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TN CM Vijay Announces ₹134.83 Cr Kuruvai Package

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay on Friday announced the Kuruvai Special Package Scheme-2026, aimed at promoting paddy cultivation across the state. The scheme, with an estimated outlay of ₹134.83 crore, will benefit farmers in both delta and non-delta districts. Paddy cultivation remains central to Tamil Nadu's food security and the livelihoods of farmers. Seasonal cultivation during Kuruvai, Kar and Sornavari significantly contributes to the state's agricultural output, particularly in the Cauvery delta and adjoining regions. On average, paddy is cultivated over 52.72 lakh acres annually in the state. Of this, about 20.65 lakh acres fall within delta districts such as Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai, with Kuruvai cultivation accounting for nearly 5.14 lakh acres. Non-delta districts contribute the remaining 32.07 lakh acres under paddy cultivation. The Chief Minister said the initiative aims to encourage farmers

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India's Viral Cockroach Janta Party Launches Nationwide Youth Protest Campaign

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India's viral Cockroach Janta Party launched a nationwide protest campaign on Thursday with hundreds of students and young supporters gathering in the western city of Pune in the youth movement's latest show of strength. The rally at Savitribai Phule Pune University followed the group's first major street protest in New Delhi last week. It demanded the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra



Pradhan over alleged examination irregularities and repeated paper leaks. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, a political communications strategist and Boston University student, addressed supporters and said Thursday marked the start of a broader national campaign. He announced plans for protests

in other cities and said supporters would return to New Delhi later this month if the education minister did not step down. "The government cannot ignore the youth," Dipke, who recently returned from the United States to lead the campaign, told reporters. The movement emerged in May, after Supreme Court judge Surya Kant's remarks comparing some unemployed youth to "cockroaches" triggered outrage. Supporters embraced the term as a symbol of resilience, helping

the group amass more than 22 million followers on Instagram. The movement's message has since expanded to include concerns over unemployment, rising living costs and government accountability. The CJP mixes self-deprecating humor with political criticism. Supporters jokingly call themselves unemployed and chronically online, while videos and memes mocking unemployment, corruption and political dysfunction have attracted millions of views.

Indian Shooting Coach Jaspal Rana Dies at 49

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Jaspal Rana, the Asian Games gold medalist shooter who later guided Manu Bhaker to her historic double bronze-medal feat at the Paris Olympics as a coach, has died. He was 49.

According to National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) president Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, Rana breathed his last at a Delhi hospital on Thursday night. Rana recently underwent a medical procedure after falling ill during the Indian contingent's return flight



from the ISSF World Cup in Munich, Germany. Upon landing in New Delhi, he was immediately hospitalised and underwent a medical procedure to have a stent fixed. Rana was last serving as the high-performance coach for Indian pistol shooters. After a

decorated career as an elite shooter, Rana transformed Indian shooting through his roles as junior national team coach and high-performance trainer. His coaching contributions include mentoring Manu and helping her secure a historic double bronze at the 2024 Paris Olympics. As a junior pistol coach since 2012, he has groomed teen sensations such as Saurabh Chaudhary, Anish Bhanwala, and Chinki Yadav. His work with the junior programme has created a massive pipeline of international talent. The NRAI

had officially appointed him as the High-Performance coach for the 25m pistol discipline. Rana is credited with instituting rigorous training routines that perfectly replicated the pressure of actual Olympic matches. The NRAI appointed Rana as a high-performance coach for the 25m pistol discipline in February 2025. For his immense contributions to the sport and the development of the next generation of shooters, the government conferred on him the prestigious Dronacharya Award in 2020.

CM Revanth Submits Report on 6Gs to Rahul

Revanth Reddy is also understood to have briefed Rahul Gandhi on the implementation of the Congress' electoral promises

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday met AICC leader Rahul Gandhi in Delhi and is understood to have held detailed discussions on Telangana's development, the performance of the state government and organisational matters relating to the party. While the Chief Minister's Office described the meeting as a courtesy call, party sources said Revanth Reddy submitted a comprehensive report to Gandhi on the functioning of the Congress government in Telangana, which completed half its five-year term on June 6.

Revanth Reddy posted on the social media platform X: "As ever, it is energising and inspiring to meet my leader, Shri Rahul Gandhi ji. I discussed issues relating to the development of Telangana with the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. And as always, his insightful feedback and direction will guide all of us." According to the sources, the Chief Minister



briefed Gandhi on the government's achievements during the past 30 months, highlighting growth in the state economy, gross state domestic product (GSDP), employment generation and investment inflows. Revanth Reddy reportedly informed the Congress leader that Telangana had witnessed good progress in attracting investments and creating jobs since the Congress was voted to power. The Chief Minister also apprised Gandhi about the government's decision to organise the Telangana Rising Global Summit every December as a flagship platform to attract global investors and multinational companies to the state. He said the inaugural Telangana Rising Global Summit held at Future City in December 2025 was a major success,

resulting in several memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with global firms. A majority of these investment proposals had already moved to the implementation stage with groundwork and project activities underway, he reportedly informed. Revanth Reddy is also understood to have briefed Rahul Gandhi on the implementation of the Congress' electoral promises. He stated that the government had fulfilled a majority of the Six Guarantees promised during the 2023 Assembly elections and assured that the remaining commitments would be implemented during the next two-and-a-half years. Explaining the delay in rolling out all the guarantees, the Chief Minister reportedly pointed to the financial constraints faced by the state due to what he described as an inherited debt burden exceeding ₹8 lakh crore from the previous BRS government. He said the state was currently spending more than ₹70,000 crore annually towards repayment of principal and interest liabilities.

NEET-UG 2026 Gets 15-Minute Extension

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Friday announced a series of student-friendly measures for NEET (UG) 2026, including additional rough-work space, and an extended examination window. The medical entrance examination is scheduled to be held on June 21. According to the NTA, the ex-



amination will be conducted from 2 pm to 5:15 pm, providing a total window of 195 minutes. The duration of the examination has been extended by 15 minutes.

"This window is designed to accommodate the in-

vigilation formalities at the start and end of the examination, such as the signing requirements, which candidates earlier felt reduced their effective working time," the agency said. The NTA has also doubled the number of pages provided for rough work in the question-paper booklet from two to four pages, giving candidates additional space for

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India Summons US Envoy Over Attacks on Commercial Vessels

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The Ministry of External Affairs on Friday summoned U.S. Chargé d'Affaires Jason Meeks and lodged a strong protest over continuing attacks by U.S. naval forces on commercial vessels carrying Indian mariners in the Gulf of Oman. According to an official statement, the government expressed serious concern over the incidents, which have already resulted in the loss of three Indian lives. The

Ministry described the use of lethal force against civilian shipping as "unacceptable" and warned that such actions undermine the safety, security and stability of international maritime trade in a sensitive region. India conveyed its deep concern over the situation

and urged the U.S. to exercise restraint.

The envoy was asked to communicate India's position to his authorities and ensure that U.S. forces operating in the region take all necessary measures to prevent further loss of civilian life. The development marks the second time the U.S. mission has been summoned by India over the issue, highlighting escalating diplomatic concerns.

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CM Revanth Sanctions Rs 75 Lakhs From CMRF For Baby's Spinal Atrophy Treatment

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday assured financial assistance of Rs 75 lakh from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF), for the treatment of one-year-old Aryansh from Telangana, who is battling Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Type 2. "We will ensure the best treatment for Baby Aryansh. The CMO officer handling CMRF will contact the parents immediately," the Chief Minister said, responding to an appeal for

urgent financial aid by the parents Kasula Kiran and Kasula Naveena on the X platform. "Let us all pray and hope for his total recovery, and wish him a good, healthy, long life," the CM replied. The child requires a life-saving injection that costs Rs 1.5 crore. His parents, along with influencer Naveen Ramasing, have been campaigning for funds and have so far raised around Rs 75 lakh through public donations. Another Rs 75 lakh is urgently needed to secure the treatment.

Amarnath Yatra: Shah Chairs Meeting To Review Security Preparedness

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday chaired a high-level meeting to review the security and operational preparedness for the upcoming annual Amarnath Yatra, officials said. The yatra is scheduled to begin on July 3. The meeting was attended by National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, Army Chief Gen Upendra Dwivedi, and Central Reserve Police

Force (CRPF) Director General GP Singh, besides other senior security and administrative officials.

The 57-day pilgrimage to the 3,880-metre-high cave shrine in the Himalayas requires a massive security deployment, with the Central and Union Territory agencies working in close tandem. Officials said the agencies are combining advanced surveillance technology, intelligence-led monitoring, and multi-agency coordination to ensure a completely secure envi-



ronment for the devotees. Pilgrims will travel through the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter but steeper 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district. Earlier this week, Lieutenant Governor Sinha reviewed the preparations, directing departments and security

agencies to ensure smooth arrangements covering infrastructure, security, healthcare, sanitation, connectivity and pilgrim services. The Jammu and Kashmir Police has also deployed sophisticated screening and anti-sabotage equipment. These include portable RCIED jammers, deep search metal detectors, explosive and liquid explosive detectors, non-linear junction detectors (NLJDs), contraband busters, prod-der vehicle search mirrors, optical fibrescopes, multi-type CCTV sys-

tems, XBIS, vehicle-mounted XBIS, multi-zone DFMDs (Fixed/multizone), HHMDs, search metal detectors, and other specialised equipment, they added. Police have also launched the QR-based "Pahchan App", designed to digitally verify workers and vendors operating along the yatra route. Officials say the system will help prevent unverified individuals from infiltrating the pilgrimage ecosystem while improving accountability and crowd

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Harish Rao says trend of CMs losing polls to repeat in Telangana

BRS leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao has predicted that Telangana will witness a repeat of the national trend of Chief Ministers losing elections, asserting that Congress will be ousted in the next polls. [Telangana Travel Guide](#)

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Senior BRS leader and Siddipet MLA T Harish Rao said that a new trend is being witnessed in the country with the Chief Ministers being defeated in elections.

