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## Modi: India Won't Remain Buyer in World's Defence Market

PM Commissions Three Made-in-India Warships, Marking a Major Boost to Naval Strength and Defence Self-Reliance

**K**olkata: Prime Minister Narendra Modi made it clear on Sunday that India does not want to remain merely a buyer of foreign defence products or allow its military strength to be reduced to a "marketplace" for the world. He asserted that the country would become "decisive" when it emerges as a full-fledged defence

manufacturer. The Prime Minister was speaking at the tri-commissioning of INS Agray, INS Durgam Cheruvu and INS Sandhodhak, built by defence PSU Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, into the Indian Navy before concluding his two-day state visit. Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, West Bengal Governor R.N. Ravi and Chief Minister Suvedu Adhikari attended the ceremony. Modi said,

"Today, India does not want to remain merely a buyer in the defence sector. Our military strength cannot be reduced to a marketplace for the world. The identity of our strength lies not in being a market, but in our self-reliance. India wants to be a manufacturer. And the day we become manufacturers, we will also become decisive. We are moving rapidly in this direction." He said

India's total defence production had risen to ₹1.8 lakh crore from nearly ₹40,000 crore after 2014, while defence exports had increased to ₹40,000 crore from ₹700 crore, with more than 80 countries now buying Indian defence products. Referring to the three newly commissioned warships, the Prime Minister said, "They are symbols of three important resolutions of India. They

have been built in India. Their designs were prepared in India. Their construction involved the talent of Indian industries, the skill of Indian engineers and the hard work of Indian workers." Modi said more than 40 indigenous warships and submarines had been inducted into the Navy in recent years and 45 major naval platforms were under construction. Underlining the importance of mari-

time power, he said, "The world bears witness that no nation can become a great power without maritime capability. Development is linked to the seas, security is linked to the seas, prosperity is linked to the seas." -He said most of the world's trade moved through maritime routes, while vast data networks passed beneath the oceans. In the coming years, critical minerals, deep-sea resources and new

energy sources would also be linked to the seas, he said. "The stronger a nation's maritime strength, the stronger its economic and strategic influence. India understands this reality well. India is preparing itself for it," Modi said. The Prime Minister said India had entered the next phase of maritime power and had begun moving forward with a new vision for the shipbuilding sector.

"India also knows that strength is equally necessary to safeguard peace. Security is essential to protect prosperity. And self-reliance is indispensable for building the future," he said. Highlighting job opportunities in the sector, Modi said India's maritime sector had the potential to generate millions of jobs in the coming years. "We do not see the maritime sector as an isolated sector. We see it as



## US, Iran Begin Talks In Switzerland On Permanent Peace Deal

Geneva: Wakeup telangana

The US and Iran began talks on a permanent peace deal to settle the issue of the Islamic Republic's nuclear programme and permanently reopen the Strait of Hormuz. The first high-level meetings of US, Iranian, Qatari and Pakistani representatives started on Sunday in the Swiss resort of Bürgenstock, with US Vice President J.D. Vance and Iranian foreign minister Abbas Araghchi among attendees. But even as the meetings got underway, President Donald Trump threatened in a social media post on Sunday to strike Iran again if it doesn't "immediately stop their highly paid PROXIES in Lebanon from causing trouble." While a hard-won interim deal has signalled a pause in US-Iran hostilities, the meeting is likely just the

start of protracted wrangling that will span topics including Iran's nuclear capabilities and economic relief for Tehran. What today really represents is the beginning of a technical negotiation that's not going to solve every disagreement," Vance told reporters, speaking alongside officials from Pakistan and Qatar, which are acting as mediators. The meeting "is going to allow us to sit together as teams for the first time really in history to figure out what matters most to the respective parties, to settle those issues, to solve those issues, and get to a better tomorrow," Vance said. The semi-official Tasnim news agency said that the Iranian delegation opposed a joint photo with the US delegation, citing a person familiar with the matter. Iranian media reported the round of talks will last one day, with offi-

