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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday raised concerns over the tragic deaths of Indian seafarers in a recent US military strike during his address to G7 leaders, including US President Donald Trump, who was seated beside him. Highlighting the severe human and economic toll of instability in the Strait of Hormuz, the Prime Minister strongly advocated safeguarding international maritime trade routes. "We welcome the progress made in peace efforts in West Asia. This conflict has caused loss of life and property in our friendly countries in the region. Disruptions to maritime trade through the Strait of Hormuz have adversely affected the global economy," PM Modi stated. Underscoring India's commitment to the global seafaring community, he added, "Several Indian civilians have also lost their lives. The safety of seafarers, who



connect nations through global maritime trade, is our responsibility." "We must ensure that sea routes remain secure and that seafarers can carry out their work without fear," while speaking at the high-level session focused on "Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity" in Evian, France. The Prime Minister's crucial intervention took place before the leaders of the G7 nations amid West Asia tensions that have jeopardised vital shipping lanes handling a massive chunk of global energy and commercial cargo. The Strait of Hormuz stands as a pivotal global maritime chokepoint, connecting the Persian Gulf

to international waters. The statement follows a recent maritime incident in the Gulf of Oman, where three Indian nationals lost their lives after US forces targeted the Palau-flagged oil tanker Settebello. The vessel operated with a 28-member crew consisting of 24 Indians, two Pakistanis, one Ukrainian and one Russian, and was intercepted and struck by the US military over an alleged violation of a US blockade while reportedly transporting oil from Iran. The Settebello is one of three merchant vessels featuring Indian crew members to have been caught in regional maritime incidents recently.

At G7, Modi Pushes Secure Sea Lanes Amid Gulf Crisis

In a thinly veiled message to warring nations in West Asia, including the United States, while speaking at the G-7 summit in France in the presence of US President Donald Trump, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that it was the collective duty of all to ensure the safety and security of seafarers who connect the world through maritime trade so that they can perform their tasks without fear. He pointed out that Indian civilians have lost their lives in the West Asian conflict. Addressing the outreach session on "Forging New Partnerships and Rebuilding International Solidarity" at the summit, Modi said India welcomed progress in the West Asia peace talks. He pointed out that the conflict had caused destruction in the region and harmed the global economy through blockage of the Hormuz Straits. In another strong message on the issue of tariffs, of which the Trump administration has been a leading advocate, Modi remarked that in an uncertain world, trade and technology were being misused for narrow interests, leading to a trust deficit in the international arena.

Revanth Reddy Slams BRS Over Baseless Charges against Congress

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Slamming the BRS for levelling "baseless allegations" against the Congress government, Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said the opposition party even found fault with the state event hosted for football legend Lionel Messi. Speaking after inaugurating the state government's unique Telangana Public School (TPS) at Arutla village in Ranga Reddy district, he recalled Messi's visit to Hyderabad last year. "I made children of SC, ST, minority social welfare residential schools play football with Messi in front of the world. Is it not a sweet memory of a lifetime for the SC, ST, BC children if they play football with Messi. While I am trying to promote sports, some are not able to digest that Revanth Reddy brought Messi to Hyderabad," he said. Without naming BRS, the CM warned that those opposing Messi's visit would lose even their opposition status in



the next assembly elections. While my government called tenders for Rs 685 crores for the purchase of various items in social welfare schools, the BRS leaders made allegations of Rs 3,000 crore corruption, he said. "If they allege Rs 3,000 crore corruption in Rs 685 crore tender, I can only feel sorry for them," he said. Highlighting the government's initiatives in the education sector, he said 8.50 per cent of the total budget, about Rs 27,000 crore is allocated for education. While there is a tendency among parents to avoid government schools, the Telangana Public School (TPS) at Arutla had to declare that admissions are full. He said several top leaders, including former Prime Minister PV Nara-

simha Rao and former Union Minister S Jaipal Reddy, had studied in government schools, which shows that studying in state-run schools is not a matter of shame. The Telangana Public Schools are aimed at providing quality education and sports facilities to poor sections of society from Nursery to 12th Standard, he said. The Chief Minister further said the state government is setting up Young India Integrated Residential Schools, where students belonging to all sections of society study under one roof. This will help in eliminating caste differences. The government is also establishing Young India Skills University and Young India Sports University. The TPS at Arutla, equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, was set up as part of the educational reforms initiated by the Congress government. Boasting facilities that would rival corporate educational institutions, the TPS is the chief minister's "dream project".

Hearing Deferred in Rahul Gandhi Defamation Case, Next Date Fixed for June 29

The hearing in the 2018 defamation case pending against Congress leader Rahul Gandhi regarding his remarks against Union Home Minister Amit Shah in an MP/MLA court here was adjourned on Wednesday due to the case records requisitioned by an additional district judge's court in connection with a related revision petition. The MP/MLA court has now fixed June 29 as the next date of hearing in the matter. Gandhi's counsel, Kashi Prasad Shukla, said a revision petition has been filed before the court of Additional District Judge (ADJ) seeking forensic examination and comparison of Gandhi's actual voice with the voice recorded on a compact disc submitted as evidence in the case. He stated that the case records from the lower court have already been transferred to the ADJ court for hearing of the revision petition, scheduled for June 25. The matter could not be argued during the previous hearing as the records had not reached the court at that time.

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6 Sena (UBT) MPs Out Of 9 Set To Join Shinde Camp

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In yet another major setback to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, six of its nine Lok Sabha MPs have reportedly switched loyalty to Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena. They have submitted a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla seeking recognition of their merger with the Shinde-led party. The development comes amid

growing speculation over "Operation Tiger", an alleged effort by the Shinde camp to engineer a split in the Uddhav faction. The six MPs are expected to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena on June 19, the party's foundation day. Shiv Sena (UBT) has nine MPs in the Lok Sabha, and at least six of them would have to switch sides together to avoid disqualification under the anti-defection

law. The six MPs whose names are doing the rounds are Sanjay Jadhav (Parbhani), Bhausaheb Wakchaure (Shirdi), Sanjay Deshmukh (Yavatmal), Nagesh Patil Ashtikar (Hingoli), Omraje Nimbalkar (Dharshev) and Sanjay Patil (Mumbai North East). The other three MPs — Arvind Sawant, Anil Desai and Rajabhau Waze — have pledged support to Uddhav Thackeray.

Akhilesh Dismisses Split Claim, Says Samajwadi Party Remains United

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Dismissed Uttar Pradesh minister Om Prakash Rajbhar's claim of an impending split in the Samajwadi Party, Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday said the party remained strong and it was the BJP which had a history of "engineering" defections through inducements and pressure. Responding to a query at a presser on possible discontent within the Samajwadi Party (SP),

Earlier in the day, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Rajbhar claimed that a major split was likely in the SP and that several party leaders were ready to join the BJP.

Yadav, its chief, said the BJP previously succeeded in breaking several parties, including taking away legislators and leaders from the SP. "If you look at Uttar Pradesh, several SP MLAs, MLCs and even Rajya Sabha members were taken away. There must

have been some self-interest, some lure or some fear... People who get scared leave their party," he said. Earlier in the day, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Rajbhar claimed that a major split was likely in the SP and that several party leaders were ready to join the BJP. In a post on X, Rajbhar claimed that senior SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav had submitted a letter to Amit Shah, though he did not

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NREGA Workers Org Rejects VB-G RAM G Draft Rules, Protests From July 1

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Demanding the repeal of the proposed Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission - Gramin (VB-G RAM G), activists and workers' organisations on Wednesday announced protests against the new scheme from July 1. Addressing a press conference here, members of the NREGA Sangharsh Morcha, agricultural workers' unions and labour rights groups claimed that an analysis

of the government's own data showed the promised 125 days of employment under the proposed scheme was neither financially backed nor administratively feasible. The draft rules released by the Centre expose the "shrinking employment guarantee" under the scheme, they alleged, adding that "The draft rules continue the opaque erasure of MGNREGA." They further alleged that the proposed framework centralises powers with the Centre while reduc-

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Starmer Hot Mic Moment Suggests Breakthrough in India Trade Row

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UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer raised expectations that Britain has resolved a trade impasse with India, when he and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi were caught on a microphone at the G7 summit in France saying some form of agreement had been reached. "We did it," Modi can be heard saying to Starmer as the two men meet on the sidelines of the meeting, with other leaders milling around. Starmer then replies: "We did it. Yes, yes, yes, I hear. We got it over the



line. So this is good." While the subject of their conversation wasn't explicit, the exchange suggests they may be closer to resolving issues over a trade deal sealed last year, but not yet fully implemented. India initially blamed the UK's parliamentary process for the hold-up, but more recently offi-

cial from the Asian nation have suggested they could delay the progress over disagreements about new UK steel safeguards. India had been saying it may reconsider some concessions under the free trade agreement with Britain in response to the UK's recent steel safeguards, which will sharply reduce tariff-free import quotas. Following the initial exchange between Starmer and Modi, an Indian aide then asks "how will we announce it today?," with Starmer replying: "I think we put a statement out." The British premier then says "or we

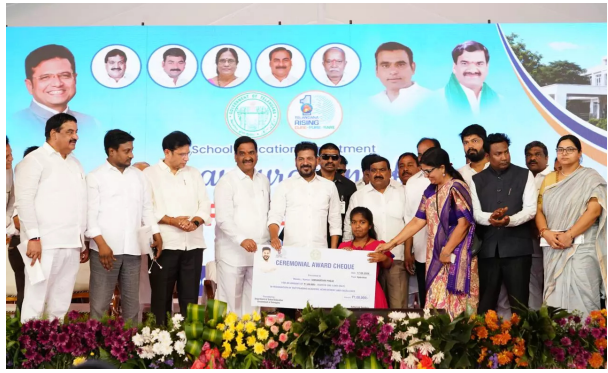
could do something more," before asking "should I ask our teams how we should do this?" Starmer's office did not immediately respond to a request for comment. Starmer and Modi had a formal bilateral meeting at the G7 summit in Evian on Tuesday, but neither of the readouts from the British or Indian sides made any mention of the steel dispute. "The leaders looked forward to the early entry into force of the comprehensive economic and trade agreement," the readout issued by the Indian government said.

