilliant form this season, secured her second individual world championship gold medal with a score of 465.8 in the fi-

nals. Emely Jaeggi finished with a score of 465.3, equalling the junior world record to secure silver, while her sister Vivien Joy Jaeggi finished just outside the medal positions in fourth. McIntosh, who is returning to international competition after a year, shot 454.6 to win the bronze. Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh, and Rahi Sarnobat will be in action tomorrow as the precision stage of the 25m Sports Pistol will get underway.

Godavari’s Flow Impacts Klis Repair Works: Uttam

● Tests to start once Godavari waters recede; government vows accountability and structural recovery

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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday said work on preparing designs for repairs at Sundilla, Annaram and Medigadda barrages of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation scheme (KLIS) will begin once further tests are taken up following the receding of floodwaters in Godavari river. The minister said the government was following a systematic and scientific method to salvage the damaged Kaleshwaram project barrages. “The government’s priority is to restore the barges responsibly and to ensure the massive public expenditure incurred on the project by the BRS regime can be safeguarded and put to proper use,” Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The minister’s comments came at a high-level review at the Secretariat of irrigation projects, including Sammakka-Sarakka, Dindi and Singur. The minister’s comments also come in the wake of the recent and unequivocal warnings by the irri-



Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy at a meeting with senior irrigation department officials at the Secretariat on Wednesday during which he reviewed plans for KLIS barrage repairs.

gation department to the agencies that built the barrages—Navayuga (Sundilla), Afcons (Annaram) and L&T (Medigadda)—that the companies face the prospect of being blacklisted if they do not agree to take up the eventual repairs, and any rehabilitation works at the barrages at their cost. Uttam Kumar Reddy said geo-physical tests and hydraulic investigations tests at the three barrages would be conducted by the Central Water and Power Research Station. These tests will help determine the extent of damage and guide design consultants

in preparing rehabilitation plans. He said reports of the Vigilance & Enforcement wing, the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and the Judicial Commission pointed to systemic failures and irrational decisions as causes for one of the Medigadda barrage blocks sinking into the riverbed and the leakages in the Annaram and Sundilla. “There were lapses at both engineering and political levels. Our government is taking corrective action through scientific methods to salvage the structures,” he said. The minister also said the irrigation depart-

ment’s Central Designs Organisation was also criticised by investigating agencies and that the government decided to engage independent consultants for repair designs, which will be vetted by the Central Water Commission (CWC). Infograph Kaleshwaram barrages — It’s complicated NDSA — Design defects, inadequate model studies, lapses in execution/operations Judicial Commission — Pointed to financial irregularities, poor site investigations/designs/quality control, lack of planning Vigilance Department — Recommended criminal action against certain officials and contractors for negligence and irregularities in construction More tests — Geophysical/hydraulic tests needed at barrages, but have to wait for water to recede in Godavari In-house problems — Irrigation department’s Central Designs Organisation under fire for poor designs of barrages

Release Rs 163 Crore Pending Dues For Gurukul Schools: Bhatti

Deputy CM Bhatti directs releasing ₹163 crore for pending SC, Minority Gurukul dues

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has directed officials from the finance department to release Rs 163 crore towards pending dues related to SC and Minority Gurukul Educational Institutions — including diet charges, rent, and midday meal payments, immediately. On Wednesday, the Deputy Chief Minister held a review meeting at Praja Bhavan with officials from the finance de-



partment and Gurukul institutions. Bhatti instructed that Rs 51.36 crore be released towards pending diet, rent, and other expenditures of all SC Gurukuls, hostels, and related institutions across the state. Similarly,

he ordered the release of Rs 47.61 crore towards pending diet and rent dues of minority Gurukuls and educational institutions. In addition, he told officials to release Rs 63.92 crore in pending payments related to midday meal scheme. Recalling that the Congress government upon assuming office had increased diet expenditures by 40 per cent and cosmetic allocations by 200 per cent for Gurukul and hostel students, to ensure they should receive nutritious, diverse, and healthy

food, Bhatti said, officials must not compromise on quality and strictly follow the government-prescribed menu. He further instructed officials to inspect government educational institutions regularly as per a fixed calendar to review the facilities being provided to students. He directed that detailed reports of these visits be submitted by the administrators concerned. Principal Secretary of the finance department, Sandeep Kumar Sultania and other officials attended the meeting.

Kaleshwaram probe: Telangana HC extends interim protection for KCR, Harish Rao

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court on Wednesday extended till January its interim order restraining the State government from taking any adverse action against BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao and others based on the findings of a judicial commission into allegations of irregularities in the execution of the Kaleshwaram project.