cialists from Tehran meeting mediators before holding discussions with the US later in the day. The stakes are high, and recent fighting between Israel — which isn't a party to the provisional deal — and Iranian-backed Lebanese militant group Hezbollah threatens to derail the diplomacy. Iran's semi-official ISNA news agency said the main topics of the talks would be a "comprehensive ceasefire" in Lebanon, from where it demands Israel withdraw, and the fate of billions of dollars in Iranian assets frozen overseas. Tehran on Saturday accused Israel of violating a truce in Lebanon and said the Strait of Hormuz, a key transit point for global energy supplies, would be shut again. Despite the announcement, millions of barrels of oil continued to flow through the waterway. Under the terms of the

memorandum of understanding signed by Trump on Wednesday, the US and Iran have 60 days for negotiations, although the pact allows for an extension. Earlier, Vance said the goal is to get "the actual structure of negotiation in place," building on technical discussions in Switzerland involving Jared Kushner and Steve Witkoff, Trump's two global negotiators. Iran's announcement on Hormuz cast a cloud over the talks, but the immediate impact on vessel traffic was unclear. Even before the recent ceasefire, millions of barrels of oil had been quietly escaping the waterway each day. Three fully laden India-linked supertankers re-emerged in the Gulf of Oman on Sunday after signalling an attempt to cross the strait on Friday, according to ship-tracking data compiled by Bloomberg. The supertankers,

each signalling Indian ownership or India-bound cargo, carry between them nearly 6 million barrels of Iraqi and Kuwaiti oil. Their attempts to sail toward Qeshm island suggest they may have taken a Tehran-approved route. US Central Command said commercial ship traffic increased in the strait on Saturday, with 55 merchant ships transiting cargo and more than 17 million barrels of oil. Energy secretary Chris Wright said on Fox News Sunday that the US was still escorting ships and "demonstrating we can transit the strait with or without" Iran. Israel, Washington's partner in the war on Iran that began February 28, has been fighting a parallel campaign against Hezbollah in neighboring Lebanon. Iran has consistently sought to link the conflict there, which has killed thousands and displaced more

## Governor Calls Yoga India's Timeless Gift

Hyderabad: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla described yoga as a timeless gift of India to humanity and a powerful tool for physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Participating in International Day of Yoga celebrations at Lok Bhavan on Sunday, he said yoga helps build physical strength, mental resilience and inner balance. Senior officials, including Governor's special chief secretary M. Dana Kishore, joint secretary Shashikiran Komandur and deputy secretary G. Pallavi, joined officers and staff in the programme. Representatives of The Art of Living guided participants through various yoga practices. Addressing the gathering, the Governor



recognition for the International Day of Yoga. The Intelligence Security Wing (ISW) organised Yoga Day celebrations at the PET Parade Grounds in Yousufguda under the supervision of Deployment SP Syed Basha. CMSG G. Chakravarthi attended as chief guest. Speaking at the event, he said yoga is vital for security personnel as it helps them overcome stress and remain alert while on duty. Additional SP Vasudeva Reddy led officers and staff through the Common

## Nehru Zoological Park celebrates World Giraffe Day with cake for giraffe Bunny

Hyderabad: For Bunny, who has been leading a solitary life in his enclosure, this Sunday was a special occasion as the Nehru Zoological Park celebrated World Giraffe Day. The towering animal was treated to a 5 kg cake made from fruits, vegetables, leafy greens, nuts and beans by in-house zoo staff. Bunny was brought to Hyderabad under an animal exchange programme from the Kolkata Zoo, along with a female partner, Bubli, in 2019. However, Bubli passed away after a brief illness in 2021. After Bubli passed away, the zoo was left with two male giraffes, Bunny and 20-year-old Tsunami Basant, who

also passed away in October 2024. Since then, the 10-year-old Bunny has been leading a solitary life in the sprawling zoo. Earlier, the Hyderabad Zoo management had planned to procure a female partner for Bunny from Mysore Zoo under the animal exchange programme. However, the plan is yet to materialise. Meanwhile, the zoo organised two sessions of animal keepers' talk shows with Buchanna, assistant animal keeper of the giraffe enclosure and Deepak Tharun, Zoo Educational Officer, Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad. They delivered a lecture on giraffes' habits, habitat,