The recent elections in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu were the best examples and a similar kind of result would be seen in Telangana in the next election, he predicted during his address to the Huzurabad party workers meeting held in Jammita on Friday.

Refuting the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's statement that the BRS would not get opposition status in the next election, MLA said the BRS was certain to get ruling party status. The CM should re-



alise that the Congress candidates would not get even the deposits since people have determined to put an end to Hitler-like rule of Revanth Reddy. It has widely been discussed everywhere that the Congress government should go and the BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao should come to power in the state. So, the BRS would definitely come to power and Chandrashekar Rao would become the Chief Minister. Using abusive language has become a routine

practice for the Chief Minister and like air pollution, there was sound pollution prevailing in the state with the abusive language used by Revanth Reddy. So, the people have decided to put an end to sound pollution by teaching a befitting lesson to the CM.

Though the CM already has a palatial house in Jubilee Hills, he constructed a camp office by spending Rs 100 crore. Revanth Reddy also constructed another camp office in Future City by spending Rs

100 crore. Despite having a helicopter, CM was now hiring a new helicopter by spending Rs 5 crore a month. Revanth Reddy wasted hundreds of crores of the public money for football matches and beauty contests. Moreover, CM also arranged money to the congress party to contest in the elections held in the neighboring states.

Ravanth Reddy, who deceived the farmers on all fronts, is going to cheat the community in the name of Rythu Discom. Instead of 24 hours, the congress government was supplying only 11 hours power to the agriculture sector. If Rythu discom was implemented, farmers would get only 5 to 6 hours electricity. People never faced troubles

for power and drinking water when Chandrashekar Rao was the CM. Uninterrupted electricity was supplied even during the summer. Water also flowed in canals.

However, power cuts have started in the congress regime while standing crops were withered due to lack of water supply. Farmers were also facing troubles for fertilizer.

Talking about Rythu Bandhu, Harish Rao said that Revanth Reddy rebuffered one installment of RB. Recently, RB was paid to the farmers who have below 2 acres of land. Rebuffering Rs 20,000crore of Rythu Bandhu, Revanth Reddy was claiming that congress government waived the loans of farmers.

BJP Accuses BRS, MIM of Misleading Voters

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Wakeup telangana

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday accused the Congress, BRS and MIM of spreading "false and misleading" information about the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll and said the BJP was the only credible opposition in Telangana. Addressing reporters after the concluding session of the two-day "Deen Dayal Prashikshan" training programme for party workers in Siddipet, Rao explained that SIR was a constitutional exercise conducted by the Election Commission of India to update voter lists, and not a BJP initiative. He recalled that voter roll revisions had been carried out repeatedly since 1951, and defended the



current exercise as necessary to remove duplicate entries, deceased names and illegal registrations to uphold "one person, one vote." Rao said the names of genuine voters would not be removed and condemned what he termed malicious propaganda by the BRS and Congress which have claimed that the SIR would affect property rights if voters shifted their registration. He accused the Congress of hypocrisy for appointing booth level agents (BLAs) while simultaneously spreading alarm

about the process, and criticised the AIMIM for running SIR help desks while, he said, stoking public fear against the exercise.

He noted that booth level officers (BLOs) were appointed by the state government and dismissed attempts to blame the BJP as "political drama." He accused the I.N.D.I.A. bloc of opposing SIR for vote-bank politics. The BRS, Rao alleged, "had no moral right" to speak on Telangana, claiming its MPs were absent during the passage of the state bifurcation Bill and contending that post-statehood benefits concentrated within one family while farmers, youths, employees and the people suffered. He listed governance failures including farmer suicides, delays in Rythu Bharosa

Uttam Kumar Reddy meets Chhattisgarh CM, pursues NOC for Sammakka-Sarakka Project

[Telangana Irrigation Minister says a joint survey is underway to identify areas of submergence in backwaters in Chhattisgarh](#)

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Minister for Irrigation N. Uttam Kumar Reddy called on Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Vishnu Deo Sai, who was on a visit to Hyderabad, here on Thursday night and requested him to help Telangana get the no objection certificate (NOC) from the Chhattisgarh government for Sammakka-Sarakka Project taken up across the river Godavari.

In a significant development that could prove decisive in getting the NOC from Chhattisgarh, the Telangana government is of the hope that it could also pave the way for the final appraisal of the project's Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Central Water Commission (CWC).

Explaining Telangana's sustained efforts to fast-track several long-pending irrigation projects aimed at harnessing the Godavari waters for irrigation, drinking water supply and regional de-



velopment to the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister, Mr. Uttam Kumar Reddy requested the Chhattisgarh government to extend its cooperation by issuing the pending NOC for the Sammakka Sagar Project, formerly known as the Tupakulagudem Barrage. According to Mr. Uttam Kumar Reddy, the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister responded positively and assured that the matter would be examined sympathetically. The Minister also submitted a formal communication seeking immediate issuance of the NOC by Chhattisgarh, required for appraisal of the DPR by the Inter-State Directorate of the CWC.

In the letter, Mr. Uttam Kumar Reddy recalled his earlier request made at Raipur on September 22 last year and highlighted the importance of the project for Telangana's irrigation sector. He informed the Chhattisgarh government that all directorates of the CWC except the Inter-State Directorate had already accorded clearances to the project and that the absence of NOC alone was preventing further appraisal of the DPR.

On the concerns of Chhattisgarh over the project, the Minister noted that engineers from both States had earlier conducted a joint survey of the submergence area and sub-

sequently the Chhattisgarh government had sought a more detailed survey involving demarcation of Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and backwater levels to accurately assess the extent of land and villages likely to be affected.

Mr. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana is committed to resolve all outstanding issues and had agreed to bear the entire cost of the survey and released ₹9.88 crore to the Chhattisgarh Water Resources Department in April (this year). The survey is presently under way in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh.

Telangana has also assured the neighbouring State that compensation for any lands identified as affected due to submergence or backwater impact would be paid in accordance with applicable laws and procedures. The State government has also conveyed its willingness to deposit compensation amounts in advance, if required for issuance of the NOC.

Karka Nagaraju Wins Prestigious Global Icon Award 2026 for Social Service

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Karka Nagaraju, President of the INTUC and PJR Foundation in Kukatpally constituency's Moosapet Division, has been honoured with the prestigious Global Icon Award 2026 for his contributions to social service and trade union leadership. The award and citation were presented at a grand ceremony held at the Convention Hall in Panaji, Goa, by Goa State Social Welfare Minister Subhash Phal Dessai and Sri



Lankan Miss Earth Vihanga Petersz. Nagaraju was selected in the Social Service and Trade Union Leadership category by the Anelip Group. Speaking to the media after receiving the honour, Nagaraju expressed happiness over receiving national recognition and thanked the organisers for

acknowledging his efforts in social service and the welfare of workers through trade union activities.

He said the award has increased his sense of responsibility and described the moment as one of the proudest and most emotional milestones of his life. According to him, the

recognition is not just a personal achievement but a reflection of the collective support and trust of those who stood by him. Nagaraju dedicated the award to workers, supporters, and his family members, stating that their encouragement has been his greatest strength. He also thanked the Anelip Group, saying the honour would inspire him to continue working with greater commitment, integrity, and dedication for labour welfare and social development.

Vaspari Shankaraiah Meets Harish Rao, Discusses Local Poll Strategy

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Former Aleru Municipal Chairman Vaspari Shankaraiah met former Telangana Minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao at his Hyderabad residence on Thursday to discuss preparations for the upcoming local body elections. Several party leaders and supporters accompanied Shankaraiah during the meeting. The leaders reviewed the political situation in the Aleru Assembly constituency, organizational strengthening, and



strategies for the MPTC and ZPTC elections. Discussions reportedly included mandal-wise aspiring candidates, BC reservation possibilities, local social equations, and identifying committed grassroots leaders.

Special attention was given to strengthening the party in Aleru and Motakondur mandals through booth-level committees, cadre coordination, and public outreach. Harish Rao also felicitated Shankaraiah on his recent birthday and appreciated his commitment to public service.

Speaking after the meeting, Shankaraiah expressed confidence that unity among party workers, early planning, and continuous engagement with the public would help the party perform strongly in the forthcoming local body

Jahangir Baba Stresses Vote Protection and Quality Education

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Al-Faiz Welfare Society President Jahangir Baba has urged citizens to safeguard their democratic power by protecting their votes and responsibly participating in all government electoral processes, including the SIR exercise.

He emphasized that a vote is the strongest weapon in a democracy and called on people to value and preserve every single vote, stating, "Your vote is your



protection." He appealed to the public to follow official guidelines and fulfill their democratic responsibilities to strengthen the democratic system. According to him, every citizen must ensure that their

voting rights remain secure and are exercised wisely. Jahangir Baba also highlighted the importance of the reopening of educational institutions, saying that schools and colleges should focus on developing the hidden talents of students.

He urged teachers, intellectuals, and parents to guide young people with knowledge, awareness, and moral values so they can choose the right path in life. Expressing concern over the current education system, he said education is increasingly viewed

only as a means to secure employment rather than as a tool for character building and social development.

He also noted that certain elements are harming the education system for personal interests. He stressed that countries achieving global success have given priority to mother tongues while also promoting other languages, and called for better use of government educational opportunities to build an informed and responsible society.