CM Revanth Reddy Inaugurates Telangana Public School in Arutla

The State government is establishing Young India Integrated Residential Schools. It has already set up Young India Skills University to provide skill training to students: CM

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated Telangana Public School (TPS) in Arutla in Rangareddy district and dedicated it to the students of government schools in the State. "This inspiration is not limited to the village of Arutla but for the 27 lakh government school students in Telangana," he said, addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the school. "The future of Telangana is not in the glass houses of colored walls and we fully believe that it lies in the classrooms," he said. Based on Education



Commission report, the government is strengthening schools. As many as 1814 students have already joined TPS in Arutla. "We are seeing a situation where a no-admission board is put up at the government school. I congratulate the school teachers for this," Revanth Reddy said. "We are planning to set up a Telangana Public

School in every assembly constituency in Telangana. We are reviving government schools to unearth gems from the soil," he said, stating that many people who studied in government schools have become great leaders and officials. Former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao studied in a government

school. "I also studied in a government school and became Chief Minister," Revanth Reddy, advising students to excel in education so that their parents can live with self-respect. "You should grow up to become IAS and IPS, and politicians. I believe that Arutla village should be a model for Telangana. The government is moving forward with a plan to provide quality uniforms and kits to students," he said. The State government is establishing Young India Integrated Residential Schools. It has already set up Young India Skills University to provide skill training to students. "We will inaugurate the

Young India Skills University building on December 9," he added. "We have established Young India Sports University in view of the Olympics. We have undertaken a program to provide training in sports to students," Revanth Reddy said, recalling that students got an opportunity to play football with legend Messi. Those who resort to bad politics might not have opposition status in the future and the Telangana Public School in Arutla must be shown to critics. "You stand by us and we will create miracles. We will make Telangana a role model for the country," he added.

Heatwave conditions persist across Telangana, temperatures touch 44°C

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Heatwave conditions continued to influence weather across Telangana, with maximum temperatures on Wednesday in several parts of northern and eastern districts ranging between 41 degrees Celsius and 44 degrees Celsius.

Several parts of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Sangareddy and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri recorded maximum temperatures between 39 degrees Celsius and 42 degrees Celsius, according to data from the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TGDPs).

Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, in its five-day forecast indicated that heatwave conditions would continue to prevail in parts of Telangana till June 20. A



heatwave warning was issued for Adilabad, Kurnool, Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem and Khammam districts.

The maximum temperatures on Wednesday ranged between 43 degrees Celsius and 44 degrees Celsius in Suryapet, Khammam, Kurnool, Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nalgonda, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Hanamakonda, Peddapalli and Nizamabad, TGDPs data indicated. Jagtial,

Warangal, Nirmal, Kamareddy and Siddipet witnessed temperatures ranging between 42 degrees Celsius and 43 degrees Celsius.

A few areas in Hyderabad witnessed the highest temperatures ranging between 40 degrees Celsius and 41 degrees Celsius, while maximum temperatures in the remaining areas stayed below 40 degrees Celsius. The IMD, Hyderabad, has also forecast thunderstorms, lightning and gusty winds in almost all districts till June 22.

KTR accuses Congress government of reversing Telangana's development

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of reversing Telangana's development and failing to fulfil key promises. Addressing party workers in Khammam district, he alleged corruption, questioned welfare implementation and challenged the government to release a White Paper on debt.

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BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that the developmental progress achieved during the decade-long BRS rule was being systematically dismantled under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Addressing party workers in the Palair constituency on Wednesday, KTR claimed that the State's economy was deteriorating while corruption had reached unprecedented levels under the current administration. He alleged that Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy had expanded his "empire of corruption" and accused Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka of encouraging commission-based dealings. KTR described Revanth Reddy as a "notorious thief" and Ponguleti as a "master thief," accusing the Revenue Minister of placing nearly one crore acres under the



prohibited 22A land list and forcing landowners to surrender a portion of their land. During the meeting, KTR screened videos purportedly showing Enforcement Directorate raids conducted at Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy's residences in September 2024. He questioned why the ED, the BJP, and the Congress had remained silent on the matter despite the allegations and evidence presented. The BRS leader also criticized Ponguleti for his recent conduct toward fellow ministers. He alleged that the Revenue Minister had switched off

the microphone of Minister Konda Surekha and thrown papers at Minister Vakiti Srihari, calling the actions arrogant and disrespectful. KTR noted that both ministers belong to the Backward Classes community and were elected representatives deserving of respect. Questioning the Congress government's welfare commitments, KTR demanded clarity on its promise to construct 20 lakh Indiramma houses and provide ₹6 lakh financial assistance to poor families for house construction. He also alleged that the government was

planning to reintroduce land tax on farmers, a burden that he said former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had abolished during the BRS regime. Defending the BRS government's borrowing, KTR asserted that every rupee of the State's debt was utilized for development projects, welfare schemes, and infrastructure. He challenged the Congress government to release a White Paper detailing how the current debt burden of ₹4 lakh crore had been spent. KTR further alleged that key Congress promises, including enhanced pensions, unemployment allowance, Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima benefits, and financial support for brides, remained unfulfilled. Claiming that public dissatisfaction with the Congress government was growing, he urged BRS cadres to strengthen the party through membership drives and mobilize support for the return of K. Chandrashekar Rao's leadership in Telangana.

Rythu Nestham Episode-95 Highlights Telangana's Technology-Driven Agricultural Reforms

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Thaika Anjaiah

The 95th episode of the popular Rythu Nestham programme was successfully conducted across Telangana on Tuesday, showcasing the state's continued efforts to strengthen agriculture through technology and farmer-centric initiatives. Addressing the programme, Agriculture Minister Sri Tummala Nageswara Rao stated that farmers can now conveniently book urea from their homes through the Telangana Fertilizer Booking App, eliminating



the need to stand in long queues at fertilizer shops. He noted that the innovative Telangana model has gained national recognition and served as an inspiration for the Government of India in developing the "Framework for Fertilizer Sale" Mobile Application. The Minister informed that the Central Government's fertilizer booking application is currently being implemented as a pilot project

in Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts, besides select regions in other states. Highlighting the impact of changing climatic conditions, Sri Tummala advised farmers to focus on crop diversification and drought-resistant crops, considering the possibility of irregular rainfall due to the anticipated El Niño effect. He stressed the importance of adopting sustainable agricultural practices to minimize risks and ensure stable farm incomes. Ellareddy MLA K. Madan Mohan Rao also participated in the programme and offered valuable suggestions

regarding the efficient distribution and utilization of urea. During the interactive session, farmers who had booked urea through the Fertilizer Booking App and fertilizer dealers shared their experiences and exchanged views through the live Rythu Nestham platform. Farmer Sri Muralidhar from Hanamakonda educated participants on natural farming methods, preparation of bio-inputs, and their effective utilization, encouraging farmers to adopt eco-friendly agricultural practices.

Mator Congress Appoints New Village Committee President Ahead of Local Body Elections

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In a significant organizational development ahead of the upcoming local body elections, the Congress Party leaders and cadre of Mator village in Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, unanimously elected Bandru Siddulu as the new President of the Mator Village Congress Committee. The appointment letter was formally handed over to Bandru Siddulu during a gathering held at a local temple premises on Wednesday in the presence



of party leaders, activists, public representatives, and supporters. The occasion witnessed enthusiastic participation from Congress workers, who extended their congratulations and pledged their support to the newly appointed village president. Speaking on the occasion, senior party leaders stated that the ap-

pointment was made after consultations with local leaders and party workers, keeping in view the strengthening of the party at the grassroots level. They expressed confidence that Bandru Siddulu would play a crucial role in expanding the party's organizational structure and mobilizing support among the people.

G. Srinivas Appointed Deputy Commissioner of Miyapur Circle



G. Srinivas has been appointed as the new Deputy Commissioner of Miyapur Circle (Circle-48) under the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC). The appointment comes as the current Deputy Commissioner, Shashirekha, is set to retire on June 30. CMC Commissioner Srujana issued transfer orders on Wednesday, posting Srinivas, who was serving as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) of the corporation, to the Miyapur Circle. G. Srinivas has previously served as Joint Commissioner in GHMC and later worked as the Municipal Commissioner of Miryalaguda. Following the formation of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, he was posted to the CMC and has now been entrusted with the responsibilities of Miyapur Circle. He is expected to take charge from Shashirekha in the coming days.

