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Modi, Shah May Anchor BJP's Poll Campaigns



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah will take centre stage in poll campaigning in Telangana as the BJP ramps up organisational activity ahead of three crucial municipal corporation elections in the Hyderabad tri-city limits and the 2028 Assembly polls. Party sources said the national leadership has directed the state unit to sustain the rhythm of high-level visits and local engagement to sharpen the party's ground machinery and keep state leaders on their toes. Under the plan, one or two senior BJP leaders will be deputed to Telangana every month, while Union ministers will be required to mix official duties with organisational programmes focused on direct interaction with party

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Revanth Cracks Whip Over Monsoon Mess

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday cautioned officials that a lackadaisical approach in dealing with rain-related events would not be tolerated, and warned of tough action on those who remained unavailable in the field to attend to emergency situations. Revanth Reddy, during a review meeting on monsoon preparedness, the second in two days, pointed out that despite his alerting officials on June 1 to be ready for the monsoon, they failed to respond effectively when a downpour hit the city on June 9. He expressed displeasure over the inconvenience caused to residents due to traffic jams in several areas, including Cyberabad. "Officials failed to respond effectively when heavy rains hit the city on June 9. Authorities must work proactively using data on water-logging points, black spots and traffic congestion zones," he said. Sending a strong



message of accountability, Revanth Reddy made it clear that public inconvenience would not be tolerated and that every department must work in complete coordination to keep Hyderabad moving. In a pointed reference to how the electricity department had not got its act together, the Chief Minister directed the power department to remain fully prepared to handle rain-related disruptions. "If there are tree falls disrupting power, they must be cleared, if required mobile transformers should be used to restore power supply," he said. Everyone must coordinate their work, be it officials from municipal

administration, HY-DRAA, traffic police, the HMWS&SB or the civil police. Officials right from the city police commissioner must be on the field to deal with rain related situations. He directed Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao and DGP C.V. Anand to analyse the reasons behind this situation and take action against the officials concerned. "If required, I will step on to the roads. If there are traffic snarls in future because of the rain, there will be tough action against officials," Revanth Reddy said, adding that no excuses will be tolerated. The Chief Minister directed officials to take

proactive measures regarding the rain, in accordance with India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasts. He stated that during rainfall, personnel from municipal administration, HY-DRAA, the traffic police, and the HMWS&SB, as well as civil police, must be present on the ground. He emphasised that everyone, from the police commissioner down to the lowest-ranking staff, must be out on the roads.

He directed HMWS&SB official to conduct regular water quality tests, for possible contaminants and instructed them to fully prepare to handle potential health issues arising from contamination. He also directed them to stock up on necessary medicines in anticipation of seasonal diseases. The Chief Minister instructed irrigation officials to implement robust measures at all projects. He also issued instructions that the irrigation department take strict action against any engineer who leaves the project sites.

Rafale To AI, Modi, Macron Push Ties

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron held extensive bilateral talks at the iconic Villa Kerylos in Nice on the French Riviera on Sunday, after which the two sides announced 13 outcomes, including a high-level mechanism to double bilateral trade in five years.

The two countries also agreed to institute an Economic Security Dialogue to strengthen supply chain resilience, particularly in critical minerals, and signed a General Security Agreement on the exchange and protection of classified information. Besides, 19 agreements were signed among institutions in the innovation ecosystems of the two countries. Ahead of the talks, Modi said India-France ties were driven not only by shared interests but also by a shared vision. He described the partnership as one "marked by connection and conviction, embodying innovation and inspiration, and founded upon shared values." Macron



also hailed France's "unique" ties with India. The two leaders also exchanged views on global issues, including the situations in West Asia and Ukraine. The two sides adopted the India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030 and decided to create a joint Artificial Intelligence Working Group focused on AI governance. They also agreed to establish a Centre of Digital Sciences and signed an MoU for a National Centre of Excellence for Skilling in Aeronautics and Allied Sectors at NSTI, Kanpur. A Declaration of Intent on cooperation in railway and high-speed railway development in India was also signed.

In the space sector, both sides discussed further collaboration in human spaceflight and space situational awareness, following a Letter of Intent on cooperation in micrograv-

ity research and human space exploration. They also discussed ways to expand private sector collaboration in space. On civil nuclear energy, both sides noted that India's SHANTI Act had created new opportunities for collaboration, including in small and advanced modular reactors. Foreign secretary Vikram Misri later said technical and financial aspects of the Jaitapur civil nuclear project in Maharashtra were discussed. Other outcomes included expanded possibilities for using India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) in France, which will soon be extended to airports in Paris and Nice. The two sides also agreed to incubate 10 more Indian start-ups at Station F in Paris and establish an ICCR India Chair on "AI, Innovation and Culture" at Université Paris-Saclay. The two leaders reviewed progress under the Horizon 2047 Roadmap and discussed ways to strengthen ties in economic growth, technology, innovation, talent mobility, people-to-people exchanges and culture.

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All 12 skydivers on board killed after plane crashes in Missouri

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A plane carrying passengers planning to spend a sunny afternoon skydiving crashed Sunday in Missouri, killing all 12 people aboard, authorities said.

The Missouri State Highway Patrol said in a statement that troopers were on the scene, assisting the Butler Police Department & Bates County Sheriff's Office. The crash oc-



curred near the Butler Memorial Airport. Butler is roughly 65 miles south of Kansas City. Missouri Highway Patrol Sgt Justin Ewing said the plane was taking people up to skydive. Emergency responders got a call that a plane was down and en-

gulfed in fire around 11:30 am Sunday morning, he said.

Emergency responders were able to extinguish the fire shortly after the crash, Ewing said, calling the scene "brutal."

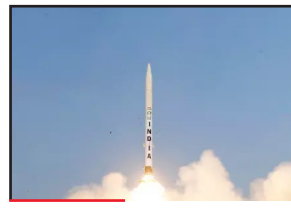
"It landed in a field adjacent to the airport, but I think they're shutting down the roadway just as a precaution," Ewing said.

The crash will be investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board, he said.

India Joins Elite Group as DRDO Showcases BMD, NASM-MR Tests

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India has conducted a series of flight-tests to demonstrate its multi-layered Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) capability, with the defence ministry stating that the system can intercept long-range and intercontinental ballistic missiles. According to the ministry, three consecutive tests were carried out on June 10 and 11 to validate the system's ability to engage incoming missiles both within and bey-



ond the Earth's atmosphere. The tests were conducted by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

"The interceptors successfully engaged their respective targets. The systems are designed and developed with the latest technologies to address

emerging missile threats," the ministry said. The ministry said the successful trials place India among a limited group of countries with such capabilities, alongside nations such as the United States, Russia and China. The BMD system is designed to counter long-range nuclear missiles and hostile aircraft, including airborne warning and control systems. It said the tests demonstrated interception at both endo-atmospheric and

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Indian Dies of Medical Complications Aboard Vessel off Oman Coast

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An Indian national died due to medical complications aboard a vessel currently docked at Duqm Port in Oman, the Indian Embassy in Muscat has said, adding that it has initiated efforts to bring his body back. The Embassy did not provide the details of the medical conditions leading to his death. In a social media post on Sunday, the Indian mission said, "The Embassy remains in close touch with family

members of the Indian national Mr Nishanth Uirthanathan, who unfortunately lost his life due to medical conditions, crew members of the vessel and concerned authorities."

"Efforts are underway to facilitate the earliest possible disembarkation and repatriation of his mortal remains," it added.

Earlier on Saturday, the mission had confirmed that Uirthanathan was aboard MT Celestial when he "passed away due to medical complications."

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Rebel TMC Faction May Merge With NCPI, Back NDA

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The Trinamul Congress rebel MPs on Sunday announced their merger with the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI). The rebels also met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and sought a separate seating arrangement in the House. Making a counter-move, TMC's Lok Sabha parliamentary party leader Abhishek Banerjee, in a letter to Mr Birla, urged him not to accord any "recognition, status or fa-

cility" to any rebel factions, asserting that the Constitution and anti-defection law do not permit the formation of a separate group within an existing political party.

Sources in the Lok Sabha Speaker office said that 19 TMC MPs met Mr Birla. After the meeting, rebel TMC MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar claimed that two-thirds of the party's Lok Sabha members have submitted a letter seeking recognition as a separate group. "Two-thirds MPs of TMC have given a



letter to the Speaker for a separate seating arrangement. We will merge with the Nationalist Citizens Party and support the NDA," Ms Dastidar said. Confirming the merger with the NCPI, senior TMC leader and Lok Sabha MP Sudip Bandyopadhyay said that the dis-

sident camp has already joined hands with the recognised regional party. "The Nationalist Citizen Party is a recognised regional party. We have merged with it," he said. Asked about the competing claim of the Mamata Banerjee-led faction, Mr Bandyopadhyay said that the issue of who is the "real TMC" will be decided by the courts. He said they will stake claim to the TMC's electoral symbol of two flowers. "The court will decide later who the real TMC is.

We met the Speaker and gave him our request," he said. TMC leaders of the Mamata Banerjee-led faction — Kirti Azad and Sagarika Ghosh — also met Mr Birla and submitted Mr Banerjee's letter urging him not to accord any recognition to any group claiming to be a separate faction of the party. The letter dated June 10, which was sent through email earlier, said that the Constitution and the anti-defection law do not permit such a split.

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Hyderabad's spirit reflected in Salar Jung Museum: Telangana Deputy CM

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, speaking at the 75th anniversary of the Salar Jung Museum and the 137th birth anniversary of Salar Jung III, hailed the museum as Hyderabad's cultural soul and a symbol of religious harmony.