Former MLA Detained En Route to Kadlapur Farmers' Protest

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Thalka Anjaiaj

Former BRS MLA Koppala Mahesh Reddy was detained by police on Friday while proceeding to Kadlapur village in Pargi Mandal of Vikarabad district to express solidarity with farmers protesting against the proposed acquisition of agricultural land for an Industrial Park. Police intercepted his convoy at Rangapur Crossroads and took him into preventive custody, stating that the action was intended to maintain law and order and prevent any escalation of



tensions at the protest site. Reacting to the detention, Mahesh Reddy questioned why he was being stopped from meeting farmers and alleged that the government was attempting to suppress democratic dissent. The agitation in Kadlapur has gained momentum, with the Gram Panchayat Sarpanch and several farmers continuing an indefinite

hunger strike demanding that the government withdraw the land acquisition proposal and hold consultations with affected landowners.

Farmers argue that the proposed Industrial Park would destroy fertile agricultural land that has sustained their families for generations and threaten the livelihoods of hundreds of people dependent on farming. Several farmer organizations and political leaders have extended support to the protest, making the issue a significant concern in the district.

PAC Chairman Gandhi Reviews 100-Foot Road Expansion Works at Allwyn Colony



PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the ongoing 100-foot road expansion works from Ushamullapudi Kaman to Gajularamaram via Yellammabanda in Allwyn Colony Division along with former corporator Dodla Venkatesh Goud. Gandhi said the project is aimed at easing severe traffic congestion on the busy stretch and directed officials to accelerate the works without compromising on quality. He reviewed measures taken to remove obstacles, including shifting electric poles, clearing rock formations, trimming tree branches, and restoring a damaged drinking water pipeline. The PAC Chairman instructed all departments to work in coordination and complete the road expansion on a war footing. He said the widened road would reduce traffic congestion, save travel time and fuel, and provide better transportation facilities to commuters.

Reaffirming his commitment to infrastructure development, Gandhi said improving roads and creating a traffic-free environment remain key priorities for the development of Sherlingampally constituency.

Transport Department extends deadline to reserve fancy vehicle registration numbers

The Transport Department has extended the time available for owners of newly purchased vehicles to reserve fancy or special registration numbers. The department has announced that vehicle owners can now choose and reserve their preferred registration numbers within two months from the date of issuance of the Temporary Registration (TR). Under the existing 'Vahan' system, a Temporary Registration issued for a new vehicle remains valid for 30 days. However, to provide greater convenience to vehicle owners, the Transport Department has decided to allow a two-month window from the TR issuance date for reserving fancy or special registration numbers. Transport Department officials have advised vehicle owners who opted for a fancy number at the time of purchase but have not yet reserved one to do so at the earliest. The department further warned that if a fancy or special number is not reserved within the two-month period, the 'Vahan' software will automatically assign a routine.

Delimitation Bill may come up at Telangana Assembly in July: KTR

KTR sought to know who was the 'black fish' in the Congress who revealed the information about the pending case on Meenakshi Natarajan to BJP.

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Friday, July 12, said that he has credible information that the state government would be tabling the Delimitation Bill in July to increase the number of Assembly constituencies in the state. He reportedly said that even if the delimitation exercise to increase the number of Lok Sabha seats is not taken up, it can be done in the state since the provision for performing delimitation in the two Telugu states has been enshrined in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act of



2014. KTR said that only after the delimitation exercise is done, his party would take a decision on who to field from where in the next Assembly elections. Predicting that Congress will be restricted to the number 3 party in the next Assembly elections, he said the BRS will primarily be competing against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in those elections. He also said that someone from the Congress

working closely with the BJP must have leaked the information about the case pending against the All India Congress Committee (AICC) in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, which hasn't been disclosed in her Rajya Sabha election affidavit, resulting in the rejection of her nomination in Madhya Pradesh. He sought to know who was the black fish in the Congress who revealed the information about Meenakshi Natarajan. KTR felt that the decisions being taken by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would ensure that Congress wouldn't be able to return to power in the state for another 20 years.

"Congress cancelled the Airport Metro right after coming to power. If that project was completed, much of the traffic problems would have been addressed. Even the Telangana High Court has been pulling up HY-DRAA for its excesses. They are making collections in the name of HY-DRAA. We have restored a hundred lakes in the city but we never publicised it. But they are making tall claims by restoring just two lakes," KTR said. He also said that BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) will soon be going on a bus yatra across the state, the dates of which will be finalised by the party chief himself.

Ponguleti Alleges SIR Plot To Delete 30-35% Congress Votes

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Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Friday alleged that the BJP-led Central government was trying to remove 30 to 35 per cent of Congress supporters from electoral rolls under the guise of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). He was addressing an awareness meeting for Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) from the Palair Assembly constituency held at Edulapuram in Khammam district. Srinivas Reddy alleged that the Centre was targeting non-BJP state governments and Opposition parties by misusing Central agencies. He expressed concern over the alleged use of the CBI, ED and Income-Tax department to create pressure on elected representatives. He



claimed that the BJP government was working to delete voters supporting Congress in constituencies where the party has strong presence. He further alleged that a similar exercise had been carried out in Bihar and West Bengal and was now being extended to Telangana. The minister cautioned that discrepancies such as errors in age or spelling in voter details could be cited as grounds for deletion of votes. He asked BLAs to remain vigilant and ensure that no Congress supporter's name

was removed from the rolls. Referring to the rejection of Congress candidate Meenakshi Natarajan for the Rajya Sabha elections, he alleged that despite having more than the required number of supporting votes, her nomination was rejected citing an old FIR due to pressure from the Centre. He accused the BJP of "stealing" a Rajya Sabha seat. Srinivas Reddy also called upon party cadres to closely monitor the voter verification process scheduled from June 25 to July 24, stating that there was a risk of deletion of votes of those staying away for work or education if they were not present during verification visits. District Congress Committee president Noothi Satyanarayana Goud and BLAs from 291 polling booths attended the meeting.

Jafar Pasha Seeks Greater Muslim Representation in Telangana

Maulana Jafar Pasha releases letter to Congress high command, urges induction of another Muslim minister, MLC nomination and Rajya Sabha share

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Maulana Md Hussamuddin Sani Jafar Pasha, Ameer of Aamarat-e-Millat-e-Islamia Telangana & Andhra Pradesh, on Friday urged the Congress high command and the Telangana government to ensure greater political representation for Muslims by inducting another Muslim minister into the Telangana Cabinet, nominating a Muslim leader as an MLC, and providing a fair share in Rajya Sabha and other nominated posts. Addressing a press conference at Hussami Manzil, Panje Shah, Hyderabad, he released a representation addressed to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The letter, issued on behalf of leading Muslim organisations, said Muslims constitute nearly 14 per cent of Telangana's population but have only one representative in the 16-member Cabinet. Maulana Jafar



Pasha said the Congress came to power with significant support from the Muslim community and should translate its commitment to social justice into meaningful representation. He argued that the issue extended beyond a single Cabinet berth and included MLC nominations, Rajya Sabha seats and chairmanships of various bodies. The representation stated that upper-caste communities hold several key positions in the Cabinet despite forming a smaller share of the population, while Muslims remain underrepresented. It also noted that the Congress has not had a Muslim MLA or MP elected from Telangana since 2009 and

called for proactive efforts in candidate selection, leadership development and organisational strengthening. Citing examples from Karnataka and Kerala, the letter said Congress-led governments there have ensured broader Muslim representation. Referring to Rahul Gandhi's slogan of "jiti aabadi utna haq" (rights proportionate to population), it urged the party to adopt the same principle in Telangana. Maulana Jafar Pasha also appealed to Muslims to remain prepared for the Special Intensive Revision process by keeping necessary documents ready and ensuring proper verification of their details.

PAC Chairman Gandhi Distributes ₹8.5 Lakh CMRF Assistance to Beneficiaries

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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi distributed CM Relief Fund (CMRF-LOC) sanction letters worth ₹8.5 lakh to two beneficiaries from Sherilingampally constituency for emergency medical treatment. Under the assistance, Ratna Kumari of Vivekananda Nagar Colony received ₹4.5 lakh, while Parvathi of Mahankali Nagar Colony in Allwyn Col-



ony Division received ₹4 lakh. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund is a major support system for poor and needy patients facing financial difficulties during medical emergencies. He credited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for ex-

tending timely assistance to deserving families. Beneficiaries and their family members expressed gratitude to Gandhi for helping them secure financial aid for their treatment. Local leaders and party representatives also attended the programme.

Race2Win Founder Invites Telangana Governor to Sanctuary



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Race2Win Foundation Founder Y. Gopi Rao met the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana at Lok Bhavan and invited him to visit India's first collaborative Retired Racehorse Sanctuary at the Hyderabad Race Club. During the meeting, Rao briefed the Governor on the Foundation's efforts to rehabilitate and provide lifelong care for retired racehorses while promoting community welfare through social initiatives. He highlighted the Foundation's flagship Adopt-a-Horse Program, which enables individuals and organi-

sations to support the shelter, nutrition, and veterinary care of retired racehorses. Rao also spoke about the sanctuary, developed in collaboration with the Hyderabad Race Club and the Retired Racehorse Welfare Society, as a model for responsible equine aftercare in India. The Foundation's partnerships in areas such as safe drinking water, leadership development, and community welfare, along with its association with the International Forum for the Aftercare of Racehorses (IFAR), reflect its commitment to global standards in racehorse welfare and social responsibility.

