



Harish Rao demands withdrawal of crop procurement restrictions: P2



Forest Staff, Officials To Get Medals For Meritorious Service: P8

KT Rama Rao urges students to follow PV Narasimha Rao's example: P8



CM Revanth: No Turning Back on Future City, Musi Projects

Modi: India Close to Thorium-led Power

Dares Harish to win Siddipet Assembly first before talking about scrapping Future City

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday asserted that the state government would go ahead with the Musi river rejuvenation project and the construction of Bharat Future City, irrespective of opposition from political rivals, declaring that both these projects would transform Hyderabad into a world-class global city. "Whatever anyone may say, we will complete the Musi rejuvenation project and build Bharat Future City," he said. He warned that encroachments on lakes, drains and government land would not be tolerated and reiterated that the government was committed to restoring the Musi river into a landmark urban riverfront superior to even the Sabarmati and Yamuna riverfront projects. The Chief Minister was speaking after launching the Vanamahotsavam programme at Gurranguda Eco Park in Rangareddy district in the presence of ministers



Konda Surekha and D. Sridhar Babu. He planted a Nagalinga sapling under the Haritha Nidhi initiative, unveiled a robotic elephant, reviewed the Eco Park master plan presented by forest officials and laid the foundation stone for development works worth Rs 35.50 crore in the Eco Park and Rs 17.84 crore in the Gurranguda reserve forest. He also inaugurated the Hyderabad Green Metro Police initiative. Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy said Hyderabad's lakes and nalas had been subjected to rampant encroachments over the years, leading to waterlogging and flooding in residential colonies. He said the government had established HYDRAA to protect public land par-

cells, lakes and drainage channels and to prevent citizens from suffering due to illegal occupations. Criticising Opposition parties for portraying HYDRAA as a threat, he clarified that the agency would not trouble people who had legally constructed houses on their own lands but would act firmly against encroachers. Referring to comments by BRS leader T Harish Rao that the Future City project would be scrapped if the BRS returned to power, Revanth Reddy challenged him to first win the Siddipet Assembly seat in the next election before talking about cancelling the project. Referring to the recovery of temple land in Vanasthalipuram and efforts to protect Gurranguda Eco Park from alleged attempts to convert it into private layouts, he said the government would not spare even 'influential encroachers'. He noted that flooding in areas around Saroornagar lake and other localities

was a direct result of lake and nala encroachments and said HYDRAA had been established to curb such practices. Revanth Reddy said the government was making every effort to prevent Hyderabad from facing the environmental and infrastructure problems witnessed in cities such as Delhi, Mumbai and Bengaluru. He remarked that air and water pollution had severely affected Delhi, while heavy rain often crippled Mumbai and Bengaluru. To avoid a similar future for Hyderabad, the government was promoting large-scale afforestation, protecting water bodies and creating major green spaces. The Chief Minister announced that an international-standard national park spread over 424 acres was being developed in the LB Nagar region and dedicated to the people. He also highlighted plans for a world-class integrated fruit market over 240 acres at Koheda with an estimated investment of Rs 2,400 crore.

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday made a strong pitch for democratisation of technology in Paris, asserting that AI means "All Inclusive" for India. Mr Modi also highlighted India's technological prowess and said, "India's prototype (civil nuclear) fast breeder reactor achieved criticality (just recently), and it has brought us closer to realising our three-stage nuclear energy vision, including the use of our vast thorium reserves." Addressing the 10th edition of VivaTech, Europe's biggest technology event, in the French capital, the Prime Minister pointed out that with "over 2-lakh start-ups, India is one of the most vibrant ecosystems in the world". He urged the participating tech entrepreneurs, start-ups, investors and business leaders to "work with India and deliver for all". Pointing out that "for



visit the India pavilion. "Here, you will get a feel of India's immense energy," he said, adding, "AI must improve lives, widen access, drive growth and also help us sustain a healthy planet. Our participation as the AI country partner at VivaTech 2026 reflects this very vision." Pitching India as a destination for investment by global tech and business leaders, the Prime Minister said, "India is an open society and the world's largest talent pool. We are simplifying regulations and ensuring ease of doing business. From innovation to commercialisation, we are supporting private enterprise through targeted incentives of over \$50 billion... Our government will enable and industry will innovate. Startups will disrupt and global partners will scale with us. Together, we will move faster than ever. I call upon everyone in this room to take the lead."

visit the India pavilion. "Here, you will get a feel of India's immense energy," he said, adding, "AI must improve lives, widen access, drive growth and also help us sustain a healthy planet. Our participation as the AI country partner at VivaTech 2026 reflects this very vision." Pitching India as a destination for investment by global tech and business leaders, the Prime Minister said, "India is an open society and the world's largest talent pool. We are simplifying regulations and ensuring ease of doing business. From innovation to commercialisation, we are supporting private enterprise through targeted incentives of over \$50 billion... Our government will enable and industry will innovate. Startups will disrupt and global partners will scale with us. Together, we will move faster than ever. I call upon everyone in this room to take the lead."

Aqua Feed Prices Cut By Rs 4 Per Kilo After CM's Call

Aquaculture farmers across Andhra Pradesh heaved a sigh of relief after Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu mediated a reduction in aqua feed prices. The manufacturers agreed to cut rates by Rs 4 per kilogram. At a high-level meeting Naidu held in Amaravati with aquaculture farmers, feed manufacturers, minister K Atchannaidu and senior officials, he directed stakeholders to help reduce production costs and improve profitability for farmers. In response, feed manufacturers agreed to lower the feed price from Rs 112 to Rs 108 per kg. The decision was welcomed by fish and shrimp farmers, who also thanked the government for continuing to provide power to aquaculture units at a subsidised rate of Rs 1.50 per unit. To ensure long-term price stability, Naidu ordered the formation of a committee comprising representatives of aquaculture farmers and feed manufacturers. The panel, he said, should submit its report within 20 days, after which the government would take a final call.

CM Revanth To Release Rythu Bharosa Funds On June 30 At Madhira Event

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana government will begin releasing Rythu Bharosa funds to farmers on June 30, with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launching the disbursal at a public meeting to be held in Madhira, Khammam district. The decision was taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by CM Revanth Reddy at the



Secretariat on Thursday. The government will credit the funds directly to farmers' bank accounts over ten days. Several other important issues, including the Metro rail phase 2

works and paddy procurement, were discussed in the special meeting convened with the Cabinet Ministers Under Rythu Bharosa, the state provides financial assistance of Rs 12,000 per acre per year. The amount is split between the two crop seasons, where Rs 6,000 per acre each for Kharif and Rabi are transferred directly to farmers.

SP MPs Poised to Break Away from Party: Maurya

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

After Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP) chief Om Prakash Rajbhar, his NDA colleague and Uttar Pradesh deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya on Thursday reiterated that the Akhilesh Yadav-led Samajwadi Party is headed for a split. Hitting back, SP's Shivpal Singh Yadav said Mr Maurya cannot even win his seat but is talking about breaking SP MPs". The Uttar Pradesh deputy CM claimed that about "26 Samajwadi Party MPs are ready to break away from

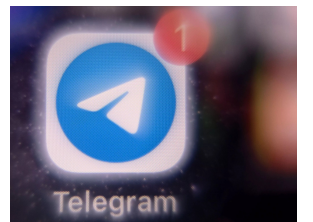
their party". Mr Maurya asserted that the BJP is not involved; the SP MPs are themselves engineering the split. My Yadav took a jibe at Mr Maurya and said, "He cannot even win his seat and has been defeated by the Samajwadi Party leaders multiple times. Now he is talking about breaking SP MPs." Mr Rajbhar had on Wednesday indicated a major political realignment within the SP. Later in the day, Mr Maurya also repeated the claim while addressing a press conference in Lucknow. The SP chief rubbished the claims.