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Sunday described the Salar Jung Museum as the embodiment of Hyderabad's soul and a living testament to religious harmony and secularism.

He participated in the 75th anniversary celebrations of the Salar Jung Museum and the 137th birth anniversary of Salar Jung III Mir Yousuf Ali Khan, the man behind the world's largest single-person collection of antiques and art.

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, state Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar, AIMIM MLA Mir Zulfikar Ali and others also addressed the celebrations. The Deputy Chief



Minister hailed Salar Jung III, former Prime Minister of the seventh Nizam of Hyderabad, as a visionary who captured the essence of the world.

He noted that while people often forget small items such as spectacles or car keys, Salar Jung III preserved an entire world civilisation.

He remarked that collecting 43,000 artefacts was not merely an act of collection but a reflection of

his immense devotion to art.

He praised Salar Jung III's unparalleled generosity in using his personal resources to acquire rare global treasures and historical objects, ultimately transforming them into public assets.

He noted that the museum houses Hindu bronze idols, copies of the Holy Quran, Christian Madonna sculptures and Buddhist artefacts under

one roof. He highlighted the unique presence of ritual objects that combine the ten avatars of Lord Vishnu with verses from the Quran.

He remarked that this was not merely a speech about religious harmony but living proof of secularism — an embodiment of the Deccan's 'Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb' (syncretic culture).

He described the Musi River, flowing beside the museum, as a stream of Hyderabad's memories. He said that the Telangana government is committed to cleaning up the long-neglected Musi River and transforming it into an international-standard riverfront, akin to the Thames in London or the Seine in Paris.

He envisioned the Salar

Jung Museum not merely as an isolated building but as a cultural crown jewel of the revitalised Musi riverfront.

The Minister said a comprehensive plan was being prepared to allow tourists to travel along the river, walk through heritage streets and view historical artefacts.

He emphasised that Hyderabad is defined by more than just the Charminar and is also a city of Cyber Towers.

He noted the rapid growth of quantum computing and highlighted that, alongside its famous biryani, the city has emerged as a global powerhouse in biotechnology, information technology and pharmaceuticals.

Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka observed that Hyderabad has never chosen.

NRR Urges BJP Cadre To Expose Congress Failures

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BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday urged party workers to undertake door-to-door outreach and highlight the alleged failures of the Congress government ahead of the municipal corporation elections, saying a decisive victory would pave the way for the party's success in the next Assembly polls. Addressing activists at a meeting in Amberpet, Rao said an anti-incumbency wave had built up across Telangana and listed grievances from youth, farmers, women, pensioners and government employees, accusing the state of failing to deliver on multiple pre-poll promises.

He claimed that pressure from the Centre and the BJP had prompted



the government to launch drives to purchase grain, but officials had procured paddy below the minimum support price and colluded with rice millers. He said BJP leaders found grain scattered on roads and farmers facing hardship, and accused the government of masking lapses through advertisements claiming record procurement. Responding to the Chief Minister's criticism that the Centre had done little for Telangana, Rao challenged the claim and listed projects he said were delivered with Central support. He as-

serted the Modi government had sanctioned projects and assistance worth over ₹13 lakh crore for the state.

He also criticised the state administration's handling of recent rains, blaming the municipal apparatus under the chief minister for poor preparedness and asking who was responsible for two deaths in Alwal. On urban projects, he said BJP supported Musi rejuvenation but opposed eviction of poor and middle-class residents under the Gandhi Sarovar plan. Accusing MIM, BRS and Congress of a tacit understanding, Rao asserted that a BJP mayor would bring "real development" to Hyderabad and appealed to voters to ensure the party's victory in the municipal polls.

Revanth Reddy will face defeat in Kodangal over irrigation neglect: 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.

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Charging the Congress government with betraying the people of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district by sidelining the nearly completed Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, BRS working president KT Rama Rao predicted a complete rout for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy in Kodangal and the Congress party across the State in next Assembly elections. Addressing a review meeting with BRS leaders from the undivided Mahabubnagar district on Sunday, Rama Rao said people have become increasingly disillusioned with the Congress government. He accused the government of prioritising commissions and contracts over irrigation needs.

"The decision to keep the Palamuru-Ranga-



reddy project on the back burner had deprived lakhs of acres of agricultural land of irrigation benefits. The Congress government has failed to complete projects crucial to the district's growth while focusing on political considerations," he said.

The BRS working president asserted that Revanth Reddy, who frequently identifies himself as a son of Palamuru, has failed to deliver on the district's aspirations. He predicted that the Chief Minister would face defeat in Kodangal and would be held responsible for unfulfilled promises and devel-

opmental neglect. Recalling the BRS government's tenure, he said Mahabubnagar had transformed from a drought-prone and migration-hit district into one witnessing growth across sectors. He credited former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao with bringing irrigation, infrastructure and welfare initiatives to the region.

The BRS working president acknowledged that the party failed to communicate its developmental achievements during the previous elections effectively. However, he said people were now reassessing the contrast between the

BRS and Congress administrations.

He urged party leaders to aggressively expose the Congress government's failures while taking the BRS development narrative to the grassroots.

During the meeting, Rama Rao reviewed organisational activities, constituency-level programmes, preparations for voter list revision, and the upcoming party membership drive. He instructed leaders to strengthen the party booth-wise and village-wise ahead of future elections.

Based on feedback from local leaders, he stated that public anger against the Congress government was growing across sections and exuded confidence that the BRS would register a clean sweep in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district in the next elections

PAC Chairman Gandhi Reviews Drainage Outlet Issue in Jubilee Garden Colony

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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the drainage outlet issue in Jubilee Garden Colony under Madhapur Division and reviewed measures required for a permanent solution. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the colony has been facing severe drainage problems due to an inadequate and narrowed outlet system. He di-



rected officials to take immediate steps to restore the outlet and ensure smooth flow of wastewater to prevent inconvenience to residents. The PAC Chairman stressed the need for permanent flood

mitigation measures ahead of the monsoon season and instructed officials to repair damaged drainage manholes, remove silt and debris using Air-Tech machines, and improve water flow across the

colony. He also asked officials to ensure that the problem does not recur in the future. Gandhi assured residents that all necessary infrastructure facilities would be provided and promised to resolve public issues on priority. He reiterated his commitment to developing Sherlingampally into a model constituency with improved civic amenities. Local leaders, officials, and colony residents participated in the inspection.

Society Pushes for Public School Enrollment of Government Employees' Children

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The Society for Crusade Against Corruption has urged the government to mandate that children of government employees, public servants, and government-aided teachers study in government schools, arguing that such a policy would significantly improve the quality of public education. The organization believes that when policymakers and officials have a direct per-



sonal stake in the public school system, greater accountability and faster infrastructure development will follow. It says this would lead to better classrooms, libraries, laboratories, sanitation facilities, and digital learning resources. The Society's leadership, including President B. Shiv-

kant, Vice President G. Vijay Kumar, General Secretary M. Purushotham, Joint Secretary M. Rajesh, and Treasurer G. Sreedar, stated that many government schools already have qualified teachers but continue to suffer from inadequate facilities and administrative neglect.

Minister Hails Voluntary Blood Donors on World Blood Donor Day

Marking World Blood Donor Day, Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha extended his heartfelt greetings and appreciation to voluntary blood donors across the state, describing their contribution as a life-saving service to humanity. In a message released on Saturday, the Minister emphasized that despite remarkable advancements in medical science and technology, blood remains an irreplaceable resource that cannot be manufactured artificially. He said blood donation plays a vital role in saving lives during road accidents, emergency surgeries, childbirth, and the treatment of several serious illnesses. The Minister highlighted that voluntary blood donation ensures the timely availability of blood for patients in critical need and urged citizens, particularly the youth, to embrace blood donation as a social responsibility. He encouraged people to actively participate in voluntary blood donation drives and help strengthen the culture of humanitarian service. Damodar Rajanarasimha stated that the Telangana Government is taking comprehensive measures to maintain adequate blood stocks in government blood banks across the state. To achieve this, large-scale awareness campaigns and voluntary blood donation camps are being organized to encourage greater public participation.

TSSPDCL Chief Reviews Old City Power Safety Ahead of Muharram

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Following Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's directive to keep officials in the Core Urban Region on high alert after fatal incidents involving snapped electric wires, TG Southern Power Distribution Company Ltd. (TSSPDCL) Chairman and Managing Director Jitesh V. Patil conducted an extensive field inspection across Hyderabad's Old City to review safety measures and power infrastructure. The inspection was aimed at ensuring uninterrupted

and high-quality electricity supply during the forecast heavy rains and the upcoming Muharram observances. Patil urged officials and field staff to adopt preventive measures, identify vulnerable locations, and respond swiftly to any emergencies to safeguard public safety. As part of the visit, Patil personally inspected the nine-kilometre Dabirpura-Chaderghat route used for the annual Bibi-ka-Alam procession during Muharram. He reviewed electrical installations, assessed power supply arrangements, and examined the safety pro-

ocols in place along the procession route to prevent accidents or disruptions. The TSSPDCL chief instructed officials to deploy additional distribution transformers wherever necessary and expedite contingency plans to minimize the risk of power outages and hazards during adverse weather conditions. He emphasized the importance of maintaining reliable electricity services while ensuring public safety throughout the festive period. The inspection and review meeting were attended by Chief Engineer (Metro Zone) Bik-

shapathy, Hyderabad South Circle Superintending Engineer Srinivas, along with several divisional and assistant divisional engineers. Officials were directed to strengthen coordination among field teams, clear potential danger spots, and keep rapid response teams on standby to address any power-related emergencies during the rains and Muharram processions. The initiative reflects the state government's focus on preventing electrical accidents while ensuring seamless power supply across Hyderabad.