## Lawyers meet KTR

seek local representation in Judges' appointments



Hyderabad: The representatives of the Telangana High Court Advocates' Association called on BRS working president KT Rama Rao at his Nandinagar residence and sought his support for ensuring adequate representation for Telangana lawyers in appointments to the High Court judiciary. A delegation led by Association president S Surender Reddy briefed Rama Rao on a recent resolution passed by the association, urging authorities to consider only advocates belonging to Telangana, when making appointments to the Telangana

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## Telangana BJP chief seeks Rahul meet over unkept promises BJP chief seeks Rahul meet



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Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President N Ramchander Rao on Sunday, June 21, sought a meeting with Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, over Congress's six guarantees promised during the 2023 Assembly elections. Rao wrote a letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, seeking an appointment with Gandhi. "You may recall that the people of Telangana placed their faith in the Indian National Congress during the Assembly elections and voted for the party, believing the assurances

personally given by Rahul Gandhi, Sonia Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. They also believed the declaration signed in 2023 regarding the six guarantees," he said. He said that Rahul often speaks of constitutional morality, accountability, and the sanctity of promises made to the people. It is therefore only appropriate that he be apprised of the prevailing sentiment in Telangana and the concerns of the people regarding the implementation of the guarantees announced by him and other senior leaders of the Congress Party. The Telangana BJP chief said he would inform Gandhi

that there is growing disappointment and concern among various sections of society regarding the status of these promises and the delay in their implementation. Rao accused Gandhi of visiting foreign countries and weaving false narratives against Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "I therefore request you to kindly facilitate an appointment with Shri Rahul Gandhi Ji at the earliest, so that I may present a representation concerning these forgotten guarantees and draw his attention to the difficulties being faced by students, employees, youth, women, farmers, agricultural labourers,

senior citizens, artisans, and other sections of society," he added. Rao also said that if the Telangana CM doesn't fix an appointment with Gandhi, his silence will be construed as confirmation of the Congress Party's great betrayal of Telangana and its people. Rao said the BJP would continue to highlight the gap between the Congress party's promises and the ground reality in Telangana. He alleged that several sections of society, including farmers, youth, women and government employees, were still waiting for the full implementation of the guarantees

announced before the Assembly elections.

The BJP leader asserted that the Congress government must provide a clear timeline for fulfilling all its election commitments. He said the people of Telangana deserve transparency and accountability from the government, which came to power on the basis of specific promises made during the election campaign.

Rao further stated that if Rahul Gandhi agrees to meet him, he would submit a detailed memorandum outlining the concerns raised by various groups across the State. He said the BJP would continue to raise public issues and hold the Congress government accountable for its assurances to the people. He also alleged that the Congress leadership cannot evade responsibility by remaining silent on the issue, as the guarantees were repeatedly highlighted during the election campaign. Rao said the people of Telangana are closely watching the government's per-

## BRS leader father passes away Harish Rao participates in funeral

**Sangareddy**  
Wakeup telangana

Former minister T Harish Rao visited Zaheerabad and attended the funeral of Malkapuram Eswaraiiah, father of former DCMS chairman Malkapuram Shiva Kumar. Several elected representatives and BRS leaders joined the funeral and offered condolences to the bereaved family. Former minister T Harish Rao called on former District Cooperative Marketing Society (DCMS) chairman



Malkapuram Shiva Kumar in Zaheerabad and participated in his father's funeral on Sunday. Shiva Kumar's father, Malkapuram Eswaraiiah, passed away due to an age-related illness. Rao comforted the

bereaved family members. Sangareddy MLA Chintha Prabhakar, Zaheerabad MLA K Manik Rao, BRS leaders Devi Prasad, Yerrolla Srinivas and others also participated in the funeral.