Sherilingampally Zonal Commissioner Inspects Waterlogging Points, Malkam Cheruvu

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Sherilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit inspected waterlogging-prone areas and Malkam Cheruvu along with Deputy Commissioner, Engineering, HYDRAA, and Irrigation Department officials. The team reviewed ground-level conditions, drainage flow channels, and measures required to prevent water stagnation



during the monsoon season. Officials were directed to take immediate corrective steps at vulnerable locations and strengthen flood mitigation measures through coordination among all concerned de-

partments. The Commissioner emphasized proactive planning and timely action to ensure smooth stormwater flow and minimize inconvenience to residents during heavy rains.

Implement 33% Women's Quota Now: Errabelli Swarna

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Telangana Mahila Congress President Errabelli Swarna demanded the immediate implementation of 33 percent reservation for women in Parliament and State legislatures, stating that true political empowerment is possible only through adequate representation in decision-making bodies. She made the demand while addressing the Joint Nalgonda District Mahila Congress meeting at Di-



nesh Garden in Aleru, held under the leadership of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma, along with G. Madhavi and T. Anuradha. Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiah, Bhongir MP Chamala

Kiran Kumar Reddy, Thungathurthy MLA Mandula Samuel, Telangana Women's Cooperative Development Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobharani, and other Congress leaders attended the meeting. The leaders announced a

statewide postcard signature campaign addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the immediate implementation of the Women's Reservation Bill. They also criticized the BJP and BRS governments and called on Mahila Congress workers to strengthen the party at the grassroots level. They stressed transparent voter verification by BLAs and BLOs and pledged to expand Mahila Congress committees from the village to the state level to encourage greater participation of

Gymkhana FC Crush CCOB 6-1 in Bolarum Challenge Cup

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Gymkhana FC produced a commanding display to defeat City College Old Boys (CCOB) 6-1 in the Day 7 match of the Bolarum Challenge Cup 2026, registering one of the biggest wins of the tournament. Gymkhana FC opened the scoring in the 10th minute through Kishore after CCOB missed an early opportunity in the fifth minute. CCOB came close to equalizing in the 15th minute, but the



Gymkhana goalkeeper made an excellent save. Nanda doubled the lead in the 30th minute, giving Gymkhana a 2-0 advantage at halftime. The second half saw Gymkhana dominate completely. Majid struck in the 46th minute before Sunil added another in the 55th minute to make it 4-

0. Majid scored his second goal in the 70th minute, extending the lead to 5-0. CCOB reduced the deficit through Ali Kaseri in the 75th minute, but Vishal restored Gymkhana's five-goal cushion with a strike in the 79th minute, sealing a 6-1 victory. The match was attended by former Kapra Municipality Councillor Sri S. Suwarna Raj as chief guest, along with senior hockey player Advocate Vinod.

El Nino conditions currently present over equatorial Pacific Ocean: IMD

El Nino conditions are currently present over the equatorial Pacific Ocean and are expected to strengthen further during the southwest monsoon season, the IMD said on Friday. The atmosphere has responded to the warming sea surface temperatures, and the coupled ocean-atmosphere system now exhibits characteristics consistent with El Nino conditions, it said. "Forecasts from the Monsoon Mission Coupled Forecast System (MMCFS) indicate a further strengthening of El Nino conditions during the southwest monsoon season," the India Meteorological Department (IMD) said. The last time El Nino conditions developed was in 2023. Since 2000, these conditions have emerged in 2002,

Govt Bars Bulk Industrial Petrol, Diesel Purchases Through Petrol Pumps

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The government has restricted industrial, commercial and institutional users from buying petrol and diesel from petrol pumps and instead asked them to source their requirements from bulk sale points, according to an official order. The restrictions, which will be in place for up to 90 days, follows abnormal demand growth, particularly that of diesel, in some pockets after bulk users started buying fuel from petrol pumps due to the pricing difference. While diesel at petrol pumps costs Rs 95.20 a litre in Delhi, bulk sales are priced at Rs 134.50.

The differential arose as state-owned oil companies modulated retail prices to insulate common users from the spike in cost that followed the West Asia crisis in late February. While bulk users such as telecom towers and industries using diesel for power generation and other feedstock needs are



charged market price, the retail pump rates are way lower than cost. The price differential has also led to a shift in sales pattern with volumes shifting to PSU petrol pumps from private sector outlets that priced petrol and diesel at higher rates.

In May, three state-owned firms IOC, BPCL, and HPCL saw a 4.8 per cent jump in petrol sales and 6.4 per cent surge in diesel. The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas on June 11 issued the Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel (Temporary Regulation of Supply through Retail Outlets) Order, 2026, directing fuel retailers and oil marketing companies to curb bulk purchases from retail

outlets for periods of up to 90 days at a time.

The government said the move was necessitated by the "current prevailing geopolitical situation affecting certain regions of the world" that has adversely impacted international petroleum supply chains, shipping logistics and the availability of petroleum products. "It has been observed in current situation that abnormal increases in sales of Motor Spirit (petrol) and High Speed Diesel (diesel) through Retail Outlets in certain parts of the country are driven by shifting of industrial, commercial and institutional consumers to Retail Outlets owing to the price difference between retail and bulk sale prices," the notification said.

According to the order, institutional, industrial and commercial consumers may be barred from procuring petrol and diesel from retail fuel stations and would instead be required to source supplies through their own consumer pumps.

Haryana Judge Duped of ₹52 Lakh in Tinder Honey Trap; Probe Finds Gaps

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In a shocking case from Haryana, a woman judge allegedly fell victim to a honey trap and lost nearly ₹52 lakh to a man she met on the dating app Tinder. The accused, identified as Abhimanyu Vasisht, reportedly befriended the judge in November last year, and the two soon developed a close relationship. According to officials, Vasisht convinced the judge to invest money with promises of high returns. Trusting him, she transferred large sums amounting to ₹52 lakh into his accounts over a period of time. The fraud came to light only



after she failed to receive the promised returns.

In an unusual turn, the complaint was not filed by the judge herself but by her domestic help, in whose name the FIR was registered. Police later arrested the accused and remanded him to judicial custody. The case took a significant turn during bail proceedings in a sessions court, where it was observed that all financial transactions were made from the

judge's personal bank account and not from her maid's account. The court also pointed out serious lapses in the investigation, noting that complete WhatsApp chats and call records between the accused and the judge had not been collected.

Citing incomplete evidence and the need for a thorough probe, the court denied bail to the accused. It directed investigating officers to retrieve full conversations from Tinder and WhatsApp, gather details of fund transfers, and conduct a forensic examination of the accused's mobile phone. Further investigation in the case is underway.

Bengal: Annapurna Bhandar Scheme Raises Women Beneficiaries' Concerns

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The BJP government in West Bengal is banking heavily on its flagship women's welfare programme, Annapurna Bhandar, to consolidate support among women voters—a constituency that has long shaped the state's political landscape. The scheme, launched by Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, promises ₹3,000 per month to eligible women beneficiaries—

double the ₹1,500 provided by the previous Trinamool Congress government under Lakshmir Bhandar, a widely used direct benefit scheme for women across economic sections.

Adhikari formally launched the new scheme by transferring ₹3,000 each into the bank accounts of 28.25 lakh beneficiaries. The government also announced that the complete list of beneficiaries would be

made public to ensure transparency and accountability in the roll-out process. "We transferred the benefits to the bank accounts of 28.25 lakh beneficiaries across the state. From now on, as and when names are approved after verification, they will be included in the list of beneficiaries under Annapurna Yojana," he said.

Officials have indicated that the scheme will continue in phases, with applications and



verification determining the final list of beneficiaries under the new system. However, despite official assurances, concerns are

emerging from the ground regarding the transition from Lakshmir Bhandar to Annapurna Bhandar. While the government had

earlier stated that existing beneficiaries would continue receiving ₹1,500 until the new system stabilises, several women say payments have become irregular.

Basanti Devi, a train hawker dependent on the monthly assistance, said, "When Mamata Di announced the increase in Lakshmir Bhandar from ₹1,000 to ₹1,500, we received the money the very next month. But after one month of the BJP gov-

ernment, no money has been credited to my account." Soumali Deb-nath, who runs a small business, expressed similar anxiety. "I depend on the ₹1,500 every month because it helps support my business. I have already filled out the Annapurna Bhandar form too. But as promised, my Lakshmir Bhandar account has not been credited with ₹1,500," she said.

Earlier, state minister Agnimitra Paul sought

to reassure beneficiaries that the transition would be smooth and automatic for existing recipients. "There is no need to apply again. Those who used to receive Lakshmir Bhandar will have their names transferred to Annapurna Bhandar. Direct bank transfers will be made. For those who have not received it so far, a portal will be launched very soon where they can apply," she said.

Seven More Shigella Cases Confirmed In Kerala's Wayanad

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Seven more cases of Shigella infection have been confirmed among students of a school in Kerala's Wayanad district, taking the total number of infected children to 16, health officials said on Friday. District Medical Officer (DMO) Dr K T Rekha said that infectious disease surveillance and control awareness activities have been strengthened

in the hill district. The DMO, in a statement, also said that the health condition of all the 16 children who have been confirmed to be infected was currently satisfactory.

She advised that children with symptoms should minimise contact with others, and necessary precautions should be taken to prevent the spread of the disease from children to others and adults. If any new symptoms appear, health workers should



be informed immediately, and treatment should be sought at the nearest health centres, the DMO said and advised not to self-medicate. Rekha also informed that the public should strictly follow the precautionary and

preventive instructions issued by the Health Department.

She cautioned the public to observe personal hygiene and ensure the cleanliness of the surroundings and food materials. On Thursday, Kerala Health Minister K Muraleedharan had said that new cases of Shigella were reported from Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam and Kozhikode districts too, but assured there was no need to be concerned currently.

