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Assam Cabinet Decides No Aadhaar Issuance To Those Aged Above 18

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said the Cabinet has decided that Aadhaar cards would not be issued to those above the age of 18 to ensure illegal immigrants don't acquire the document. In exceptional cases, the district commissioner will have to send a proposal to the state government seeking permission for issuing the card, he said at a press conference here after chairing a cabinet meeting.

The government will then decide whether the applicant is eligible for the card, the chief minister informed reporters.

Remarking that Aadhaar card issuance has reached a saturation point in the state, Sarma said, "In some districts, it has crossed the 100 per cent mark, and we must ascertain who these people are who are taking the additional Aadhaar cards. The step is being taken to ensure that no illegal Bangladeshis get Aadhaar cards, he said.

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Next Election Ours As People Angry, but Polls Won't Be Fair: Rahul Gandhi

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi told INDIA bloc leaders earlier this week that going by the anger among the people, the next general election is "already won", but the main problem is that there won't be a free and fair election to win. At the meeting of the INDIA bloc on Monday, he also gave a clarion call to the leaders to stay united, say-



ing it is easy to beat the BJP "if we stand together and resist".

Gandhi also dismissed the notion that the opposition parties are not coordinated and do not act together. "These are all

ideas the BJP is putting out. This is not true - I am 100 per cent sure, and I can vouch right now for the DMK. When it comes to defending the idea of India, every single person will be in this room," Gandhi said. The DMK had boycotted Monday's INDIA bloc meeting over the Congress breaking alliance with it in Tamil Nadu and joining hands with the TVK.

Gandhi also responded to the criticism of the Con-

gress by its allies, including the Left parties, by referring to the "blue-necked one (Shiva) who drinks all the poison", and said whatever criticism they have of him or his party will be accepted with a smile on the face. He said the Congress is fundamentally differently organised than all other parties in India because it began as a resistance movement when modern India did not exist.

Telangana Road Network To Get Rs 14,500cr Boost

CM Revanth To Launch HAM Road Works on June 17

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Telangana is poised for a major transformation in road infrastructure with the launch of a Rs 14,500-crore road development programme under the hybrid annuity model (HAM). Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy set to lay the foundation stone for the ambitious initiative at Kanagal in Nalgonda district on June 17. The project, divided into 34 packages, aims to upgrade nearly 6,300 km of roads under phase-1.

Under HAM, the government pays 40 per cent of the project cost during construction in installments. The private developer invests the remaining 60 per cent. The developer maintains the road for 15 years, and the government repays the 60 per cent as annuities (payments) plus interest. The roads and buildings department plans to develop over 12,000 km of roads. Phase-1 includes widening of stretches that see large volumes of traffic into four lanes such as the Bhongir-Chityal and Hayathnagar routes.

R&B minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on



Saturday said that the Chief Minister would inaugurate the works, an unprecedented road development initiative in the state's history. He said the Chief Minister would arrive at Kanagal on the afternoon of June 17 and launch the first package of HAM roads beginning with the Dharmavaram-Dindi double-lane road in Kanagal mandal. Simultaneously, foundation stones would be laid for all HAM road projects across Telangana.

The minister said that the government would undertake another Rs 7,000-crore road development programme through the panchayat raj department to construct double roads connecting villages to mandal headquarters and mandals to district centres. The Chief Minister will launch these projects next week in a programme coordinated by the panchayat raj and rural development depart-

ment. Venkat Reddy said the government was targeting completion of all HAM roads within two years. He noted that quality road infrastructure was essential for attracting industries, promoting welfare and reducing road accidents. He said the state had held discussions with the Centre over the past year and secured loans through the Reserve Bank mechanism to finance the massive road-building exercise.

Venkat Reddy also stated that a greenfield (new) highway between Hyderabad and Vijayawada had been sanctioned and that a detailed project report for a proposed bullet train corridor alongside the highway was under preparation. Around one lakh people are expected to attend the Chief Minister's public meeting at Kanagal. The minister directed officials to ensure comprehensive arrangements, including smooth traffic management, drinking water facilities, tents, transportation, parking, lighting, live telecast and other amenities so that the event is conducted successfully without inconvenience to the public.

Cops Break Into Abhishek's House To Catch His Aide

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In a pre-dawn raid, a team of West Bengal Police personnel stormed Trinamul Congress scion Abhishek Banerjee's residence in Kalighat on Saturday after breaking its locks following a long wait outside and searched the address for his absconding personal assistant, Sumit Roy, in a case of financial irregularities but failed to trace him there. A worried TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee, who lives at Harish Chatterjee Street which is also close to her MP nephew's new address at Patuapara



Road, rushed to visit him in the morning after the dramatic search operation ended with a "Nil" seizure. At around 3 am, cops of Salboni police station in West Midnapore along with central forces personnel reached Mr Banerjee's residence.

They also took their colleagues of the Kalighat police station under the Kolkata Police with them for assistance in the raid to look for Sumit following

the tower location of his cell phone which had convinced them of his presence there. Sumit, who is a long-time aide of the Diamond Harbour TMC MP, came under the radar of the district police during a probe into a land fraud case in Kharagpur. The cops found that a huge amount of money was transferred to a bank account of Sumit from another linked to former TMC MLA Sujoy Hazra, who was recently arrested in the same case. While launching the pre-dawn raid at Mr Banerjee's residence, they called him several times for two hours for entry

from outside but got no response. At around 5 am, the disaster management group personnel of the city police were called in to break the locks. The cops finally trooped into Mr Banerjee's residence at around 6.30 am after locks were broken and gates were opened. They searched it for around 90 minutes but could not find Sumit there and left the address later. Learning about the police hunt, Ms Banerjee visited her nephew immediately and spoke to him inside for a while but avoided speaking to the media. Mr Banerjee later told the media.

Lt. Gen. Dhiraj Seth Appointed Next Army Chief

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The Centre has appointed Dhiraj Seth as the next Chief of the Army Staff. He will assume office on June 30 afternoon, when the incumbent Upendra Dwivedi retires from service. Currently serving as Vice Chief of the Army Staff, Lt Gen Seth will be the first Armoured Corps officer to head the Army since 1997. He has earlier



commanded both the South Western and Southern Commands. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, he was commissioned into the Armoured Corps in December 1986. Over a career spanning nearly

four decades, he has held operational, strategic and staff assignments across multiple domains. His command roles include leading an armoured regiment in the desert sector, an armoured brigade in the western theatre and a counter-insurgency force in Jammu and Kashmir. As a Lieutenant General, he commanded the Sudarshan Chakra Corps and later served as General Officer Commanding,

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Three Persons Under Nipah Observation in Kerala's Kozhikode

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Three persons under quarantine have been admitted to hospital for observation and their samples have been sent for testing as part of Nipah surveillance measures in Kozhikode district, state Health Minister K Muraleedharan said on Friday. The minister also said that experts from the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) are scheduled to visit the district on Saturday to assess the situ-

ation and review containment measures.

No new Nipah cases have been reported in the district so far, he said.

"The patient currently undergoing treatment for Nipah has been administered the first dose of monoclonal antibody therapy in accordance with ICMR guidelines and on

the recommendation of the medical board," the minister said. Ten more persons have been added to the contact list, taking the total number of contacts under surveillance to 87. Of them, four are in the highest-risk category, 16 in the high-risk category and 67 in the low-risk category, he said. All those on the contact list are being monitored through twice-daily calls from the control room, the minister added.

5 IAF Personnel Killed in AN-32 Crash in Assam

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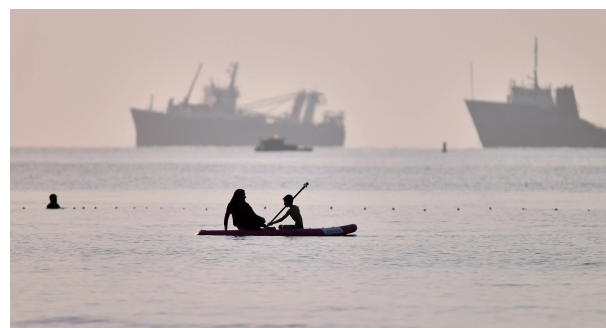
Five personnel of the Indian Air Force were killed when a Russian-origin AN-32 transport aircraft crashed in Assam's Jorhat on Saturday. The aircraft met with an accident during a routine sortie at around 10 am, the IAF said. "The Indian Air Force (IAF) deeply regrets the loss of five personnel in the An-32 accident at Jorhat," the force said in a statement. The deceased

personnel are Squadron Leader Prashant Singh, Flight Lieutenant Shubham Kumar, Sergeant Jitendra Sharma, Agniveer Vayu Khemaram Kumawat and Agniveer Vayu Danish Alam. The IAF extended its deepest condolences to the bereaved families and said it "stands firmly with them in this hour of grief." The aircraft involved was an AN-31 cargo plane used for transporting supplies. Senior IAF officials have rushed to the area, the spokesperson said.