On Thursday, Mr Rajbhar repeated his assertions and said a split in the SP is inevitable and suggested that the SP chief should focus on retaining his MPs. "Everyone has been asking since yesterday: Is a split imminent in the SP? Well, listen to this! A son of Uttar Pradesh's 'rebel land' will lead the faction of dissident SP MPs," Rajbhar posted on X, adding, "And why wouldn't he? The way the SP office yesterday insulted Brahmans under the guise of a conference has deeply hurt the 'red' of 'Rebel Ballia'."

Delhi HC Reserves Verdict on Telegram's Plea Against Temporary Ban

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Delhi High Court on Thursday reserved its verdict on a plea by Telegram against the Centre's move to temporarily restrict access to the messaging app ahead of June 21 NEET-UG re-examination. A vacation bench headed by Justice Tejas Karia reserved the order after hearing arguments from senior advocate Dhruv Mehta, appearing for the app,



and Attorney General R Venkataramani and Solicitor General Tushar Mehta who represented the Centre. The judge asked both the parties to submit written submissions by 7 pm. The bench was hearing a plea of the messaging app against the Centre's decision.

Wang Yi to Attend BRICS Security Advisers' Meeting in New Delhi

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Amidst suspense over whether Chinese President Xi Jinping will attend the Brics summit to be hosted by India in September, Beijing on Thursday announced Wang Yi will attend a meeting of the group's national security advisers and high representatives to be held in New Delhi on June 22-23. The Chinese foreign ministry announced that at the invitation of NSA Ajit Doval, Mr Wang, who is also a member of the Political Bu-



reau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, will attend the meeting. Mr Wang is also likely to hold a bilateral meeting with Mr Doval on the sidelines and also meet external affairs minister S. Jaishankar for talks. Earlier in May, both nations had held their "35th meeting

of the working mechanism for consultation & coordination on India-China border affairs (WMCC)" in Beijing, wherein they held discussions on issues pertaining to delimitation, border management, mechanism building and cross-border cooperation. After the talks, New Delhi had dubbed the "discussions constructive and forward-looking" and said that the two sides reviewed the situation in the India-China border areas while "expressing satisfaction with the progress made in maintaining peace and tran-

quillity in the border areas, which has enabled progress towards gradual normalisation of bilateral relations". "The two sides agreed to work together to make substantive preparation for the next meeting of the special representatives (SR), to be held in China. Both sides agreed to maintain regular exchanges and contacts at the diplomatic and military levels through mechanisms including those that were agreed upon as part of outcomes of the 24th SR talks," the foreign ministry had then said.

ASTORIA
FREE CHAI ON TIFFIN
IDLY • VADA • DOSA • PURI
Enjoy your favorite tiffin & get a cup of chai absolutely FREE!
LIMITED TIME OFFER
Good Tiffin Great Chai Perfect Start!
VISIT TODAY!
FRESH | HYGIENIC | DELICIOUS
OPPOSITE TO RBI, SAIFABAD

Harish Rao demands withdrawal of crop procurement restrictions

BRS leader T Harish Rao criticised the State Cabinet's decision to procure crops within Central quotas and demanded the release of Rs 16,545 crore in pending Rythu Bharosa dues. He alleged the government's policies were harming farmers and weakening agricultural support systems.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Coming down heavily on the Congress government, BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao condemned the State Cabinet's decision to procure crops only within quotas prescribed by the Centre. He demanded the immediate withdrawal of the anti-farmer decisions and also sought the release of Rs 16,545 crore towards pending Rythu Bharosa dues by June 30. In a strongly worded statement on Thursday, Harish Rao warned the State government against abandoning its responsibility towards farmers and attempting to blame the Centre. He pointed out that the Congress had



failed to release the arrears of the previous three instalments of Rythu Bharosa. Accusing the government of first diluting crop bonus promises and now imposing restrictions on procurement, Harish Rao said the Cabinet had effectively admitted its inability to procure farmers' produce. "If the government refuses to buy crops

grown by farmers, what are they expected to do with the harvest?" he asked. The former Minister alleged that limiting procurement to Central quotas would leave farmers at the mercy of private traders and market fluctuations. He said farmers who followed the government's advice to diversify crops had already suffered losses due

to inadequate procurement. "Sunflower farmers were left with 1.2 lakh quintals of unsold stock after only a fraction of the produce was procured by the Centre, while chickpea farmers were forced to sell at prices Rs 3,000-Rs 4,000 below the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Similarly, jowar producers are selling their produce to private traders at rates significantly below MSP due to the absence of procurement centres. Maize farmers too are facing difficulties because of procurement restrictions," Harish Rao said. He accused the Congress government of failing on multiple fronts,

including the implementation of Rythu Bharosa, farm loan waivers, Rythu Bima, crop bonuses, irrigation and power supply. Harish Rao also targeted the Congress government over water management, alleging that despite repeatedly warning about water scarcity and the impact of El Nino, water was released to Andhra Pradesh while Telangana farmers were being advised to limit cultivation due to shortages. He questioned why the government failed to take precautionary measures despite prior warnings and accused it of attempting to shift the burden of its failures onto farmers.

CM Launches New Tourism Facilities at Kinnerasani Sanctuary

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy virtually inaugurated a series of tourism and eco-development facilities at the Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary in Bhadradi Kothagudem district on Thursday, marking another step towards strengthening ecotourism in Telangana. The newly inaugurated facilities include two safari vehicles, trekking amenities, a butterfly park, a feeding shed in the deer park, and a cement concrete (CC) road within the sanctuary. These initiatives have been developed to improve visitor experiences, encourage nature-based tourism, and support wildlife conservation efforts in the region. Among the major additions are the two safari vehicles, developed at a cost of ₹45 lakh. The vehicles are expected to significantly enhance wildlife tourism by pro-



viding visitors with better opportunities to explore the sanctuary and observe wildlife in its natural environment. Officials believe the improved safari infrastructure will attract more tourists and nature enthusiasts to the forest reserve. Spread across 635 square kilometres, Kinnerasani Wildlife Sanctuary is one of Telangana's most important protected forest areas. Named after the picturesque Kinnerasani Lake, the sanctuary is known for its rich biodiversity and is home to wildlife species such as leopards, spotted deer, gaurs, wild boars, and a wide variety of birds. Its lush greenery and scenic

landscapes make it a popular destination for ecotourism and wildlife enthusiasts. Speaking on the occasion, Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao described Kinnerasani as the "lungs of Telangana" and emphasized the importance of preserving its ecological wealth. He noted that Bhadradi Kothagudem district possesses the largest forest cover in the state and revealed plans to further develop the sanctuary with attractions such as a glass house, zoo, boating facilities, and a tourist hotel. District Collector Ankit announced that 55 lakh saplings would be planted across the district during Vana Mahotsavam with the participation of 42 government departments. District Forest Officer G. Kista Goud reaffirmed the department's commitment to transforming Kinnerasani into a premier eco-tourism destination in Telangana.