Yandamoori Opens Iris Florets Playschool

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Yandamoori Veerendranath inaugurated the new Iris Florets - The Happy Playschool campus at Anjaneya Nagar, Moosapet, Kukatpally, Hyderabad, on June 14, in the presence of parents, educationists, community leaders, and distinguished guests. Speaking at the event, Dr. Veerendranath highlighted the importance of quality early childhood education, stating that a child's first learning experiences build the foundation for lifelong curiosity, creativity, and confidence. He noted that schools promoting joyful learning and independent thinking play a crucial role in shaping responsible citizens and strengthening the nation. The inauguration included a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony, the unveiling of the new campus, and an interactive session with parents and children. Directors Mrs. Deepthi Kanduri and Mrs. Sirisha Kan-



dada said it was an honor to have Dr. Veerendranath inaugurate the campus, adding that his commitment to education and personality development aligns with the vision of Iris Florets. They emphasized that the school aims to provide a nurturing environment where learning is enjoyable, meaningful, and future-ready. The newly launched campus features modern classrooms, experiential learning spaces, interactive activity zones, safe play areas, and internationally benchmarked teaching methods focused on holistic child development. Admissions are now open for Playgroup, Nursery, PP1, and PP2.

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.

HYDRAA, police step in as Hyderabad's monsoon preparedness comes under scanner

Recent spells of rain have exposed deficiencies in Hyderabad's monsoon preparedness, prompting intervention by senior police and HYDRAA officials. Civic bodies cite resource limitations and delayed infrastructure works as waterlogging, traffic congestion and rain-related fatalities continue to affect residents.

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Police top brass, right from Commissioner, VC Sajjanar, to Director General, CV Anand stepping into address the monsoon woes for commuters with inspections of the city roads on Saturday night, raising questions about the lack of pre-monsoon preparedness at different levels of the official machinery, mainly the civic bodies. In the last week, three spells of rain have unfolded miseries for commuters with waterlogged road stretches, traffic jams and travel time stretching to hours. Not just the travails, five lives were lost due to electrocutions, killing four persons. Apart from the three civic bodies of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Malkajgiri Mu-



nicipal Corporation (MMC) and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), the other line departments, including HMWSSB, Transco and others, have a responsibility in equipping the city for a safe monsoon. However, officials of the two newly formed civic bodies of CMC and MMC say they were not in a position to shoulder these responsibilities because of limited resources, as they were established only six months ago. Managing rain-related crises is a

new experience for these organisations. A senior police officer said the reason for police department's intervention in handling the situation is that traffic and law and order cops are always on duty throughout the city and are the first responders and able to act quickly to divert traffic, place barricades on waterlogged roads, and manage stranded commuters. They ensure that the traffic goes smoothly and prevent a complete gridlock. The Hydraa has a sufficient staff, and the 'Dis-

aster Response Force' (DRF) along with Monsoon Emergency Teams (MET) can act promptly and cover water-logging hot spots, deal with the affected areas, and remove uprooted trees. A CMC senior engineer admitted that after trifurcation, putting together the information on the stormwater drains network has turned into a difficult task for them. "During the first half of the three months, we were working on it. After that, tenders were called to desilt the nalas and by the time desilting work started, the monsoon arrived," the official said. An MMC official conceded the civic body cannot manage the rain-related crisis on its own and would need co-ordinated action with key departments, including the police and Hydraa.

AI to Empower Doctors, Says Health minister

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Health minister Damodar Rajanarasimha on Saturday said artificial intelligence (AI) had the potential to significantly enhance doctors' capabilities and must evolve into a powerful tool in the hands of medical professionals to save lives. "Until now, healthcare systems have largely focused on treating diseases after they occur. Today, with AI, genomics, advanced diagnostic technologies and digital health innovations, it is becoming possible to predict diseases, prevent them and deliver personalised treatment tailored to every individual," he said. Addressing the valedictory session of the international conference AI in Healthcare 2.0 - Power-



ing Precision and Personalising Care at private hospitals in Hitec City, Rajanarasimha stressed that however advanced AI may be, its ultimate purpose should be to improve people's lives. He revealed that AI-based initiatives are already being introduced in the public healthcare system, including AI-assisted X-ray analysis, early sepsis detection systems and technologies capable of identifying diseases such as fatty liver at an early stage. The government plans to expand AI-powered dia-

gnostic systems to district hospitals to ensure advanced healthcare services reach even areas where specialist doctors are unavailable, he said. "AI will not replace doctors. It will empower them to deliver better healthcare. Technology must become a life-saving instrument in the hands of medical professionals," he added. Experts from Google, Microsoft, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Hyderabad, IISc, Novartis, Stanford University, King's College London, Medtronic and TCS participated in the conference.

Telangana Promotes Thithi Bhojan in Government Schools

Telangana Promotes 'Thithi Bhojan' to Boost Community Participation in Government Schools

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The Telangana School Education Department has directed officials across the state to promote the "Thithi Bhojan" initiative under the PM POSHAN (Mid-Day Meal) Programme for the academic year 2026-27, aiming to strengthen community participation and improve the nutritional support provided to students in Government Schools. According to proceedings issued by Dr. E. Naveen Nicolas, IAS, Director of School Education, Telangana, vide Proc. Rc. No. 19/MDM/2025-26 dated June 12, 2026, all District Educational Officers (DEOs) have been instructed to encourage the implementation of the programme by involving local communities and well-wishers in school activities. The Thithi Bhojan concept, originally introduced by the Government of Gujarat under the erstwhile Mid-Day Meal Scheme, is based on the Indian tradition of sharing food with large groups of people during special occasions such as

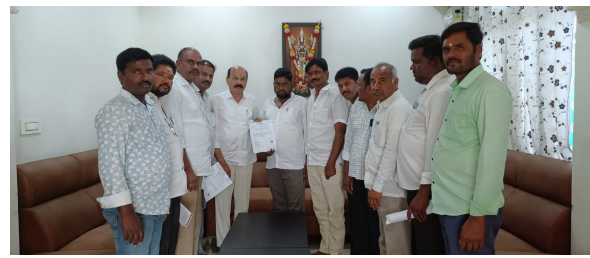
birthdays, wedding anniversaries, festivals, marriages, and other family celebrations. The initiative encourages citizens to transform these personal milestones into opportunities for social service by sponsoring meals or nutritious food items for Government School children. Under the programme, parents, alumni, philanthropists, public representatives, and social organizations, and other well-wishers can voluntarily contribute by providing meals, fruits, sweets, or other healthy food to students on significant occasions. The School Education Department believes such participation will strengthen the bond between schools and local communities while creating a supportive environment for children. Officials say the initiative goes beyond providing additional nutrition, as it promotes social responsibility and collective ownership of Government educational institutions. Increased community engagement is also expected to improve the overall learning environment and encourage greater public in-

volvement in the development of schools. The department has instructed DEOs to actively motivate communities to participate and facilitate the smooth implementation of the programme across the state. Citizens interested in organizing a Thithi Bhojan event are encouraged to coordinate with their nearest Government School and work with school authorities to arrange the activity. Carrying the message "Your Happiness - Students' Delight," the programme seeks to convert personal celebrations into meaningful contributions that benefit hundreds of children. Education officials believe the initiative can play an important role in building stronger partnerships between society and Government Schools while supporting the health, well-being, and future of young learners. The initiative aligns with the broader objective of enhancing community participation in Government Schools and improving educational outcomes through active public engagement.

Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar Provides ₹2 Lakh LOC to Patient

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Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar extended financial assistance of ₹2 lakh through a Letter of Credit (LOC) to Prashanth Kumar, a resident of Togatpally village in Kondapur mandal, who is undergoing treatment at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Hyderabad. The patient's family had been struggling to meet the high medical expenses and approached the MLA for support. Responding promptly, Chinta Prabha-



kar arranged the LOC and handed over the documents to the family at his residence in Sadasivpet. On the occasion, he expressed hope for Prashanth Kumar's speedy recovery and assured continued support to those in need. The family members thanked the MLA for standing by them during a difficult

time. The event was attended by Mandal Party President Vitthal, General Secretary Govardhan Reddy, Sadasivpet Mandal President Golla Anjana, Errolla Ravi, Sarpanch Rama Goud, Santosh Reddy, Mahender Reddy, Rachith, Ganguyya, Ameer, Hanak, Raju, and others.

BRS Will Probe HAM Road Works When it Returns to Power: MLA



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BRS MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy on Sunday alleged irregularities in Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) road projects and said an inquiry would be ordered if the party returns to power in the state. Addressing a meeting of booth-level agents in Bhongir, he accused the Congress government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, of collecting commissions from contractors in HAM road works. He alleged that project costs were being escalated multiple times to facilitate commissions and claimed that there was a possibility of toll plazas being introduced in rural areas under the HAM model.

The MLA also accused ministers from the erstwhile Nalgonda district, including N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, of neglecting development and focusing on personal priorities. He said no significant development had taken place in the district over the past two-and-a-half years. He further alleged lapses in paddy procurement, stating that purchases were yet to be completed at several centres in Yadadri-Bhongir district. Reddy also urged party booth-level agents to ensure that no genuine voters were deleted from electoral rolls during the Special Intensive Revision process. Several BRS leaders were present at the meeting.