Iran Peace Deal Looms, New Military Action Flares Near Hormuz Strait

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The United States and Iran signaled that an agreement to end their war was close, with a senior U.S. administration official saying both sides had agreed on a text and that Washington expects to sign an initial deal in coming days. Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi said that while changes in the deal were still possible, the tentative agreement showed his country had emerged stronger from the conflict.



"Iran is the winner of the war with the U.S.," he said on state television on Friday. Hours after those remarks, U.S. forces shot down multiple Iranian one-way attack drones heading toward the Strait of Hormuz, a source fa-

miliar with the matter told Reuters. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the drones had posed a threat to commercial traffic. U.S. Central Command later confirmed the action and said the waterway was

open. The proposed memorandum of understanding calls for reopening the strait and lifting the U.S. naval blockade on Iranian ports, sources on all sides of the talks said. Negotiations over Iran's nuclear program - U.S. President Donald Trump's stated rationale for starting the war - would take place afterwards. A U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters on Friday that the deal met Trump's core objectives and put negotiations "in a very, very good place."

Pakistan has been mediating talks. Accounts of the draft proposal from Western, Pakistani and Iranian sources pointed to terms that could favor Iran, drawing criticism from Trump, who dismissed the reports as inaccurate. While there were minor differences, the proposals broadly offered Tehran much of what it has sought, with Trump appearing to secure little beyond the reopening of the strait, which Iran closed after the U.S. and Israel strikes in February.

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BJP-Led Centre Trying To Privatisise Singareni: Bhatti Vikramarka

Bhatti Vikramarka Reaffirms Telangana Government's Commitment to Protect Singareni, Assures Workers' Welfare. Attacks BJP and BRS Over Coal Policies

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Saturday asserted that the Telangana government is firmly committed to protecting the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and ensuring the welfare of its employees. Speaking at a programme in Mancherla, where compassionate appointment orders were distributed to 335 dependents of medically invalidated SCCL workers, he alleged that the BJP-led Central government was making attempts to privatise the company. Bhatti dismissed allegations made by the BRS regarding the diversion of coal reserves and accused the opposition party of spreading misinformation



about Singareni. Taking a direct swipe at BRS leader T. Harish Rao, he said the previous BRS government had exploited the resources of SCCL during its tenure while making baseless allegations against the present administration. The Deputy Chief Minister assured that the Singareni Medical Board would function transparently and fairly in granting compassionate

appointments to eligible dependents of medically invalidated employees. He also announced that SCCL has implemented an accidental insurance scheme providing coverage of Rs 1.25 crore for its workers, reflecting the government's commitment to employee welfare. Addressing concerns over duplicate names in the organisation, Bhatti stated that a committee would be constituted to examine the

issue and recommend appropriate measures. He further highlighted that the Congress government had provided a Rs 5,000 bonus to nearly 30,000 Singareni workers, describing it as evidence of the government's commitment to the workforce. The Deputy Chief Minister also criticised Union Minister for Mines G. Kishan Reddy, questioning his role in the allocation of the Tadicherla coal block. He alleged that the coal block had been allotted to private entities, contrary to the interests of the public sector and Singareni. IT and Civil Supplies Minister D. Sridhar Babu also targeted the BRS, alleging that the previous government had treated SCCL as its own property. He said the Congress gov-

ernment would investigate alleged irregularities that occurred during the BRS regime. Ministers Adluri Laxman and Ponnamp Prabhakar also criticised BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao over their remarks on Singareni, stating that the government would continue working to strengthen the public sector enterprise and safeguard the interests of its employees and their families. Several public representatives, including Peddapalli MP Vamsi Krishna, MLAs Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, Makhhan Singh Takur, Maloth Rama Das Naik, Gaddam Vinod, Kokkiralra Prem Sagar Rao, and trade union leaders, attended the programme.

Centre Says No to AP Proposal on River Interlinking

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under the Union Jal Shakti Ministry has put an end to speculation over the proposed Godavari-Cauvery river interlinking project, reiterating that Ichchampally in Telangana will be the official offtake point for the ambitious scheme. The agency conveyed its decision to both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh through a formal communication, confirming Ichchampally as its preferred location for drawing Godavari waters toward the Cauvery basin. The clarification comes as a major relief for Telangana, particularly after Andhra Pradesh recently proposed that the Centre should instead utilize its Polavaram-Banakacharla link scheme as the starting point for transferring Godavari waters to Tamil



Nadu. AP argued that using Polavaram would eliminate the need to transport water from Telangana before directing it southward. Following Andhra Pradesh's proposal, Telangana reportedly informed the NWDA that it was agreeable to beginning the project from Ichchampally, despite earlier reservations. The state had previously favored the Samakkasagar barrage, located downstream of Ichchampally, as the offtake point because the barrage is already under development and could serve the project efficiently. However, Telangana had expressed concerns that selecting Ichchampally might lead to greater land submergence and create

operational challenges. There were also fears that sudden releases of water during flood situations could inundate the downstream Samakkasagar barrage and potentially damage the structure. Despite these concerns, the NWDA has maintained that Ichchampally remains the preferred location for initiating the Godavari-Cauvery interlinking project. At the same time, the agency has acknowledged that Telangana's proposal to use the Samakkasagar barrage continues to exist as an alternative option for consideration. The decision is significant because it provides greater clarity on the long-awaited national river-linking project, which aims to transfer surplus Godavari waters to the water-deficit Cauvery basin and improve water security across southern India.

Welfare, development impossible under Revanth Reddy citing Hitler: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and termed the Congress government's performance a failure. He highlighted the achievements of the previous BRS regime, alleged financial mismanagement and voter irregularities, and expressed confidence about returning to power

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Launching a strong attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao said people cannot expect welfare or development from a leader who claims German dictator Adolf Hitler as his inspiration. Addressing the BRS general body meeting in Vemulawada, he alleged that the Congress government had failed to meet public expectations during the first half of its tenure and asserted that people had little confidence in its remaining term. Recalling the performance of the previous BRS government led by K. Chandrashekar Rao, Rama Rao said Telangana had witnessed significant welfare and development initiatives during the party's 10-year rule. He stated that the government implemented several people-centric programmes that benefited different sec-



tions of society and contributed to the state's growth. Listing the achievements of the previous administration, he said more than 15 lakh marriages were supported through welfare initiatives, several medical colleges and Gurukul schools were established, and major infrastructure projects were undertaken. He particularly highlighted the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, describing it as one of the landmark achievements of the BRS government that strengthened irrigation facilities and supported the farming community. Criticising the present Congress government, Rama Rao alleged that despite increasing

the state's debt burden, it had failed to provide meaningful benefits to the people. He claimed that the government had weakened the Rythu Bandhu scheme and sarcastically remarked that a "Rahul Bandhu" scheme had been introduced instead. According to him, Telangana's resources were being misused rather than utilised for the welfare of the people and the development of the state. The BRS leader also accused the government of deceiving farmers during crop procurement by allowing abnormal deductions from their produce. He alleged that cultivators were facing unnecessary hardships and financial losses despite repeated promises of support from the ruling party. Expressing confidence about the future of the BRS, Rama Rao declared that the party would return to power with a decisive mandate in the next Assembly elections.

He maintained that public dissatisfaction with the Congress government was steadily increasing and asserted that voters were prepared to reject the ruling party when they next cast their ballots. Calling for regular population enumeration, he said a census should be conducted every 10 years to accurately reflect demographic changes and assist in better governance and planning. He further alleged that both the BJP and the Congress were attempting to benefit from bogus votes in the electoral process. Urging party workers to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level, Rama Rao asked them to identify duplicate and ineligible voters in their respective areas and work towards securing majorities in every polling booth. He said dedicated efforts by party cadres would play a crucial role in ensuring the BRS's return to power in the next elections.

DGP C.V. Anand Inspects Rain-Affected Areas, Directs Police to Stay on High Alert

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh

In view of the heavy rains across Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana, C. V. Anand inspected rain-affected areas to assess the situation and review measures being taken to address waterlogging and traffic disruptions. During the visit, the DGP held discussions with M. Ramesh and G. Srujana regarding public safety and traffic man-



agement in affected areas. He directed police officials to prevent water stagnation, clear traffic bottlenecks, and coordinate closely with civic authorities. The DGP stressed continu-

ous monitoring of vulnerable locations and deployment of adequate personnel at key junctions to assist commuters. C.V. Anand also instructed police across Hyderabad and other

rain-affected districts to remain on high alert and be prepared for any emergency arising from heavy rainfall. He urged citizens to avoid waterlogged areas, travel cautiously, and follow official advisories. The inspection was attended by C.H. Srinivas, Hanumantha Rao, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Pawan, along with officials from various departments and police personnel.