## Electric TGSRTC bus catches fire near Karimnagar, 37 safe



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: A major accident was averted on Sunday, June 21, after an electric TGSRTC bus belonging to the Karimnagar-2 depot caught fire near the Lower Manair Dam (LMD) in Thimmapur mandal of Karimnagar district. According to reports, the bus was travelling from Karimnagar to Hyderabad when flames suddenly erupted from the vehicle at around 8 am. The driver acted swiftly and safely evacuated all 37 passengers on board before the fire spread. Passengers escape unharmed. The passengers escaped unharmed, but the bus was completely gutted by the blaze before firefighters could bring the situation under control. The incident

caused panic among the passengers and commuters in the area. Fire brigade personnel rushed to the spot and extinguished the flames. Authorities said a major tragedy was prevented due to the alertness and timely response of the driver. In a video that surfaced online, one of the passengers expressed gratitude to the driver for his presence of mind and quick response. "Had the driver not acted immediately and asked us to get down, the situation could have been much worse," the passenger said, thanking him for saving the lives of those on board. Officials have launched an investigation to determine the exact cause of the fire. Further details are awaited. Following the incident,

TGSRTC officials reached the spot and reviewed the situation. Preliminary reports suggest that a technical fault may have triggered the fire, though the exact cause will be known only after a detailed inspection. The incident has once again brought attention to the safety and maintenance of electric buses, prompting authorities to examine the vehicle and assess whether additional preventive measures are required to avoid similar incidents in the future. Meanwhile, passengers appreciated the quick response of the driver, whose alertness ensured everyone was evacuated in time. "His quick thinking

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Protest march against Trump Road naming near US Consulate in Hyderabad

Left parties will participate in a protest march on Monday (June 22) opposing the state government's decision to name a road near the US Consulate in Hyderabad after President Donald Trump. The march will start at 11:30 am from the Babu Jagjivan Ram statue at Basheerbagh to the Dr BR Ambedkar statue at Tank Bund, spokesperson J Baburao said. Describing the Congress government's decision as imperialist, Baburao informed that several leaders are expected to participate in the demonstration and address the gathering. "The demonstration aims to express dissent against the government's decision and reaffirm the parties' commitment to democratic and people's movements," he said

## Jana Sena Expands in Telangana with Janavani Launch

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The 172nd week of the Gnaana Mala Programme was celebrated successfully today, 21.06.2026, at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue, Lothkunta 'X' Road, Alwal. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission Executive Committee Members also celebrated the 65th Birthday of Shri Ramesh Kamala, Advisor, by cutting a cake in front of the statue of Babasaheb. Addressing the gathering, Shri Ramesh Kamala emphasized the urgent need to carry forward Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's legacy and Mission to every doorstep of marginalized communities. He stressed that the Constitution is under threat and stated, "Saving the Constitution is saving India." He further added that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar is a world



icon. He made a fervent appeal to all Telangana Scheduled Castes Associations, Confederations, Federations, and Activists to come under one banner and one leadership to safeguard the legitimate rights of Bahujans enshrined in the Constitution, and more importantly, to save the Constitution itself. "United we stand - Divided we lose our benefits," he said. Recalling a past achievement, he said that during the tenure of Shri Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy as Chief Minister

of Andhra Pradesh, a 250-member delegation led by Shri S.R. Guday, President, and Shri Ramesh Kamala, Secretary General of the All India Confederation of SC/ST Organisations, with the support of the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes Welfare Association and Ambedkar Yuvajana Sangam, met the CM. They submitted a memorandum demanding the filling of backlog vacancies in all departments. The CM responded immediately and filled all backlog vacancies. "This was

achieved through unity. After that, no Government has bothered about backlog vacancies," he noted. He called upon cadres to: 1. Spread awareness on how India achieved independence and the importance of the Constitution. 2. Distribute books on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Life & Work to the public. Resource Study Center Initiatives: Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission conducted an Awareness Programme for Staff Selection Commission - Combined Graduate Level 2026 on 19.06.2026, which received an overwhelming response from aspirants. Today, online guidance was provided to aspirants to help them fill out applications, as the last date for submission is 22.06.2026. The Mission has also decided to conduct regular coaching with experienced trainers