Nirmala Jaggareddy Presents Certificates to SBI RSETI Trainees

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Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy distributed certificates to trainees who successfully completed handloom weaving training at the State Bank of India Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI) in Sangareddy. She encouraged the participants, especially women, to utilize their skills for self-employment and financial independence. Addressing the gathering, Nirmala Jaggareddy said women are excelling in every field and emphasized that they should be confident, self-reliant, and courageous in



standing up for their rights. She urged the trainees to continue practicing the skills they acquired and transform them into sustainable livelihoods. She also described former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi as an inspiration for women's leadership and empowerment. Earlier, SBI RSETI Director M. Rajesh Kumar welcomed the chief guest

and highlighted the institute's efforts in providing free skill development training to rural youth under SBI's initiative. He said the institute offers free training along with food and hostel facilities, enabling many participants to secure employment or establish self-employment ventures after completing their courses. During the event, Nirmala Jaggareddy appreciated a bridal makeup exhibition prepared by 34 beauty parlour trainees, featuring traditional themes such as Goddess and Bharat Mata. The program was attended by Councillor Ravinder Naik, coordinators Shivshankar and Narsimlu, JRP Lakshmi Priya, Durga, and other officials.

Indiramma Sarees Distributed to SHG Women in Cantonment

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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 Sada-nand, 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,

Modi Says India Moving Towards Healthier Future

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India has made significant progress in making healthcare affordable and accessible over the last 12 years, highlighting flagship government initiatives such as Ayushman Bharat and the PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana. He asserted that the country has focused on ensuring quality healthcare reaches even the most vulnerable sections of society while expanding opportunities in medical education. In a series of posts on X, the Prime Minister said India takes pride in being home to the world's largest healthcare programme, Ayushman Bharat, which provides quality medical treatment to millions of economically weaker citizens. He noted that the scheme has transformed



access to healthcare by reducing the financial burden on families requiring hospitalization and critical treatment. Modi also emphasized that the PM Bharatiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana has played a crucial role in making essential medicines available at affordable prices through a nationwide network of Jan Aushadhi Kendras. According to him, the government's decision to regulate the prices of life-saving medical devices such as cardiac stents and knee implants has further benefited patients by significantly lowering treatment costs. The Prime Minister high-

lighted reforms in medical education, stating that the establishment of more medical colleges and the increase in the number of seats have improved access for aspiring students across the country. He said these measures have strengthened the healthcare workforce while creating opportunities for students, particularly in underserved regions. "We will keep building on this ground covered so far in order to build a healthy India," Modi said, reaffirming the government's commitment to expanding healthcare infrastructure and improving medical services. Quoting a post by MyGov India, the Prime Minister described the achievements as "a glimpse of how the health sector has been transformed" over the past 12 years under the theme "12 Years of Swasth Bharat." MyGov

India stated that healthcare accessibility has remained a key national investment and that the country's healthcare ecosystem is now more accessible, resilient, and future-ready. It noted that increased medical institutions and expanded educational capacity have contributed to a larger pool of trained healthcare professionals, strengthening the nation's health system. The government highlighted several milestones achieved during this period, including the implementation of Ayushman Bharat, wider availability of affordable medicines through Jan Aushadhi, regulated prices for stents and knee implants, expansion of medical colleges and seats, and improved healthcare access with lower treatment costs for citizens across India.

SIR Drive To Verify Over 4.16 Crore Voters Begins Across AP Today

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The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will commence across Andhra Pradesh on Monday, with election authorities launching a massive door-to-door verification exercise aimed at ensuring a clean, accurate and inclusive voter database ahead of future elections. Under the supervision of the Election Commission, as many as 46,397 booth level officers (BLOs) will visit households across all assembly constituencies from June 15 to July 14 to verify voter details and update electoral records. The exercise will cover more than 4.16 crore electors. Chief electoral officer Vivek Yadav said extensive preparations, including training



programmes for BLOs and election staff, have been completed. Necessary forms and verification materials have also been distributed to facilitate the smooth conduct of the revision process. During house-to-house visits, voters will be required to furnish relevant information and supporting documents to establish their eligibility. Citizens have been urged to cooperate with BLOs and keep documents ready to avoid delays in verification. The revision aims to eliminate inaccuracies in electoral rolls by removing names of deceased voters, deleting

duplicate entries, updating details of shifted voters and enrolling eligible new voters. Election officials emphasised that the objective is not only to purify voter lists but also to ensure that no eligible citizen is excluded. Electoral registration officers (EROs) and assistant electoral registration officers (AEROs) will oversee the exercise and address issues arising during the process. Additionally, 68,868 booth level agents (BLAs) nominated by recognised political parties will assist electors and help maintain transparency. The Election Commission has launched an awareness campaign encouraging citizens to actively participate and verify their details through its online voter services platform.

US, Pakistan Claim Iran Peace Deal Framework, Signing Expected Soon

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The United States and Pakistan on Saturday announced that an initial framework to end the Middle East conflict involving Iran had been reached, with U.S. President Donald Trump claiming the agreement would be signed on Sunday. However, Iran indicated that a formal signing was not expected so soon, highlighting continuing uncertainty

over the peace process. Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif said both sides had agreed on a framework for a peace deal and that Islamabad was preparing for an electronic signing ceremony, followed by technical-level negotiations next week. Trump also stated on social media that the agreement would result in the immediate reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, a crucial global oil shipping

route that Iran has effectively blocked during the conflict. Iran, however, urged caution over the timeline. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmaeil Baghaei said a memorandum of understanding was unlikely to be signed on Sunday, although such a development could occur in the coming days. He added that hesitation from the other side required careful handling of public statements re-

garding the process. The conflict, which began on February 28 following joint U.S.-Israeli strikes on Iran, has disrupted global energy markets and claimed thousands of lives, particularly in Iran and Lebanon. Despite previous moments of optimism, this is one of the strongest indications yet that negotiations could lead to a ceasefire. According to sources familiar with the draft agreement,



the proposed memorandum calls for Iran to reopen the Strait of Hormuz while the United States would gradually lift its naval blockade and begin releasing billions of dollars in frozen Iranian assets. Washington is also expected to waive

certain sanctions on Iranian oil exports as part of the arrangement. Negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme would follow during a 60-day period. A U.S. official said the ultimate objective is the dismantling of Iran's nuclear programme and the removal of its highly enriched uranium stockpile. Iran's Foreign Minister Abbas Araqchi, however, maintained that Tehran seeks to retain its ura-

nium in diluted form rather than eliminate the programme entirely. The agreement could also include discussions on war reparations for Iran, although U.S. officials disputed reports that Washington would abandon its longstanding demands regarding Iran's missile programme. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stated that Israel would not be a party to the proposed agreement

and intends to retain the freedom to act against security threats. Iran has suggested that any deal should also lead to an end to the conflict in Lebanon and an Israeli withdrawal from occupied areas, a position rejected by Israeli officials. Despite significant differences remaining, officials from all sides described the current framework as the closest the parties have come to a potential

SPDCL Launches Monsoon Safety Drive

NEW DELHI
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The southern discom on Sunday announced a comprehensive monsoon preparedness programme combining a new "Walk Along the Line" initiative with a large-scale "Poles & Lines Special Drive" to strengthen the distribution network and minimise outages during the rainy season. Jitesh V. Patil, chairman and managing director of Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Lim-

ited (TGSPDCL), at a teleconference with senior officials, stressed the need for improved reliability and directed that every employee, from artisan level upwards, participate in field inspections between the 10th and 20th of each month from 9 am to 10 am. Under the "Walk Along the Line" programme, staff must physically inspect lines in their jurisdictions, identify defects and initiate corrective action while observing safety protocols and en-

gaging with consumers. Running in parallel, the "Poles & Lines Special Drive" will inspect 33 kV substations, 33 kV and 11 kV feeders, distribution transformers and LT networks across the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area. Activities include rectification of damaged or bent poles, repair or replace-



ment of loose or sagging conductors, replacement of damaged insulators, inspection of transformers and associated structures, and logging all works with GIS coordinates and before-and-after photographs. A focused feeder maintenance and tree-trimming programme will run for two weeks, prioritising feeders with historically high interruption rates and coordinated with civic authorities for branch removal and disposal. To boost safety and field efficiency,

Congress Questions PM's Silence Over Death of Sailors

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Sunday escalated its attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the deaths of three Indian seafarers in US military strikes on commercial vessels off the Oman coast, alleging silence and failure to defend national interests. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi accused the Prime Minister of not responding after the United States warned that violations of its naval blockade in the Strait of Hormuz and transport of



Iranian oil would not be tolerated. In a post on X, Gandhi said, "A compromised Prime Minister remains silent, listens like an obedient servant and follows orders," alleging that the government had failed to protect Indian citizens and national dignity. He also said the US had continued issuing directives instead

of expressing regret over the deaths, and cited statements that commercial vessels must comply with American military orders, adding that a sovereign nation would not accept such language. Gandhi raised the case of Indian sailor Nishanth Uirthanathan, who died due to medical complications aboard MT Celestial docked at Duqm Port in Oman, and urged the government to expedite repatriation of his mortal remains. The Indian Embassy in Muscat confirmed the death and said efforts were under way to

bring the body back to India. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge questioned the Prime Minister's silence three days after the incident. "Indian lives cannot be treated as an afterthought in matters of foreign policy," he said, adding that "silence is not a substitute for accountability." Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra described the government's response as "shameful" and said India must firmly convey to the US that it is a sovereign nation capable of defending its interests.