State government to procure stocks only as per Centre's quota

The Telangana Cabinet has decided to adhere strictly to the Centre's procurement guidelines, limiting purchases at MSP to the quota approved by the Union government. Ministers expressed concern that reduced procurement could hurt farmers, particularly after the State recorded bumper harvests.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a move that could leave the farming community worried, the Telangana government has decided to strictly follow the Centre's procurement guidelines and purchase stocks at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) only within the quota approved by the Union government.



among farmers. During the last season, the Centre agreed to procure 52 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from Telangana despite a bumper harvest. If the Centre fixes a procurement quota that is significantly lower than the State's production, farmers could face difficulties in disposing of their produce, as the State has decided to procure stocks only within the approved quota. The Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwar Rao said the State government had procured nearly 15 lakh metric tonnes of maize. However, central agencies were not procuring crops to the extent expected under the MSP framework, he added. He

urged the Centre to fulfil its constitutional and policy responsibilities by ensuring procurement of paddy through the FCI, cotton through CCI and other crops through the National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation. The State government also announced that Telangana Ministers and Members of Parliament would soon visit New Delhi to mount pressure on the Centre on procurement-related issues. Bonus for seven fine rice varieties The Civil Supplies Minister said the Cabinet had approved a bonus for only seven popular fine rice varieties cultivated in the State. The bonus will be

applicable to BPT-5204, RNR-15048, HMT Sona, Jai Sriram, KNM-1638, WGL-44 and KNM-7715. Defending the decision, the Agriculture Minister said it was based on market demand and consumer preferences. He said these varieties account for nearly 83 per cent of the fine rice cultivated in Telangana and enjoy strong demand even outside the government procurement system. Rythu Bharosa from June 30 The State government has decided to formally launch the distribution of Rythu Bharosa assistance at a Rythu Sammelan to be held in Madhira, Khammam district, on June 30. Demand for additional fertiliser allocations The Ministers expressed concern over fertiliser allocations to Telangana. They said the Centre had assured monthly allocations of around two lakh metric tonnes of urea but had not supplied the promised quantities during the last three months.

Kishan Reddy Responds Swiftly to Residents' Plea for CC Road in Uppuguda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a significant step towards improving civic infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for local residents, the office of Union Minister for Coal & Mines, Shri G. Kishan Reddy, has taken prompt action on a long-pending public grievance concerning road connectivity in the Uppuguda area. Acting on a representation submitted by BJP's senior leader Shri Madari Chandra Shekar, a resident and community representative, the Minister's office has formally for-



warded a request to the Zonal Commissioner of Rajendranagar Zone, GHMC, seeking the laying of a Cement Concrete (CC) Road from Uppuguda Mahankali Temple to Chetrimet Hanuman Temple. The representation highlighted the hardships faced by residents due to the absence of a

proper road, particularly affecting senior citizens, school-going children, and daily commuters. The poor road conditions have reportedly caused inconvenience and safety concerns for people using the route regularly. Recognizing the urgency and importance of the issue, the office of the Hon'ble Minister directed the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to examine the matter and initiate necessary action as per established norms. The communication, issued under the signature of Kishan Reddy Office secretary empha-

sized the need for early intervention in the larger public interest and for the convenience of the residents. Local citizens have welcomed the Minister's proactive approach and expressed optimism that the proposed CC road will soon become a reality, bringing improved accessibility, safer commuting conditions, and better infrastructure to the area. This initiative reflects the government's continued commitment to addressing grassroots concerns and ensuring that essential civic amenities reach every neighbourhood.

Grand Felicitation Accorded to AEE G. Shashi Kumar on Transfer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A grand felicitation ceremony was organized by the staff of the MPP Pulkal Mandal Office in honor of Er. G. Shashi Kumar, Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, following his transfer from MPP Pulkal, Sangareddy District to MPP Nawabpet, Vikarabad District during the recent general transfers. The farewell function was conducted in a warm and dignified atmosphere, recognizing the dedicated services rendered



by Er. Shashi Kumar during his tenure at Pulkal Mandal. Colleagues and well-wishers praised his commitment, professionalism, and cordial relationship with employees, public representatives, and local communities. The event was attended by MPDO, MPO, AE Koteswar Rao, Superintendent, office staff,

public representatives, political leaders, contractors, and several distinguished guests. Speakers highlighted the significant contributions made by Er. Shashi Kumar towards the development of Panchayat Raj infrastructure works and his efficient coordination with various departments.

Smt. Mallam Pushpalatha Passes Away; Condolences Pour In



Smt. Mallam Pushpalatha, wife of Sri Mallam Yugendher, District Panchayat Raj Engineer (DPRE), Sangareddy District, passed away on June 18, 2026, leaving her family, relatives, friends, and well-wishers in deep sorrow. A resident of Lakeville Extension, TSRTC Colony, Thirumalagiri, Secunderabad, she was known for her kindness, humility, and caring nature. Her demise has created a profound void among those who knew and admired her. Following the news, relatives, Panchayat Raj Department officials, staff members, colleagues, friends, and community members gathered to pay their last respects and offer condolences to the bereaved family. They prayed for the departed soul and extended support to Sri Mallam Yugendher and his family during this difficult time. Many remembered Smt. Pushpalatha for her

BRS Leaders Arrested During CM Residence Siege Protest; Medak District Leaders Condemn Action

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Several Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) leaders and activists from Regode Mandal in Medak district were reportedly arrested by police while participating in a protest programme organized near the residence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday. The protest was held against what the BRS described as the Congress government's anti-people policies and the alleged injustice being faced by unemployed youth in the state. Party leaders stated that the demonstration aimed to draw the government's attention to pending employment issues and unfulfilled promises made to job seekers. Among those de-



tained were former Itikyala Sarpanch Sunke Ramesh, Sarpanch Sunder, former Sarpanch Gurnath Reddy, and Regode Village BRS Party President Shabash, along with several party workers and youth leaders from Regode Mandal. BRS leaders strongly condemned the arrests, describing them as undemocratic and an attempt to suppress the

voice of the opposition. They alleged that the government was trying to silence those raising genuine public concerns regarding unemployment and governance. The leaders further stated that peaceful protests are a fundamental democratic right and urged the government to address the grievances of unemployed youth instead of resorting to arrests. They reiterated that the BRS would continue its struggle for the welfare of the people and the protection of democratic values. Party activists demanded the immediate release of all detained leaders and called upon the state government to engage in constructive dialogue on issues affecting unemployed youth across Telangana.

MLA Balu Naik Attends Traditional Ceremony in Polepalli

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Dp Srinivasa rao

In recognition of his outstanding commitment to public service and administrative integrity, K.N. Mehra, President of the GHMC Town Planning Technical Staff Association Executive Body, was honoured with an Appreciation Certificate by the Society for Crusade Against Corruption. The award acknowledges Mr. Mehra's decades of dedicated service in the Town Planning wing of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Known for his professionalism, transparency, and prompt response to public concerns, he has earned widespread respect among colleagues and citizens alike. Representatives of the Society for Crusade Against Corruption praised Mr.



Mehra for upholding the highest standards of honesty and accountability in civic administration. They noted that his leadership has strengthened public trust and improved coordination between officials and citizens. The felicitation ceremony was attended by key office-bearers and executive members of the Society, who jointly presented the certificate and lauded his exemplary contribution to public welfare and ethical governance.

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.

Can Telangana fund Metro Phase II alone? Concerns grow over State's claims

The takeover of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase I has triggered political debate, with doubts cast on the Telangana government's assertion that it can independently execute Metro Phase II despite mounting financial pressures.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With the takeover of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase I acquiring political overtones, questions are being raised about the State government's claim that it can execute the Metro Phase II project on its own, particularly in view of its financial constraints. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has repeatedly acknowledged the financial challenges facing the State in implementing welfare and development programmes. On a few occasions, he has stated that the government was finding it difficult to spend even Rs 500 crore a month on capital expenditure. He has also maintained that Telangana's monthly revenue stands at Rs 18,500 crore. Of this, around Rs 6,500 crore is spent on salaries and pen-



sions, while another Rs 6,500 crore goes towards loan repayments and interest payments. This leaves about Rs 5,500 crore for welfare and development activities. Despite these constraints, the State government has expressed its willingness to take up Metro Phase II on its own. It has already submitted proposals for the project, which comprises seven corridors spanning 122.9 km at an estimated cost of Rs 38,595 crore. The Telangana government had requested the Centre to sanction Metro Phase II as a 50:50 joint venture.