Gouthapur Village Representatives, Teachers Make Badi Bata Programme a Success

HYDERABAD
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Thaika Anjaiaj

As part of the State Government's initiative to increase student enrollment in government schools and promote the importance of education, the "Badi Bata - Mana Ooru, Mana Badi" awareness programme was organized successfully on Saturday in Gouthapur Village of Vatpally Mandal, Sangareddy District. The programme witnessed active partici-



pation from Village Sarpanch Swapna, Deputy Sarpanch, Ward Members, teachers Srinivas and Sridhar, village elders, women's self-help group members, parents, and students. A rally was conducted through the village to create awareness

about the benefits of government education and encourage parents to enroll their children in government schools. During the rally, the participants visited households and interacted with parents, highlighting the advantages of studying in government schools. They explained the facilities provided by the government, including free textbooks, uniforms, nutritious mid-day meals, digital classrooms, sports facilities

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.

Congress Workers Must Function Like Soldiers in Every Booth: MLA TRR

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Parigi MLA and TPCC Training Committee Chairman Dr. T. Ram Mohan Reddy (TRR) called upon Congress workers to work with dedication and discipline like soldiers in every polling booth to strengthen democracy and safeguard the party's vote base. He participated in a special meeting organized for Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at MNR Gardens in Nalgonda, along with Roads &



Buildings Minister Sri Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Ram Mohan Reddy emphasized that every Congress worker must take responsibility at the grassroots level with the larger goal of strengthening democratic values and working towards seeing Shri Rahul Gandhi emerge as the Prime Minister of India. Expressing concern

over alleged attempts to delete large numbers of voters from electoral rolls in some states, he urged Congress cadres to remain vigilant and proactive. He stressed that not a single eligible voter should be removed from the voter list and that every Congress vote must be protected. The MLA called upon party workers to treat the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme, scheduled to commence from June 25, as a mission. He urged them to ensure that the names of all eligible citizens—including the poor, youth, farmers, and other

voters—are correctly included in the electoral rolls. Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy also underscored the importance of a strong booth-level organizational structure and encouraged party workers to actively participate in the voter verification and enrollment process. The meeting witnessed the participation of Congress leaders, Booth Level Agents, and party activists from various parts of the district, who pledged to work diligently for the successful implementation of the Special Intensive Revision programme.

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The Telangana Health Department has earned appreciation for its performance under the Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika 99-Day Programme, with Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha commending doctors, health officials, nurses, paramedical staff, and frontline healthcare workers for their dedicated service. According to the Minister, the department played a key role in achieving the government's objectives by conducting Health Awareness Week, expanding medical services, and strengthening healthcare

infrastructure across the state. More than 20 major programmes were organized during the campaign, covering food safety, disease prevention, cancer awareness, maternal and child health, mental health, HIV prevention, drug safety, and healthy lifestyle promotion. The Minister highlighted several significant initiatives, including the launch of advanced LINAC cancer treatment services at NIMS, the Telangana Cancer Registry, the Trauma Care Policy, an AI-based lung cancer screening programme, and digital health governance portals. He further stated that the government has estab-

lished Trauma Care Centres, Critical Care Blocks, and De-addiction Centres while expanding maternal healthcare services. Nearly 15,000 healthcare positions have been filled over the past two-and-a-half years, including the recent appointment of 866 doctors and recruitment of 2,322 Nursing Officers. Reaffirming the government's commitment to accessible and quality healthcare, the Minister thanked all healthcare personnel for their collective efforts in improving public health services and bringing better medical care closer to the people.

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.

TPCC issues show cause notice to Shabbir Ali over remarks on party

The Telangana Congress has issued a show-cause notice to Mohammed Ali Shabbir after an alleged audio clip went viral on social media.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Congress has issued a show-cause notice to Government Advisor and former Minister Mohammed Ali Shabbir after an alleged audio conversation, in which he purportedly accused party leaders of selling positions for money, went viral on social media. Speaking informally with media persons on Saturday, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud said the party had initiated disciplinary action and urged restraint in reacting to the controversy. "There is no need to react hastily to Shabbir Ali's allegations. We have issued a show-cause notice to Shabbir Ali," Goud said.



The audio clip, reportedly featuring a conversation between Shabbir Ali and another party leader, has been widely circulated on social media. In the purported recording, Shabbir Ali is alleged to have accused sections of the State Congress leadership of offering party positions in exchange for money. He also allegedly made remarks suggesting that some individuals were involved in the exploitation of women in the party.

However, Goud sought to counter the allegations, stating that the audio clip was nearly a year old. "Nizamabad people know my character and my assets. Given his long experience in politics, it is inappropriate for Shabbir Ali to speak in such a manner. It is regrettable to speak disparagingly about women," Goud said. Addressing the controversy surrounding the Rajya Sabha nomination of Meenakshi Natarajan, the TPCC chief maintained that no criminal case existed against her and that only a notice had been issued by a local court. "How can there be a case when there is no FIR?" Goud asked. He also criticised the role of the Election

Commission of India and the nomination scrutiny process, alleging that the investigation had been influenced by the Prime Minister's Office. "There is nothing wrong in hauling up the Returning Officer in this issue for acting under political pressure," the TPCC president reportedly remarked. Responding to comments made by a Madhya Pradesh minister that details relating to Natarajan's nomination had been leaked from within the Telangana Congress, Goud attempted to downplay the allegation. According to him, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is conducting a detailed inquiry into alleged internal leaks and covert activities within the party.

Centre Gives One More Year to KWDT-II for Its Decisions

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Any hope of an early resolution to the dispute between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana on who gets how much water from the Krishna have effectively been dashed by the Centre, which gave a one-year extension to the Krishna Waters Disputes Tribunal-II (KWDT-II) to submit its report and its decisions. The Union ministry of jal shakti, in its orders on Friday, said the decision to extend the deadline for KWDT-II followed a request from the tribunal for the extension. This is the third extension that the tribunal has received. It was to submit its report in March 2024, but was given an extension till July 2025, and then again till July 2026. Following the latest extension, the tribunal must submit its report by July



31, 2027. Telangana and AP have been battling out before the tribunal, staking claim on their shares of the total 811 tmc ft of water from the river that was the allocation for the erstwhile unified Andhra Pradesh. An ad-hoc arrangement following creation of Telangana saw the new state getting 299 tmc ft and residuary AP receiving 512 tmc ft, an arrangement that has generated a lot of political heat between the Congress and the BRS which have accused each other of betraying Telangana's interests. Telangana subsequently adopted a tougher stand arguing before the tribunal that it should get at least 50 per cent of the river's water but later also said that its rightful share should be 70 per cent of the water, which comes to 577 tmc ft out of the 811 TMCft total allocation for the two states. Friday's decision by the jal shakti ministry now means the both Telangana and AP will have to wait to find out who gets what eventually when the final report is submitted by KWDT-II to the Centre.

Firasath Ali Baqri Thanks Centre, State for Bibi-ka-Alam Elephant Approval

Mir Firasath Ali Baqri Thanks Kishan Reddy and Telangana Government for Approving Elephant for Historic Bibi-ka-Alam Procession

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior BJP leader Mir Firasath Ali Baqri has thanked Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy and the Telangana Government for approving the provision of an elephant for the historic Bibi-ka-Alam procession to be held at Alawa-e-Bibi, Dabeerpura, on June 27, 2026, marking the 10th day of Moharram. The request for providing an elephant for the revered procession was initially submitted by Mir Firasath Ali Baqri and later forwarded by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy as a VIP reference with directions for priority consideration. Following the request, the Environment, Forests, Science and Technology (EFS&T) Department of the Telangana Government issued necessary instructions to the office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (P&V) and the Chief



Wildlife Warden to initiate action under the provisions of the Captive Elephant (Transfer or Transport) Rules, 2024. Baqri expressed special gratitude to Ahmed Na-deem, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, and Dr. Vinay Kumar, IFS, Chief Wildlife Warden and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), for their prompt coordination and support in facilitating the long-standing tradition while ensuring compliance with wildlife conservation laws and legal procedures. He said the approval re-

flects the government's commitment to preserving Hyderabad's rich cultural and religious heritage while adhering to environmental and wildlife protection norms. Baqri also appealed to organizers, devotees, and participants to cooperate fully with the authorities and ensure the Bibi-ka-Alam procession is conducted peacefully, respectfully, and in accordance with all prescribed guidelines. He expressed confidence that the historic event would continue to symbolize communal harmony, devotion, and Hyderabad's centuries-old traditions.