Dissident TMC Faction to Seek 'Real TMC' Status from LS Speaker

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The dissident faction of the Trinamool Congress (TMC) is set to approach Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday, seeking official recognition as the "real TMC" in the Lower House. Rebel MP Jagdish Chandra Barma Basunia claimed on Friday that 19 Lok Sabha members are currently backing the faction and that the group intends to formally stake its claim before the Speaker. Speak-



ing to PTI Videos, Basunia said the dissident MPs have already made their claim regarding the formation of the "real TMC vote group" and will request the Speaker to recognise it. While the delegation is expected to meet Om Birla on Monday, sources indicated that

the exact timing of the meeting has not yet been finalised. Basunia, the Lok Sabha member from Cooch Behar, is among the rebel lawmakers who have expressed support for the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Parliament. His remarks come amid an escalating political crisis within the Trinamool Congress following the party's defeat in the West Bengal Assembly elections. The internal turmoil has led to a rebellion by a significant section of the party's

legislators, with the fallout now extending to Parliament. The dissident camp claims to have substantial backing among TMC MPs and is attempting to secure formal recognition as a separate group. Commenting on senior TMC leader Kalyan Banerjee's recent remarks regarding Abhishek Banerjee, Basunia said, "He is saying the right thing. We support Kalyan ji's statement," indicating that divisions within the party continue to widen.

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Police have also launched the QR-based "Pahchan App", designed to digitally verify workers and vendors operating along the yatra route. Officials say the system will help prevent unverified individuals from infiltrating the pilgrimage ecosystem while improving accountability and crowd management. Tenant verification drives, inspections of lodgement centres and intelligence-gathering operations have also been intensified.

The CRPF, which plays a pivotal role in securing the pilgrimage, has undertaken extensive reviews of operational preparedness. CRPF DG

Singh also visited the Valley

and took stock of security arrangements along the route to Baltal and directing commanders to adopt proactive measures. He reviewed security and logistical arrangements along the yatra route up to the Baltal base camp and emphasised the importance of maintaining a robust security grid through close coordination among all the stakeholders. Singh said inter-agency coordination must be strengthened to ensure a safe and incident-free pilgrimage.

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In another change, the agency has redesigned the placement of rough-work pages to better support left-handed candidates.

Earlier, rough-work pages were provided only at the end of the booklet. Under the revised format, two rough-work pages will be placed at the beginning of the booklet, immediately after the instruction page, in addition to those at the end in both English and regional-language versions of the question paper.

"The booklet now offers rough-work space at both the front and the back, allowing every candidate to work comfortably, and is especially helpful for left-handed candidates, who account for nearly 10% of all candidates," it said. The NTA said these measures reflect its recognition that small, thoughtful changes in examination design can make a mean-

ingful difference to a candidate's comfort during the high-stakes hours of the examination.

TN CM Vijay.....

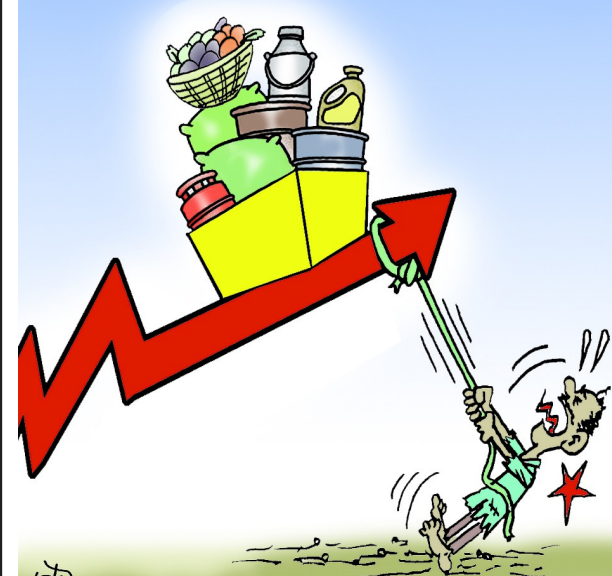
On average, paddy is cultivated over 52.72 lakh acres annually in the state. Of this, about 20.65 lakh acres fall within delta districts such as Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam and Mayiladuthurai, with Kuruvai cultivation accounting for nearly 5.14 lakh acres. Non-delta districts contribute the remaining 32.07 lakh acres under paddy cultivation. The Chief Minister said the initiative aims to encourage farmers to take up Kuruvai cultivation and improve both pro-

ductivity and overall output.

Earlier this week, CM Vijay also launched the 'Singapen Special Force', a dedicated initiative to strengthen women's safety and improve law and order across the state. Calling it a key commitment, he said, "This is not just an election promise.

We assured women that we would ensure the safety of our families, and within a short period of assuming office, we have taken this important step." The initiative, he added, reflects the government's focus on ensuring safety and security for all citizens across Tamil Nadu.

Retail Inflation



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No stay on Ameenpur land acquisition

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Justice N.V. Shraavan Kumar of the Telangana High Court on Thursday declined to grant immediate interim protection in a writ petition challenging the actions of the land acquisition authorities concerning a convention hall located in Ameenpur. The court, however, directed the authorities to obtain instructions and posted the matter for further hearing on Monday. The writ petition was filed by Kandukuri Jagadeeswara Rao, who questioned the legality of the authorities' decision to undertake a demarcation exercise that allegedly earmarked a portion of his convention hall premises for acquisition. The petitioner contended that the exercise was carried out without issuing any prior notice or following the mandatory statutory procedure prescribed under law. Accord-



ing to the petitioner, no newspaper publication or public notification was issued before initiating the demarcation process. It was argued before the court that such action violated the safeguards provided under the land acquisition laws and was arbitrary, illegal, and contrary to the principles of natural justice. Counsel appearing for the petitioner submitted that the convention hall is the sole source of livelihood for Jagadeeswara Rao and his family. The petitioner expressed serious apprehension that the authorities might initiate coercive measures, including demolition of the structure,

over the weekend if judicial protection was not granted immediately. Seeking urgent intervention, the petitioner requested the court to restrain the authorities from proceeding further until the statutory requirements, including issuance of notices and public notifications, were complied with. The counsel emphasized that any irreversible action taken before due process would cause irreparable loss and hardship to the petitioner. After hearing the submissions, Justice N.V. Shraavan Kumar observed that, considering the statutory position governing the matter, the court was not

inclined to grant immediate interim relief at this stage. Instead, the judge directed the concerned authorities to secure instructions regarding the allegations made in the writ petition and present their stand before the court. The matter has been posted for consideration on Monday, when the court is expected to examine the authorities' response and decide on the petitioner's request for protection. Until then, no interim order restraining the acquisition proceedings or demolition has been issued. The case highlights the continuing legal disputes surrounding land acquisition procedures, particularly the requirement that authorities adhere to statutory safeguards such as prior notice, public notification, and due process before taking action affecting private property and livelihoods.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Haridk Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition, has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.

TGMC Detects Violations at Skin & Hair Clinics in Kondapur

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The Telangana Medical Council detected several violations during inspections at skin and hair clinics in Kondapur, Hyderabad. At Neoskin Clinic, treatments were reportedly being provided without a qualified dermatologist and necessary approvals. At ORA Aesthetics, aesthetic skin and hair procedures were allegedly being performed



by dental practitioners. Officials also found that Traya Hair Loss Solutions was offering hair-loss treatments through online consultations without proper clinical registration and without qualified der-

matologists. TGMC stated that action will be initiated under the National Medical Commission (NMC) Act, 2019, and warned that registered medical practitioners associated with such unauthorized practices could face disciplinary proceedings. The Council has requested district authorities to take legal action and seal establishments found conducting unauthorized medical activities.

67-Year-Old Woman Killed in Road Accident at Madinaguda, Miyapur

A 67-year-old woman, identified as Usha Sanghvi, died after being hit by a mini bus while crossing the road at Madinaguda under Miyapur Police Station limits on Thursday morning. The accident occurred around 7:30 AM. Following the incident, police shifted the body to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem and later handed it over to the family. Some reports claimed the victim remained unattended for 35 minutes after the accident. However, Miyapur Police clarified that the woman died due to injuries sustained in the collision with the mini bus. A case has been registered under Sec-

Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Gachibowli Restaurant Shut Over Major Food Safety Violations

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Food Safety officials have temporarily shut down Royal Spice after detecting multiple hygiene and food safety violations during an inspection conducted on June 11. Officials found heavy pest infestation, water stagnation, foul odour, unclean kitchen and dining areas, excessive use of food colours, and open dustbins near food storage areas.



The restaurant also failed to provide certification for potable water used in food preparation. Meat stored under unhygienic conditions was destroyed on the spot, and authorities ordered the restaurant's closure in the interest of public health.

The establishment scored only 20 out of 96 marks (18%) in the hygiene assessment, far below the required compliance standards. Officials said inspections of restaurants and food establishments across Cyberabad will continue to ensure food safety and public health protection. Citizens can report food safety concerns through the My-CURE App or by alerting CMC officials for necessary action.