However, in a letter addressed to Union Minister G Kishan Reddy on Tuesday, the Chief Minister stated that if approval for the project as a 50:50 joint venture was delayed, the State government was prepared to proceed using its own resources and institutional financing arrangements. He urged the Centre to grant the required approvals at the earliest so that implementation could begin without further delay. Meanwhile, the delay in the release of the Rs 13,527 crore loan from the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) has affected the State government's plans to take over Metro Phase I. Although the agreement was signed three weeks ago, the loan amount has not yet been released. The Centre has also made seamless integration of the privately operated

Phase I network with the proposed Phase II network a mandatory condition. Until the takeover of Phase I is completed, the Phase II project cannot move forward. If the Centre permits the State government to execute Phase II independently, Telangana would also have to bear the share that would otherwise be contributed by the Union government. This would increase the financial burden further. Another challenge could be securing loans at the four per cent interest rate cited by the Chief Minister for implementation of the project. When the previous BRS government executed the Metro project, the cost of developing one kilometre was around Rs 230 crore. That figure has now risen to nearly Rs 320 crore per kilometre.

Krishna, Godavari Facing Bleak Days, Little Rain in Upper Reaches

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Telangana is staring a severe water deficit year as things stand, and no good news about the monsoon from Maharashtra and Karnataka is adding to the state's rain woes. Consequently, the state of the two major rivers – Krishna and Godavari, the two lifelines for Telangana – and their immediate and near future conditions, have become a matter of concern. This is especially so because as on Thursday, June 18, Maharashtra and Karnataka, from where the two rivers receive most of their water, have cumulative deficits of around 70 per cent, and 35 per cent, with no im-



mediate signs of things turning better in the weeks to come. While the immediate worry for Telangana officials was figuring out whether any water would be available for irrigation, the real concern should be whether the state was geared up to meet possible serious challenges on the drinking water supply front. Sources familiar with the current situation, told Deccan Chronicle that as things stood now, irrigating crops

was ruled out this kharif season. "Drinking water is always the top priority, as it should be. Irrigating crops comes next, and only if there is water to go around for this purpose. At present, the second appears a very remote possibility, there is hardly any water in the canals, and whatever is there must be saved for drinking water," a senior government official said.

Telangana Govt Constitutes Cabinet Sub Committee on VBG RAMG Roll Out

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state government on Thursday constituted a Cabinet sub-committee to examine the implications of the Centre's proposed overhaul of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS), renamed Viksit Bharat G RAM G and scheduled to be implemented from July 1. The state government has opposed the move and urged the Centre to continue the MGNREGS framework without change. The decision was taken by the Cabinet on Thursday in view of concerns over the impact that the proposed reforms could have on rural labourers and the financial burden they may impose on state governments. The Cabinet sub-committee comprises ministers N. Uttam Nageswara Rao, Danasari 'Seethakka' Anasuya and G. Vivek Venkataswamy. Briefing the media at Secretariat, panchayat raj and rural development minister Seethakka al-

leged that the Centre was not only weakening the law that guarantees 100 days of wage employment to rural workers but was also attempting to erase the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi by removing his name from the scheme. She said, the Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission Grameen (VB G RAM G) model could adversely affect employment opportunities for rural labourers while placing additional financial and administrative burdens on state governments. Seethakka said the Telangana Assembly had already passed a resolution opposing the proposed changes. Despite the state's objections, the Centre was exerting pressure on states to implement the new system from July 1. Against this backdrop, the Cabinet decided to constitute the sub-committee to conduct a comprehensive study of the proposed reforms and safeguard the interests of Telangana. The committee is to examine the modalities being adopted by

other states, assess the financial implications for Telangana, consult stakeholders and recommending the state's future course of action. She also expressed concern over growing technical hurdles in the implementation of MGNREGS, claiming that several complaints had been received from districts regarding the requirement to capture workers' photographs online twice a day, which she said was discouraging participation in the programme. Seethakka said the state government was implementing the employment guarantee programme effectively. The state had generated 7.5 crore person-days of employment during 2025-26 and had achieved the same figure of 2.5 crore person-days in two months in April and May in current fiscal 2026-27. Seethakka said Telangana would write to the Centre on the issue and that a final decision regarding the implementation of the VB G RAM G scheme would be taken only after consultations.

PAC Chairman Reviews Water Supply and Drainage Issues in Serilingampally

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi held a review meeting with Water Board officials to discuss civic issues and pending development works across Serilingampally constituency. During the meeting, Gandhi directed officials to respond promptly to public grievances, ensure uninterrupted supply of safe drinking water during the monsoon season, and improve accountability in service delivery. He



stressed the need to complete pending works on priority and prepare proposals for new water supply and underground drainage (UGD) projects wherever required. The PAC Chairman also instructed officials to focus on strengthening the drainage network, prevent sewage overflows, replace damaged pipelines, and expedite pend-

ing infrastructure works. He emphasized coordinated efforts among departments to ensure residents do not face inconvenience and that development projects are completed without delay. Senior Water Board officials, former corporators, and engineering staff attended the review meeting.

Sri Kiranoni Bala Chander Assumes Charge as Executive Engineer (FAC), Vigilance & Quality Control Division, Nalgonda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Thalka Anjaiah

Er. Kiranoni Bala Chander has officially assumed charge as Executive Engineer (FAC), Vigilance and Quality Control Division, Nalgonda District, on Thursday morning. On the occasion, officials and staff members of the department extended a warm welcome and felicitated him with a traditional shawl and flower bouquet. District Panchayat Raj Engineer (DPRE) Chakradhar, along with Deputy Executive Engineers (DEEs), Assistant



Executive Engineers (AEEs), and division staff, congratulated Shri Bala Chander and conveyed their best wishes for a successful tenure in his new assignment.

Srirangam Foundation Encourages Young Talent: Four-Year-Old Shastra Mahi Honoured for Extraordinary Devotional



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Srirangam Foundation Co-Chairperson Mrs. Indumathi Srirangam felicitated four-year-old prodigy Shastra Mahi in recognition of her exceptional talent and remarkable devotion at a special event held at the Foundation's office in Madhapur. Addressing the gathering, Mrs. Indumathi Srirangam emphasized that children should grow not only as successful individuals but also as responsible citizens who contribute to the nation's progress. She stressed the importance of identifying and nurturing the innate talents of children alongside their academic pursuits. At a time when modern society is increasingly influenced by Western lifestyles and traditions, young Shastra Mahi is earning widespread appreciation for embracing spirituality from an early age. The daughter of Jan-gala Rajesh and Navya, she has demonstrated an extraordinary inclination

towards devotional practices. Recently, the India Book of Records conducted an online Hanuman Chalisa competition, where Shastra Mahi showcased her deep devotion to Lord Hanuman by flawlessly reciting the entire Hanuman Chalisa in just four minutes without any hesitation or errors. Her outstanding performance won praise and admiration from all quarters. Apart from her devotional accomplishments, Shastra Mahi has displayed excellence in academics, sports, and dance, proving herself to be a multi-talented young achiever. In recognition of her remarkable abilities, Srirangam Foundation extended financial encouragement and support to the young achiever. Presenting the incentive, Mrs. Indumathi Srirangam remarked that perseverance and determination are the cornerstones of success and encouraged parents to provide children with opportunities to explore and showcase their talents.

HYDRAA Begins Restoration of Ramanthapur Cheruvu

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HYDRAA launched the restoration and redevelopment works for Ramanthapur Cheruvu in Uppal's Ramanthapur, as part of the Agency's phase-II lake restoration activities. HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath offered prayers at the lake site on Thursday and kicked off works. The restoration is part of HYDRAA's ongoing programme to revive lakes across Hyderabad. The agency has completed restoration works on six lakes in the phase-I, and is currently restoring 14



more lakes in phase-II. Ramanthapur Pedda Cheruvu, also known as Ramanthapur Cheruvu, originally had a full tank level (FTL) of 30.572 acres, according to the maps determined by GHMC and HMDA in 2023. HYDRAA said that nearly 16 acres had been encroached upon over the years. Of this, 12 acres

were occupied by permanent structures, while another four acres contained temporary sheds and huts. HYDRAA stated that it was touching the permanent structures, and was focused on clearing the temporary encroachments. It reclaimed the four acres of land, and was working on restoring, expanding and rejuvenat-

ing the lake on 18 acres of land, according to a statement. The project is expected to cost nearly ₹19 crore; once completed, the restored lake is expected to reduce flooding in nearby areas during heavy rain. It is also expected to improve groundwater levels and help maintain ecological balance in the surrounding neighbourhoods. A key aspect of the project was the rehabilitation of families living in temporary huts within the lake area. During the monsoon season, these settlements were frequently affected by flooding, causing hardship for residents.