Minister Vakiti Srihari Assures Support to Dairy Farmers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A high-level review meeting on issues concerning dairy farmers was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat under the chairmanship of Hon'ble Minister Sri Vakiti Srihari. The meeting was attended by representatives of dairy farmers, dairy co-operative leaders, and stakeholders associated with the dairy sector. During the meeting, the participants brought several issues affecting dairy farmers to the notice of the Minister, including milk procurement, input costs, farmer welfare measures, and the overall development of the dairy



industry in Telangana. Addressing the gathering, Minister Vakiti Srihari stated that the State Government is committed to safeguarding the interests of dairy farmers and strengthening the dairy sector. He emphasized that the people's government considers the welfare of dairy farmers a top priority and is determined to address their concerns through timely and effective meas-

ures. The Minister assured that all issues related to dairy farmers would be thoroughly examined and appropriate action would be taken to resolve them. He further stated that the government is working towards creating a supportive ecosystem for milk producers, enhancing dairy infrastructure, and promoting sustainable growth in the sector.

Race2Win Founder Invites Telangana Governor to Sanctuary



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.

Lenkepally Kurumaiah Assumes Charge as Executive Engineer (FAC), PR Division Andole

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka Anjaiah

Sri Lenkepally Kurumaiah, Deputy Executive Engineer (DEE), Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Andole, officially assumed charge as Executive Engineer (FAC), Panchayat Raj Division, Andole, Sangareddy District on Friday forenoon (June 12, 2026). According to the proceedings is-



sued by the Superintendent Engineer, Panchayat Raj Region, Medak, Sri L. Kurumaiah has been entrusted with the additional charge of Executive Engineer, PR Division, Andole, in the existing vacancy. Simultaneously, Sri K. Madhukar, Deputy

Executive Engineer, was deputed to the post of DEE, PR Sub-Division, Andole, on an other-duty basis. Following the issuance of the official orders, Sri Lenkepally Kurumaiah formally handed over the charge of Deputy Executive Engineer, PR Sub-Division, Andole, to Sri K. Madhukar and assumed his responsibilities as Executive Engineer (FAC), PR Division, Andole.

Residents Demand Permanent Solution to Drainage Overflow in Gachibowli's Indira Nagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Residents of Indira Nagar Colony are facing severe hardship as floodwater mixed with sewage continues to stagnate in the area even three days after the rains stopped. Locals say the problem has persisted for nearly 10 to 30 years, with drainage water from surrounding areas such as Anjan Nagar, DLF, Jayabheri, JV Col-



ony, Gachibowli Village, and nearby localities flowing through a lane in Indira Nagar. During heavy rains, water levels reportedly rise up to one meter, making movement

difficult and dangerous. Residents also raised concerns over open manholes, which have led to accidents involving pedestrians and vehicles. Homeowners fear that

continuous waterlogging and sewage seepage could weaken building foundations and pose a threat to structural safety. Despite repeated complaints and representations to authorities, residents allege that no permanent solution has been implemented. They have urged the concerned departments to take immediate action and resolve the long-standing drainage and flooding problem.

Indiramma Sarees Distributed to SHG Women in Cantonment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Dp Srinivas rao

The Congress party organized an Indiramma saree distribution programme for women's self-help group (SHG) members at the New Boinapalli Peddathokatta Community Hall in the Secunderabad Cantonment area on Saturday, highlighting the state government's focus on women's welfare and empowerment. Addressing the gathering, former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap



said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, is implementing welfare schemes aimed at strengthening the socio-

economic status of women. He said the government is committed to ensuring that benefits reach women at the grassroots through various development initiatives. Pratap stated that

women's empowerment remains a priority for the Congress government and that programmes such as the Indiramma saree distribution reflect its commitment to supporting self-help groups and improving the livelihoods of women across the Cantonment area. The event witnessed the participation of Anand Babu, Chairman of the Boinapalli Market Committee, along with Congress leaders Muppidi Madhukar, Bangaru Sadanand, Maruthi Goud, Meethu, and Varaprasad, who extended their support to the initiative.

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,

Rajnath Singh Urges Cadets to Be Future-Ready for Technology-Driven Warfare

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Calling upon young officers to prepare for the changing nature of warfare, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday urged graduating cadets of the Indian Air Force to remain technologically adept and mentally prepared for future conflicts, where battles are increasingly being fought through advanced systems rather than conventional troop deployments. Addressing the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of the 217th Course at the Air Force Academy (AFA), Dundi-gal, Rajnath Singh said modern warfare is being shaped by technologies such as drones, satellites, sensors, robotics and radar systems. A total 231 of Flight Cadets graduated



today, which included 194 men and 37 women and added 14 officers awarded with wings. "In today's wars, soldiers and weapons are often not visible on the battlefield. Modern conflicts are driven by technology. You must remain alert, adaptable and ready to recalibrate your responses according to emerging technologies," he said. Emphasising the need for continuous learning, the Defence Minister advised the cadets to adapt, adopt and innovate to gain an operational edge. "Success in future warfare will re-

quire smart work backed by technology. Learning and training should continue throughout your careers," he said. Rajnath Singh reviewed the parade marking the successful completion of pre-commissioning training of Flight Cadets across various branches of the Indian Air Force. During the ceremony, he conferred the President's Commission on 231 graduating trainees and presented 14 officers with Wings and Brevets to Flight Cadets of the IAF, officers and trainees of the Indian Navy,

Indian Coast Guard and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Congratulating the graduating officers, Singh recalled the Indian Air Force's contributions in past conflicts, including the 1947-48 operations in Jammu and Kashmir and the 1971 war, and said the young officers were joining a force with a proud legacy. The ceremony also marked the commissioning of the first batch of women cadets from the National Defence Academy (NDA), Pune, who joined AFA for branch-specific training after passing out in May 2025. The parade featured aerial displays by the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team, Sarang helicopter display team and Su-30 MKI fighter aircraft, besides fly-pasts by trainer aircraft including the Pilatus PC-7 Mk II, Hawk.

Modi May Meet Trump at G7 Summit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said India's presence at the G7 summit reflects global trust and the country's growing global profile. In a statement ahead of his departure to France and Slovakia on a six-day tour from June 13 to 18, the Prime Minister said his visits to the two nations will re-inforce India's deepening engagement with both Europe and the G7 and showcase our steadfast commitment to expanding the horizon of partnerships. Modi is expected to meet the United States President Donald Trump in France during the G7 summit. According to a senior US administration official, Trump is ex-



pected to discuss plans to demine the Strait of Hormuz with allies during the summit in France. In his departure statement, Modi said France occupies a special place in India's strategic vision. Earlier this year, French President Macron visited India, and the bilateral ties were elevated to a special global strategic partnership. "When I meet Macron in Nice, we will review the progress made since February and chart the next steps in our cooperation. I look forward to our discussions on pressing global issues of mutual interest

as well," he said. Modi will inaugurate "Bharat Innovates" along with Macron in Nice on June 14. The landmark event, being held against the backdrop of the India-France Year of Innovation, will connect India's most promising start-ups with global investment and serve as a major accelerator for innovations emerging from India's higher education ecosystem. From Nice, Modi will travel to the Slovak Republic for a state visit from June 14-15, where he will hold talks with President Peter Pellegrini and Prime Minister Robert Fico in Bratislava and interact with business leaders. This will be the first-ever visit by an Indian Prime Minister since Slovakia's independence in 1993. The PM said this histo-

In C'garh Schools, 3 Time-Prayers, National Anthems To Gayatri Mantra, Made Mandatory

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Chhattisgarh government has made the mass recitation of the National Anthem, national song, hymns, and Sanskrit shlokas such as the Gayatri Mantra mandatory in all government and private schools across the state. The state education department on Saturday issued a detailed timetable for the academic year 2026-27, which begins on June 16, pre-

scribing specific prayers and songs to be recited at different times during the school day. According to the official order, students will participate in three separate sessions of collective recitation every day. The morning assembly will begin with the National Anthem, followed by the national song Vande Mataram, the Deep Mantra (lamp invocation prayer), Saraswati Vandana, Guru Mantra, and a lesson on the life

and contributions of an eminent personality or "Mahapurush." During the lunch break, students will gather for the mass singing of devotional hymns. At the end of the school day, the closing session will include the national song and the recitation of the Gayatri Mantra, a revered Vedic chant traditionally dedicated to the Sun deity and associated with wisdom and enlightenment. The education department stated that the initiative



is aimed at promoting discipline, patriotism, moral values, and awareness of Indian traditions and culture among students, in ad-

dition to their academic education. The government believes that these collective activities will help strengthen cultural values and foster a

sense of national pride. The directive has been sent to all District Education Officers (DEOs), who have been instructed to ensure its strict implementation in both government and private educational institutions. The order also warns that disciplinary action may be taken against school principals or managements that fail to comply with the prescribed schedule. The move has sparked a political debate in the

state. The opposition Congress criticized the decision, alleging that the government is attempting to promote the ideological agenda of the Rashtriya Swamsevak Sangh (RSS). Congress spokesperson Sushil Anand Shukla argued that India is a secular country and that promoting a particular ideology through educational institutions goes against the spirit of the Constitution. The BJP, however, defended the initiative. Party

spokesperson Amit Chimnani said the programme is intended to familiarize the younger generation with India's traditions, cultural heritage, and moral values rather than serve as a political purpose. The new prayer schedule will come into effect from June 16 and is expected to be followed by schools across Chhattisgarh throughout the 2026-27 academic session.