## HONOURING INTEGRITY: K.N. Mehra Felicitated for Exemplary Public Service

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

279 Drunk Drivers Booked in Weekend Special Drive by Cyberabad Traffic Police  
Wake Up Telangana | Rangareddy District | Srirangam Venkatesh  
Hyderabad: Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk-and-drive enforcement drive, booking 279 offenders across the commissionerate limits. Of the total cases, 228 involved two-wheelers, 43 four-wheelers, and 8 three-wheelers. Police said 230 offenders recorded BAC levels between 36-200 mg/100 ml, while 49 offenders registered levels above 200 mg/100 ml, including 16 with extremely high alcohol levels ranging from 301-550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be produced before the court. Police warned that drunken driving is a serious offence and stated



that anyone causing a fatal accident while driving under the influence can be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment along with a fine. Meanwhile, Cyberabad courts disposed of 622 drunk-and-drive cases between June 15 and June 20, 2026, with 621 offenders fined and one offender receiving a fine along with community service. Cyberabad Traffic Police urged motorists not to drive after consuming alcohol and to prioritize

road safety. Authorities said the weekend enforcement drive is part of an intensified effort to curb drunken driving incidents in Cyberabad limits, especially on weekends when violations tend to rise sharply. Police officials added that regular checks will continue at key junctions and highways, and warned that strict action will be taken against repeat offenders to ensure road safety and Officials further said surprise inspections will be increased in high-risk zones and busy junctions identified as accident-prone

## Innova runs over 35-year-old woman in Asifnagar

**Asifnagar**  
Wakeup Telangana  
A 35-year-old woman was killed outside her house in Hyderabad's Asifnagar area on Sunday morning, June 21, after an Innova car ran over her. CCTV footage shows the seemingly out-of-control car crushing the deceased, Faheemunnisa, who was walking on the roadside. Asifnagar Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) K Srinivasu told Siasat.com that the car was a rental. "The car belongs to a

person named Basheer. He rented it out to Adnan, who gave it to Rehan," he said. Rehan reportedly gave it to the person who drove the car. The driver, said the officer, is allegedly a minor who fled the spot. However, there are also reports that the driver is the son of a local political leader and liquor bottles were recovered from the seized

## ₹2.5 Lakh CMRF Aid Sanctioned for Gachibowli Woman Medical Treatment

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

₹2.5 Lakh CMRF Assistance Handed Over to Gachibowli Woman for Medical Treatment  
PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi handed over a Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) sanction letter for ₹2.5 lakh to the family of Mrs. Harshavardhini, a resident of Gachibowli in Serilingampally Di-



vision, to support her emergency medical treatment. The assistance was sanctioned through the CMRF LOC (Letter of Credit) after the family applied for financial aid. Former corporators Narne Srinivasa Rao and Uppalapati Sri-

kanth were also present during the handover. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the Chief Minister's Relief Fund serves as a major support system for economically disadvantaged patients requiring urgent medical care. He stated that the Telangana Government, under the leadership of A. Revanth Reddy, remains committed to providing financial assistance to people in distress. Family members expressed gratitude to the government and PAC Chairman Gandhi for facilitating the medical aid. Local leaders and party representatives also attended the programme.

## Bowenpally Pays Tribute to Telangana Ideologue Acharya Jayashankar on Death Anniversary



**Wake Up Telangana |**  
**REMEMBERING THE ARCHITECT OF TELANGANA: ARCHARYA JAYASHANKAR HONORED IN BOWENPALLY ON DEATH ANNIVERSARY**  
DATELINE: SECUNDERABAD (CANTONMENT) - JUNE 21, 2026  
BYLINE: Special Correspondent SECUNDERABAD: Marking the solemn occasion of the death anniversary of the pioneer and ideologue of the Telangana movement, Acharya Kothapalli Jayashankar (affectionately known across the state as Professor Jayashankar Sir), a grand commemorative tribute was held on Sunday at Jayanagar Square in New Bowenpally.

Organized under the auspices of the Bowenpally Pragathi Sangam, the event drew a vast gathering of prominent local leaders, cross-party political representatives, and passionate Telangana ideologues who assembled to salute the enduring legacy of the man whose intellectual grit shaped a state. A Crossroads of Solidarity: Leaders Pay Rich Tributes  
The ceremony at Jayanagar Square transformed into a unified forum of remembrance as leaders transcended party lines to garland the statue and portrait of Professor Jayashankar. Among the key dignitaries who spoke at the event were: Jampana Pratap (Former Vice President, Cantonment

## MLRITM Wins HYSEA Project Drona 2.0 Excellence Award

**MLRITM received HYSEA Project Drona 2.0 award for excellence**  
MLRITM has been honoured with the highest record number of 52 faculty participated in this prestigious "Prabhava Puraskaram" Awards in entire Telangana state under HYSEA Project Drona 2.0, a flagship faculty de-

velopment initiative powered by Infosys Springboard in collaboration with the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK) held at Tech Mahindra Campus in Gachibowli. Quote from Leadership: "Empowering our faculty with advanced certifications is not just an investment in their growth, but



a direct investment in the quality of education our students receive and their ability to thrive in a technology-driven world." Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, Founder Secretary.