HC Keeps Lookout Circular for Cancer Researcher in Abeyance

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The Telangana High Court has kept in abeyance a Look-Out Circular (LOC) issued against cancer research scientist Dr. Siva Kumar Sangarapan S. Sivalalal, after he assured the court that he would fully cooperate with the ongoing investigation into a financial offences case. Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka passed the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed by the scientist challenging the LOC is-

sued in connection with an FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing Team-VII, CCS, Hyderabad. The petitioner contended that the authorities had illegally opened the LOC, resulting in restrictions on his international travel. He sought a declaration from the High Court that the action was arbitrary, unconstitutional and without legal justification, besides requesting that the circular be cancelled. According to the petition, Dr. Sivalalal was named as an accused in a case arising out of dis-

putes relating to the corporate equity shareholding of a company in which he himself is an equity shareholder. The matter, he argued, is essentially connected to corporate ownership issues and should not warrant restrictions on his movement when he has been cooperating with legal proceedings. The petitioner further informed the court that after learning about the registration of the FIR, he had approached the High Court and secured anticipatory bail. His counsel argued

that once anticipatory bail had been granted and the petitioner had undertaken to cooperate with investigators, the continuation of the Look-Out Circular served no legitimate purpose. It was also submitted that the LOC was adversely affecting his professional commitments, including international travel connected to his work as a cancer research scientist. The restrictions, the petitioner claimed, were disproportionate and unnecessary in light of the legal protection already granted by the court.



India Inc Shifts from AI Trials to Value-Driven Adoption, SAP Study Finds

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Indian enterprises are rapidly moving beyond the experimentation phase of artificial intelligence (AI) and embracing value-driven implementation, positioning the country among the global leaders in enterprise-wide AI adoption, according to the latest SAP Value of AI Report 2026.

The study, conducted by SAP in partnership with Oxford Economics, surveyed 2,600 business leaders across 13 countries, including 200 respondents from India. It highlights a significant shift in how Indian businesses are integrating AI into their operations and long-term strategies. India ranks second globally in adopting strategic approaches to AI investment. Reflecting this momentum, Indian orga-



nisations are planning to invest an average of USD 25.9 million in AI initiatives, with overall spending expected to increase by 45 percent over the next two years. The report also projects that returns from Agentic AI—autonomous AI systems capable of independently making decisions, planning multi-step actions, and executing tasks with minimal human intervention—will grow fivefold in India to reach USD 14.4 million.

This indicates growing confidence among businesses in advanced AI technologies that can streamline operations and improve productivity. SAP Global President for Customer Success across Europe, APAC, the Middle East and Africa, and Member of the Extended Board, Manos Raptopoulos, said AI is becoming the backbone of the autonomous enterprise. He noted that SAP's AI capabilities are built on deep

industry context and business semantics, enabling the technology to understand specific industry processes and data. According to him, embedded AI intelligence helps organisations become more adaptive, resilient, and prepared for future challenges by enabling greater agility and continuous innovation.

The study shows that AI has moved to the centre of business strategy in India. Around 71 percent of Indian companies have developed AI strategies aligned with their broader business goals, demonstrating that AI is increasingly viewed as a strategic investment rather than an experimental technology. Currently, AI supports approximately 33 percent of business tasks across Indian organisations. This figure is expected to rise to 51 percent within the next two years, reflecting

wider integration across functions and processes. Business confidence in AI remains strong, with 74 percent of organisations expressing satisfaction with the returns generated from their AI investments. Value creation, rather than simple adoption, has emerged as the primary benchmark for success. The report further states that end-to-end, cross-functional AI adoption is expected to more than double to 40 percent over the next two years. Additionally, 55 percent of Indian organisations have appointed dedicated AI leaders to drive enterprise-wide implementation—the highest proportion recorded globally—underscoring India's commitment to scaling AI adoption and transforming business operations.

Omnigel Joins Peddi Through In-Film Brand Association

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Omnigel, Cipla Health's leading pain relief brand, has announced its in-film association with Peddi, the upcoming Telugu sports drama starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor. The partnership places the brand within the film's narrative, reflecting themes of sports, resilience, endurance and recovery.

Set in rural Andhra Pradesh during the 1980s, Peddi revolves around a story of community and athletic spirit. Omnigel has been integrated into several scenes through contextual and natural placements, including the film's central sports sequence, aligning the brand with moments of physical performance and recovery rather than conventional advertising. According to Cipla Health, the collaboration is part of its strategy to



explore culturally rooted and locally relevant platforms for audience engagement. By becoming part of the film's storytelling, the company aims to connect with consumers through relatable situations that highlight everyday movement and resilience.

Commenting on the association, Shivam Puri, MD & CEO of Cipla Health Limited, said that pain and recovery are closely linked to people's daily lives, whether in sports or routine activities. He noted that Peddi naturally reflects these realities,

making it an appropriate platform for Omnigel while also allowing the brand to engage audiences through meaningful storytelling.

With sports forming the core of the film, Omnigel's presence reinforces its positioning as a solution for muscle and joint pain associated with physical activity. The association also underscores the growing trend of brands integrating into cinematic narratives to create stronger cultural connections with audiences beyond traditional marketing formats.

Bajaj Auto Foundation Commits Rs 400 Crore to Empower Women Engineers

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Bajaj Auto Foundation, the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) arm of Bajaj Auto, has announced a landmark commitment of ₹400 crore over the next decade to support women pursuing careers in core engineering through the newly launched Rupa Rahul Bajaj Scholarship. The initiative is being hailed as India's largest scholarship programme for

women in core engineering, aiming to bridge the gender gap in technical education and manufacturing sectors. The foundation also unveiled the scholarship's official identity and felicitated the inaugural batch of 506 meritorious women students selected from 40 leading engineering institutions across the country. These institutions include prestigious Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), In-

dian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), along with reputed state and private universities. The scholarship is designed to encourage talented young women pursuing core engineering disciplines such as mechanical engineering, electronics, industrial instrumentation, mechatronics, robotics engineering, and other allied fields. Each selected scholar will receive financial assistance of up to ₹8 lakh over the duration of



her engineering programme, significantly reducing the financial burden of higher education. Speaking on the occasion, Rajiv Bajaj, Managing Director of Bajaj Auto, said women possess qualities such as

patience, empathy, and diligence that make them exceptionally capable of excelling in engineering and manufacturing careers. He noted that the company recognized this potential years ago and has actively increased fe-

male representation in its workforce. "From virtually no women in our operations around a decade ago, today women account for nearly 20 percent of our workforce," Bajaj said, highlighting the company's commitment to creating an inclusive workplace. He further emphasized that the scholarship is not merely a financial aid programme but an investment in talent and ambition. According to him, providing opportunities to deserving

women can unlock extraordinary potential and help reshape the future of India's engineering and manufacturing landscape. The Bajaj Auto Foundation stated that the scholarship addresses the persistent underrepresentation of women in core engineering sectors at a time when advanced manufacturing, deep technology, and industrial innovation are becoming increasingly important for India's economic growth and global competitive-

ness. "The future of science, engineering, and manufacturing must be built on inclusion and equal opportunity," Rajiv Bajaj said, adding that encouraging more women to enter core engineering is not only a social responsibility but also an economic necessity for the country's long-term development. Through this ₹400-crore initiative, Bajaj Auto Foundation aims to create a stronger pipeline of women engineers who can contribute.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Launches Nature-Inspired 'Nuwa' Diamond Collection

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds has introduced 'Nuwa', a new natural diamond jewellery collection inspired by the intricate patterns, textures, and organic formations found in nature. Designed to celebrate modern luxury, the collection blends contemporary aesthetics with timeless craftsmanship.

Crafted in 18kt and 14kt gold, the Nuwa collection features natural diamonds enhanced with coloured gemstones, ceramic colour enamelling, and multi-tone rhodium finishes. The designs draw inspiration from elements such as honeycombs, stripes, and naturally occurring patterns, creating jewellery that is both elegant and versatile for various occasions. Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan continues as the face of the Nuwa collection, representing its themes of individuality, confidence, and modern femininity.

Commenting on the launch, M. P. Ahammad, Chairman of Malabar Group, said the collec-



tion reflects an appreciation for the subtle patterns and textures that shape the natural world. He noted that Nuwa was created to transform these inspirations into sophisticated diamond jewellery that balances intricate craftsmanship with effortless elegance. Designed for women who value understated luxury and meaningful design, the collection combines delicate detailing with bold visual character while maintaining everyday wearability. Through Nuwa, Malabar Gold & Diamonds aims to further strengthen its natural diamond portfolio by offering creations that merge design innovation, craftsmanship, and contemporary luxury while remaining rooted in timeless inspiration.

Mia by Tanishq Hosts Runway Star in Hyderabad

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Mia by Tanishq, one of India's leading fine jewellery brands, celebrated Hyderabad's fashion-conscious consumers by hosting the Mia Runway Star event at Illuzion Club & Kitchen on Thursday. The event brought together loyal customers and brand representatives, highlighting Hyderabad's importance as a key growth market for the company in South India. The event was attended by Sanjay Bhattarjee, Head of Retail, Mia by Tanishq, along with customers who showcased the brand's latest jewellery collections by walking the runway. The initiative was designed to strengthen the brand's connection with its customer community while celebrating individuality, confidence, and contemporary fash-



ion. Hyderabad has emerged as a strategic market for Mia by Tanishq due to its cosmopolitan culture and a growing base of Gen Z and millennial consumers. With 17 stores across the city, the brand aims to expand its presence by offering jewellery that reflects modern lifestyles while maintaining elegance and versatility. The event served as a platform for customers to experience Mia's newest collections, featuring designs that range from minimal and everyday wear to glamorous and statement pieces. The showcased jewellery included geometric and fluid-inspired designs created

to suit multiple occasions, from festive celebrations and weddings to office wear and casual outings. According to the brand, its design philosophy revolves around the preferences of young, independent, and self-expressive women. The collections are crafted with an international design approach while meeting the evolving style expectations of urban consumers who seek lightweight yet sophisticated jewellery. With the upcoming festive and wedding season, Mia by Tanishq said it is well-positioned to cater to Hyderabad's demand for jewellery that combines practicality with contemporary

aesthetics. The company believes the city's fashion-forward audience appreciates pieces that seamlessly transition between daily wear and special occasions. Speaking at the event, Sanjay Bhattarjee said Hyderabad remains one of the brand's most important markets and that customers are central to everything Mia by Tanishq creates. He noted that watching customers confidently walk the runway wearing Mia jewellery reflected the true spirit of the brand. He further said the company intends to strengthen its footprint in Hyderabad and establish itself as the city's preferred fine jewellery brand by offering collections that successfully blend heritage-inspired craftsmanship with modern style and evolving fashion trends.