Seven More Shigella Cases Confirmed In Kerala's Wayanad

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

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 preventive 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.

Shah Directs Committee on Demographic Change to Study Border Districts

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday directed the high-level committee on demographic change to study the shift in population structure in border districts, officials said. Chairing the meeting of the committee, Shah also asked it to visit border areas, metro cities and industrial towns for an assessment of changes because of illegal migration and other unnatural causes, they said. The Home Ministry had



formed the high-level committee to assess demographic changes across India due to "illegal immigration and other unnatural causes" and suggest measures to address these challenges. The Committee is headed by retired Supreme Court judge Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar and includes the census com-

missioner, along with retired IAS officer Durga Shankar Mishra, ex-IPS officer Balaji Srivastava and Dr Shamika Ravi as members. The joint secretary (foreigners-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, is the member secretary of this committee. Announcing the formation of the committee last month, Shah had emphasised that demographic change is a serious issue linked not only to the country's sovereignty but also to national security, law and order, profound changes in social structure and the preservation of tribal soci-

ety. "This committee will conduct a comprehensive assessment of demographic changes occurring across India due to illegal immigration and other unnatural causes, analyse patterns of abnormal population shifts at the levels of religious and social communities, and present a planned and time-bound solution for the same," he had said. According to the Terms of Reference of the committee, it will comprehensively deliberate upon the challenges arising from demographic changes, including illegal immigration.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Lt. Gen. Dhiraj.....

As a Lieutenant General, he commanded the Sudarshan Chakra Corps and later served as General Officer Commanding, Delhi Area. On elevation as Army Commander, he headed both South Western Command and Southern Command, overseeing key operational theatres for over two-and-a-half years. He has also held several staff and strategic appointments related to operational planning, force management and capability development. Lt Gen Seth has served in key positions in the Army Headquarters related to strategic planning and capability devel-

Iran Peace Deal.....

Araqchi said Iran would, along with Oman, retain control of traffic through the strait, which before the war handled one-fifth of the world's oil and gas supply. "Our sword will always hang over the Strait of Hormuz," he said. A Western source said the deal could be signed as soon as Sunday, with Geneva seen as the likeliest venue. Araqchi said the deal would be signed remotely be-

Assam Cabinet.....

Remarking that Aadhaar card issuance has reached a saturation point in the state, Sarma said, "In some districts, it has crossed the 100 per cent mark, and we must ascertain who these people are who are taking the additional Aadhaar cards. The step is being taken to ensure that no illegal Bangladeshis get Aadhaar cards, he said. Aadhaar cards will, however,

program, with its stockpile of highly enriched uranium to be destroyed and removed. But Araqchi said that Iran, which sources said has not accepted the dismantling of its nuclear program, wanted to retain the uranium in diluted form.

continue to be issued to people from the tea garden community and the Scheduled Tribes, as many are yet to receive the cards. "The ban will, however, be complete from April 1, 2027, and people from these communities above the age of 18 will also stop receiving it from that date," the chief minister said. Aadhaar cards, however, will continue to be issued to those below the age of 18. Sarma had earlier said the state government would be "very strict" in issuing Aadhaar cards, and it would not be easy to get the document in Assam. Last year, he had said the Assam government was mulling stricter rules for the issuance of Aadhaar cards.



CRIME

Malkajgiri CP Reviews Rain-Hit Areas, Directs Swift Relief and Traffic Management

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In view of the heavy rain-fall affecting several areas under the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate, Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police Sumathi, IPS, along with Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, IAS, conducted a field inspection at Begumpet Chikoti Garden and nearby rain-affected locations to assess the situation and review ongoing relief measures.

The senior officials inspected waterlogged areas and evaluated the steps being taken to minimize the impact of the heavy rains on residents and commuters. They closely monitored traffic management efforts and reviewed measures being imple-



mented to clear congestion and ensure the smooth movement of vehicles on affected roads. During the inspection, the CP directed police officers to remain on high alert throughout the monsoon season and respond promptly to any emergencies. She instructed officials to ensure uninterrupted traffic flow, provide immediate assistance to citizens in need, and maintain close coordination with civic authorities and disaster

management agencies for effective relief operations. Emphasizing the importance of inter-departmental coordination, the officials stressed that timely action and continuous monitoring are essential to prevent inconvenience to the public during adverse weather conditions. They also reviewed preparedness measures aimed at tackling potential flooding and ensuring public safety in vulnerable areas. The Commissioner

appealed to local residents to extend their cooperation to the police and civic authorities during the on-going rains.

She encouraged volunteers and community members to come forward and assist in relief and support activities wherever required, highlighting that collective public participation would help authorities respond more effectively to weather-related challenges. The inspection reflects the administration's commitment to safeguarding public safety, maintaining traffic mobility, and ensuring swift assistance to affected citizens as heavy rains continue across parts of the commissionerate.

Cyberabad Police Continue Public Service Amid Heavy Rains

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Despite continuous rain-fall across Cyberabad, police personnel remained on duty to ensure public safety and smooth traffic movement. Traffic police were deployed at major junctions, congestion-prone stretches, and waterlogging points to regulate vehicle movement and prevent disruptions. Law and Order



police personnel also assisted residents facing difficulties due to the rain. Police teams are alerting citizens about waterlogged and vulnerable areas, advising them to avoid risky locations and follow safety precautions. Emergency response

teams remain on standby to respond to any rain-related incidents. Cyberabad Police appealed to the public to avoid unnecessary travel, drive cautiously, and cooperate with traffic personnel to ensure safety during the ongoing rains.

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.

Cyberabad SHE Teams Catch 27 Offenders, Rescue Victims in Special Operations

RANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

The Cyberabad Women & Child Safety Wing intensified its enforcement and awareness activities, with SHE Teams conducting 101 decoy operations and catching 27 persons red-handed for indecent behavior in public places. Police registered 21 petty cases and counselled the remaining offenders. During the reporting period, SHE Teams received 14 complaints from women through various channels. The Cyberabad Anti Human Trafficking



Unit (AHTU) rescued two victims and arrested five accused in two cases under the Prevention of Immoral Traffic Act (PITA). In a separate Juvenile Justice (JJ) Act case, three minor boys were rescued and one accused was apprehended. Family Counselling and CDEW Centres successfully helped reunite 36 families involved in

marital disputes. As part of awareness initiatives, AHTU and SHE Teams conducted programs across Cyberabad, reaching 2,421 participants. Awareness sessions covered human trafficking, child trafficking, eve-teasing, social media harassment, child marriages, child rights, child labour, stalking, begging, cyberbullying, cyber frauds, and emergency helplines including 181, 1098, 100, and 1930. The initiatives were carried out under the supervision of K. Srujana, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Women & Child Safety Wing, Cyberabad.

Traffic Police Hold Road Safety Drive for Tata Motors Staff

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

As part of the "Arrive Alive" initiative, the Traffic Police organized a Traffic Awareness Programme for the staff of Tata Motors, Begumpet, to promote responsible road behaviour and reduce accidents.

The programme was conducted under the directions of the Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-1, Malkajgiri. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic,



Trimulgherry Division, Sri G. Shankar Raju addressed the participants and emphasized that disciplined driving and strict adherence to traffic rules are essential for saving

lives. He urged employees to become responsible road users and encourage others to follow traffic regulations. The session highlighted the dangers of over-speed-

ing, drunken driving, wrong-side driving, and using mobile phones while driving. Officials also stressed the mandatory use of helmets and seat belts, observance of traffic signals, and lane discipline. The programme was attended by Additional Inspector of Police Sri P. Ramanaiah, Tata Motors Manager Mr. Md. Sadiq, and personnel from Begumpet Police Station. Employees actively participated in the interactive session, making the awareness drive a success.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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?

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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.