MLRITM & M.L.A. Malkajgiri Constituency The recognition was conferred upon MLRITM for achieving the 52 highest number of faculty participation certifications under the

programme, reflecting the institution's sustained commitment to academic excellence, continuous professional development, and the integration of emerging technologies in

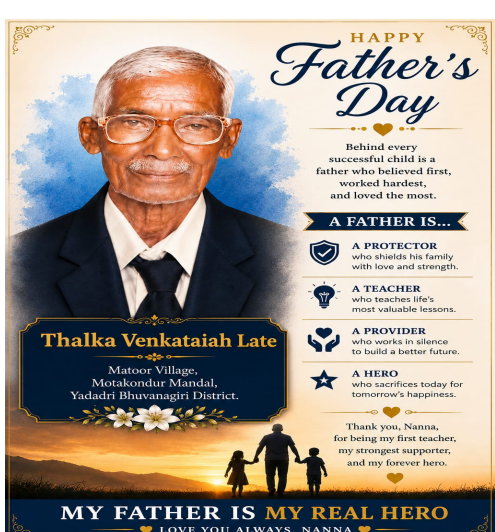
higher education. Faculty members from the Departments of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning), Computer Science and Engineering (Data Science), Information Technology (IT), and Computer Science and In-

formation Technology (CSIT) successfully completed a series of rigorous certification programmes offered under Project Drona 2.0. Congratulations to the faculty members on the achievement, said Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, Founder Secretary of MLRITM and MLA of Malkajgiri Constituency.

## Father's Day Special: A Tribute to the Silent Hero Behind Every Success

**HYDERABAD**  
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Father: The First Hero, The Silent Architect of Life | Hyderabad, June 21: International Yoga Day • World Music Day • Father's Day | June 21  
June 21 is celebrated across the world as International Yoga Day, World Music Day, and Father's Day. While Yoga teaches



balance and Music fills life with rhythm, it is a father who silently carries both on his shoulders—balancing family responsibilities and creating the rhythm of a better future for his children. Without a father, many of life's celebrations lose their meaning. Behind every successful child stands a father whose sacrifices

often remain unseen, whose struggles are rarely spoken about, and whose love is expressed more through actions than words. A father is not merely a parent. He is a builder, a protector, a teacher, a provider, and a warrior. Long before modern tools existed, fathers built homes with their own hands, repaired

## Growing Trust in Government Schools Drives Shift from Private In-



Wakeup Telangana | Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District  
rowing Trust in Government Schools Leads to Shift from Private Institutions  
A silent educational transformation is taking place across Telangana as an increasing number of parents are choosing government schools over private institutions for their

children. The reforms and innovations introduced by the Telangana Government under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy have strengthened public educational institutions and restored confidence among parents regarding the quality of government education. Improved infrastructure, digital learning facilities, dedicated

teaching staff, enhanced academic standards, free textbooks, uniforms, mid-day meals, and student welfare initiatives have made government schools an attractive option for families from various economic backgrounds. As a result, many parents are transferring their children from private schools to nearby government institutions. A notable example can be seen in Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Mator, Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, where several students have recently shifted from private schools to the government school. The trend

reflects the growing belief that quality education can be achieved without imposing a financial burden on parents. The positive change has also inspired former students and community leaders to contribute towards the development of government schools. In a generous gesture, Mr. Kola Venkatesh, an alumnus of ZPHS Mator and a native of Mator village, expressed happiness over the increasing enrolment and public support for government schools. Recognizing the importance of encouraging students, Mr. Venkatesh came forward to sponsor