Indiramma Sarees Distributed to Women in Cantonment Ward

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Former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap said the State government is prioritizing women's welfare through various initiatives and welfare schemes. He was speaking after distributing Indiramma sarees to women at a programme held at the Pension Line Community Hall in Cantonment Ward No. 1 on Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, Jampana Pratap stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is implementing several welfare measures aimed at empowering women and improving their quality of life. He said the Indiramma saree distribution pro-



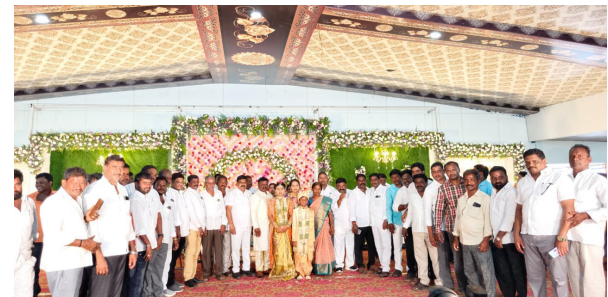
gramme reflects the government's commitment to supporting women at the grassroots level and ensuring welfare benefits reach deserving families. Local MLA Sri Ganesh, who attended the event, reiterated the government's commitment to extending welfare schemes to every household. He said efforts are being made to identify and address the needs of residents by regularly visiting slums and colonies across the constituency. Women beneficiaries

expressed gratitude to the government and local leaders for providing the sarees, stating that such initiatives offer support and relief to economically weaker families. They appreciated the efforts being made to ensure welfare assistance reaches people in need. Women Coordinator Manjula participated in the programme along with several local leaders and community representatives. Among those present were Hanmanth Rao, Jagadish, Narayana, Atma Rao, Suresh, Srikanth and Kuppaswamy. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from local women and highlighted the government's continued focus on welfare and women-centric development initiatives

MLA Balu Naik Attends Traditional Ceremony in Polepalli

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Dp Srinivas rao

Devarakonda MLA Nannavath Balu Naik participated in the traditional Pattu Vastralankarana ceremony held for the children of Dasarath and Jyothi, residents of Polepalli Ramnagar village in Chintapalli mandal, on Wednesday. Addressing the gathering, the MLA blessed the children and wished them a bright future, expressing hope that they would pursue higher education and achieve success in life. He also conveyed his best wishes



to the family, praying for the children's good health, happiness, and prosperity. Speaking on the occasion, Balu Naik said that sharing in the joys and celebrations of local families gives him immense satisfaction and strengthens his connection with the people. Several public representatives,

Congress leaders, local elected members, party workers, village elders, and residents attended the event, including Market Committee Chairman Alivelu Sanjeeva Reddy, former MPP Bhavani Pawan Kumar, and Mandal Congress President Angirekula Nagabhushanam.

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.

Polavaram Impact on TG Validated by Project Authority: Harish

He said PPA's response validates the long-standing concerns raised by Telangana, adding that the formal assurance given by PPA, a statutory authority of Government of India.

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Former Irrigation Minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao on Wednesday expressed optimism that the Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), functioning under the Government of India, would fulfill its commitments to protect Telangana's villages, farmers, agricultural lands, livelihoods, and families from any adverse impacts arising from Andhra Pradesh's Polavaram Project. In a statement issued on Wednesday, Harish Rao said the PPA had acknowledged the seriousness of the concerns he raised in a letter regarding the potential submergence and backwater effects of the



Polavaram Project on upstream habitations in Telangana. According to him, the Authority responded positively, assuring that the issues highlighted by Telangana were receiving top priority and careful attention. Harish Rao noted that during the inter-state meeting held on April 8, 2025, the PPA had assured Telangana that all areas likely to be affected up to the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of the Polavaram Project would either be safeguarded through

strong engineering protection measures or acquired under the applicable Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) provisions. He said the assurance provided by the PPA was significant as it formally recognized Telangana's longstanding concerns regarding the project's impact on vulnerable communities living in affected regions. The former minister emphasized that the response from the statutory authority of the Government of India validated the issues repeatedly raised by Telangana over the years. Harish Rao further stated that the PPA's commitment marks an important step toward ensuring justice and security for people residing in areas vulner-

able to flooding and submergence. He expressed hope that the Authority would effectively implement all promised flood-mitigation, protection, rehabilitation, and resettlement measures in a time-bound manner. Reiterating the need for continuous monitoring, Harish Rao said the interests of Telangana's affected residents must remain paramount and that every necessary safeguard should be put in place to prevent loss of homes, agricultural lands, livelihoods, and community assets due to the Polavaram Project. He urged the authorities to translate assurances into concrete action on the ground.

GHMC Commissioner Reviews Civic Works in Serilingampally

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GHMC Commissioner G. Srujana, IAS, on Tuesday chaired a review meeting in the Serilingampally Zone to assess the progress of civic and infrastructure works. During the meeting, Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, presented a detailed report on ongoing works and key issues across the zone. The Commissioner directed officials to conduct regular field inspections to identify and resolve pending issues on the ground. She instructed departments to promptly address complaints received through X (Twitter), MyGHMC, WhatsApp, and other public griev-



ance platforms, ensuring timely responses to citizens. Officials were asked to prioritize road repairs, pothole filling, and patchwork, while coordinating with utility agencies to complete road restoration works within stipulated timelines. The Commissioner also emphasized the development of sports grounds for all age groups and reviewed the utilization of sweeping machines and sanitation schedules. She stressed the ef-

fective implementation of the "One Ward - One Day" program and directed officials to focus on resolving issues related to footpaths, nala works, and other civic infrastructure. Immediate action was also ordered to address waterlogging points and implement preventive measures ahead of the monsoon season. The meeting was attended by senior officials from various departments of the Serilingampally Zone.

Congress opens Telangana's doors for global lenders

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The ongoing war of words between Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy over the Hyderabad Metro Rail has inadvertently exposed a significant shift in Telangana's fiscal strategy. The Congress government has thrown open the doors to international lending agencies that the previous BRS government had largely kept at arm's length due to concerns over policy-linked conditions and external oversight. While accusing the Centre of blocking a proposed Rs 13,600-crore loan, Revanth Reddy revealed that the funding was being sourced from a Japanese organisation, with the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) acting merely as a facilitator. Officials have since confirmed that the organisation is the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Kishan Reddy responded by highlighting that the Centre had already facilitated a Rs 4,100-crore loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for

The political confrontation between Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy over Metro Rail funding has highlighted Telangana's increasing dependence on international lending agencies, marking a significant departure from the borrowing strategy followed by previous governments.

the Musi rejuvenation project and had also provided Telangana with another Rs 11,000 crore in interest-free loans. However, the larger story lies beyond the political sparring. Since assuming office, the Congress government, which has been borrowing extensively through the auction of State securities as well as from the Centre, public sector banks and private banks, has now turned to international agencies to finance its ambitious projects. Apart from the proposed Rs 13,600-crore JICA loan for the Metro Rail takeover, the State has sought another Rs 11,700 crore from JICA for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-2A. In June last year, the State Cabinet approved a proposal to raise Rs 9,398 crore in the form of loans from agencies such as JICA,

ADB and the New Development Bank (NDB) for Metro Phase-2B. The Centre also approved external multilateral funding of Rs 4,049 crore from the ADB for Young India Integrated Residential Schools and another Rs 4,903 crore from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for the Telangana Education Infrastructure Upgradation Mission. In addition, the World Bank has agreed in principle to extend around Rs 4,000 crore for strengthening Telangana's healthcare infrastructure. Surprisingly, the Forest department too has proposed a Rs 1,270-crore JICA-funded programme for forestry modernisation and eco-tourism initiatives. Earlier, JICA had also signed a loan agreement to support Telangana's startup and innovation ecosystem. The cumulative picture suggests that international lenders are becoming increasingly central to Telangana's development financing model, a trend that was largely witnessed in undivided Andhra Pradesh during the TDP regime.

Srikanth Reddy Distributes Books to Students

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Team Revanthanna member Singireddy Srikanth Reddy distributed textbooks and notebooks to students at the Zilla Parishad High School in Annojiguda under Pocharam 8th Division on Wednesday, as government schools across Telangana commenced the new academic year. Attending the programme as the chief guest, Srikanth Reddy, along with the school headmaster



and teaching staff, handed over the study materials to students and extended his best wishes for a successful academic year. He encouraged students to approach their studies

with commitment, discipline, and confidence. Addressing the gathering, he said the Telangana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is implementing several initiatives to strengthen government schools and improve the quality of education. He urged students to make the best use of the facilities being provided and strive for excellence in academics and extracurricular activities.

PAC Chairman Gandhi Launches Road Development Works Worth ₹3.88 Crore in Serilingampally

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi on Tuesday laid foundation stones for multiple road development projects worth ₹3.88 crore across Miyapur and Chandanagar divisions in the Serilingampally constituency. In Miyapur Division, road infrastructure works worth ₹1.88 crore will be undertaken in Prajaya Shelter, Janapriya West City, and Nagarjuna Enclave colonies, including the construction of BT and CC roads. In Chanda-



nagar Division, CC road works worth ₹2 crore will be taken up in Deepti Srinagar, ICRISAT, Friends Colony, Indira Nagar, Manjeera Pipeline internal roads, and Sai Maruti Enclave. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the government is committed to strengthening civic infrastructure and improving transportation facilities across the con-

stituency. He directed officials to ensure that all works are executed with high quality standards and completed without delay for the benefit of residents. Several public representatives, officials, colony association members, and local residents participated in the foundation-laying ceremonies.