Young Tennis Stars Impress at Ghaus Mohammad Jr Tournament

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Emerging tennis talents displayed remarkable skill and determination at the Ghaus Mohammad Junior Tennis Tournament 2026, held at the Sports Coaching Foundation (SCF) clay courts in Masab Tank on June 15 and 16. The two-day event brought together 40 promising sub-junior players from across the region, providing a platform for young athletes to showcase their abilities in a highly competitive environment. In



the Girls Under-10 category, Zoya Anam produced an impressive performance to defeat Shreyanshi and secure the championship title. The Girls Under-14 final witnessed an exciting contest, with Isha overcoming Yukta Sri after a hard-fought battle to lift

the trophy. Among the boys, Usman Ghani emerged victorious in the Under-10 division with a commanding win over Dhruvansh. Tejas claimed the Boys Under-12 title after defeating Abdur Rahman through consistent all-round play. In the Under-14 category, Roan

Rao delivered a strong performance to overcome Aravind and clinch the championship. Tournament organizers praised the participants for their dedication, discipline, and sportsmanship, noting that the event highlighted the growing strength of grassroots tennis in Hyderabad. Backed by the Sports Coaching Foundation and experienced officials, the tournament successfully nurtured young talent and reinforced Hyderabad's reputation as a hub for developing future tennis champions.

Akshay-Soumya Get Engaged in Hyderabad



A kshay, son of Madhu Goud Mula, former GHMC Standing Committee Chairman and a family member of former minister Late Mukesh Goud, got engaged to Soumya in a grand ceremony held at OM Convention, Hyderabad. The engagement ceremony witnessed the presence of several prominent political leaders, public representatives, and dignitaries, including Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao, former MLA Nandeshwar Goud, MLA Raj Thakur, Vikram Goud, MLA T. Raja Singh, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Oscar-winning singer Rahul Sipligunj, former minister A. Devender Goud, Mula Ravinder Goud, former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, former minister K. E. Prabhakar, MP M. Raghunandan Rao and BJP Youth Leader Ashish Goud. The distinguished guests blessed the couple and wished them a happy, successful, and prosperous married life. The event was marked by joy, celebration, and warm family gatherings.



CRIME

High-Level Review Meeting on Monsoon Preparedness, Waterlogging and Traffic Management Held at PSIOC



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A high-level review meeting on monsoon preparedness, waterlogging points, and traffic management was held at the Public Safety Integrated Operations Centre (PSIOC) in the

Cyberabad Police Commissionerate under the chairmanship of Jayesh Ranjan. The meeting was attended by Dr. M. Ramesh, A.V. Ranganath, CMC Commissioner Srujana, DCPs, and senior officials from various departments. Officials re-

viewed IMD weather forecasts and discussed measures to tackle waterlogging during the monsoon. Departments were directed to identify vulnerable locations and take preventive steps to avoid flooding and public inconvenience. Jayesh Ranjan instructed authorities to ensure the quick removal of broken-down vehicles to prevent traffic congestion and suggested deploying dedicated teams and drones to monitor traffic conditions in real time. He also emphasized promoting public transport and encouraging institutions, schools, and companies to use collective transportation to reduce traffic congestion. The meeting stressed coordinated efforts among police, CMC, HYDRAA, traffic police, and other departments to effectively handle monsoon-related emergencies and ensure public safety.

Cyberabad CP Reviews Crime Control and Public Safety

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh conducted a crime review meeting and directed officers to focus on crime control, speedy investigations, public safety, and timely justice for victims. The CP reviewed pending criminal, cybercrime, POCSO, murder, rape, kidnapping, and economic offence cases, instructing officials to expedite investigations and improve conviction rates. He also



emphasized women's and child safety, Dial-100 response, cybercrime control, drug eradication, and traffic management in the IT corridor and other busy areas. Dr. Ramesh stated that public safety, effective traffic management, and swift justice remain the top priorities of the Cyberabad Police. Senior officers from various departments attended the meeting.

'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.

Preschool Principal, Coach Sentenced in Miyapur POCSO Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

A Special POCSO Court in Rajendranagar has convicted a private preschool gymnastics coach and the school principal in a child sexual abuse case that occurred in Miyapur in 2019. The court sentenced gymnastics coach K. Kiran Sai (31) to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a ₹20,000 fine for sexually assaulting



a three-and-a-half-year-old girl on the school premises. The victim's father approached the police after noticing abnormal behaviour in his daughter and learning that the coach had allegedly assaulted her inside the school's gymnastics room. The court

also held principal C. Deepika (37) responsible for negligence in ensuring the safety of children and sentenced her to three years of imprisonment along with a ₹1,000 fine. Cyberabad Police stated that after registering the case, both accused were arrested and a charge sheet was filed following a detailed investigation. The verdict is being seen as a strong message on child safety and accountability in educational institutions.

Sangareddy SP Inspects Vatpally Police Station, Jogipet Circle Office

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

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-

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

The headline move is the appointment of 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.



India Should Address Structural Gaps in Startup Ecosystem To Attract Global

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

As Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal urges global private equity (PE) and venture capital (VC) investors to back Indian startups, experts say India should first put "the house in order". It must first address structural gaps, which includes Indian frugality mindset and unfavourable tax regimes, if it hopes to attract a larger share of global capital, particularly in the artificial intelligence (AI) space.

Despite being the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, India continues to lag significantly behind the United States and China in venture capital funding. According to A. Thillai



Rajan, Professor of Finance at IIT Madras, US startups attracted nearly \$2 trillion in venture funding over the past decade, while Chinese startups secured around \$1 trillion. India's total startup funding stood at roughly \$400 billion, including debt, while pure equity investments were only about \$200-250 billion. The gap became even more pronounced in 2025 as AI emerged as the dominant invest-

ment theme globally. The United States attracted nearly \$124 billion in startup funding, driven largely by investments in companies such as OpenAI and Anthropic. China received over \$17 billion, while India attracted only about \$1.35 billion, accounting for roughly 1% of global AI startup funding. According to Rajan, the challenge lies not merely in capital availability but in the

nature of innovation emerging from India. Global investors are increasingly chasing companies developing foundational AI models and breakthrough technologies with worldwide market potential. Indian startups, by contrast, have largely focused on localized applications, enterprise AI solutions and India-specific language models.

"Investors are looking for groundbreaking and original innovations that can capture global markets," Rajan said. "India's AI ecosystem is building relevant solutions, but it has not yet produced enough frontier technologies capable of attracting the scale of capital flowing into global AI leaders." Another major hurdle is

the lack of large-scale growth capital. While AI development globally is being fuelled by investors capable of deploying billions of dollars within weeks, Indian startups often spend months raising comparatively small amounts.

Rajan noted that India's traditional startup culture of capital efficiency and frugality may no longer be sufficient in sectors such as AI and deep technology, where speed and scale of investment are critical. Attracting global funds will require more than promotional roadshows. The country should first put the house in order. Policy reforms that simplify capital inflows and exits, improve tax efficiency, and provide greater certainty to investors will be crucial.