Tears, shattered hopes as late NEET aspirants denied exam entry

Many National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) aspirants were faced with shattered hopes for a second time this year after they were denied entry into their examination centres for being late. While some showed up with band-aids after reportedly meeting with an accident, others blamed Google Maps for giving wrong directions. Due to various reasons, exam centres across the country witnessed crying, defeated candidates, for whom a few minutes derailed their future and ruined years of preparation. The NEET-UG re-exam began at centres across the country and overseas on Sunday, June 21, amid tight security arrangements after the cancellation of the earlier May 3 exam amid an ongoing probe into the question paper leak. The examination was conducted across 5,440 centres in 551 cities in India between 2 pm and 5.15 pm. Gates to the exam centres were closed at 1:30 pm.

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## NEET Re-Examination Conducted in Hyderabad Following Paper Leak Controversy

Students in Hyderabad once again appeared for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) following the controversy surrounding the alleged question paper leak that raised concerns over the fairness and integrity of the examination process. Hundreds of aspiring medical students attended the re-examination at various designated centres across the city. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the exam under enhanced security measures to ensure transparency and prevent any irregularities. Students arrived at examination centres early in the morning, accompanied by their parents and guardians. While many candidates expressed relief at getting another opportunity to compete fairly, some also voiced concerns about the additional stress and uncertainty caused by the re-examination. Authorities deployed strict security arrangements, including thorough verification procedures and surveillance measures, to maintain the sanctity of the examination. Officials stated that all necessary precautions were taken to ensure the smooth and transparent conduct of the test. NEET is one of India's most competitive entrance examinations for admission to undergraduate medical courses, and the paper leak controversy had sparked a nationwide debate regarding examination security and student welfare. The re-examination aims to restore confidence among candidates and ensure a fair evaluation process for all aspirants. NEET is one of India's most competitive entrance examinations for admission to undergraduate medical courses, attracting lakhs of aspirants from across the country every year. The alleged paper leak had triggered widespread concern among students, parents, and education experts, leading to demands for stricter safeguards and greater accountability in the examination process. The re-examination is expected to provide a level playing field for affected candidates and help maintain the credibility of the country's medical entrance system. Results of the re-test are likely to play a crucial role in determining admissions to medical and dental colleges for the upcoming academic year. The authorities also appealed to students not to believe rumours and to rely only on official information released by the National



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# India, US Set for Crucial Trade Talks as Tariff Deadline Nears

New Delhi: India and the United States will hold a fresh round of trade negotiations this week, with Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal set to meet US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer in New Delhi for two days of discussions on the first phase of the proposed Bilateral Trade Agreement (BTA). The ministerial-level talks follow chief negotiator discussions held in New Delhi earlier this month and are expected to focus on finalising the framework of an interim trade deal. Goyal recently said both sides are working to close remaining gaps and aim to conclude the first phase of the agreement by mid-July. The talks assume significance as the 10 per cent temporary tariff imposed by the US on imports from all trading partners is set to expire on July 24. Washington is currently reviewing its trade policy through Section 301 investigations covering several countries, including India, over issues such as forced labour and excess industrial capacity. A key concern for India is securing a tariff advantage over competing exporters such as Vietnam, Bangladesh and ASEAN nations. Under the original BTA framework agreed in February, Indian goods were expected to face lower tariffs than products from rival countries, improving their competitiveness in the US market. However, changes in US tariff policies following a Supreme Court ruling against President Donald Trump's reciprocal tariffs have prompted both sides to revisit parts of the agreement. The proposed trade pact also envisages tariff reductions on a range of US industrial and agricultural products enter-

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# Pahalgam Attack : NIA Chargesheet Indicates Cross-Border