TGMSIDC Must Deliver Services with Transparency: Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha

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State Minister for Medical and Health, Damodar Rajanarsimha, directed the Telangana Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGMSIDC) to ensure complete transparency and efficiency in its operations while reviewing the performance of Central Medicine Stores (CMS) functioning under the corporation. The high-level review meeting was held at the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust conference hall in Hyderabad. During the meeting, the Minister issued several key directives aimed at strengthening the state's healthcare infrastructure and medicine supply system. The Minister instructed officials to prepare proposals for the construction of 15 permanent buildings for Central Medicine Stores (CMS) centres across the state. Emphasizing transparency in public procurement, he directed TGMSIDC officials to for-

ulate robust procedures for the procurement of medicines, surgical items, reagents, and medical equipment. To further enhance accountability in the tendering process, the Minister ordered the expansion of the existing tender evaluation mechanism by increasing the number of committees from two to five committees. He also instructed the Managing Director of TGMSIDC, Gaurav Uppal, to immediately transfer officials who have been serving in the same positions for an extended period. The Minister directed officials to appoint nodal officers for regular monitoring of medicines, medical equipment, and civil works undertaken by TGMSIDC in hospitals under the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) and Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP). He further emphasized the need for mandatory monthly reviews of all procurement activities undertaken through the corporation.

Parents Choose Government School Over Private Institution

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Reflecting the growing trust in government education, Akula Swamy, a BRS leader from Mator village in Motakondur mandal, admitted his daughter Akula Loukhya into Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Mator, on Tuesday. Loukhya was previously studying in Class 7 at a private school in Aleru. However, impressed by the educational reforms and development initiatives introduced by the Telangana government,



her parents decided to shift her to the local government school. Improved infrastructure, digital learning facilities, enhanced teaching standards, and student-friendly programs have significantly strengthened government schools across the state. The move was widely ap-

preciated by villagers and education stakeholders. Mator Sarpanch Janne Siddulu, Deputy Sarpanch Bairapaka Ramulu, the school headmaster, teachers, and village elders congratulated the family for placing their faith in the government education system. Local residents observed

that an increasing number of parents are now choosing government schools over private institutions due to the noticeable improvement in educational quality and facilities. Educationists said such decisions reflect a positive change in public perception and highlight the success of the state's efforts to strengthen public education. Loukhya's admission to ZPHS Mator is being seen as a symbol of growing confidence in Telangana's government schools and an encouraging sign for rural education development.

Free SSC-CGL 2026 Awareness Program Launched for Aspirants

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Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission has announced a free awareness and guidance program for candidates preparing for the Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level (SSC-CGL) Examination 2026, one of the largest central government recruitment drives this year with 12,256 vacancies. The announcement was made by the Mission's advisor, Kamala Ramesh, at the organization's Resource Study



Center in Lothukunta, Secunderabad. She said the initiative aims to help graduates and job seekers, particularly those from socially and economically backward communities, access accurate information and expert guid-

ance for the recruitment process. According to Ramesh, successful candidates will have opportunities to serve in prestigious central government departments, including the Income Tax Department, Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), Enforcement Directorate (ED), Ministry of External Affairs, Central Secretariat Service, Railways, and several other ministries and agencies. As part of the program, eminent SSC-CGL trainers and subject experts will provide de-

tailed guidance on eligibility criteria, online application procedures, examination stages, syllabus, preparation strategies, and career prospects. Participants will also receive information on job roles and growth opportunities in various central government services. The Mission will offer free study material, mock tests, and dedicated doubt-clearing sessions for registered candidates. On-the-spot registration facilities will also be available for eligible graduates and aspirants.

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,

Leaked US-Iran Accord Signals End to War, Reopening of Strait of Hormuz

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Iran will immediately take steps to reopen the Strait of Hormuz once a tentative deal with the U.S. to end the war is signed and will be allowed to sell its oil without restrictions, according to leaked copies of an interim agreement that officials say broadly matches the document. The accord, due to be signed in Switzerland on Friday, also envisions Iran receiving at least \$300 billion to rebuild after the war and says the U.S. would work to end all American and United Nations sanctions imposed on Tehran — if a final agreement addressing Iran's nuclear program is reached. The U.S. and Israel went to war on Feb. 28 in part to prevent Iran from ever getting a nuclear weapon — although U.S. President Donald Trump's goals in the conflict have repeatedly shifted. The in-



terim deal stops the war before that aim is secured — instead opening a two-month period for nuclear negotiations — and appears to offer Iran several benefits up front while extracting little in return. The U.S. agreement to immediately allow Iran to sell its oil freely and the offer to eventually lift all sanctions, for instance, represent major concessions that outstrip the terms of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers that Trump withdrew America from in his first term, declaring it the "worst deal ever." The accord likely will draw intense criticism in Washington — and appears to be a major setback for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who is coming under in-

tense criticism at home as the details emerge. The deal will stop the fighting and start more negotiations. Much of the agreement would restore the status quo before the war, including ending hostilities, restarting negotiations between the U.S. and Iran over Tehran's nuclear program, and reopening the strait, which is a crucial passage for the world's oil and natural gas and whose closure created a historic energy crisis. The deal includes an end to the fighting in Lebanon between Israel and the Iranian-backed militia Hezbollah. That is one of the most delicate parts of the agreement because Israel has maintained it will continue to defend itself and to occupy vast swaths of Lebanon. Iran has said Israel must withdraw under the deal, although the leaked versions make no mention of withdrawal. A person who was briefed on the memorandum of understanding after it was

signed and another who viewed a copy beforehand said it largely matched the text of what was published by the Saudi-owned broadcaster Al Arabiya, which reported details of the deal Tuesday. The two people spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the discussions. Another two officials in the Mideast, who spoke on condition of anonymity for the same reason, also said the versions published by Al Arabiya and Bloomberg broadly matched the final agreement. The White House and other American officials have not published the terms and did not immediately respond to questions. However, White House communications director Steven Cheung wrote online Wednesday after CNN published a leaked version of the deal that it "does not reflect the language of the actual" agreement, without elaborating.

Modi to Disburse ₹2,400-cr Job SOPs Under PM-VBRY to Boost Formal Jobs

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will disburse incentives worth around Rs 2,400 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) at a programme in the national capital on Friday evening, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said. The PMO said the disbursal marks a milestone in the implementation of the Centre's employment-linked incentive scheme aimed at job creation, formalisation of employment, enhanced employability and expansion of social security coverage. "The scheme has already supported the creation of 15 lakh employment opportunities across the country,"



and ensuring that the benefits of India's economic progress translate into quality formal employment opportunities for its youth," the PMO said. The PM-VBRY, which came into effect on August 1, 2025, has a total outlay of Rs 99,446 crore and aims to incentivise the creation of over 3.5 crore jobs over two years. "Of these, approximately 1.92 crore beneficiaries are expected to be first-time entrants into the workforce. By supporting both employees and employers, the scheme is playing a transformative role in expanding formal employment, strengthening social security coverage, and advancing the vision of a 'Viksit Bharat'," the PMO added.

Bangladesh Hands Over Assam Farmer Hours After His Abduction Near Zero Line

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A 65-year-old Indian farmer who was allegedly abducted from the zero line along the India-Bangladesh international border in Assam's Cachar district was safely handed back to Indian authorities late on Tuesday night. The incident had sparked panic among residents of border villages and raised concerns about the safety of farmers

working in agricultural lands located close to the international boundary. According to Border Security Force (BSF) officials, the farmer, identified as Ranjit Das, was returned by Bangladeshi authorities in good health after several hours of negotiations between the two sides. The handover took place following discussions between the BSF and Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB). Family members of Ranjit Das

said they were informed by a caller from Bangladesh that the abduction may have been carried out in retaliation for the killing of a Bangladeshi national near the border. However, they stated that they could not independently verify the claim. They expressed relief that the farmer was eventually released and brought back safely after intervention by authorities. The incident drew the attention of



BJP Member of Parliament Parimal Suklabaidya, who visited the farmer's village and confirmed that Bangladesh had agreed to return him after high-level talks and a medical examination.

The MP expressed concern over the vulnerability of Indian farmers cultivating land near the zero line and emphasized the need for stronger security measures. Suklabaidya pointed out that while fencing exists on the Indian side of the border, several stretches on the Bangladesh side remain unfenced. He noted that many Indian farmers have been cultivating fertile agricultural land near the zero

line for decades under BSF supervision. Following the incident, he said he would urge the government to strengthen security arrangements in these sensitive border areas. According to family members, the incident occurred when a group of farmers was returning home after completing their work. Ranjit Das reportedly realized that he had left his machete behind and went back to retrieve it. At that moment, six

to seven men allegedly crossed over from the Bangladesh side, assaulted him, and forcibly dragged him across the border. His brother, Kalimohan Das, who witnessed the incident, said he tried to intervene but was pushed away. Villagers were left shocked and helpless as the farmer was taken away. The abduction triggered widespread anger in Kinnarkhal and nearby villages, where hun-

dreds of residents gathered near the border fencing demanding his immediate release. Senior BSF and police officials, local legislators, and administrative authorities rushed to the area. After sustained efforts and coordination between the two countries, Bangladeshi authorities eventually rescued the farmer and handed him back to Indian officials, bringing the tense situation to a peaceful conclusion.