US Sought India's Russian Oil Buy To Steady Markets, Then Imposed Tariffs: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has strongly defended India's strategic energy decisions, highlighting the procurement of Russian crude oil from 2022 onwards successfully prioritised national interest while simultaneously fulfilling a critical global economic role. He revealed that New Delhi's calibrated energy choices effectively stabilised global energy supplies and were aligned with explicit requests from the United States to prevent a catastrophic surge in international oil prices. The minister underscored India's pragmatic and responsible global positioning on Thursday while participating in a discussion on 'Emerging Powers and the New Geopolitical



Competition' at the Kullaranta Talks in Finland. Reflecting on the complex international landscape, Jaishankar stated, "At that time, the US specifically asked India to buy Russian oil to stabilise the oil market." The External Affairs Minister provided a clear, factual breakdown of the market dynamics that demonstrated India's adept handling of the global energy crisis. Following Western sanctions on Moscow, Euro-

pean nations aggressively pivoted away from Russian energy assets and scrambled to secure alternative supplies from the Middle East, traditionally India's primary energy partner. This sudden European shift triggered intense market competition, threatening supplies for developing economies. Explaining how India responsibly navigated these supply-chain disruptions, Jaishankar noted, "At that point of time, much of the

oil available in the market was from Russia because Europeans were buying up the Middle East oil, which was our traditional supplier. Circumstances pushed us in a certain direction." Exposing the double standards often directed at New Delhi, Jaishankar directly addressed Europe's moral ambiguity regarding regional security and historical arms supplies. He pointed out the unblemished record of India's peaceful global footprint, stating, "No European country has been attacked with Indian weapons. I wish I could say that for Europe weapons vis-a-vis India," he said. He further elaborated on India's responsible international conduct, adding, "Europe sells weapons, which are used to attack India. Not just now but for many years. We Indians have never done anything to endanger Europe. I think that's a reasonable point".

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First Drive: New Tata Tiago EV, Petrol Are Aspirational Cars

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tata Tiago hatchback has been attracting first time car buyers in India for its ease of use, low running costs and practicality for the family. The Tiago has been Tata's successful entry-level car in India, selling more than 7,000-8,000 units every month. However, in order to be competitive 10 years since its launch in India, the automaker has come with updates and new features. While petrol variants account for 60 per cent of total sales, the CNG and EV models contribute 20 per cent each. With a starting price tag of Rs 6.99 lakh, the new Tiago EV is undoubtedly India's most affordable electric car that is cheaper than its rival MG Comet EV at Rs 7.63 lakh onwards. The company has retained its petrol and CNG engines along with the 5-speed manual and



automated manual transmission priced between Rs. 4.69 – Rs 7.99 lakh. We took it for a spin to check out what it promises. At first look, it comes across as a more attractive hatchback in its class, thanks to its clean proportions and distinctive surfacing. It has got a refreshed design with swept-back multi-reflector LED headlamps, and DRLs, a slim piano black upper grille, a large air dam with a black grille and LED fog lamps, piano black ORVMs, 15-inch alloy wheels, black cladding around the wheel

arches, LED tail-lamps with a red strip connecting the 2 clusters, a large black insert on the rear bumper and long vertically oriented reflectors, and a sharkfin antenna with a GPS. While the doors, bonnet, and tailgate are quite heavy, and the car feels good, there is a little bit of flex in the metal when pressed with a thumb. With regard to the Tiago EV, it adopts a monolith-inspired front fascia with a blanked-off nose, aligning with contemporary EV design trends. But it may not appeal to all buyers.

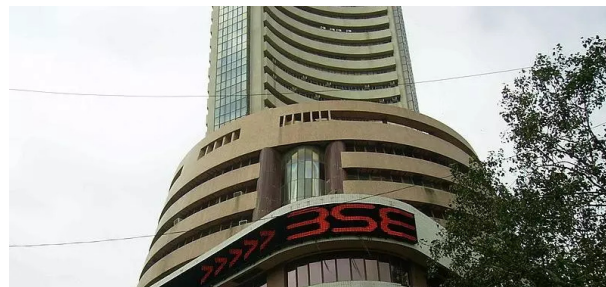
Markets Rally: Sensex Up 1,695 Points, Nifty Above 23,600 on US-Iran De-escalation

PUNE
Wakeup telangana

Benchmark BSE Sensex jumped by 1,695 points while broader NSE Nifty closed above 23,600 on Friday, driven by a fall in crude oil prices and a global stocks rally after US President Donald Trump declared that his country has ended the war with Iran. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 1,695.40 points, or 2.30 per cent, to settle at 75,527.95. During the

day, it surged 1,775.47 points, or 2.40 per cent, to 75,608.02. The 50-share NSE Nifty ended sharply higher by 461.30 points, or 1.99 per cent, to close at 23,622.90. Intra-day, the benchmark index zoomed 483.75 points, or 2 per cent, to 23,645.35. US President Donald Trump said that a deal to end the war with Iran is nearly complete and is expected to be signed over the weekend in Europe, as he called off military strikes

on the Islamic Republic hours after threatening to take control of its oil industry. Crude oil prices tanked nearly 4 per cent, trading below USD 90 per barrel in global markets after Trump's comments. "I don't know if you heard, but we ended the war with Iran today (Thursday), and they have agreed never to have a nuclear weapon, something that we insisted on. That was the whole purpose," Trump said. Among 30



Sensex firms, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, InterGlobe Aviation, Titan, Eternal and HDFC Bank were among the biggest winners. Tech Mahindra and Power Grid were the only laggards from the pack.

"Indian benchmark indices witnessed a strong rally on Friday, driven by aggressive short covering and improving global sentiment. Optimism surrounding a potential US-Iran peace deal, a decline in crude oil prices

below the USD 88 mark, a sharp recovery in the Indian Rupee, and supportive global cues collectively fuelled buying interest throughout the session," according to Bajaj Broking Research. The BSE SmallCap Select index jumped 2.75 per cent and MidCap Select index climbed 2.66 per cent. Among sectoral indices, realty surged 3.55 per cent, MidSmall Private Banks Quality Tilt (3.49 per cent), Financial

Services (3.14 per cent), Private Banks index (3.07 per cent), Bankex (2.94 per cent) and Top 10 Banks (2.85 per cent). A total of 3,222 stocks advanced, while 1,046 declined and 154 remained unchanged on the BSE. On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,284.61 points, or 1.73 per cent, and the Nifty surged 256.2 points, or 1 per cent. In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi jumped 4.63 per cent, while Japan's Nikkei 225

index went up by 2.81 per cent. Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng also ended higher. European markets also traded in the positive territory. US markets ended significantly higher on Thursday. "Indian equities witnessed a strong turnaround session today, with the Nifty-50 surging nearly 2 per cent and reclaiming the 23,600+ zone, marking one of the strongest bullish moves in recent sessions.

INDOMACH Hyderabad 2026 Begins at HITEX, Eyes ₹400 Crore Business Opportunities



Chief Guest Mr. K. Sudhir Reddy (2nd from Left - front row), President, Telangana Industrialists Federation, Hyderabad, inaugurating the 3 Day, 5th Edition of Indomach - South India's largest B2B Industrial Machinery & Engineering Expo, today at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad. As CLC - Chief Guest Mr. Madhav Babu, Director, INDOMACH, 2nd & 3rd, GK, Taparia Tools Ltd., Mumbai; Mr. Sudhir Shinde, Director, INDOMACH; & Mr. Manish Sinha, Director, INDOMACH; look on.

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South India's leading B2B Industrial Machinery and Engineering Expo, INDOMACH Hyderabad 2026, began at Hall No. 1 of the HITEX Exhibition Center on Friday and will continue until June 14. The three-day event is expected to generate business opportunities worth over ₹400 crore. The expo was inaugurated by K. Sudhir Reddy, President of the Telangana Industrialists Federation, along with industry leaders and representatives from various industrial associations. Speaking at the event, Sudhir Reddy said Hyderabad has emerged as one of India's fastest-growing industrial destinations, with nearly 20,000 MSMEs and an-

cillary industries requiring strong B2B platforms to expand markets and build partnerships. INDOMACH Director Manish Sinha said the fifth Hyderabad edition has attracted more than 100 leading companies from across India, providing manufacturers, dealers, distributors, and buyers an opportunity to showcase products and explore business collaborations. The exhibition features the latest technologies in industrial automation, CNC and machine tools, welding, electrical equipment, hydraulics, pneumatics, hand and power tools, laser technology, and industrial software. Participating brands include Taparia Tools, Greaves Cotton, K Tech CNC, Mallcom India, and several others.