Peer-to-Peer Payment Platform Zelle Expands to India

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Zelle, a popular peer-to-peer payment service in the US, will expand its services to India, marking its foray into the overseas market. The initial availability is expected before the end of this year, Zelle said in a statement on Thursday. Zelle, somewhat similar to India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI), allows instant money transfers between US bank accounts. A key difference between the two is that while UPI is developed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and enables money transfers using a mobile app, Zelle is integrated into the mobile apps of participating banks.

Early Warning Services LLC, the network operator of Zelle, is owned by seven of the US' leading financial institutions, including Bank of America, Capital One, JPMorgan Chase, PNC Bank, Truist, US Bank, and Wells Fargo. "As the world's largest recipient of remittances, India is a natural starting point and an important corridor for the millions of American con-

sumers who regularly send money to the country," Zelle said.

The company also unveiled ZelleUSD (ZLUSD), its proprietary US dollar-backed stablecoin. ZLUSD will support future international payment capabilities in other markets, providing US consumers with even more opportunities to send money to family and friends worldwide. "Zelle scaled into one of the largest, most transformative payment networks in the United States because of the value it provides to meet consumer demand for fast, innovative, and reliable payments," said Early Warning CEO Cameron Fowler.

"We believe international payments are at a similar inflexion point, and we are expanding to meet consumer demand," he said. Early Warning's strategy to expand Zelle internationally meets growing consumer demand for fast, secure, and reliable digital payments. According to the statement, it enables financial institutions of all sizes to offer near-instant cross-border remittances through trusted banks.

The Story of a Man Who Helped Pull India Back from the Brink

For most people, terms such as GDP, fiscal deficit and balance of payments belong in economics textbooks. For Manoj Bajpayee, they became part of daily life while preparing for Governor, a film that revisits one of the most critical periods in India's economic history through the eyes of a man forced to make an extraordinary decision. What initially attracted Bajpayee was not the economics, but the human story behind it. Reflecting on the governor's decision to pledge India's gold reserves during a financial crisis, Bajpayee says it was not simply an act of boldness. "More than bold, it was a very courageous step. He felt he had no other option," he says. "When your reserves start running out, you use your savings to save your life. It was a simple principle that came from family life. Just as a



family may sell jewellery in a moment of crisis, he applied the same thinking to the country." According to Bajpayee, the governor's actions were rooted in necessity rather than ambition. Convincing politicians, securing approvals and quietly moving such a significant national asset out of the country without attracting attention was no small task. "It was a huge step, completely out of the box, but it helped the country emerge from a crisis," he says. Playing such a character required far more than memorising lines. Bajpayee immersed himself in extensive research,

learning concepts far removed from his academic background. "I am not an economics student. I studied history and even mathematics was difficult for me," he says with a laugh. "So when you take on a role like this, you have to understand the basics. What is GDP? What is fiscal deficit? What is the balance of payments? You keep reading, researching and discussing." Preparation also involved understanding the character's physical and emotional world. "There are constant discussions about body language, how he would sit, how he would speak. Body language

reflects a person's mental state. You mix all these elements together and slowly the character begins to emerge." One of the biggest challenges was getting the language right. The governor is a highly educated bureaucrat from a specific region, yet the film is aimed at a national audience. "You have to maintain the character of the language without making it inaccessible. He is an educated IAS officer. The audience should understand that through the way he speaks. I am happy people picked up on that from the trailer." Bajpayee credits writer-director Chinmay Mandlekar for ensuring that the film remained engaging despite dealing with complex economic subjects. "When I first read the script, I was worried it would feel like an economics lecture or an RBI document. But it was written so well.

Hijabi creator pens emotional note after working with Katrina Kaif

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There are fan moments, and then there are moments that completely change your life. For countless aspiring creators and artists, sharing the screen with their favourite celebrity remains a distant dream. But sometimes, dreams do come true, and when they do, they inspire thousands of others to keep going.

One such heartwarming story belongs to Mumbai-based digital creator Sarah Khan. The fashion, beauty and lifestyle influencer recently got the opportunity to feature in the latest campaign for Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif's beauty brand, Kay by Katrina. Sharing behind-the-scenes glimpses from the shoot on Instagram, Sarah opened up about the emotional milestone. "A few years ago, I could never have imagined moments like this. A hijabi girl from a simple background, standing on a platform alongside one of the biggest names in the industry," she wrote. Reflecting on her



journey, Sarah added, "Every opportunity, every milestone, and every achievement has come from showing up consistently, working hard, and believing in myself even when things felt uncertain. There were no shortcuts, just small steps taken every single day."

She further expressed gratitude for how far she has come while acknowledging that there is still a long way to go. "Looking at these pictures today reminds me how far I've come, and how much further I still want to go. Alhamdulillah for every blessing, every lesson, and every opportunity that brought me here," she wrote, adding the hashtags #hijabi

#proud #achievement. Sarah's journey has struck a chord with many social media users, especially young women who aspire to build careers in the digital space while staying true to their identity. Her story serves as a reminder that success is often built through consistency, resilience and self-belief. After all, getting the chance to work alongside one of India's biggest female stars is still a dream for many budding artists. For Sarah Khan, that dream has now become a reality, proving that sometimes the smallest steps can lead to the most extraordinary destinations. Check out her ad below.

Kane Williamson Retires from International Cricket



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New Zealand's batting maestro Kane Williamson on Friday announced his retirement from international cricket after a glorious career spanning more than 15 years. This

move marks the end of an era in New Zealand cricket across all three formats of the game, following his earlier decision to step away from T20 Internationals in 2025. "I've thought about it for a while, but over the last few days it's become clear

now is the right time. I've always felt a strong drive and hunger for international cricket, and I take pride in knowing I've given it my all in every match I've played for New Zealand," Williamson said in a statement issued by New Zealand Cricket.

FIFA 2026: Day 1 Sees 3 Reds, 3 Yellow Cards In Mexico Vs South Africa Match

Mexico, which hosted the first day of the FIFA World Cup 2026, played against South Africa in the opening match on June 11th, 2026.

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Mexico launched its FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign in style with a 2-0 victory over South Africa in the tournament's opening match on June 11, delivering an entertaining contest that combined spectacular pre-match entertainment with high-intensity football. The match, played before an enthusiastic home crowd, also attracted global attention for the futuristic communication technology used by Brazilian referee Wilton Sampaio.

The opening ceremony set the tone for the competition as international music stars Shakira and Burna Boy thrilled fans with a vibrant performance of the tournament anthem "Dai Dai." The colorful spectacle created a fes-



tive atmosphere before the first ball was kicked, marking the beginning of the biggest edition of the FIFA World Cup.

Once the action got underway, Mexico quickly established control of the contest. An early defensive error by South Africa gifted the hosts the opening goal, with Julian Quiñones taking full advantage to put his side ahead.

Mexico continued to dominate possession and create chances throughout the match, keeping constant pressure on the South African defense.

The second goal arrived in the latter stages when veteran striker Raúl Jiménez finished off a well-delivered cross, effectively sealing the victory for the co-hosts. Although Mexico missed several

additional opportunities, their attacking display proved too strong for their opponents.

The game, however, was equally notable for its disciplinary issues. Referee Wilton Sampaio issued six bookings in total, including three red cards, leaving Mexico to finish with 10 players and South Africa reduced to just nine. The Brazilian official's headset and communication device became a talking point on social media, with many fans comparing its futuristic appearance to gadgets from science fiction films and gaming consoles. His confident handling of the match and clear announcements in English earned praise from viewers online.

South Africa coach Hugo Broos expressed disappointment over one of his team's red

cards after the match. While accepting the first dismissal, he argued that the second incident was caused more by the actions of the Mexican player than by his own footballer. Despite the defeat, Broos maintained that his side settled into the game after the opening 20 minutes and did not feel intimidated by the atmosphere inside Mexico's home stadium.

He admitted that defensive mistakes ultimately proved costly, handing Mexico both goals and the top spot in the group standings. Although the result was disappointing, the South African coach remained optimistic about his team's chances over the remainder of the tournament, insisting that one setback would not define their World Cup campaign.

TGPCB Warns Failing to Segregate Waste at Source Could Invite Action

The Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) has warned that households, institutions and commercial establishments could face action for failing to segregate waste at source, stressing that waste segregation is a civic responsibility and not merely a regulatory requirement. The warning came during an interactive session on sustainable waste management and circular economy, organised jointly by the federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI), FICCI Telangana and TGPCB here on Thursday as part of the state government's 99-day 'Praja Palana' programme.

Addressing more than 300 participants, TGPCB member secretary Ravi Gugulothu said industries involved in manufacturing, using or marketing plastic products must take responsibility for collecting and recycling the plastic waste generated through their operations. Highlighting scientific practices, Gugulothu said proper segregation improved recycling efficiency, reduces the burden on landfills and promotes resource recovery. Referring to Supreme Court directives, he noted that local authorities have been empowered to take action against those who fail to comply.