Bihar Govt Allots 15 Acres Near Patna For TTD's Lord Venkateswara Temple

NEW DELHI
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In major news for Balaji devotees in North India, the Bihar government has allotted 15 acres of land to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam Board (TTD) for the construction of the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple near Patna. The site is located at Mokama Khas, close to the banks of the Ganga, near the state capital. Earlier, 10 acres were allotted, but as per the latest reports, this

was increased to 15 acres. As part of its goal to spread Sanatana Dharma, TTD is working to build Lord Venkateswara temples across the country, with a plan to establish them in all state capitals. Earlier, 10 acres of land were allotted in Guwahati, Assam, for a TTD temple. The allotment near Patna is the latest in this initiative. TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu met Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Wednesday and thanked



him for his kind gesture and felicitated the CM with a shawl, prasadam, and presented a memento of Lord Venkateswara. Bihar Chief Secretary Amrit Pratay and industrialist Doraswamy also took part in

the meeting. The proposed temple complex will include the main shrine along with a Kalyana Mandapam, Pushkarini, and other essential infrastructure for pilgrims. TTD said construction of the temple will be expedited, keeping devotees' needs in mind and a team from TTD will soon hold discussions with the Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation and finalise steps for the temple's construction.

Pakistan Extends Airspace Ban On Indian Aircraft By A Month

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Pakistan has extended its airspace restrictions on all Indian-registered aircraft for another month, keeping the ban in place until July 24. The decision was announced by the Pakistan Airports Authority through a fresh notice issued on Wednesday. The restrictions were first imposed in April 2025 following the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, in which 26 people lost their



lives. The attack triggered heightened tensions between India and Pakistan, eventually leading to a four-day military confrontation between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. According to the latest notice, Indian civil and military aircraft will not be allowed to use Pakistani airspace from 5:50 pm on June 16 until 4:59 am on July 24. In re-

sponse to Pakistan's move, India has also continued its ban on Pakistani aircraft from using Indian airspace. Although military hostilities have subsided, diplomatic relations between the two countries remain strained. Both sides have maintained several retaliatory measures introduced during the period of heightened tensions, indicating that normalization of ties remains distant. The continued closure of Pakistani airspace is expected to significantly impact In-

dian airlines. Carriers operating flights to Central Asia, Europe, West Asia, and North America are being forced to take longer alternative routes, leading to increased fuel consumption, longer travel times, and higher operational costs. Industry experts believe the extended restrictions could further burden airlines already dealing with fluctuating fuel prices and rising operational expenses. Passengers may also face longer flight durations on several international

FROM FRONT PAGE

Akhilesh Dismiss.....

Dismissed Uttar Pradesh minister Om Prakash Rajbhar's claim of an impending split in the Samajwadi Party, Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday said the party remained strong and it was the BJP which had a history of "engineering" defections through inducements and pressure. Responding to a query at a presser on possible discontent within the Samajwadi Party (SP), Yadav, its chief, said the BJP previously succeeded in breaking several parties, including taking away legislators and leaders from the SP. "If you look at Uttar Pradesh, several SP MLAs, MLCs and even Rajya Sabha members

were taken away. There must have been some self-interest, some lure or some fear... People who get scared leave their party," he said. Earlier in the day, Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Rajbhar claimed that a major split was likely in the SP and that several party leaders were ready to join the BJP. In a post on X, Rajbhar claimed that senior SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav had submitted a letter to Amit Shah, though he did not provide details of the purported communication. He also claimed that pressure of investigations into past "scams" had left the SP worried and that several of its leaders were prepared to switch sides

to the BJP. Yadav, though, brushed aside Rajbhar's claims. "The SP remains united. It weathered many ups and downs in its journey. It is a strong party, and it remains so," he said. **NREGA Workers....** They further alleged that the proposed framework centralises powers with the Centre while reducing the effective employment guarantee available to rural workers. According to an analysis by the activists, no major state would be able to generate even half of the promised 125 days of employment per active job card in the proposed interim allocations. "This law destroys the

spirit of the rural employment guarantee act... There is already a downward trend in employment generated," activist Nikhil Dey said. "The burden will be on the states, and the push would become not to provide employment because the states will have to bear the expenditure," he said. All India Agricultural Workers Union General Secretary B Venkat said they would hold protests at every village against the new scheme. **Hearing Deferred....** The matter could not be argued during the previous hearing as the records had not reached the court at that time. With the related revision petition pending adjudication, the MP/MLA

court deferred the hearing in the main defamation case and listed it for June 29. The case dates back to 2018 when local BJP leader and former chairman of the District Cooperative Bank Vijay Mishra filed a defamation complaint against Gandhi, alleging that during the Karnataka elections in 2018, the Congress leader made derogatory remarks against the then BJP president and current Union Home Minister Shah. The trial has been underway for the past five years. In December 2023, a warrant was issued against Gandhi for non-appearance before the court. He surrendered in February 2024, following which a special magistrate granted him bail.

Israeli Defense Minister lashes out at Trump's deal.



CRIME

Former MLA Chanti Kranti Kiran Backs Social Media Activist Detained by Police

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Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranti Kiran extended his support to social media activist Ashok Kumar, who was reportedly detained by Zaheerabad police in connection with multiple cases. According to party sources, Ashok Kumar has been actively raising questions on government policies and public issues through social media platforms. Upon learning about his detention, Chanti Kranti Kiran immediately rushed to the police station and met him, expressing solidarity and moral support. Speaking on the occasion, the former MLA alleged that the cases filed against Ashok Kumar were politi-



cally motivated and aimed at discouraging individuals who question the government. He urged the activist not to be intimidated and assured him that the party would stand firmly behind those fighting for public causes. "Activists and social media warriors should not fear false cases. Anyone who raises issues concerning the people deserves protection and support. I will always stand with those who fight for justice and

public welfare," Chanti Kranti Kiran stated. He further emphasized that criticism and public questioning are integral parts of a democratic system and that attempts to suppress dissenting voices would only strengthen the resolve of those working for the people. As part of the "Arrive Alive" road safety initiative, the Traffic Police conducted an awareness programme at the Samsung Divisional Office in Prakash Nagar,

Begumpet, on Monday. The programme was organized under the guidance of B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-I, Malkajgiri. The awareness session focused on promoting safe driving practices and reducing road accidents through responsible road behavior. Officials educated employees about the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, and using mobile phones while driving. Participants were also sensitized about the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, following lane discipline, and obeying traffic signals and road safety regulations.

Help Save Jalthar Srisailam's Life

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An urgent appeal has been made for financial assistance to support the treatment of Mr. Jalthar Srisailam of Peddabavi village, Motakondur mandal, who suffered severe spinal injuries in a tragic accident. According to family members, Srisailam fell from a banyan tree while carrying out agricultural work near a village well. He was immediately shifted to Kamini Hospital, LB Nagar, Hydera-



bad, where doctors diagnosed a serious spinal cord injury affecting the left side of his body. Medical experts have advised urgent surgery

and advanced treatment, with expenses estimated at nearly ₹9 lakh. Coming from a poor farming family, Srisailam's relatives are unable to bear the mounting medical costs. The family has appealed to donors, social organizations, public representatives, and compassionate citizens to extend financial support and help save his life. Donations: Google Pay/PhonePe - 81868 80815 Name: Jalthar Ganesh

'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.

Food Safety Violations Found at Kondapur Subway

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A food safety inspection by CMC at a Subway outlet in Kondapur found several hygiene violations. Officials discovered rotten lettuce, unlabelled cut vegetables, and some items stored beyond their use-by dates. Food waste was found on the kitchen floor, flies were seen in food preparation areas, and washing facilities were poorly maintained. The outlet failed



to produce food handler medical certificates, food testing reports, and water quality reports. Rotten and unlabelled vegetables were discarded on the spot, and an improvement notice will be issued. However, inspectors noted that staff were using gloves and aprons, maintaining personal hygiene, and that no synthetic food colours were being used. CMC said inspections will continue across Cyberabad to ensure food safety stan-

Sangareddy SP Inspects Vatpally Police Station, Jogipet Circle Office

SANGAREDDY
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Sangareddy District Superintendent of Police Paritosh Pankaj, IPS, conducted annual inspections of the Vatpally Police Station and Jogipet Circle Office on June 17, 2026, and expressed satisfaction over the performance of officers and staff. During the visit, the SP received a guard of honour from Vatpally police personnel and planted a sapling along with the DSP. He also inspected the site allocated for the construction of the new police station building. The SP reviewed sta-



tion cleanliness, barracks, record maintenance, and kit articles issued to police personnel, advising staff to make proper use of departmental resources. Inspecting station records, he directed officials to ensure quality investigation in every case and prepare special action plans for resolving missing and long-pending

cases. He instructed police to identify crime-prone areas as black spots and intensify surveillance through day and night beat patrols. Officials were also asked to maintain updated records of rowdy sheeters and suspect history sheeters and make effective use of portable fingerprint devices to identify repeat of-

fenders. The SP emphasized the effective utilization of technology-driven policing tools, including CCTNS 2.0, TS-COP, HRMS, e-Sakshya, CEIR, Cyber Crime Portal, and other digital applications. He directed officers to ensure all records are promptly updated in CCTNS and responsibilities are assigned systematically among staff. At the Jogipet Circle Office, the SP reviewed grave and non-grave cases and instructed officers to form special teams for the speedy disposal of long-pending investigations.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of 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? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Sensex, Nifty rise as crude prices ease and IT stocks rally

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Indian benchmark equity indices continued their upward momentum in early trade on Wednesday, supported by a decline in global crude oil prices and strong buying interest in information technology (IT) stocks. The rally marked the fourth consecutive day of gains for the domestic markets.