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The two leaders reviewed progress under the Horizon 2047 Roadmap and discussed ways to strengthen ties in economic growth, technology, innovation, talent mobility, people-to-people exchanges and culture. They also called for early implementation of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement. On people-to-people ties, Modi thanked Macron for the swift operationalisation of visa-free transit for Indian nationals at French airports. The two leaders discussed ways to enhance the mobility of talent and students and expand mutual recognition of educational qualifications. Modi also invited

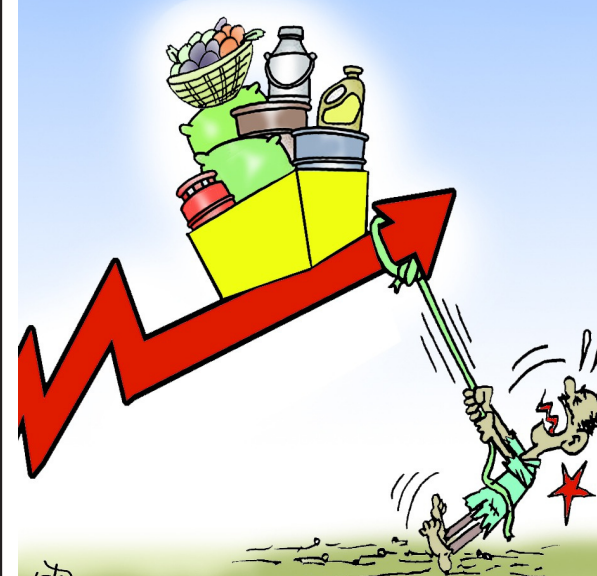
French universities to open campuses in India under the New Education Policy. Earlier, Modi and Macron jointly inaugurated "Bharat Innovates 2026" at the Palais des Expositions in Nice. Addressing over 350 investors and venture capitalists from across the world, Modi urged them to "come to India, work with us, design in India, develop in India and create solutions for the world." "Innovation is in India's DNA," Modi said, adding that India had built a strong innovation ecosystem over the past 11 to 12 years. "Today, India is the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem," he said. Bharat Innovates, a three-day event, brought together Indian deep-

tech start-ups, innovators, researchers and investors with global innovation funds. **Rebel TMC.....** Asked about the competing claim of the Mamata Banerjee-led faction, Mr Bandyopadhyay said that the issue of who is the "real TMC" will be decided by the courts. He said they will stake claim to the TMC's electoral symbol of two flowers. "The court will decide later who the real TMC is. We met the Speaker and gave him our request," he said. TMC leaders of the Mamata Banerjee-led faction — Kirti Azad and Sagarika Ghosh — also met Mr Birla and submitted Mr Banerjee's letter urging him not to ac-

cord any recognition to any group claiming to be a separate faction of the party. The letter dated June 10, which was sent through email earlier, said that the Constitution and the anti-defection law do not permit such a split. **Modi, Shah May.....** Union defence minister Rajnath Singh recently underlined the approach during a two-day tour of the twin cities, meeting intellectuals and attending official events that combined governance messaging with political outreach. BJP president Nitin Nabin had also planned a three-day statewide tour to meet district-level leaders and activists from Sun-

day. State president N. Ramchander Rao said the trip was postponed due to Nabin's local engagements in Delhi, with fresh dates to be announced. The party has decided that most senior leaders visiting Telangana will allocate a minimum of two days, giving them time to confer with local leadership, hold public meetings and settle organisational matters. Strategists say extended visits — rather than short stops — will help strengthen coordination, iron out local differences and maintain a steady public profile for the national leadership across Telangana.

Retail Inflation



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Medicos Question Valuation Process of Postgrad Exam Papers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-judge panel of the Telangana High Court comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and Justice Gadi Praveen Kumar sought the stand of the National Medical Commission in an appeal concerning the valuation of postgraduate medical examination answer scripts. The panel was hearing a writ appeal filed by Durgam Venkatesh Kumar and four other postgraduate students of Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences. The appellants challenged the dismissal of their writ petition questioning the valuation process adopted for the October 2025 PG MD/MS



examinations. Their grievance was that their answer scripts were evaluated by two valuers instead of four examiners, thereby reducing the possibility of securing a higher average score through assessment by a larger number of examiners. The appellants contended that Regulation 8.2(b) of the Post-Graduate Medical Education Regulations, 2023 provided that "the minimum number of examiners for

post-graduate examination shall be four", of whom at least two must be external examiners. They submitted that the single judge interpreted Regulation 8.2 as dealing only with the conduct of examinations and Regulation 8.4 as governing valuation of answer scripts, thereby treating examiners and valuers as distinct categories. According to the appellants, Regulation 8.4(a), which provides that "all the teachers of the other colleges of the concerned university or universities, who are eligible to be postgraduate examiners can perform the valuation of the answer scripts", must be read harmoniously with Regulation 8.2(b). The panel expressed reservations regarding the bona fides of the appeal, observing that some of the appellants themselves appeared for the supplementary examinations and passed despite being subjected to the same valuation process which they were now challenging. The court posted the matter for further hearing directing after the National Medical Commission to get instructions in the matter.

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 Hardik 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.

Mega Drug Bust: 5 Arrested with 201 kg Ganja Worth ₹1 Crore in Kothagudem

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Five people, including a woman, were arrested at Pallipadu in Konijerla mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Sunday for allegedly transporting 201 kg of ganja worth about ₹1 crore, police said. The accused were identified as Amul Nanoba Gore, 35, and Lakshman Naganath Kare, 26, of Maharashtra, and Vasantha Jadhav, 40, Shaik Ansar,



30, and Shaik Rahmat, 32, of Kamareddy district. According to police, the arrests were made during vehicle checks on the Wyra-Khammam road. Police intercepted a car and a Bolero mini truck heading towards Kham-

mam from Wyra and allegedly found 201 kg of ganja being transported in the vehicles. Police said the consignment was being moved illegally and seized the contraband along with the vehicles. The alleged supplier and intended receiver of the ganja escaped and are being traced. Konijerla police registered a case and launched efforts to apprehend the absconding accused.

'Work From Bike' Video in Madhapur Goes Viral, Raises Safety Concerns

A video of a man riding a motorcycle with an open laptop placed on the fuel tank has gone viral on social media, sparking concerns over road safety and work-life balance. The incident was reportedly recorded near Hitex Kaman in Hyderabad's Madhapur IT corridor. The footage shows the rider navigating traffic while the laptop screen remains open, prompting social media users to dub the incident "Work From Bike." Many netizens expressed concern, saying such behavior endangers not only the rider but also other road users.

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.

Madhapur Police, SOT Bust Drug Racket; Peddler Held with MDMA and OG Kush Ganja

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The Madhapur Police, along with the Special Operations Team (SOT), Kukatpally, busted a drug distribution and consumption network operating from an apartment in Chandra Naik Thanda, Madhapur, during a raid conducted on June 13. Police arrested 22-year-old Dhanekula Tharun Teja, a resident of Vijayawada, and seized 15 grams of MDMA, 382 grams of OG Kush Ganja, nine mobile phones, two weighing machines, and drug con-



sumption and packing materials. During the operation, eight youths staying in the flat and reportedly searching for employment were found consuming narcotic substances. They informed police that they had pro-

cured the drugs from the accused. Police said the arrested accused was allegedly sourcing MDMA and OG Kush Ganja from two suppliers based in Vijayawada, identified as Karthik and Pruthvi, who are currently absconding. Efforts are underway to trace and arrest them and identify the larger supply network. The operation was carried out under the supervision of Rituraj and Shoban Kumar. Police appealed to parents and youth to stay vigilant against drug abuse and support efforts toward a drug-free society.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Nab 53 Drunk Drivers in Weekend Special Drive

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The Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk-and-drive enforcement drive and caught 53 offenders across the commissionerate limits. Of the total cases, 48 involved two-wheelers, three involved three-wheelers, and two involved four-wheelers. No heavy vehicle drivers were booked during the operation. According to police, 38 offenders recorded Blood Alcohol

Concentration (BAC) levels between 36 mg/100 ml and 200 mg/100 ml, seven had BAC levels between 201 mg/100 ml and 300 mg/100 ml, while eight

offenders registered BAC levels ranging from 301 mg/100 ml to 550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be produced before the court. Cyberabad Traffic Police warned

that drunk driving is a serious offence. Police stated that if an intoxicated driver causes a fatal accident, a case will be registered under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment along with a fine. During the week from June 8 to June 13, courts disposed of 210 drunk-driving cases, imposing fines, social service, and other penalties on offenders, said G. Hanmantha Rao.



Sensex Soars 1,695 Points; Nifty Reclaims 23,600 as Global Optimism Boosts Markets

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp rally on Friday, with the benchmark BSE Sensex surging 1,695.40 points, or 2.30%, to close at 75,527.95, while the NSE Nifty gained 461.30 points, or 1.99%, to settle at 23,622.90. The strong gains were driven by easing geopolitical tensions, falling crude oil prices, and a broad-based rally in global equity markets. During the trading session, the Sensex climbed as much as 1,775.47 points to touch 75,608.02, while the Nifty reached an intra-day high of 23,645.35. Investor sentiment improved significantly



after US President Donald Trump announced that the United States had effectively ended its conflict with Iran and that a peace agreement was expected to be signed in Europe over the weekend. He also claimed that Iran had agreed not to pursue nuclear weapons, reducing fears of a prolonged regional conflict. The development triggered a sharp decline in global crude oil

prices, which fell nearly 4% to trade below USD 90 per barrel. Lower oil prices are considered beneficial for India, a major crude importer, as they help ease inflationary pressures and improve the country's trade balance. Among the top performers on the Sensex were Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, InterGlobe Aviation, Titan, Eternal, and HDFC Bank, while Tech Ma-

hindra and Power Grid were the only major laggards. Market analysts attributed the rally to aggressive short covering and improving global cues. According to Bajaj Broking Research, optimism over a potential US-Iran peace deal, a recovery in the Indian rupee, declining crude prices, and supportive international markets collectively boosted investor confidence throughout the session. Broader markets also posted impressive gains. The BSE SmallCap Select Index advanced 2.75%, while the Mid-Cap Select Index rose 2.66%. Sectoral indices were led by Realty, which jumped 3.55%, followed by Industrials, Financial Services, Private Banks, and Ban-

kex. Market breadth remained firmly positive, with 3,222 stocks advancing, 1,046 declining, and 154 remaining unchanged on the BSE. On a weekly basis, the Sensex gained 1,284.61 points (1.73%), while the Nifty rose 256.20 points (1%). Asian markets, including South Korea's Kospi and Japan's Nikkei, also ended significantly higher, while European markets traded in positive territory. Analysts believe easing geopolitical risks and lower crude prices have strengthened optimism, although Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) remained net sellers, offloading equities worth ₹1,987.09 crore in the previous session.