Hyderabad's Largest Times Home Hunt Property Expo Returns with 6th Edition at HITEX

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The 6th edition of the Times Home Hunt Property Expo, one of Hyderabad's biggest real estate exhibitions, began on Saturday at Hall No. 3, HITEX Exhibition Centre, offering homebuyers and investors access to more than 100 residential projects from over 30 leading builders. Organized by Optimal Media Solutions, a division of Times Internet Limited, the two-day event will continue until June 14 and is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. with free entry. Held under the theme "Sahi Time, Sahi Ghar Aur Sahi Future," the expo aims to provide aspiring homeowners with a comprehensive platform to compare projects, interact directly with developers, and explore investment opportunities across various budgets and locations in Hyderabad. The event was inaugurated by Medak Lok Sabha MP Madhavaneni Raghunandan Rao, who



praised Hyderabad's emergence as one of India's fastest-growing metropolitan cities. In his inaugural address, he said the city's strong economic growth, rich cultural heritage, and rapidly expanding infrastructure have significantly boosted demand in the real estate sector. He highlighted major infrastructure projects such as the Nehru Outer Ring Road, the proposed Regional Ring Road, metro rail expansion, and improvements in the national highway network as key drivers of Hyderabad's development and investment potential. Several prominent personalities from the real estate and banking sectors attended the inaugu-

ration, including CREDAI Hyderabad President N. Jaideep Reddy, NAREDCO Telangana President K. Sreedhar Reddy, and Union Bank of India Chief General Manager and Zonal Head M. Ravindra Babu. Speaking on the occasion, Jaideep Reddy said the growing presence of Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and the steady influx of skilled professionals have strengthened Hyderabad's position as a preferred destination for employment and long-term settlement. He noted that the city's linguistic and cultural diversity makes it attractive for people from across the country and encouraged prospective buyers

to explore the wide range of housing options available at the expo, describing the present as an opportune time to purchase a home. K. Sreedhar Reddy appreciated the discipline maintained by Hyderabad's real estate developers since the implementation of the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA). At the same time, he expressed concern over rising construction costs caused by global geopolitical developments, supply chain disruptions, GST, and stamp duty, while emphasizing the need for measures that would make homeownership more affordable. The Times Home Hunt Property Expo is presented by Aparna Constructions, powered by My Home Group and Lansum & MK Realty, with Union Bank of India serving as the official banking partner. The event is expected to attract thousands of homebuyers and investors seeking quality housing and long-term investment opportunities in Hyderabad.

WEEW 2026 Showcases India's Growing Events Economy



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World Events Economy Week (WEEW) 2026 continued successfully on its second day at HITEX Exhibition Centre, bringing together wedding planners, hospitality experts, tourism officials and industry stakeholders from across the country. The event features the 5th South India Wedding Planners Congress (SIWPC), 2nd India for MICE and the Creative Economy Conclave under one platform. A major highlight was the panel discussion, "Wed in India: Are We Ready?", where Hari Kishore, Joint Secretary, Ministry of

Tourism, Government of India, outlined the government's vision and policy initiatives to position India as a preferred global wedding destination. The discussion focused on infrastructure, destination development and industry collaboration. The prestigious SWAAN Awards 2026 also recognised outstanding achievements in the wedding industry. Organisers said the third edition received more than 200 nominations, making it one of the most competitive editions. Winners were selected through an independent jury and transparent evaluation process.

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.

Lock Upp 2: Pranit More Approached in Fresh Development

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The reality show Lock Upp is set to return with its second season on Netflix under the title Lock Upp: Sach ya Sazaa. The makers are currently finalizing the celebrity lineup ahead of the show's premiere on June 27, with several television personalities and digital creators reportedly joining the competition. According to industry insiders, stand-up comedian Pranit More has been approached to participate in the show, and discussions are said to be underway. However, there has been no official confirmation from either the comedian or the makers regarding his participation. Pranit More's reported inclusion comes at a time when he is facing widespread criticism over a viral video from one of his live crowd-work sessions. The controversy erupted after a 23-year-old audience member, identified as Himanshu Jangra, narrated an incident involving a date, claiming that be-



cause he had spent Rs 370 on chicken biryani, he believed he was entitled to sexual favors and physical intimacy. He further described forcing himself on the woman in a dark park. The video drew strong backlash on social media because, instead of challenging or condemning the remarks, Pranit More was seen laughing, encouraging the audience to cheer, and reportedly rewarding the individual with a cash prize. The incident has led to significant public outrage and reportedly resulted in a cyber cell FIR. Meanwhile, reports suggest that four contestants have already been confirmed for the upcoming season. The lineup includes television actress Shivangi Joshi, actor Ram Kapoor, and

digital creators Yogesh Rawat and Akanksha Choudhary. More celebrity names are expected to be announced before the show's launch. The second season will also feature a change in hosting duties. Filmmaker and choreographer Farah Khan and actor Riteish Deshmukh will host the reality series, replacing Kangana Ranaut, who fronted the inaugural season. A total of 14 celebrity contestants are expected to enter the show's jail-themed setup, where they will face challenging tasks, difficult choices, and eliminations over a six-week period. New episodes of Lock Upp: Sach ya Sazaa are scheduled to stream every Saturday and Sunday on Netflix.

Val Val Nagar Clinches Bolarum Sporting Club Football Title



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Val Val Nagar emerged champions of the Bolarum Sporting Club Football Championship after defeating Hyderabad Football Club 5-3 in a dramatic penalty shootout following a goalless draw in regulation time at Bolarum on Saturday. The thrilling final witnessed an evenly contested battle, with both teams displaying disciplined defending and determined attacks. Despite several scoring opportunities, neither side managed to break the deadlock, forcing the championship to be de-

ecided through penalties. Val Val Nagar held their nerve during the shootout, converting their chances with precision to secure a 5-3 victory and lift the title. The team's goalkeeper, Sahil, played a decisive role by producing crucial saves under pressure, earning the Best Player of the Day award for his outstanding performance. The match was officially inaugurated by Dr. Narsimhan Kannan, Chairperson of the Bolarum Sporting Club, who performed the ceremonial kick-off and welcomed players and spectators to the championship clash. Following the final, a

presentation ceremony was held to celebrate the winners and recognize individual excellence. Chief Guests Murali Mudiraj and Madhusudan presented the Best Player award to Sahil for his match-winning contribution. As part of the closing ceremony, Dr. Narsimhan Kannan felicitated the Chief Guests and thanked them for supporting local sporting activities. The championship concluded on a high note, showcasing competitive football, sportsmanship, and the growing enthusiasm for the game in the Bolarum region.

Shubman Gill leads India to seven-wicket win over Afghanistan in rain-hit opener

Shubman Gill's unbeaten 84 guided India to a seven-wicket win over Afghanistan in a rain-shortened ODI. Gurnoor Brar impressed on debut with three wickets, while Rahmanullah Gurbaz's 102 went in vain as India chased 194 comfortably in Dharamsala

DHARAMSALA
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Pacer Gurnoor Brar impressed on his international debut before captain Shubman Gill played a regal knock to set up India's seven-wicket win over Afghanistan in the rain-hit series opener here on Saturday.

The game marked the start of India's preparations for the ODI World Cup in 2027 and the hosts ended up ticking most boxes after persistent rain delayed the game by four and 15 minutes and cut the game to 25 overs a side contest. Rahmanullah Gurbaz made a high quality 102 off just 51 balls while debutants Brar and Harsh Dubey took three wickets each as India bowled out Afghanistan for 194 after opting to field. Gill (84 not out off 66), carried his splendid form across three for-



mats to help India ease to the target in 22.5 overs. KL Rahul (39 not out off 19) too played his part well considering the situation with his cameo including a classy six over extra cover off Zia Ur Rahman. Gill's opening partner Rohit Sharma (16 off 16) was run out after Gill turned down his call for a risky single in the sixth over of the run chase. With his form and fitness in focus, Rohit was not at his best but he did come up

with a drive on the up and six off his trademark pull shot. Ishan Kishan (34 off 22) looked good in his ODI comeback at number three before being outdone by a Rashid Khan googly. Gill got majority of his majestic boundaries against the spin trio of Rashid Khan, Mohammed Nabi and AM Ghazanfar after beginning with a soothing cover drive off pacer Zia Ur Rahman. Gill also took his Gujarat Titans teammate Rashid

Khan to the cleaners with six over mid-wicket standing out. Not much time was lost once the skies cleared up, thanks to the recently installed subair drainage system here. Gurbaz, a proven performer in T20 cricket, came out to bat in the shortened game with a clear mindset, something he attributed to rival coach Gautam Gambhir's tips after the one-off Test in Mullanpur. For the record, Gurbaz was an important member of the KKR side that won IPL in 2024. The ball was doing a bit in the air early on but Gurbaz went on the offensive from the word go, cutting Arshdeep for a four before stepping out to dispatch the left-arm pacer down the ground for a maximum. The 6 feet 5 inch tall Brar (3/27 in 4.5 overs), who had been a net

bowler with the Indian team for a long time prior to getting his ODI cap from captain Shubman Gill on Saturday, consistently clocked 145kmph plus in his first over and got the ball to shape away. His first couple of balls swung away from a full length before pulled his length back to induce an error from opener Ibrahim Zadran who mistimed his aerial hit to be caught at mid-off, giving the Punjab fast bowler instant success in international cricket. Afghanistan were reduced to 16 for two when Arshdeep had Sediquallah Atal trapped in front off a ball that did not do much. It became 26 for three when Rahmat Shah mistimed his pull off Arshdeep to be caught by another debutant Harsh Dubey running backwards from his mid-wicket position.