The BSE Sensex climbed 271.61 points to reach 77,080.09 in opening trade, while the NSE Nifty 50 advanced 55.35 points to 24,044.50. Investor sentiment remained positive as easing energy prices improved the outlook for inflation and corporate profitability.



Among the top gainers in the Sensex pack were Trent, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), HCL Technologies, and Eterna, with IT stocks leading the market's rise. On the other hand, Axis Bank, Bajaj Finance, NTPC, and Adani Ports traded in the negative zone and emerged as the major laggards during early sessions.

A key factor supporting the market rally was the sharp decline in crude oil prices. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.49 percent lower at USD 78.44 per barrel. Lower crude prices are generally viewed as beneficial for India, which imports a significant portion of its energy requirements. Commenting on the trend, Ponmudi R, CEO

of Enrich Money, said that falling energy prices could serve as a major boost for the Indian economy. According to him, lower crude costs are expected to help contain inflation, improve the country's external balances, and support earnings growth across multiple sectors.

Global market cues remained mixed. In Asia, Japan's Nikkei 225 traded higher, while South Korea's Kospi, China's Shanghai SSE Composite, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng indices were trading lower. Meanwhile, U.S. markets ended mostly lower on Tuesday despite the Dow Jones reaching fresh record highs.

Rajesh Palviya, Head of Research at Axis Direct,

noted that optimism surrounding developments related to the United States and Iran supported investor confidence, although weakness in technology stocks weighed on the Nasdaq. He added that the decline in Brent crude prices remains a significant positive factor for India's economic outlook.

According to exchange data, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) sold equities worth Rs 749.18 crore on Tuesday. Despite this, domestic markets remained resilient. On Tuesday, the Sensex surged 544.15 points to close at 76,808.48, while the Nifty gained 135.25 points to settle at 23,989.15.

Mogulla Raji Reddy Elected Telangana VOAs and Field Assistants Chief, Promises Fight for ₹26,000 Minimum Wage

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In a significant development for grassroots workers in Telangana, INTUC Vice President Mogulla Raji Reddy was unanimously elected as the State President of the Telangana State IKP Village Organization Assistants (VOAs) Association and the Telangana Field Assistants and Agriculture Workers Union.

The decision was taken during a joint meeting of state representatives and district leaders held at the INTUC State Office in Narayanaguda, Hyderabad.

Addressing the gathering, Raji Reddy assured workers that their long-pending demands would be taken up with the Telangana Government. He reiterated the



Congress Government's commitment to employee welfare and pledged to seek the support of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka for resolving key issues. The major demands include:
- Implementation of equal pay for equal work
- A minimum monthly salary of ₹26,000
- Job security and regularisation
- Insurance coverage and welfare benefits

INTUC State General Secretary Y. Naganna Goud said the union would continue its efforts to secure fair wages and employment protection for Field Assistants and VOAs. He also highlighted INTUC's role in obtaining court orders for the reinstatement of dismissed Field Assistants. Leaders and representatives from various districts attended the meeting and formally endorsed Raji Reddy's appointment.

WEEW Gala 2026 Celebrates Fashion, Entrepreneurship, Empowerment with Grandeur

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The WEEW Gala 2026 emerged as a dazzling celebration of fashion, entrepreneurship, creativity, and empowerment, bringing together prominent personalities, industry leaders, designers, entrepreneurs, and fashion enthusiasts on a prestigious platform in Hyderabad. Hosted as part of the World Events Economy Week (WEEW) 2026, the gala showcased the growing strength of the events

and fashion ecosystem while highlighting Hyderabad's emergence as a global destination for world-class events.

The event was graced by chief guest Ch. Vijayeswari, Managing Director of Ramoji Film City. Her presence added prestige to the occasion and inspired participants from various sectors.

Addressing the gathering, Sri A. Balram Babu, President of the Telangana Chamber of Events Industry, said that WEEW 2026, jointly organized by

Telangana Tourism, HITEX Exhibition Centre, and TCEI, had successfully brought together stakeholders from across the events industry. He credited the dedicated TCEI team for the event's meticulous planning and flawless execution, which enhanced Hyderabad's reputation on the global events map.

One of the evening's major attractions was the WEEW Red Carpet and Dazzle Fashion Showcase, where TCEI members confidently



walked the runway, celebrating individuality, self-

expression, and empowerment. The showcase fea-

tured stunning collections from six acclaimed de-

signer labels—Anusha Reddy, Label Rachana Edam, Suvarna Mandir by Raj Sarepalli, Vasundhara Design House, Lagnam, and My Perfect Fit. Their creations beautifully blended traditional craftsmanship with contemporary fashion, captivating the audience with elegance and innovation. Presented with world-class production standards, the gala featured a professionally curated runway experience that reflected international-quality event manage-

ment. Beyond fashion, the event served as a powerful platform for networking, collaboration, and entrepreneurial excellence.

The WEEW Gala 2026 concluded on a high note, leaving attendees inspired through its celebration of talent, confidence, creativity, and the achievements of entrepreneurs, while reinforcing Hyderabad's growing prominence as a hub for global events and fashion excellence.

Mahila Congress Demands Immediate Women's Reservation Implementation



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A review meeting of the Khairatabad District Mahila Congress was held at the Congress Party office in Subjmandi, Karwan, under the leadership of Karwan Constituency Mahila Congress President Mamidi Madhavi. Khairatabad District President Ushasree Srikanth Goud and State Vice President Suguna attended as chief guests. The meeting passed a strong demand for the immediate implementation of the 33% Women's Reservation Bill under the slogan "Nari Shakti Vandan Adhinyam 2023 - Implement the Women's Reservation Bill Now." As part of the campaign, party leaders and members conducted a postcard signature drive urging the Centre to ensure reservation benefits for OBC women along with SC and ST women. Addressing the

gathering, Ushasree Srikanth Goud said the review meeting was organized as per the directions of State President Errabelli Swarnakka. Discussions focused on strengthening the Mahila Congress organization and preparing for the upcoming local body elections. She called upon women leaders and party workers to work actively at the grassroots level and help the Congress secure a majority of seats in the local elections. District Secretaries Sonia and Mari, Constituency Vice President G. Vanaja, General Secretary Hemalatha, Block Presidents Vanaja and Shakeela, Division Presidents Anuradha, Durga, Hemalatha, Soumya, Sunitha, Chaitanya and Sameena Begum, booth committee members, women workers and other party activists participated in the program.

India-UK trade pact to take effect July 15, PM Modi calls it 'historic milestone'

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In a landmark development for bilateral relations, India and the United Kingdom have announced that the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) will come into force on July 15, 2026. The agreement marks a significant milestone in India's economic diplomacy and is expected to strengthen trade, investment, and professional mobility between the two nations. Alongside CETA, the Agreement on Social Security, known as the Double Contribution Convention (DCC), will also become operational from July 15. The convention is designed to benefit Indian professionals working temporarily in the UK by preventing them from making social security contributions in both countries. In a major gain for Indian workers, the exemption period under the DCC has been extended from three years to five years. Prime Minister Narendra Modi described the agreement as a historic milestone in India-UK relations. He stated that the pact would

significantly enhance bilateral trade and invest-

ment while creating new opportunities for Indian farmers, workers, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), startups, and innovators. The Prime Minister emphasized that the agreement would contribute meaningfully to the vision of "Viksit Bharat 2047." The foundation for this comprehensive trade deal was laid in May 2021 through the Enhanced Trade Partnership and the India-UK Road-



map 2030, which aimed to elevate bilateral ties to a

Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and increase trade between the two countries to \$100 billion by 2030. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal highlighted that CETA would provide immediate duty-free access to 99 percent of India's tariff lines in the UK market. This move is expected to remove long-standing tariff barriers and create a level playing field for key sec-

tors such as textiles, leather, marine products, engineering goods, and processed foods. Comprising 30 chapters, CETA represents a next-generation trade agreement that extends beyond traditional tariff reductions. It includes modern provisions covering digital trade, telecommunications, financial services, intellectual property rights, and government procurement, reflecting the evolving nature of global commerce. The Commerce Ministry stated that the simultaneous implementation of CETA and the DCC would bring a structural transformation to India's global trade architecture. At the same time, India has safeguarded sensitive sectors such as dairy products, cereals, millets, edible oils, oilseeds, apples, and several vegetable products from adverse impacts. With enhanced market access, stronger investment flows, and improved opportunities for professionals, the India-UK trade pact is expected to usher in a new era of economic cooperation and strategic partnership between the two countries.