Air New Zealand evaluating direct flights to India: CEO

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Air New Zealand is assessing the viability of direct flights to Indian cities and the recent free trade agreement between New Zealand and India provides increased opportunities for people to people connectivity, according to the airline's CEO Nikhil Ravishankar. Born in Bengaluru in India, Ravishankar took over the reins of Air New Zealand in October 2025. His parents moved to New Zealand when he was around 14 years old. "We are thinking about how to better connect the two countries... we are working closely with Singapore Airlines and Air India around servicing and connecting with India," Ravishankar told PTI. Speaking with PTI on the sidelines of the recently concluded annual general meeting of the global air-



lines' grouping IATA in the city, Ravishankar also said that Air New Zealand has a codeshare partnership with Air India. Generally, a codeshare partnership allows an airline to book its passengers on its partner carrier on a single ticket. To a query on whether direct air connectivity between New Zealand and India is an option, Ravishankar replied in the affirmative. "Work is underway to assess the viability of those direct routes..." he said. Recently, India and New Zealand entered into a Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Ravishankar noted that the FTA is quite exciting for both countries in terms of improving

trade as well as people-to-people connections. In New Zealand, the third biggest ethnic group is the Indian diaspora and both countries have common interests, including cricket. Interestingly, Air India's outgoing CEO and MD Campbell Wilson is a native of New Zealand. Air New Zealand has a fleet of around 115 aircraft comprising jets and turboprops. There are wide-body Boeing 777s and 787s. Besides, the New Zealand carrier is working with Indian companies, including Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and IBS Software, for various services, Ravishankar said. Air New Zealand, Air India and Singapore Airlines are part of the airlines' grouping Star Alliance. In March last year, Air India and Air New Zealand signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that includes

80 per cent probability of El Niño raises concerns over food prices

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The possibility of an El Niño weather pattern developing this year has raised concerns over inflation in India, particularly food prices, according to a new research report by Bank of Baroda (BoB). The report states that there is an 80 per cent likelihood of an El Niño event during the June-August period, with the probability of it contin-

uing until at least November exceeding 90 per cent. Since El Niño is often associated with weaker monsoon rains and lower agricultural output, it could create upward pressure on food inflation in the coming months. Despite these concerns, the report highlights some positive factors that may help cushion the impact. Reservoir levels across the country, as of June 11, are higher than nor-

mal storage levels, and vegetable arrivals in markets have remained satisfactory. These factors could help stabilize supplies if weather conditions do not deteriorate significantly. The BoB Research note, however, cautions that only the coming weeks will determine whether current supply conditions are sufficient to offset any inflationary shocks arising from food and fuel prices. Economist Dipanwita



Mazumdar projects that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation for FY27 is likely to settle between 5.2 per cent and 5.5 per cent,

assuming some impact from El Niño and an average crude oil price of \$90-100 per barrel. India's headline CPI inflation stood at 3.9

per cent in May 2026, slightly below BoB Research's estimate of 4.1 per cent but higher than the 3.5 per cent recorded in April. The increase was largely driven by rising food and fuel prices. Food inflation climbed to 4.8 per cent, while transport inflation accelerated following recent hikes in petrol and diesel prices. Inflation in restaurant and accommodation services also increased.

The report noted that core inflation, which excludes food and fuel prices, rose to 3.9 per cent, indicating that underlying price pressures are beginning to strengthen. Analysts believe businesses may gradually pass on higher input costs to consumers as demand remains stable. Looking ahead, BoB Research expects inflationary risks to intensify due to elevated fuel costs, higher freight

charges, and weather-related uncertainties linked to El Niño. The report warns that rising transportation expenses could further push up food prices through second-round effects. It emphasizes the need for close monitoring of these developments, as adverse weather conditions and increasing input costs could keep both food and core inflation under pressure in the months ahead.

India Emerges as a Fast-Growing Global MICE Destination



(L-R) Ms Adeline Vancouweleert, CEO, UFI; Mr. Sunam Billa, Additional Secretary & Director General, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India; Mr. Sooraj Dhanan, President, IEA; Mr. Balwinder Singh, Assistant Secretary, FICCI; Mr. M. S. Shanmugam, Commissioner of Tourism, Government of Tamil Nadu; Mr. Arjun Narain; & Mr. A. Balram Babu, President, TCEI inaugurating the 2nd India for MICE, as part of the World Events Economy Week (WEEW) 2026, jointly hosted by Telangana Tourism, HITEK Exhibition Centre & Telangana Chamber of Events Industry (TCEI), today at HITEK Exhibition Centre.

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India is rapidly positioning itself as a leading global destination for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions (MICE), with industry experts and government officials highlighting its strong economic growth, expanding infrastructure, and rising international appeal at the 2nd Edition of India for MICE during World Events Economy Week (WEEW) 2026 at HITEK Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad. Officials stated that India's exhibition economy is growing by over 8% annually, while the convention industry is expected to expand by nearly 15%, outpacing global averages. Experts noted that India currently accounts for only a small

share of the global exhibition market, indicating enormous untapped potential. The Government of India and the Government of Telangana reaffirmed their commitment to strengthening the sector through policy support, infrastructure development, and sustainability initiatives. Hyderabad was recognized as one of the country's premier convention destinations due to its world-class facilities and government backing. Industry leaders emphasized that expanding exhibition infrastructure, adopting AI-driven event management, and promoting carbon-neutral practices will be crucial for future growth. They also highlighted opportunities in public-private partnerships and international association meetings.

Amazon India focuses on long-term growth, big investments: Samir Kumar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amazon is entering what it describes as its "most aggressive phase of expansion" in India, with Country Head Samir Kumar reaffirming the company's long-term commitment to the market. The announcement follows Amazon's plan to invest an additional USD 35 billion by 2030, adding to the USD 40 billion it has already invested in India. The new investments will support business expansion, AI-driven digital transformation, exports, and job creation. Speaking about the company's strategy, Kumar said Amazon is focused on winning Indian consumers by continuously improving customer experience rather than worrying about increasing competition. He emphasized that the leadership team remains committed to serving customers and building the business for the long run. Ama-



zon also aims to strengthen its logistics and quick-commerce operations through Amazon Now, with plans to expand services across 100 cities and establish 1,000 micro-fulfilment centres. According to Kumar, these investments demonstrate the company's confidence in India's growth potential and its intention to remain a major player in the country's digital economy. Addressing regulatory concerns surrounding the e-commerce sector, Kumar stated that Amazon follows a compliant business model globally and applies the same standards in India. He stressed that adhering to local laws and regulations is a top priority

and that regulatory challenges in India are no different from those faced in other markets. Over the years, Amazon has built a diversified presence in India across e-commerce, cloud computing, digital payments, entertainment streaming, logistics, devices, and seller services. Its expansion into quick commerce places it in direct competition with major players such as Blinkit, Zepto, Instamart, and Flipkart, all of which are investing heavily to capture the rapidly growing instant-delivery market. India's quick-commerce sector has evolved beyond groceries and daily essentials to include electronics, beauty products, home needs,

and fashion accessories. Rising consumer demand for convenience and ultra-fast deliveries has made it one of the fastest-growing segments of the country's digital economy. Kumar expressed confidence that Amazon will eventually emerge as a market leader in quick commerce, describing it as a matter of "when and not if." He believes the company's extensive product selection, strong Prime membership ecosystem, and expanding logistics network provide a competitive advantage that rivals will find difficult to match. He also rejected the notion that quick commerce is replacing traditional e-commerce, arguing instead that it is simply a faster delivery option within the broader online retail ecosystem. Amazon's 13 years of experience in building scale and selection in India, he said, gives it a solid foundation for sustained growth.

Vysya Limelight Awards Celebrate Excellence & Legacy



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Wakeup telangana

The 11th edition of the Sumadhura Vysya Limelight Awards for Men 2026 was held with grandeur at Pradhan Convention, Financial District, Hyderabad, celebrating outstanding achievements and the enduring legacy of the Arya Vysya community. The event was attended by Andhra Pradesh Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister T. G. Bharath and former MP and senior industrialist T. G. Venkatesh, who applauded the community's significant contributions to business, entrepreneurship, philanthropy, and social development. Organized by Vysya Limelight Awards (VLA), the ceremony honored achievers across diverse fields, including business, healthcare, science, technology, renewable energy, publishing, entertainment, and startups. A special attraction of this year's event was the

inaugural Vysya Family Legacy Awards, recognizing families and institutions that have preserved excellence, values, and community service across generations. Speaking on the occasion, VLA Founder Emmadi Shivakumar said the platform was created to celebrate inspiring journeys and encourage future generations to pursue excellence. Naveen Kumar Gunda, Director-Operations of Sumadhura Group, said the awards have become a prestigious initiative recognizing individuals and families whose achievements strengthen community pride. The ceremony also presented the Most Popular Vysya Men 2026 awards through public voting, with Ramesh Kanamarlapudi emerging as the winner. The event concluded with felicitation ceremonies, networking sessions, and celebrations reflecting leadership, entrepreneurship, and a rich legacy of service.