Amazon India Announces 10th Prime Day, Set for July 4-6

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amazon India has announced the 10th edition of its flagship shopping event, Prime Day 2026, which will run from July 4 to July 6, offering 72 hours of deals, new product launches, and entertainment curated exclusively for Prime members across India. Marking a decade of Prime Day in the country, Amazon is positioning this year's edition as its biggest yet, with "10th Anniversary Deals" spanning smartphones, laptops, fashion, home and kitchen, beauty, toys, and everyday essentials. The company said customers will also benefit from additional payment-linked savings, including up to 10% discounts on transactions made using select credit cards and



EMI options from State Bank of India, State Bank of India and Axis Bank. Holders of the ICICI Bank Amazon Pay credit card will receive unlimited 5% cashback. As part of the milestone celebration, Amazon is also offering limited-period discounts on Prime memberships for new users, including reduced pricing on annual Prime plans, Prime Lite, and Prime Shopping Edition, aimed at expanding access ahead of the event. The company said Prime Day 2026 will feature more than 500 new product launches from over 100

Indian and global brands, including OnePlus, Samsung, Lego, Adidas, and Allen Solly, alongside small and medium businesses and women-led startups.

In addition to shopping, Amazon is expanding its AI-powered features on Amazon.in, including conversational discovery tools, visual search, and review summaries designed to simplify product selection and improve shopping decisions. Entertainment will also be a key focus, with Prime Video announcing an early lineup of Indian and international titles leading into Prime Day. The slate includes new series, returning seasons, anime titles, and post-theatrical premieres of major films, spanning multiple genres and languages.

Crizac Partners with ForeignAdmits to Expand AI-Driven Student Mobility Services

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Crizac Limited, one of India's leading technology-driven international student mobility platforms, has announced a strategic investment in Edument Consultancy Private Limited, the company operating ForeignAdmits, an AI-first student mobility platform. The investment, structured through Compulsorily Convertible Debentures (CCDs) and Compulsorily Convertible

Preference Shares (CCPS), marks a significant step in Crizac's journey toward building a comprehensive, technology-enabled student mobility ecosystem. ForeignAdmits has established itself as a key player in the study-abroad sector, serving more than 100,000 students globally and facilitating education loans worth over ₹1,500 crore. Through this partnership, Crizac aims to enhance its ability to support students and counselling partners

across every stage of the international education journey, including university selection, admissions, education financing and visa preparation. The investment will bring ForeignAdmits' advanced AI-powered solutions into Crizac's growing platform. Among its flagship offerings is LoanMonk, India's first pre-admission loan eligibility engine, which has completed more than 80,000 assessments through partnerships with over 17 lenders. The platform



helps students understand their financing options before applying to universities, enabling better planning and decision-making. Another key product is VisaMonk, an AI-powered visa inter-

view simulation platform trusted by more than 3,000 students worldwide. The solution received international recognition after winning The PIEo-ner Awards 2025 for Digital Innovation of the

Year in Student Recruitment, highlighting its effectiveness in improving visa interview preparedness and success rates. Despite the investment, ForeignAdmits will continue to operate independently under its existing brand and leadership structure, ensuring continuity and preserving the student-focused approach that has driven its growth. As part of the transaction, ForeignAdmits Founder and CEO Nikhil Jain will join Crizac's senior leadership team as Chief Pro-

duct & Marketing Officer. An IIT (BHU) Varanasi graduate, Stanford SEED Spark alumnus and former doctoral researcher at the IIT Bombay-Monash Research Academy, Jain will oversee product strategy and consumer brand development across the combined platform. Commenting on the development, Crizac Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Vikash Agarwal said the partnership combines Crizac's institutional reach with ForeignAdmits' AI-driven

capabilities, creating a more integrated and efficient experience for students and counselling partners. With more than 400 institutional partnerships across the UK, Canada, Ireland, Australia and New Zealand, and a vast global counsellor network, Crizac is positioning itself as a full-stack student mobility platform capable of delivering end-to-end support—from initial university search to a student's first day on campus.

Sundaram Finance Warangal Marks 25 Years



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Sundaram Finance's Warangal branch celebrated 25 years of service on Thursday, marking a significant milestone in its journey of providing financial support and fostering community trust in the region. Addressing the occasion, S. Balasubramanian, Vice President and Head of Andhra Region, Sundaram Finance, said the branch's success was built on the company's core values of truth, fairness, and service. He noted that the branch's longevity reflected its strong relationship with customers and deep-rooted connection with the community. Established in 2000, the Warangal branch has played a key role in improving access to finance for small business owners, transport operators, self-employed

professionals, and first-time borrowers. Over the years, it has emerged as a trusted financial partner for customers who were often beyond the reach of mainstream financial institutions. Senior Branch Manager Ramalingam P highlighted the branch's contribution to supporting livelihoods through transparent and customer-centric services. He said the branch has consistently upheld values of integrity, dignity, and trust. As part of the celebrations, family members of employees were honoured with appreciation letters signed by Balasubramanian, recognizing their support in the branch's achievements. The milestone comes as Sundaram Finance moves towards its 75th anniversary in 2029, reaffirming its commitment to integrity, humility, and community service.

CURAPOD, VridhCare Bring Pain Relief Support to Hyderabad Seniors

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

CURAPOD, India's first personalised wearable pain therapy device backed by Litemed India Private Limited, has partnered with VridhCare Quality of Life Foundation to improve the comfort, mobility, and overall well-being of senior citizens living in old-age homes. The initiative was organised as part of CURAPOD's ongoing '21 Days, 21 Fathers' campaign, which aims to create greater awareness about pain management, mobility challenges, and healthy ageing among fathers and elderly individuals. As part of the Father's Day outreach programme, CURAPOD's team, including its founders, doctors, trainers, and healthcare experts, visited Amma Nanna Old Age Home in Hyderabad. During the visit, they interacted with 35 senior citizens and caregivers, conducting awareness sessions and live demonstrations of CURAPOD's personalised, non-invasive pain management technology. The programme focused on educating residents and caregivers about effective



pain management solutions that can help improve mobility and quality of life without invasive procedures or medication dependency. Caregivers and volunteers were also trained in device usage and therapy protocols to ensure that the benefits of the initiative continue beyond the event. The visit carried special significance for CURAPOD Co-Founder and Chief Technology Officer Suryaprakash Magaluri. Having lost both his grandfathers at an early

age and grown up with his grandmothers, the interaction with elderly residents on the occasion of Father's Day was deeply personal. Spending time with the residents and affectionately addressing some of them as "Thatha" rekindled cherished memories and reinforced the importance of providing stronger support systems for senior citizens. Speaking about the initiative, Suryaprakash Magaluri said that many elderly individuals silently endure chronic pain that affects

their independence and quality of life. He noted that the partnership with VridhCare aims to make safe and effective pain relief more accessible while helping seniors remain active and comfortable. He added that the positivity and resilience displayed by the residents despite various challenges served as an inspiration and highlighted the true purpose of innovation in healthcare. VridhCare Quality of Life Foundation Director Gargi Lakhanpal welcomed the initiative, stating that joint and muscle pain are common concerns among elderly residents in old-age homes due to limited mobility and sedentary lifestyles. She said programmes such as these can significantly reduce discomfort and improve daily living for seniors. Lakhanpal expressed hope that the initiative would inspire more organisations to contribute towards elderly care and create meaningful social impact through collective action. Building on the success of the Father's Day programme, CURAPOD and VridhCare plan to expand their collaboration through future outreach initiatives focused on healthy ageing, pain management.