NSE files papers for India's biggest-ever IPO

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The proposed initial public offering (IPO) of the National Stock Exchange (NSE), estimated at around Rs 30,000 crore, is set to become the largest public issue in the history of the Indian stock market.

At the estimated size, the NSE share sale will surpass the Rs 27,870 crore IPO of Hyundai Motor India, which was launched in October 2024 and currently holds the record of the biggest IPO in the country.

The NSE issue will also overtake the Rs 21,000-crore public offering of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) in May 2022, which was India's largest IPO before Hyundai Motor India's market debut.

Among other large public issues, One97 Communications (Paytm) had raised Rs 18,300 crore in November 2021, while Tata Capital raised Rs 15,512 crore through its IPO in October 2025, and Coal India mobilised Rs 15,199 crore through its IPO in October 2010.

On Wednesday, NSE submitted its draft papers

to Sebi for its proposed IPO.

Overall, India's primary market witnessed a slowdown, with 23 companies tapping the IPO route to raise more than Rs 27,000 crore so far in 2026 amid heightened volatility and macroeconomic uncertainty, according to an Equirus Capital report. This follows the launch of 103 maiden public issues in 2025, which together raised Rs 1.76 lakh crore. The fundraising figure far exceeded the Rs 1.6 lakh crore raised by 90 firms in 2024 and the Rs 49,436 crore garnered by 57 companies in 2023.

However, the IPO activity is showing signs of a major pickup as geopolitical tensions eased with insurtech firm Turtlemint Fintech Solutions and Advit Jewels slated to launch their public issues this month.

Insurtech company Turtlemint Fintech Solutions will launch its IPO on June 19, while jewellery maker Advit Jewels will open its issue on June 23. Waterways Leisure Tourism, which operates Cordelia Cruises, is also expected to launch its public issue this month.

Replacing Deepika in Kalki 2 Not Easy, Say Industry Insiders

Replacing Deepika Padukone in Kalki 2 could prove to be a far more complex challenge than many expect, with industry insiders emphasizing that her character, Sumathi, is central to the franchise's storyline and success. According to sources within the industry, Sumathi is not merely a supporting character but the emotional and narrative core of the Kalki universe. As the woman carrying Lord Kalki, her character drives the entire conflict of the story, with key forces battling either to protect or capture her. This makes the role indispensable to the sequel and difficult to recast. Industry experts point out that the challenge extends beyond finding a popular actress. The role requires a performer with strong acting credentials, commanding screen presence, and pan-India appeal. Such a combination is rare, making the search for a replacement particularly demanding. Deepika Padukone's contribution to Kalki 2898 AD went beyond her on-screen performance. Her presence alongside major stars such as Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, and



Kamal Haasan helped elevate the film's appeal across multiple markets. Her casting played a significant role in positioning the project as a truly pan-Indian cinematic event. At the time of the film's release, Deepika was riding high on the success of blockbuster hits like Pathaan and Jawan. Her popularity, coupled with her established fan base across the country, generated substantial excitement around the project. Industry observers note that her pairing with Prabhas became one of the film's biggest

talking points and contributed significantly to pre-release buzz. Sources further highlight that Deepika brought considerable brand value to the franchise. Her nationwide recognition helped the film connect with audiences beyond its traditional Telugu-speaking market, strengthening its reach in Hindi and other regional territories. Another major factor is her influence on social media. Bollywood stars with extensive digital reach play a crucial role in promoting large-scale productions, and Deepika re-

mains one of India's most followed and influential actresses. Her online presence has been a valuable asset in building anticipation for the franchise. With Kalki 2 already among the most anticipated Indian films, any casting change is expected to attract intense scrutiny from fans and industry watchers alike. As speculation continues, director Nag Ashwin and the producers are likely to carefully balance creative requirements with commercial considerations before making any final

Social Media Buzz: Is Samantha Pregnant?



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Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who is making her comeback to Tollywood with Maa Inti Bangaram, has once again become the center of attention on social media. Over the last few hours, several posts and fan pages have been circulating claims that the actress is pregnant and may soon embrace motherhood. The speculation has sparked a wave of congratulatory messages from fans, with many describing it as "double happiness" for Samantha, especially with Maa Inti Bangaram gearing up for release this week. However, it is important to note that neither Samantha nor her team has made any official statement regarding these rumors.

The buzz reportedly intensified after Samantha's recent saree-clad appearances during the film's promotional events. Some social media users claimed they noticed what appeared to be a baby bump, leading to further speculation. Samantha recently married producer Raj, adding more fuel to the ongoing discussion online. Despite the widespread chatter, the pregnancy reports remain unverified and should be treated as speculation until an official confirmation is made. Meanwhile, Samantha is enjoying renewed attention as she actively promotes Maa Inti Bangaram. After taking a break from films and public appearances due to health concerns, the actress is back in the spotlight and looking forward to the release of her much-anticipated

Top Schools Battle Hard in Pre-Subroto Cup

Nasr Boys, St. Patrick Excel in U-17 Pre-Subroto Cup Football Tournament



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Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli and St. Patrick School emerged as stand-out teams in the CISCE Sports & Games AP & Telangana Pre-Subroto Cup Football Tournament 2026 for Under-17 Boys, being conducted at Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli, from June 15 to 18.

Hosts Nasr Boys School dominated the competition, beginning with a resounding 8-0 victory over St. Joseph Public School, King Koti. The

team continued its impressive run by defeating Future Kids School 2-0 and St. Joseph, Vanasthalipuram 3-0. Their encounter against Sherwood Pet Basheerabad ended in a closely fought draw.

St. Patrick School also delivered strong performances throughout the tournament. After edging past HPS Begumpet 1-0, the team registered a massive 8-0 win over Niraj Public School, Amcerpet. St. Patrick further strengthened its campaign with a 1-0 victory against St. John Parish and another 2-0 win

over Niraj Public School. Sherwood Pet Basheerabad impressed with a 2-0 win over St. Joseph, Vanasthalipuram and by holding Nasr Boys School to a draw. International School secured convincing 3-0 victories over Niraj Public School and St. John Parish, while Future Kids School recorded notable wins against St. Joseph, Vanasthalipuram and St. Joseph Public School, King Koti. The tournament has showcased exciting young football talent and competitive matches.

Heroic Cape Verde Keeper Vozinha To Be Reunited With Mum at FIFA World Cup After Visa Issue

The 40-year-old defused Spain's formidable attack in Cape Verde's first-ever World Cup match on Monday with a stunning performance as he held the European champions at bay in a 0-0 draw in Group H

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Cape Verde's veteran goalkeeper Vozinha is set to receive special support from the stands when his team faces Uruguay in their next FIFA World Cup 2026 Group H match on Sunday in Miami. His mother, Ana Candida Evora, will be present to witness the historic occasion after U.S. officials helped secure her visa in time for the game. The 40-year-old goalkeeper has emerged as one of the surprise stars of the tournament. In Cape Verde's first-ever FIFA World Cup appearance, Vozinha delivered a remarkable performance against reigning European champions Spain on Monday. The experienced shot-stopper produced a series of outstanding saves to keep Spain's dangerous attack at bay, helping Cape Verde earn a memorable 0-0 draw and claim a valuable point in



Group H. Despite the historic achievement, the emotional moment was bittersweet for Vozinha. Following the match, he revealed that his mother had been unable to attend due to difficulties obtaining a U.S. visa. The revelation sparked widespread sympathy, with many fans expressing disappointment that she would miss such an important milestone in her son's career. The issue quickly caught the attention of U.S. Con-

gressman Hakeem Jeffries, who intervened to help facilitate the process. In a statement released on Wednesday, Jeffries said he had personally spoken with U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio and urged the State Department to do everything possible to ensure that Ana Candida Evora could attend Cape Verde's next World Cup match. "No mother should miss the chance to see her child make history," Jeffries said.

He later confirmed that the necessary arrangements had been made and that Evora would be able to obtain her visa in time for Sunday's game in Miami. The congressman also noted that all applicable fees had been waived in accordance with official policy and that travel plans were being finalized to reunite mother and son ahead of the crucial encounter. Cape Verde had initially been among several nations whose

citizens were required to post substantial entry bonds under stricter U.S. immigration measures. Although those requirements were later removed for World Cup ticket holders, Evora had already abandoned plans to travel because of the anticipated costs and complications. The successful intervention has transformed what could have been a disappointing situation into a heartwarming World Cup story. As Cape Verde prepares for another historic challenge on football's biggest stage, Vozinha will now have the support of his mother in the stadium, making the occasion even more special for the goalkeeper and his family. The emotional reunion adds another inspiring chapter to Cape Verde's fairytale World Cup journey, with fans around the world eager to see whether Vozinha can once again produce heroics between the posts against Uruguay.

Telangana builders postpone protest as dues clearance assured

Telangana builders and contractors have decided to postpone their June 18 'Chalo Hyderabad' protest after Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka assured that all pending dues will be cleared in a phased manner.

The decision was announced on June 16 after a meeting with the Builders Association of India and civil contractors at Praja Bhavan.

Earlier in the day, Roads and Buildings (R&B) Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy held a press meet at the minister's quarters, urging contractors to reconsider the protest, saying that in the wake of widespread rains, there is a need to continue work on roads, bridges, and emergency repairs.