After the batch of writ petitions filed by KCR,

former Minister Harish Rao, former Chief Secretary Shailendra Kumar Joshi and senior IAS officer Smita Sabharwal came up for hearing before the division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G M Mohiuddin on Wednesday, the counsel for the State government sought more time to file the counter affidavits. While posting the matter to January 2026, the HC also extended the interim protection

granted to KCR, Harish Rao, Joshi and Sabharwal. A commission, headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice P C Ghose, which investigated the alleged irregularities into the construction of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project during the previous BRS tenure, had earlier submitted its report to the government. The report was tabled in the State Assembly in August this year and after a discussion, Chief Minister A Revanth

Reddy had announced the government’s decision to hand over the investigation to CBI. In its report, the commission held Chandrasekhar Rao accountable for alleged irregularities in the project’s construction and other aspects. The report also found fault with Harish Rao, nephew of KCR and the Irrigation Minister during the BRS regime. Challenging the report, KCR and Harish Rao, and others had approached the High Court.

Owaisi appointed to JPC examining bills on removal of PM, CMs, ministers after arrest

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi has been appointed as a member of the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) tasked to examine the controversial bills that propose to remove any minister, chief minister, or prime minister from their office if they are arrested for 30 consecutive days for an offence punishable with five or more years of imprisonment. According to the Lok Sabha Bulletin issued on Wednesday, November 12, Owaisi is part of the 31-member committee which will study the bills: The Constitution (130th Amendment) Bill, The Jammu & Kashmir Reorganization (Amendment) Bill and The Government of Union Territories (Amendment) Bill. The committee will be chaired by Aparajita Sarangi, who is a member of the Lok Sabha. The bills were tabled in the lower house during the Monsoon Session in August by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, evoking large scale protests from the Opposition. Asaduddin Owaisi vehemently opposed the three Bills, calling them draconian, anti-constitutional and a direct blow to India’s democracy.

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43 Telangana aspirants qualify for UPSC interviews under CSR initiative

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A total of 43 candidates from Telangana, supported under the Rajiv Gandhi Civils Abhaya Hastham Scheme, have been selected for UPSC interviews, the Chief Minister’s Office announced on Wednesday. The scheme, implemented under Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL)’s CSR programme, aims to support candidates from SC, ST, OBC, and EWS categories who are preparing for the Civil Services. Under the initiative, each eligible candidate receives financial assistance of ₹1 lakh. Only candidates who have cleared the preliminary exam can apply for the support. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated all candidates from the state who cleared the Mains examination, praising their dedication and hard work. Launched last year, the Rajiv Civil Assistance Scheme is part of Telangana’s broader effort to assist students from economically weaker families in achieving success in competitive exams. This



year, 202 candidates received financial aid under the programme, with SCCL facilitating the implementation. Continuing its support for civil services aspirants, the Telangana government announced an additional incentive of ₹1 lakh for all candidates who have qualified for interviews. This initiative is intended to help them prepare effectively for the next stage of the selection process. The scheme highlights Telangana’s commitment to nurturing talent and providing opportunities for aspirants from underprivileged backgrounds to compete successfully at the national level. By combining financial aid with guidance and encouragement, the government seeks to strengthen the representation of the state in civil services and promote social equity.

Waqf Faces Hurdles In Umeed Uploads

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Wakeup telangana

With the December 6 deadline to upload Waqf property details on the Umeed portal fast approaching, waqf managing committees in Telangana are uncertain whether they can register properties themselves, as many of their terms have expired. Custodians are also struggling with missing records and poor technical support on the portal. They said land demarcation, a mandatory step for uploading data, has been difficult as Waqf and mandal surveyors are not assisting. Many also lack Waqf gazettes and are unsure whether mosques and religious



structures on private land should be registered. Telangana Waqf Board member Abul Fateh Syed Bandagvi Badshah Quadri said several custodians raised these concerns during a recent workshop. Seeking clarity from the Central and state governments on these issues, the custodians expressed unhappiness over the Umeed portal not being user friendly and slow while doing the registration process. Waqf board chairman Azmatullah told Deccan Chronicle that the Board will soon de-

cide on extending the tenure of the committees. “If not, the Board will directly take up property registration,” he said. He noted that more than 7,000 properties have been registered on the Umeed portal so far. “Since this is the first such exercise, the process takes time as every property requires valid proof. Unless the properties are more than 400 years old, the property details will be somehow available through the Waqf or revenue records. We have also set up a help desk to assist custodians. With all these issues and little time left for uploading details, we are seeking a deadline extension,” he added.

Taiwan Excellence Launches Smart Lifestyle Innovations in India

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Taiwan Excellence (TE), an initiative of Taiwan’s Ministry of Economic Affairs, has launched three globally acclaimed products from Taiwanese brands LUFTQI, Vinxper, and COTTAI in the Indian market. The offerings span smart air purification, premium wine technology, and intelligent décor, catering to Indian consumers seeking sustainable, smart, and premium lifestyle solutions. The

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