NSE files papers for India's biggest-ever IPO

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

HCLTech has entered into a multi-year strategic partnership with Germany-based e.solutions, a Volkswagen Group company, to develop next-generation automotive infotainment and connectivity solutions for software-defined vehicles. Announced on Thursday, the collaboration will focus on accelerating the development of AI-enabled infotainment and connectivity platforms built on Android Automotive. The initiative aims to meet the growing global demand for connected and digitally enhanced in-vehicle experiences. Under the agreement, HCLTech will support the development, integration, and validation of production-grade human-machine interface (HMI) software across multiple vehicle programs. The partnership is expected to enable seamless deployment of software solutions across different hardware platforms and international markets, ensuring a consistent user experience. e.solutions Chief Executive Officer

Uwe Reder said the company is committed to advancing connected mobility and digital cockpit innovation. He noted that the partnership with HCLTech would help scale HMI software development across various vehicle programs while maintaining high standards of quality, consistency, and customer experience. HCLTech Chief Growth Officer and Global Head of Mobility Pankaj Tagra said the collaboration combines AI-driven engineering capabilities with deep automotive expertise to accelerate the development of world-class infotainment platforms. He added that the partnership reinforces HCLTech's long-term commitment to the automotive industry and its ability to support large-scale engineering programs across global markets. The alliance highlights the increasing role of software, artificial intelligence, and connectivity in shaping the future of mobility, as automakers continue to transform vehicles into intelligent, connected digital platforms.

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?



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

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

Hyderabad Public School Clinches CISCE AP & Telangana Pre-Subroto Cup U-17 Boys Football Title



Mir Hafizuddin Ahmed, Principal Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli Along With Winners Under 17 Years Boys Hyderabad Public School, Begumpet, in Closing Ceremony of Cisce Sports & Games Telangana Pre-Subroto Cup Football Tournament and Team Coach also seen.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Public School (HPS), Begumpet emerged as champions in the Under-17 Boys category of the CISCE Sports & Games AP & Telangana Pre-Subroto Cup Football Tournament 2026, organized by Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, from June 15 to 18. In the first semifinal, Hyderabad Public School secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory over hosts Nasr Boys School. Abdul

Kalam scored the decisive goal to guide HPS into the final. The second semifinal witnessed St. Patrick High School defeat Sherwood Public School 2-1. Abraham opened the scoring for St. Patrick High School before Shyam added another goal. Tarun scored the lone goal for Sherwood Public School. In the final, Hyderabad Public School delivered a dominant performance, defeating St. Patrick High School 4-0 to lift the championship trophy. Danyal

opened the scoring, while Abdul Kalam netted two goals to strengthen HPS's lead. Abhiram added the fourth goal to complete the comprehensive victory. The closing ceremony was attended by Mir Hafizuddin Ahmed, Principal of Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli, who felicitated the winners. Team officials and coaches were also present on the occasion, congratulating the players for their outstanding performances throughout the tournament.

Capgemini Backs Rugby's Inclusive Growth Through RPL 2026

Capgemini Strengthens Rugby's Growth in India Through Rugby Premier League 2026, Promoting Inclusion, Women's Participation and Grassroots Development

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Global technology company Capgemini has reinforced its commitment to the growth of rugby in India by supporting the second season of the HSBC Rugby Premier League (RPL) 2026, which is currently underway in Hyderabad. Marking a major milestone for the sport, this edition introduces a women's competition alongside the men's league, promoting greater inclusivity and expanding opportunities for athletes across the country.

As the Official Transformation Partner of the Rugby Premier League through 2028, Capgemini continues to contribute to the long-term development of rugby in India. The partnership focuses on strengthening the sport's ecosystem through increased grassroots participation, player



L To R: Kiran Kumar Grandhi, Corporate Chairman, GMR Group, Sanjay Chalke, CEO - India, Capgemini, Rahul Bose, President, Rugby India

development initiatives, and enhanced visibility, helping rugby reach wider audiences nationwide.

The tournament features six men's franchises—Delhi Redz, Hyderabad Heroes, Kolkata Banga Tigers, Chennai Bulls, Mumbai Dreamers, and Bengaluru Bravehearts. For the first time, four women's teams—Chennai Bulls, Delhi Redz,

Mumbai Dreamers, and Kolkata Banga Tigers—are competing in the league. The matches are being held at the Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad from June 16 to June 28 and are being broadcast live on Star Sports and streamed on JioHotstar.

Hyderabad's selection as the host city highlights its emergence as a leading destination for major

sporting events. With world-class infrastructure, excellent connectivity, and a growing sports culture, the city provides an ideal platform for rugby's continued expansion in India.

Capgemini's association with the Indian Rugby Football Union (IRFU) began in 2022 as an Associate Sponsor for the national Rugby 7s teams across men's, women's,

boys', and girls' categories. Since then, the partnership has helped strengthen the rugby ecosystem through improved support structures, greater participation, and increased national and international exposure. Women's rugby, in particular, has achieved notable progress, including qualification for the Asia Rugby Sevens Series and podium finishes in multiple continental tournaments.

With interest in alternative sports steadily growing, the Rugby Premier League is emerging as a key platform to diversify India's sporting landscape.

Through its continued partnership, Capgemini aims to foster a more inclusive, future-ready sports ecosystem while bringing rugby closer to communities, athletes, and fans across the country.

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 Rashtira 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.

Telangana High Court stays Raidurg land auction after SBI challenge

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Thursday stayed all further proceedings on the recent Raidurg land auction following a writ plea filed by the State Bank of India (SBI).

Justice N V Shruvan Kumar passed the interim order staying the May 28 auction conducted by the State Government through TGIIC on the prime five-acre land parcel in Raidurg, which fetched about Rs.237 crore per acre to the state. The auction ranked among the highest-value land transactions in Hyderabad. The State Bank of India filed two writ petitions alleging that State had illegally auctioned land allotted to it despite earlier court orders.

In two writ petitions filed

by SBI, it alleged that the Government had illegally auctioned land allotted to the bank despite repeated High Court directions to reconsider its request for extension of time to implement the project.

The dispute concerns Plot No.1A, admeasuring five acres in Survey No.83/1 of Hyderabad Knowledge City, Raidurg Panmaktha Village, originally allotted to the erstwhile State Bank of Hyderabad (SBH) in 2010 for establishing a banking office complex. Following the merger of SBH with SBI in 2017, the bank proposed to establish an Advanced Capability and Innovation Centre (ACIC), which it claimed would become one of its largest facilities in the country after Mumbai.

Appearing for SBI, Senior Advocate BS Prasad



submitted that the bank had paid the full sale consideration of Rs.13.33 crore in 2010 and was handed possession in January 2011. He contended that implementation of the project was delayed due to multiple factors, including the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, statutory approvals, the SBH-SBI merger, financial difficulties faced by BSNL as project management consultant, and the COVID-19 pandemic. He informed the Court that SBI had secured airport, environmental, fire

safety and GHMC building approvals, completed excavation works, established a branch office and ATMs at the site, and invested nearly Rs.21.5 crore towards development. BS Prasad submitted that, State cancelled the allotment in January 2021 despite TGIIC itself recommending extension of time. On SBI approaching High Court in 2021 and 2024, challenging the cancellation of allotment, the court had set aside the cancellation and directed reconsideration of SBI's request. On May 4, 2026 the SBI officials were called and while the discussions with TGIIC authorities were underway, on May 6, 2026, an auction notification was issued in an arbitrary manner, submitted the counsel. An alternative land allotment was also

pending consideration, according to SBI.

Oposing the petitioner contentions, Additional Advocate General T Rajanikanth Reddy submitted that the land had been allotted at a highly concessional rate, but that SBI had failed to fulfil the fundamental conditions of allotment including construction within six months and completion within two years. Sixteen years had passed but there was no substantial progress. Government can cancel the allotment when the land was not utilised for the purpose it was granted. He argued that the SBI failed to complete the project despite extension of time, therefore the State proceeded to auction the property through a transparent e-auction process in public interest.

KT Rama Rao urges students to follow PV Narasimha Rao's example

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao called upon students to take inspiration from former Prime Minister late PV Narasimha Rao's life and achievements, describing him as a role model whose legacy continues to inspire generations.

During a visit to the Swami Ramananda Tirtha Memorial School in Begumpet on Thursday, he distributed notebooks and school bags to students and inaugurated a mid-day meal programme being run under the Talasani Trust. He later interacted with students and joined them for lunch.