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.

Heavy Rains Test Hyderabad, Emergency Teams Rise to the Challenge

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Heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds on Friday night caused widespread disruption across West Hyderabad, uprooting dozens of trees, damaging electricity infrastructure and leaving several localities without power for hours. Fallen trees blocked roads, crushed vehicles and snapped power lines, severely affecting normal life. Though the intensity of the weather reduced by Saturday, the city continued to experience light to moderate rainfall throughout the day. According to rainfall data, Rajendranagar recorded the highest precipitation at 55 mm, followed by Ameenpur with 31 mm and Serilingampally with 24 mm. Cloudy skies and



Visitors enjoy a refreshing rain shower at the historic Charminar, finding welcome relief from the summer heat in Hyderabad.----Photo: Mir Zulfeqar Ali

intermittent showers kept temperatures relatively cool across Hyderabad. Emergency response teams from HYDRABAD'S Disaster Response Force (DRF) and Monsoon Emergency Teams (MET) were de-

ployed with heavy machinery to clear uprooted trees and debris from roads, restoring traffic movement in several affected areas. Municipal officials and traffic police also inspected vulnerable locations and directed staff to prevent waterlogging. However, residents across the city expressed frustration over the delayed response from the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL). Many com-

Six, including Revenue Inspector arrested for Shaadi Mubarak fraud

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The Attapur police have busted a gang allegedly involved in forging documents under the State government's Shaadi Mubarak welfare scheme and fraudulently obtaining benefits worth around Rs. 21 lakh. The arrested persons are – Mohammed Etemaad UI Haq (25), Mohammed Akbar (20), Syed Musharaf Uddin (23), Mo-

ammed Sarfaraz (26), Mohammed Jaffer (23) and Dharavath Ashok Kiran (32). All six accused have been arrested and are being produced before a court. According to police, the operation was carried out on June 12 following credible information that a group led by Mohammed Etemaad was preparing fake applications and supporting documents at a house in Fatima Colony, Hassan Nagar.



NSUI Telangana leaders, led by Vinod Jakhar, and Sachin Sawant, marched to Raj Bhavan in Hyderabad under the "Vidyarthi Bachao Andolan," demanding transparency in examinations and recruitment, justice for students and job aspirants, and the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Foundation Stone Laid for New Drainage Works in Sri Lakshmi Nagar Colony : kotha Kishore Goud



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A foundation stone was laid for new drainage works in Sri Lakshmi Nagar Colony of Chengicherla Division under Boduppal Circle of the Greater Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. Medchal District Congress B-Block General Secretary Kotha Kishore Goud, former corporator Kotha Chander Goud, senior Congress leaders Kurri Shivashankar and Prabhakar Goud attended the programme as chief guests. Speaking on the occasion, Kotha Kishore Goud said efforts are being made

continuously to provide better civic infrastructure to residents.

He stated that the new drainage pipeline project has been initiated to prevent hardships during the monsoon season and assured that the works would be completed on a priority basis.

He said the project is aimed at improving sanitation facilities and addressing long-standing drainage issues in the colony. Sri Lakshmi Nagar Colony Association President Sandeep, association members, division leaders, and local residents participated in the programme.

Telangana Contractors Launch 'Chalo Hyderabad' Protest Over Pending Bills

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Alleging that years of unpaid government bills have pushed thousands of small and medium contractors into severe financial distress, Telangana contractors have announced a "Chalo Hyderabad" Maha Sabha demanding immediate clearance of their pending dues.

The protest campaign was formally launched at the Builders Association of India building in Madhapur, where contractors



unveiled the "Chalo Hyderabad" Maha Sabha poster and appealed for large-scale participation. They said contractors who executed works for departments such as Roads & Buildings (R&B), Panchayat Raj, Irrigation, Municipal Administration, and Electricity have been

waiting for payments for nearly four years.

Addressing the media, the contractors said small-scale contractors handling projects worth up to ₹5 crore to ₹1 crore form the majority in the state and have been hit the hardest. Unlike large infrastructure companies with stronger

financial backing, many middle-class contractors borrowed money, mortgaged their homes and assets, and exhausted their savings to complete government works.

"We waited patiently for five years. We pledged our properties, our bank balances have become zero, and lenders are now knocking on our doors. We are unable to even return to our homes due to mounting debts. Why is the government treating us with such indifference?" the contractors said, expressing their an-

guish. They alleged that unpaid bills from the previous government had already caused heavy losses and that they had hoped the present government would resolve the issue. However, they claimed that their expectations have remained unfulfilled.

The contractors questioned why the government, which allocates funds for various welfare schemes, has failed to release payments for development works completed by them after years of hard work.

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.

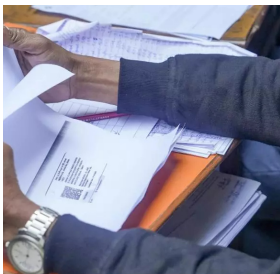
40% of Hyderabad Voters Might Get Notices From EC

Secunderabad Cantonment with 52.92 per cent voters mapped, followed by Amberpet constituency (48.95) had the maximum anomalies in Hyderabad district.

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Close to 40 per cent of voters in Hyderabad district and nearly 65 per cent in neighbouring Medchal-Malkajgiri district are likely to receive notices from the election authorities as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. The voters have been identified as having "anomalies" and will be required to prove that they were registered voters during the 2002 SIR by submitting relevant documentary evidence.

The verification process is scheduled to begin on June 25. According to the voter-mapping exercise completed on June 12, officials could map only 46.15 per cent of voters in Hyderabad district and 43.3 per cent in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. This means that around 21.86 lakh voters in Hyderabad and 12.89 lakh in Medchal-Malkajgiri have been flagged under



the anomaly category and may face further scrutiny. Within Hyderabad district, Secunderabad Cantonment recorded the highest proportion of anomalies, with only 52.92 per cent of voters successfully mapped.

It was followed by Amberpet, where 48.95 per cent of voters were mapped. In contrast, Nampally Assembly constituency reported the fewest anomalies, with 28.8 per cent of its electorate falling into the category. In Medchal-Malkajgiri district, Medchal Assembly constituency performed relatively better, with anomalies affecting 47.18 per cent of voters. However, Quthbullapur emerged as the consti-

tuency with the highest level of discrepancies, where a staggering 77.82 per cent of voters were listed with anomalies, meaning more than three-fourths of its electorate could receive notices.

Across Telangana, nearly 90 lakh voters, accounting for 35.73 per cent of the state's 3.38 crore electors, were identified as having anomalies during the exercise. However, officials noted that only about 70 per cent of the total electorate had been mapped by the conclusion of the process. Among the best-performing districts, Jangaon topped the list with 94.47 per cent of voters mapped, followed by Mahbubabad at 93.37 per cent. Mapping exceeded 80 per cent in districts including Komaram Bheem-Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Kamarreddy, Peddapalli, Rajanna-Sircilla, Medak, Siddipet, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Yadadri-Bhongir, Bhadradi Kothagudem,

Abdul Javeed Nikah Solemnized in Hyderabad



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A Nikah ceremony was solemnized on Saturday, June 9, 2026, at Moon Function Hall, Malakpet, Hyderabad, where Abdul Javeed, son of Abdul Waheed Sahab, married the daughter of Mohammed Saleem Khan. The event witnessed the presence of several respected personalities from the city, adding grandeur to the occasion. Among the distinguished guests were Janab

Habeeb Mohammad Sikanar Sahab, National President of the Al Indo-Arab Federation and CEO of Al Madina Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., Mohammed Majid Ahmed, State Youth President of QIRP, Mohammed Aslam Khan, Mohammed Sarfaraz, Mohammed Etesham Khan, Syed Javed, Mohammed Mustafa, Mohammed Idrees, Mohammed Murtaza, and Mohammed Taha, who conveyed their blessings to the newlywed couple.

Gautam Goud Inspects Civic Issues in Sai Nagar

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Senior Congress leader Balling Gautam Goud visited Sai Nagar to inspect civic issues and interact with residents over their grievances.

He was accompanied by Water Works Manager Gurnath, Assistant Engineer Pratap, and Work Inspectors Das and Prasad during the field visit. The team met local residents and gathered details about the problems affecting the colony, with water supply emerging as the primary



concern. Residents also raised other civic issues that require immediate attention. After assessing the situ-

ation, Gautam Goud held discussions with the officials and urged them to take swift action to resolve the complaints.

He assured the residents that he would coordinate with the concerned departments to ensure early solutions to their problems. Stating that public welfare remains his top priority, Gautam Goud reaffirmed his commitment to staying accessible to the people and working continuously for the improvement of basic civic amenities in Sai Nagar.

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