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.

Actor Raghava Lawrence confirms 'positive decision' on TN political entry

MUMBAI
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Actor, choreographer and filmmaker Raghava Lawrence has strongly hinted at entering active politics in Tamil Nadu, stating that he has taken a "positive decision" after receiving overwhelming encouragement from the public and his fans.

Lawrence's remarks come amid growing speculation over his political future and reports that he could be considered as a candidate for the forthcoming Tiruchy East Assembly by-election.

The bypoll was necessitated after Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay vacated the constituency, having won both Perambur and Tiruchy East seats in the Assembly election and subsequently choosing to retain Perambur.

Speaking to reporters on Sunday, Lawrence said he had recently sought public opinion on whether he should step into politics by releasing a video detailing the social service activities he has carried out over the years.

According to the actor, the response from the public exceeded his expectations and played a key role in shaping his decision. "I uploaded a video highlighting the welfare initiatives and social service work that I have been involved in for many years. I asked people whether I should enter politics or continue serving society in my present capacity. The response was overwhelming," he said.

Lawrence noted that a large number of people urged him to take the political route and assured him of their support. "Many people encouraged me to join politics. I am happy that people have



invited me to take that step. I have made a positive decision," he said, without elaborating on the timing of his formal entry or the political platform he may choose. The actor, however, stopped short of making any official announcement regarding his political affiliation or electoral plans. His comments have nevertheless fuelled speculation that he could soon play a more direct role in Tamil Nadu politics.

Known for his philanthropic activities, Lawrence has built a significant public profile beyond cinema through initiatives related to education, healthcare and support for underprivileged communities.

Political observers believe that his social outreach and popularity among youth could make him a formidable entrant in the state's evolving political landscape. With the Tiruchy East by-election expected to draw considerable attention, Lawrence's latest remarks are likely to intensify discussions over his possible candidature and future political role.

India go down 3-2 to Netherlands in FIH Men's Pro League opener



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Indian men's hockey team suffered a narrow 2-3 defeat to the Netherlands in their opening match of the FIH Men's Pro League 2025-26 Rotterdam leg at Hockey Club Rotterdam on Sunday.

Dilpreet Singh (10th minute) and Sukhjeet Singh (33rd) scored for India, while Miles Bukkens (3rd), Koen Bijen (23rd) and Tijmen Reyenga (40th) found the net for the hosts.

The Netherlands began the game on the front foot, controlling possession and looking to make

early inroads. The hosts piled on the pressure with four penalty corners in quick succession and drew first blood when Bukkens fired a reverse shot past the Indian goalkeeper to hand his side an early lead.

Shilanand Lakra nearly brought India level soon after when his effort struck the post in the eighth minute. The visitors eventually equalised through Dilpreet Singh, whose finish from a narrow angle capped a sensational long pass from Harmanpreet Singh in the 10th minute.

Dominating possession in the second quarter, the Netherlands created

chances regularly but were repeatedly denied by goalkeeper Suraj Karkera. India, relying on counter-attacks, had an opportunity to take the lead through Dilpreet, but the forward was thwarted by the Dutch goalkeeper.

The hosts regained the advantage in the 23rd minute when Koen Bijen found the back of the net with a first-time strike, giving the Netherlands a 2-1 lead at halftime. India started the second half brightly, stringing together neat passes to dictate the tempo. The visitors earned their first penalty corner of the match and capitalised through a well-worked

Pooja wins women's high jump title at Indian Athletics Series in Trivandrum

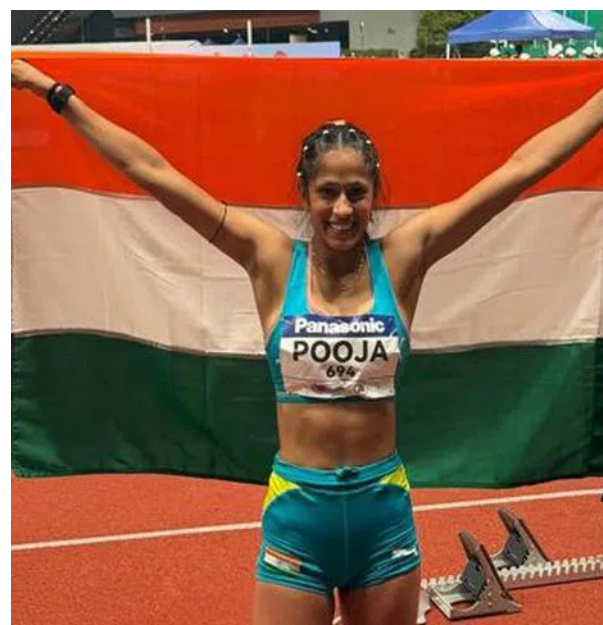
National U20 record-holder Pooja continued her dominance by winning the women's high jump with a leap of 1.81m at the Indian Athletics Series in Trivandrum. David P claimed the men's long jump title, while Rashdeep Kaur triumphed in the women's 400m

TRIVANDRUM
Wakeup telangana

India's rising high-jump star Pooja continued her impressive run in the women's high jump at the Trivandrum leg of the Indian Athletics Series on Sunday.

The 19-year-old comfortably won the event with a jump of 1.81m. Pooja had recently set a national U20 record of 1.93m at the Asian U20 Athletics Championships in Hong Kong.

The senior men's long jump provided one of the most exciting contests of the meet, with David P of NCOE Bengaluru edging out Uttar Pradesh's Shahnavaz Khan. David registered a winning leap of 8.22m, while Shahnavaz recorded 8.17m. Representing JSW, Jithin Arjunan finished third with a jump of 8.12m. In the women's 400m, Rashdeep Kaur of JSW clocked 53.32 seconds to secure first place. Results



Men
100m: Gitson I (Tamil Nadu) 10.51 secs, Sam Vasanth S (Tamil Nadu) 10.60 secs, Shandosh P (Tamil Nadu) 10.70 secs.
400m: Manu T.S. (NCOE Trivandrum) 46.24 secs, Theerthesh P. Shetty (Karnataka) 46.59 secs, Santhosh K. (Tamil Nadu) 46.73 secs.
Long jump: David P. (NCOE Bengaluru) 8.22m, Shahnavaz Khan (Uttar Pradesh) 8.17m, Jithin Arjunan (JSW) 8.12m.

High jump: Basant (NCOE Bengaluru) 2.19m, Jesse Sandesh (Karnataka) 2.13m, Aromal T. (Kerala) 2.10m.
Women
100m: Giridharani R. (Tamil Nadu) 11.61 secs, Prakruthi R. (Karnataka) 11.65 secs, Suba Dharisini (Tamil Nadu) 11.70 secs.
200m: Harita Bhadra (Reliance) 23.58 secs, Prakruthi Roopa (Karnataka) 23.75 secs, Subha Venkatesan (Tamil Nadu) 24.29 secs.

400m: Rashdeep Kaur (JSW) 53.32 secs, Saloni Nagar (NCOE Trivandrum) 53.64 secs, Devyaniba (Gujarat) 53.89 secs.

100m hurdles: Nandhini K. (Tamil Nadu) 13.42 secs, Anjali C. (JSW) 13.85 secs, Shiny Gladisia (Tamil Nadu) 14.18 secs.

Long jump: Bhavani Yadav (NCOE Bengaluru) 6.61m, Mubassina Mohammed (Anju Bobby George Academy) 6.39m, Kusunda Ravada (Anju Bobby George Academy) 6.39m.
Triple jump: Aleena T. Saji (Kerala) 12.87m, Pavithra G. (Railway Sports) 12.84m, Janice Tressa R. (Kerala) 12.71m.

High jump: Pooja (Haryana) 1.81m, Giji George (Tamil Nadu) 1.64m, Saliha K.H. (Railway Sports) 1.60m.
U20 Men
100m: Neil Samraj R. (Tamil Nadu) 10.59 secs, Rudra Shinde (Maharashtra) 10.61 secs, A.

Abubakar (Karnataka) 10.62 secs.
400m: Ranjith Kumar S. (Tamil Nadu) 47.26 secs, Abhay Kumar Dubey (Uttar Pradesh) 47.41 secs, Lodence Ramu (Telangana) 47.57 secs.
110m hurdles: Sandeep Vinod Kumar (Reliance) 13.63 secs, Fasalul Haque (Reliance) 13.76 secs, Kiran K. (Kerala) 13.80 secs.

Triple jump: Daksh Bishnoi (Punjab) 15.46m, Dhanush Raj M. (Kerala) 15.13m, Royshan P. (Tamil Nadu) 15.12m.

Long jump: Rajeev Roy (West Bengal) 7.45m, Toshik Kature (Chhattisgarh) 7.18m, Sri Ram R. (Kerala) 6.87m.
U20 Women
100m: Nipam (Uttar Pradesh) 11.75 secs, Ananya Suresh (NCOE Trivandrum) 11.85 secs, Rujula Amol (Maharashtra) 11.86 secs.
Long jump: Komal (Haryana) 5.62m, Magheli B. (JSW) 5.61m, Jasmine (Kerala) 5.47m.