He expressed concern over the suicide of six contractors and blamed the previous Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) for leaving dues of Rs 4,000 crore in the R&B department.

Komatireddy also promised to hold a meeting with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka in the next three or four days and formulate an action plan to resolve the pending dues within three months. He said that the Finance Department is already paying bills continuously every month and thanked contractors for putting their faith in the government.

Azharuddin Reviews Historic Ashur Khanas, Assures Facilities for Devotees

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Telangana Minority Welfare and Public Enterprises Minister Mohammed Azharuddin on Wednesday visited several historic Ashur Khanas in Hyderabad's Old City, offering Ziyarat and reviewing restoration works and arrangements ahead of upcoming religious observances. The Minister inspected prominent religious sites including Bibi Ka Alawa, Ashur Khana Khidmat-e-Rasool, Azakhana-e-Tashreehat and Bashiyyah Ashur Khana.

During the visit, he assessed the progress of development and restoration works and directed officials to complete them on time while preserving the historical, religious and cultural significance of these sacred institutions. Speaking to the media, Azharuddin said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is committed to the welfare, dignity and development of minority communities.



Telangana Minister for Minorities Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin visited the historic Bibi Ka Alawa in Dabeerpura, Hyderabad, and paid his respects during the Ziyarat of the Alam-e-Mubarak. MLA Jaffer Hussain Meraj, MLC Mirza Riyaz Ul Hassan Effendi, TMREIS President Mohammed Faheemuddin Qureshi, Corporator Alamdar Walajahi, DCC Hyderabad President Khaled Saifullah, along with officials and leaders from AIMIM and Congress, were present on the occasion. ---Photo: Mir Zulfeqar Ali

He stated that the Chief Minister views minority development as an integral part of Telangana's overall progress and has consistently supported initiatives aimed at improving welfare and preserving religious heritage. The Minister

said elaborate arrangements have been made for devotees attending the religious gatherings. He announced that food distribution would be organized for four days during the observances. Considering the prevailing

summer conditions, he reviewed facilities such as drinking water, coolers, sanitation, lighting and other essential amenities, directing officials to remain available round the clock to ensure devotees face no inconvenience. Azharuddin emphasized the importance of protecting religious heritage while improving infrastructure at historic Ashur Khanas. He instructed officials to complete all pending works without compromising the architectural and cultural value of the sites. Members of the community appreciated the Minister's personal monitoring of the arrangements and welcomed the government's efforts to preserve religious institutions. Reiterating the government's commitment to minority welfare, communal harmony and inclusive development, Azharuddin said the administration would continue extending support to all communities while safeguarding their religious and cultural heritage.

SIR: Enumeration Form Faces Language-Related Issues

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After facing a dilemma over the choice of language for the enumeration form as part of the upcoming special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls exercise, officials have adopted a unique idea of distributing the English form in Hyderabad and the surrounding areas, and Telugu in the rest of the state. Though the state government has requested the poll panel to print the enumeration forms in two languages — Telugu and English — for the entire state, the Election Commission rejected the request, which forced the state officials to come up with this unique solution.

"We had requested the Election Commission for the enumeration form in two languages, but they did not accept the proposal. Given the cosmopolitan nature of Hyderabad, it was decided to distribute the form in

English. In contrast, the form will be in Telugu in the rest of the state," informed an official. The Greater Hyderabad area has a total of 47,36,809 voters spread over 15 Assembly constituencies. Of this, 21,86,259, or 46.15 per cent of the total voters, were mapped during the pre-SIR exercise. During a meeting, which was conducted by district election officer and GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan, representatives of all recognised political parties have unanimously accepted the decision. On June 12, AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi requested Chief Electoral Officer K. Sudharshan Reddy to consider English and Urdu forms for the enumeration. "Although Telugu is the first language of Telangana, the most commonly used language in the state — especially in Hyderabad — is English. Most government orders and administrative work are carried out in English.

Officials review monsoon preparedness in Malkajgiri

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A team of high-ranking officials, led by Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy, visited several problem areas in the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation on Wednesday, June 17, to review the monsoon preparedness and flood prevention measures.

Flood-prone areas near Chikoti Gardens in Begumpet, Prakash Nagar, Uppal Junction, LB Nagar X Roads, and KLM Mall in Vanasthalipuram were inspected.

Telangana Director General of Police CV Anand, HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Sumathi, Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation

Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, Water Board Managing Director Ashok Reddy, and other officials took part in the inspection.

Officials ordered the removal of silt and garbage to the flow of water and directed special attention towards the maintenance of ponds, canals, inlets, outlets and rainwater drains.

They also suggested putting up barricades, warning boards and safety signs at deep manholes and dangerous areas.

They said that a special action plan should be set up to ensure that there are no traffic disruptions in the rainy season and asked to maintain 24-hour surveillance in flooded areas.

Tesla opens Experience Centre in Hyderabad's HITEC City

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US-based auto maker Tesla opened its fifth Experience Centre in Hyderabad's HITEC City on Wednesday, June 17, where customers can view the new 2026 Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive and Model Y L.

Visitors around the area can explore the vehicles through guided walkarounds and immersive product experiences provided by Tesla Advisors, the statement from Tesla



said. The company has begun delivery and after-sales services in the Bollaram Industrial Area to support owners across Telangana.

"Customers can learn about Tesla's design philosophy, cutting-edge electric vehicle technology, safety features, and performance capabilities in an interactive environment," the statement said about the experience centre. The company said both models are available to order on Tesla's official website and that customers who place orders before June 30, 2026, will receive a compli-

mentary Wall Connector. Tesla also offers home Charging support across all states in India ensuring a smooth ownership experience and redefining convenience in sustainable transportation.

Both models have received top safety ratings from multiple globally renowned safety organisations, including NHTSA and IIHS (United States), Euro NCAP (Europe), ANCAP (Australia and New Zealand), and C-IASI (China). The newly launched

2026 Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive offers 2,138 litres of storage, seating for five, power-folding seats, 0-100 km/h acceleration in 5.9 seconds and a Worldwide Harmonised Light Vehicles Test (WLTP) range of up to 500 km.

The Model Y Premium Rear-Wheel Drive is available in India at Rs 50,89,000 with a down payment of Rs 6 lakh and monthly EMI starting from Rs 39,990, with Deliveries commencing in July 2026.

FEMA probe against Apollo Hospitals, 5 directors closed after compounding order: ED

Apollo Hospitals Settles FEMA Violations Case: Pays ₹17.76 Crore Compounding Fee

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A foreign exchange violation case against Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Limited and five of its directors has been closed after the company paid a one-time compounding fee of over ₹17.76 crore, while the concerned directors and officers paid ₹18 lakh each, according to the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The ED stated on Wednesday that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued a compounding order under Section 15 of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), leading to the termination of adjudication proceedings against Apollo Hospitals and its executives. The order was issued after the ED granted a "No Objection" certificate. The directors and officers named in the case are Preetha Reddy, Suneetha Reddy, S.K.



Venkatraman, Akhileshwaran Krishnan, and S.M. Krishnan.

According to the ED, the investigation identified four major FEMA contraventions involving transactions worth more than ₹2,424 crore. These included the receipt of foreign direct investment (FDI) in retail trading, a sector where FDI was not permitted at the time, and acceptance of foreign investment without obtaining the required government approvals. The agency also alleged violations related to the issuance of Foreign Currency Convertible Bonds (FCCBs) and the receipt of foreign investment

through the Foreign Institutional Investor-Portfolio Investment Scheme (FI-PIIS) route. Another issue involved exceeding the prescribed foreign shareholding cap of 51 percent applicable to multi-brand retail trading.

Under the RBI's compounding order, Apollo Hospitals paid ₹17,76,80,121 as a settlement amount, while each of the five directors and officers paid ₹18 lakh.

A compounding order allows an entity accused of regulatory violations to settle the matter by paying a monetary penalty instead of undergoing prolonged legal proceedings. The ED noted that it has increasingly supported the use of compounding in select FEMA cases as part of the Union government's efforts to improve the ease of doing business and reduce litigation.

Passenger booked for clashing with Lufthansa crew

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A passenger on a Frankfurt-Hyderabad Lufthansa flight was booked by RGIA Outpost police for clashing with a crew member, police said on Wednesday, June 17.

The incident occurred on June 15, when the crew member, Peter Bauser, accidentally brushed a trolley against a sleeping passenger's leg, causing him to wake up and kick the crew member.

A case has been registered against the pas-



senger, Bathi Satish Kumar, for causing nuisance. Satish was called to the police station, where he apologised for his behaviour, saying that he had kicked the crew member accidentally as a knee-jerk reaction, an official from RGIA Outpost Police Station told.

Cockroach infestation, lizard droppings found at La Pinoz

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A food safety inspection at La Pinoz Pizza in Jubilee Enclave on Wednesday, June 17, revealed gross violations, such as a heavy cockroach infestation, expired items and lizard droppings near the food storage area.

The outlet was also not labelling or properly storing food items, keeping vegetarian and non-vegetarian items in the same freezer, and



not maintaining medical fitness and water testing reports. Microbial infestation was also observed in a freezer under maintenance, a release stated. Cyberabad Municipal Corporation officials

immediately discarded all expired and improperly stored items, ordered deep cleaning and pest control and issued a notice asking to improve food safety compliance.

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