Addressing the gathering, Rama Rao recalled PV Narasimha Rao's scholarly accomplishments and pointed out that the former Prime Minister, who mastered 16 languages, left an indelible mark on India and the

world. He urged students to set high goals and strive for excellence by following Narasimha Rao's example.

Recalling initiatives undertaken during the previous BRS government, he referred to the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme launched under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and numerous other initiatives introduced to strengthen the education sector. He stressed the importance of ensuring both quality education and nutritious food for students.

On the occasion, he assured support for the school's development, including the construction of additional classrooms and a modern library.

Sanathnagar MLA and BRS deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav said supporting students from economically weaker sections was a social responsibility.

Forest Staff, Officials To Get Medals For Meritorious Service

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state government has instituted the Telangana Vana Samraksha Meritorious Service Medals from this year, minister for forests and environment Konda Surekha announced on Thursday. The awards will constitute a medal, a cash award, along with a monthly cash incentive, the minister's office said in a press release. There will be four medals in all, a gold, silver, and bronze, which will be in addition to a special gold medal for those who have rendered exceptional service in forest protection. Those se-



lected for the awards should have demonstrated exceptional service in forest protection from illegal occupation, control of forest crimes, wildlife protection, and forest development among other fields. Surekha, thanking Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for approving the proposal for the awards recognising the services of forest staff and officials in forest protection and meritorious service.

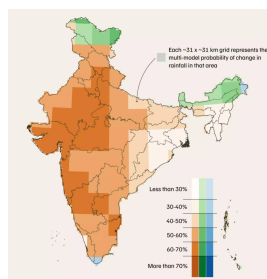
Deficit Start to Monsoon a Pointer For Rest of Season, Recovery Tough

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Fears over this year's southwest monsoon getting worse than what it already has been may be coming true, with the India Meteorological Department saying that the overall deficit from the time the clouds rolled into Kerala on June 4 till date stood at minus-8 per cent. The country has received an overall 46.2 mm of rain against 74.3 mm, the normal for this period. The IMD, however, said, that if viewed against the long period average

(LPA) rain, which incorporates data for 50 years, the current status was that the country as a whole received minus-48 per cent rainfall.

"As of now, the current monsoon signal (MISO signal) does not show a strong all-India wet phase that can quickly erase the deficit in the next one or two weeks," said Dr Roxy Mathew Koll, scientist at the Centre for Climate Change Research of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, and lead author of recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change



(IPCC) reports. Dr Koll also cautioned that a pan-India seasonal total could hide large regional differences, long dry spells and short bursts of heavy rain. "Even if the final number improves later, early-season deficits can already affect sowing, soil moisture, groundwater recharge and reservoir

storage," he said.

Dr Koll explained that the indications of a weak start and progress of the monsoon were present early on, and had been communicated well in advance. "However, the forecasts did not anticipate it to be this strong and extended at a sub-seasonal scale. The general expectations were that the monsoon active phase will revive later in the month, despite a weak start or overall weak monsoon forecast." On whether preparations to face a poor monsoon year could wait a further con-

solidated forecast from the IMD, Dr Koll said: "The all-India rainfall number is useful for climate monitoring, but it is not enough for agriculture, drinking water, reservoirs, floods, or groundwater," adding that that from a risk perspective, any and all preparations should not wait. With large variations in rainfall over different regions, and within the existing meteorological divisions of the country, the future of monsoon preparedness, he said, should be local, dynamic, and impact-based.

Sajjanar Inspects Inundation Spots



Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar conducted a late-night inspection of waterlogging-prone areas near GRT Junction and Praja Bhavan in Somajiguda on Thursday following heavy rainfall in the city. He was accompanied by Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Joel Davis and Deputy Commissioner of Police Avinash Kumar.

During the inspection, Sajjanar reviewed the situation on the ground and directed officials to coordinate closely with the GHMC to ensure the swift removal of stagnant water from affected roads. He emphasized the need to prevent disruptions to vehicular movement and instructed authorities to take all necessary measures to maintain smooth traffic flow.

The Commissioner also directed all traffic police personnel to remain on the field and assist motorists until the rains subside and water accumulation is completely cleared. The inspection was aimed at minimizing inconvenience to commuters and ensuring public safety during the ongoing monsoon season.

Ponnam aid for RTC employee's family, announces 11 pc fitment

K Shankar Goud set himself on fire at the Narsampet bus station where he worked. He died two days later.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a remarkable gesture of solidarity, the family of late TGSRTC employee K. Shankar Goud, who died by suicide during the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) employees' strike in April, will receive a cheque of ₹1 crore contributed by his fellow employees. Colleagues across the corporation have described the contribution as a tribute to his sacrifice and dedication. Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, during a review meeting held on Thursday, directed officials to provide employment to an eligible member of Shankar Goud's family and expedite the allotment of an Indiramma House. The minister emphasized that the government would extend all possible support to the bereaved family. Shankar Goud, aged 50, was working at the Narsam-



pet bus station. On April 22, TGSRTC employees launched an indefinite strike after negotiations with the government over service conditions and employee welfare demands failed. In a tragic incident, Goud set himself on fire at the bus station on April 23 and succumbed to his injuries two days later. He is survived by his wife Hemalatha, who is a person with disability, son Hemanth, and daughter Shamili. The family has been facing severe financial hardships and has been living in a rented house. Earlier, the Telangana government announced an ex gratia of ₹10 lakh for the family. In addition, TGSRTC employees voluntarily

donated a portion of their monthly salaries, enabling the collection of ₹1 crore. During the review meeting, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar also announced that the 11 per cent fitment under RPS-2021, promised during the TGSRTC Sammelan, would be implemented from July 1. He further stated that elections for recognized TGSRTC unions would be conducted soon. The minister reviewed pending service matters and informed that 244 out of 490 employees previously removed from service had already been reinstated, while the remaining cases would be processed expeditiously. He also directed officials to accelerate ongoing bus station construction and renovation works across the state, including projects in Nagarkurnool, Peddapalli, Mulugu, Vemulawada, Kathlapur, Madhira, Huzurnagar, and Kodad.

Bahar Cafe shuts down over food safety violations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bahar Cafe in Madecanaguda was ordered to suspend kitchen operations after a food safety inspection by Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Thursday, June 18, revealed serious hygiene violations. Officials flagged a dirty kitchen ceiling and inadequate lighting, open drains accumulating food waste, damaged infrastructure in the wash area, and water accumulation near the water dispenser.



The staff toilet was located near the operational area, with its door kept open, and staff were found using worn-out chopping boards and iron knives. Medical fitness records and water testing records were not available, and food items were stored without proper labels or date markings.

Three arrested with ganja, MDMA in Rangareddy district

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A joint team of the STF-D Wing and Excise Department arrested three persons and seized ganja, MDMA, mobile phones and a car during a raid at Kismatpura in Gandipet, Ranga Reddy district. The three accused – Guber Venkata Chaitanya, K Sai Arun and K Hemanth Reddy – were arrested during a vehicle check. The team recovered one gram of



MDMA, 730 grams of ganja and three mobile phones from the accused. A high-end car used for transporting the contraband was also seized. Officials found that the accused had allegedly procured ganja and other narcotic sub-

stances from Odisha and Bengaluru and sold them in and around Hyderabad for illegal profits. All three men have three to four criminal cases registered against them at different police stations.

WAKE UP TELANGANA
ENGLISH DAILY
EMAIL: wakeupTelangana5@gmail.com

PUBLIC & COURT NOTICE & CLASSIFIEDS ADVERTISEMENTS
7660851472
8885610056

9966806010 whole sale & retail 9966228274

AL BUSHRA
PERFUME CENTER
ONLY CENTRE FOR FAMOUS AND PURE SANDAL AND ATTAR IN HYDERABAD

PROPRIETOR: MD AKRAM ALI

MACHLI KAMAN, CHARMINAR ROAD HYDERABAD