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.

CJP's Demand for Pradhan's Ouster Gains Backing in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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The first Telangana protest organized by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) drew educationist and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk to Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on Sunday, where nearly 700 to 800 people gathered to demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged failures in the education system and examination processes.

The protest witnessed the participation of students affected by CBSE evaluation issues, NEET and UPSC aspirants, activists, and members of the general public. As the crowd exceeded the capacity of Dharna Chowk, many people assembled in the adjoining Indira Park and around NTR Stadium while Wangchuk addressed the gathering.



Speaking at the event, Wangchuk stressed that peaceful protest is a constitutional right and expressed concern that citizens fear consequences such as problems related to housing or school admissions for participating in demonstrations. He said a true democracy must allow people to voice their

concerns without intimidation.

The CJP presented a five-point charter of demands, including ₹10,000 compensation for affected students, re-examinations within 72 hours, manual evaluation of answer scripts, age relaxation for candidates impacted by delays, and independent audits of computer-based

examinations. CJP Telangana coordinator Vijay Mallangi also called for an investigation into examination contracts, alleging that companies facing controversies continue to receive work under different names or in other states. He further claimed that organized groups were involved in selling

question papers. Several speakers emphasized the need for accountability in the education sector. Protester Satvik Jayii said students have every right to seek accountability when their futures depend on competitive examinations. Vijay Daniel compared ministerial responsibility to that of a school principal, arguing that repeated failures should lead to resignation. Former Telangana Education Commission chairman Akunturi Murali criticized both the Union and state governments for shortcomings in education and demanded Pradhan's resignation, alleging policies that are unfair to students. Former IAS officer Harsh Mander, Prof. Nageshwar Rao, and retired IPS officer M.V. Venkat Reddy also attended the protest in solidarity.

Club Nova Clubhouse Inaugurated at Leega Aika Gated Community in Gandipet



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Leega Aika Gated Community in Gandipet inaugurated its newly developed clubhouse, Club Nova, with Managing Director Arjun Muthyalapati formally opening the facility. The clubhouse has been designed to provide residents with a range of recreational and community amenities. Speaking on the occasion, Arjun Muthyalapati said the project has successfully completed the construction of 194 villas and offers a peaceful living environment surrounded by natural greenery. He highlighted that the

community enjoys a unique location with Gandipet Lake on one side and forest parks on the other, creating a pollution-free and pleasant atmosphere for residents. He noted that the project offers excellent connectivity, with Shamshabad International Airport reachable in about 15 minutes and Gachibowli and Kokapet within 10 minutes. The combination of accessibility and a serene environment makes it an attractive residential destination, he added. Muthyalapati also stated that the company has ongoing ventures and projects in Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam, and Bengaluru, reflecting its expanding

Karate Summer Camp Concludes with Grand Valedictory Ceremony



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The 35-day Summer Camp organized by Nayak Budokan Karate Academy (NBKA) concluded with a valedictory ceremony at Sri Lakshmiyeshwara Kalyana Mandapam, Shiva-ganga Nagar, Chattrinaka, where students received GHMC certificates for completing self-defence training.

The event's Chief Guest, B. Arvind Kumar Goud Anna, Chairman of Simha Vahini Sri Mahakali Temple, Lal Darwaza, attended along with B. Suresh Goud, President of Gouli-

pura Goda Sangam, Rachha Nagar Raju of All India Padmashali Sangam, and Maredi Damodhar Reddy, Chairman of the Kalyana Mandapam, who distributed the certificates. Speakers stressed that self-defence is essential for everyone, particularly women and girls, as karate builds confidence, discipline, mental strength, and the ability to protect oneself. NBKA President P. Ganesh Naik and instructors Master Raju, Prakash, Revanth, Shiva, and other masters participated and congratulated the trainees on successfully completing the camp.

Hyderabad gets its first batch of trained safety volunteers

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Eighty community volunteers were on Sunday, June 14, certified as Margadarshaks – trained safety ambassadors who will work alongside the city police – as the Hyderabad City Security Council (HCSC) launched the programme's second batch, which has already enrolled 280 participants. The ceremony at TGICCC auditorium in Banjara Hills marked both a milestone and an



expansion for the initiative, which trains citizens in public safety, emergency response, women's safety and cyber awareness and deploys them as a bridge between residents and police support systems such as SHE Teams, Bharosa Centres and Cyber Crime units. Hy-

derabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar, who chairs the HCSC, used the occasion to announce two additions to the framework. A Police Mentors Programme will place a designated constable at every police station to guide and support Margadarshak volunteers on the ground. A

separate initiative, Span-dan, will function as an all-women first responder system covering schools, colleges, gated communities and offices. Sajjanar said the programme would also rope in retired police officers, educationists and seasoned professionals to strengthen the network. "By empowering citizens to act as force multipliers, we are successfully bridging the gap between victims and support systems," he said. HCSC Secretary Gen-

eral C Shekar Reddy said the Margadarshak model reflected a proactive, collaborative approach to urban safety that Hyderabad was increasingly being recognised for. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Women Safety Wing, Lavanya NJP briefed volunteers on the boundaries of the Margadarshak role, what they should and should not do, while stressing the value of programmes that pull the police and community closer together.

Biker makes narrow escape as tin shed falls on him in Tolichowki



Not just trees and electrical wires, people in Hyderabad are also at risk of being knocked out by falling tin sheds, adding to the challenges of stepping out during monsoons.

One such incident occurred in Tolichowki's Paramount Colony on Saturday, June 13, where a biker made a narrow escape from being buried under a tin shed.

The incident was captured on closed circuit television (CCTV) and shows people rushing for rescue as the biker falls to the ground. An official from the Tolichowki Police Station said that the shed had fallen from a pent-house due to strong winds, and the owner has been booked for negligence.

The biker, Idris, suffered an injury to his head and was shifted to CARE Hospital in Banjara Hills. He was discharged the same day.

75th Urs of Hazrat Yahya Pasha Sarkar to be Celebrated with Grandeur

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Hazrat Maulana Syed Ghulam Samdani, popularly known as Ali Qadri and President of Anjuman Qadriyya, announced during a press conference that the 75th Urs Sharif of renowned Sufi saint Hazrat Syedna Yahya Pasha Sarkar (RA) will be celebrated with great devotion, reverence, and grandeur from July 14 to July 20.

Addressing the media, Maulana Ali Qadri said that while the Urs celebrations are traditionally observed for three days every year, the family of Hazrat Yahya Pasha Sarkar (RA) has decided to extend the festivities to more days this year to mark the historic 75th Urs.

As part of the commemorative celebrations, a Mega Medical Camp and Blood Donation Camp will be organized for the benefit of the public. Free medical consultations, diagnostic services, and medicines will be provided to people irrespective of religion, caste, or nationality. Specialized eye and dental check-ups will also be conducted under the supervision of expert doctors. Free spec-



tales will be distributed to those requiring vision correction.

Maulana Ali Qadri highlighted the rich spiritual and humanitarian legacy of Hazrat Mehboobullah Sarkar (RA) and Hazrat Yahya Pasha Sarkar (RA), stating that their Khanqah institutions in the Deccan region have been actively promoting the teachings of Shariah and Tariqat while rendering humanitarian services for more than two centuries.

He noted that both shrines have well-organized facilities for devotees, including separate arrangements for men and women, with special attention given to maintaining modesty and traditional practices.

Referring to recent controversies and misinformation surrounding certain religious shrines, Maulana Ali Qadri urged the trustees appointed by the Telangana State Waqf Board to take proactive

measures to address misconceptions and safeguard the sanctity of religious institutions. He cautioned that the spread of misinformation could create misunderstandings about religious leaders across communities.

Emphasizing the true purpose of Urs celebrations, he said they serve to promote the teachings, values, and mission of great spiritual leaders and inspire society towards moral and humanitarian ideals. He appealed to the younger generation to follow the teachings of the saints and help preserve and popularize the Khanqah tradition.

Among those present at the press conference were Sikandar Mashooqi, Syed Gulrez Hassan alias Murtaza Pasha, Maulana Syed Ghulam Muhammad Waseeq, Ibrahim Pasha, Syed Munibuddin, Syed Safdar Pasha, and other dignitaries.

Syed Noorul Hussain Named Qaumi Urdu Tehreek District President

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An important meeting of the Qaumi Urdu Tehreek Foundation India, Telangana State, was held after Zuhr prayers at Mahboobia Hall under the chairmanship of Dr. Nasir Bin Ahmed Bahiyal Babar Sheikh. During the meeting, members of the Urdu-speaking community unanimously elected senior leader Alhaj Syed Noorul Hussain as the District President of the Qaumi Urdu Tehreek Foundation, Ma-



habubnagar. Foundation leaders and speakers congratulated him and expressed confidence that he would play a significant role in the promotion and development of the Urdu language across the district. Dr. Naeem Abdul Rahim, Ashfaq Ullah Baig, Mohammed Basit, and Mohammed Faheem were also present.

Advocate Mir Qurram Ali Attends Irza's Aaqeeqa Ceremony



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali attended the Aaqeeqa ceremony of Irza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mohammed Hussain, held at ALJ Function Hall in Hyderabad's Shaheen Nagar. The ceremony was attended by several prominent personalities, including Omer Boam, Dr. Mustafa Ali Sufiyani, senior journalist Mubeen Qudari, Mirza Basheer Baig, Taher, Baba, Irfan, and other distinguished guests, who extended their blessings and best wishes to the family on the joyous occasion.

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