Hyderabad Police Review Muharram, Bibi Ka Alam Procession Arrangements

In order to maintain law and order, additional police platoons and personnel from the Rapid Action Force will be deployed.

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Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Friday chaired a high-level coordination meeting to review security and logistical arrangements for the upcoming Muharram observances and the historic Bibi Ka Alam procession, directing all government departments to work in close coordination to ensure the event is conducted peacefully and smoothly.

The meeting was held at the Salar Jung Museum Auditorium and attended by Shia religious leaders, public representatives and senior officials from various government



departments. During the discussions, the Commissioner emphasized the importance of inter-departmental coordination for effective crowd management, traffic regulation and public safety throughout the procession.

The Bibi Ka Alam procession will commence from Bibi Ka Alam Ashoorkhana in Dabeer-

pura and proceed through Aitbar Chowk, Kotla Alijah, Panjasha, Mir Alam Mandi, Charminar, Gulzar Houz, Purani Haveli and Darushifa, before concluding at Masjid-e-Aliam.

To maintain law and order, the Hyderabad City Police will deploy additional police platoons along with per-

sonnel from the Rapid Action Force at key locations on the route. She Teams and Task Force units will also monitor the procession to ensure public safety and respond promptly to any untoward incidents.

Special attention was given to the safety of the elephant that traditionally participates in the Bibi Ka Alam pro-

cession. Police officials announced that a dedicated buffer zone will be maintained around the elephant throughout the event to prevent overcrowding and ensure the animal's welfare. Volunteers will be stationed around the elephant to stop devotees and onlookers from approaching it too closely. The Commissioner urged all stakeholders, including organizers, volunteers and government agencies, to work together and follow the prescribed guidelines so that the Muharram observances and the historic Bibi Ka Alam procession are conducted in a peaceful, orderly and secure manner.

Illegal intruders being thrown out, West Bengal now included: Rajnath Singh



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Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Friday asserted that the BJP delivers on its promises, claiming that illegal intruders are being driven out in all States governed by the party and similar action has now begun in West Bengal.

"There is no gap between our words and actions. We are not focused on the next election, but on the next generation," he said. Taking a swipe at the Congress, Mr. Singh remarked that while elections inevitably produce

winners and losers, the party routinely questions institutions such as the Election Commission, Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process whenever it loses.

"This is precisely why the Congress keeps losing elections consistently," he said. Urging the party to introspect, he said that the Congress had eroded public trust through 'false claims and flawed policies', rather than acknowledging its shortcomings, addressing a gathering of intellectuals.

2,000 kg fake cotton seeds seized in Hyderabad, three held

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Three individuals, including the managing director of a seed company, have been arrested by the Trimulgherry Police for allegedly selling spurious cotton seeds, police said on Friday, June 12. A total of 12,800 duplicate seed pouches and 2,000 kg of seeds were also seized from their possession. The value of the seeds is estimated to be around Rs 30 lakh. Telangana Marketing Manager of Narmada Sagar Agri Seeds Pvt. Ltd., Gujarat, Solanke Yashwanth Rao, had lodged a complaint with Trimulgherry Police alleging that Yeruva Balashow Reddy alias Shiva Reddy, Managing Director of New Rythu Sampada Seeds Company, Hyderabad, had illegally printed duplicate

cotton seed pouches resembling those of Narmada Sagar Agri Seeds and intended to use them for selling spurious cotton seeds without the required approvals and certifications. Following this complaint, police intercepted a Maruti Eeco at Bowenpally Vegetable Market Yard and found three persons, including Shiva Reddy, Kaparthi Benjamin and Donga Srinu, transporting the 12,800 duplicate cotton seed pouches. During interrogation, Shiva Reddy reportedly stated that he was facing financial difficulties in his business; therefore, in order to earn profits, he colluded with his employee Kaparthi Benjamin and designer Donga Srinu to prepare duplicate cotton seed pouches resembling those of Narmada Sagar Agri Seeds and use them for selling spurious

SHE Cyber Lab in Hyderabad to combat crimes against women, children

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Director General of Police, CV Anand, on Friday, June 12, inaugurated the Smart Training Computer Lab, SHE Cyber Lab, and a mini conference hall at the CID Headquarters in Lakdikapul, Hyderabad.

The facilities were inaugurated in the presence of Charu Sinha, senior officers of the CID, and officials of the Women's Safety Wing. The Smart Training lab



has been designed to enhance the digital skills and technical capabilities of police personnel, particularly in cybercrime investigation, digital forensics, and technology-driven policing.

It is equipped with advanced infrastructure, including AI-enabled

interactive smart boards, computer workstations, video conferencing systems, high-speed LAN and Wi-Fi connectivity, and hybrid learning platforms. The SHE Cyber Lab has been set up to strengthen the capacity of officers handling cyber offences, espe-

cially crimes against women and children, while the mini conference hall will be utilised for training programmes, official meetings, and professional interactions. Speaking on the occasion, DGP CV Anand highlighted the growing threat of cybercrime and technology-enabled offences, stressing the need for continuous skill development and technological upgradation among police personnel. He underscored the importance of specialised training in cybercrime

investigation, digital forensics, and emerging technologies, and appreciated the efforts of the CID and Women Safety Wing in establishing the modern facilities. Charu Sinha said the newly inaugurated facilities would serve as a state-of-the-art platform for training, knowledge sharing, and professional development for officers from various units across Telangana. She noted that the initiative would further strengthen the State's Smart Policing efforts.

Complaint Using Congress Leader's Number Sparks Blackmail Allegations

Residents near Vengal Rao Nagar have alleged a new form of blackmail after a complaint regarding an alleged illegal construction near Anjali Theatre, Secunderabad, was reportedly filed using a phone number they claim belongs to a local Congress leader from the Ramgopalpet division. Locals argue the use of an unrelated political leader's contact details raises concerns of intimidation and an attempt to create false credibility in complaints. Social activists and residents have urged the GHMC Zonal Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to investigate what they describe as a pattern of repeated complaints targeting the same families and properties. They also plan to inform the Congress leadership about the alleged misuse of the leader's phone number and seek clarification on whether it was used without consent. Residents have demanded verification of complainant identities and a formal probe into any possible extortion.

Coal Gasification to Help Hyderabad: Kishan Reddy

Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy has asked officials to expedite environmental clearances for the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project in Khammam district.

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Union coal minister G. Kishan Reddy said Hyderabad — which has emerged as the country's pharma capital — stood to gain significant business opportunities from the Centre's coal-gasification scheme, projected to attract investments of up to '3 lakh crore. He noted that key by-products of coal gasification such as methanol, ammonia and hydrogen have direct applications in the pharmaceutical sector. The Centre has announced incentives worth Rs.46,000 crore to promote coal gasification projects.

Speaking at the coal ministry's second roadshow here on Thursday, Kishan Reddy credited city-based research institutions and public enterprises, including BHEL and IICT, for producing new findings that have made coal gasification viable despite the high



ash content of India's coal reserves. He added that the initiative is particularly beneficial for the state, given the substantial coal deposits in Singareni.

Kishan Reddy also announced that the Centre had approved coal-gasification projects worth Rs.37,500 crore within a month of the Union Cabinet's nod for the scheme. He said the programme will generate large-scale employment and spur a range of allied industries — fertilisers, chemicals, clean hydrogen production, synthetic natural gas, liquid fuels (diesel, petrol, jet fuel), steel and energy, while helping conserve foreign exchange. Highlighting the Modi government's broader

development agenda, Kishan Reddy said India had safeguarded over Rs.4.3 lakh crore of national wealth by plugging leakages and weeding out bogus beneficiaries through reforms. He outlined achievements across infrastructure, energy, manufacturing and the start-up ecosystem over the past 12 years. He said India had the world's second-largest road network and one of the largest metro systems; railway electrification was nearly 100 percent; total installed power capacity has crossed 530 gigawatts; India ranks third in installed renewable energy and is among the leaders in solar growth; the start-up ecosystem is the world's third-largest with over 160,000 recognised start-ups and more than 100 unicorns; and defence exports have risen from Rs.686 crore in 2014 to Rs.38,424 crore in 2026.

Minor fire triggered by suspected short circuit damages apartment

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A minor fire broke out in an apartment in the Uppal Bagayath area on Thursday night after a suspected short circuit triggered flames inside a flat. Fortunately, no casualties or injuries were reported in the incident, though the fire caused significant damage to furniture and other household items in one of the bedrooms. Upon receiving the alert, fire department personnel rushed to the scene and launched immediate firefighting operations. Their swift action brought the blaze under

control within a short time and prevented it from spreading to other rooms or neighboring apartments in the building. Residents expressed relief over the prompt response of the firefighters, stating that a major mishap was averted due to their timely intervention. The suspected cause of the fire is believed to be an electrical short circuit, though officials are expected to conduct a detailed inspection to determine the exact reason. Authorities have advised residents to ensure proper maintenance of electrical wiring and appliances to avoid similar incidents.

Woman Dies After Jumping from Apartment in Miyapur

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A 37-year-old woman died after allegedly jumping from the sixth floor of an apartment building in Mayuri Nagar under Miyapur Police Station limits on Friday afternoon.

The deceased, Esha Sahoo, was a private employee residing in Mayuri Nagar with her family. According to police, she allegedly jumped along with her



six-month-old daughter. Preliminary investigation revealed that she had reportedly been suffering from depression following the birth

of her second child six months ago. Esha died on the spot, while the infant sustained minor injuries and was shifted for medical examination and treatment. Police said Esha had been married for 11 years and is survived by her husband and two daughters. A case has been registered at Miyapur Police Station, and further investigation is underway.

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