Srinagar Wakeup telangana

Srinagar : Cross-border drones successfully dropped arms and ammunition as deep into Kashmir as the Baramulla district without detection, according to a National Investigation Agency (NIA) chargesheet filed in the last year's audacious Pahalgam

terror attack case. The exhaustive NIA probe has tracked the pre-attack movements of the terrorists who struck the popular Baisaran meadows in Pahalgam in April last year. The terror attack resulted in the death of 26 people, the majority of whom were tourists. In response to the attack, Indian armed forces

launched Operation Sindoor in which terror infrastructure across the border were destroyed. Security experts analysing the chargesheet point to a critical drop in human intelligence gathering between 2022 and 2024 as a primary reason the terror cell was able to move freely through the valley undetected. The in-



vestigation highlights a worrying shift in the logistics of terror in the region. Rather than relying solely on

traditional, heavily guarded infiltration routes along the Line of Control (LoC), handlers from across the

border are increasingly deploying unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Officials noted that these drones managed to penetrate deep into the hinterland, bypassing multi-tiered security cordons to deliver hardware and money directly to terror cells operating in north Kashmir's Baramulla district. Gogal Dara

forests located in Baramulla district is believed to have become a hotspot for drone dropping because of it being in the line of site from across the border. While the chargesheet has meticulously charted how the attackers embedded themselves within the local landscape before striking the tourist hub, it has

also sparked a debate among security analysts regarding structural blind spots. Experts argue that an over-reliance on technical intelligence at the expense of cultivating local, ground-level human intelligence (HUMINT) networks during the 2022-2024 period created a operational vacuum. This

# Modi-Trump Friendship Hurting India,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday used two major public engagements in Kolkata to outline a broader vision for India's future, one rooted in inner balance and collective well-being through yoga, and the other in national self-reliance and maritime strength. Speaking at the 12th International Day of Yoga celebrations on the city's iconic Red Road and later at the commissioning of three indigenously built naval vessels at the Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Modi highlighted how personal discipline and national capability together shape a stronger, more confident

India. While one message centred on harmony, health and peace, the other underscored security, technological advancement and strategic influence. Addressing thousands gathered on Red Road for the International Day of Yoga, Modi advocated the utility of yoga not only in boosting personal health but also as a catalyst for world peace. Against the backdrop of multiple global conflicts and geopolitical tensions, he argued that the ancient Indian practice holds relevance far beyond physical wellness. Quoting the Bhagavad Gita, Modi

stressed that a balanced lifestyle involving work, nutrition and sleep is key to overcoming suffering. "That balance is yoga's basic crucible, just as it is the crucible of our lives," he said. Observing that modern lifestyles often disrupt this balance, he added, "Yoga teaches us the art of living our lives in a balanced manner; it teaches us dos and don'ts. When we learn to operate our bodies in the right manner, health becomes a habit." The PM said yoga helps people discover physical fitness through mental well-being and self-awareness. Connect-

ing individual transformation with global harmony, he remarked, "The consciousness of identifying the dos and don'ts not only brings inner peace, it opens up the path to world peace. That's why yoga is not only required for our personal lifestyles, it is essential for a better future of this world." His remarks reflected India's longstanding emphasis on dialogue, coexistence and the peaceful resolution of disputes at a time when several regions continue to grapple with wars and diplomatic strains. Urging people to make yoga a lifelong practice, Modi said, "Let us pledge not to

# CJP continues protest for 2nd day even as food, water cut off



New Delhi: Wakeup telangana

On the second day of the protest at Jantar Mantar, Cockroach Janta Party founder Abhijeet Dipke sought farmers' support to the youth-led agitation over alleged examination irregularities, NEET paper leak and the demand for educa-

tion minister's resignation. He said students stood by farmers in the fight for their rights and need farmers' solidarity now. While the protest drew hundreds of youths on Saturday, police made repeated announcements in the evening, asking those present to vacate the premises. Police said the per-

# Centre Bans 16 Drug Combinations Amid Public Health Concerns

Hyderabad Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: Senior Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan on Sunday, June 21, alleged that the BJP and the Election Commission colluded to ensure the rejection of her nomination for the Rajya Sabha election from Madhya

Pradesh. Addressing a press conference here, Natarajan, who is AICC in-charge of party affairs in Telangana, accused the BJP of "filing nomination" for third RS seat in Madhya Pradesh with an intention of indulging in "foul play", though the saffron party did not have required

numbers needed for victory of its third candidate. The Congress had nominated Natarajan as its sole candidate for the June 18 Rajya Sabha elections from Madhya Pradesh. An order issued by Rajya Sabha Election Returning Officer Arvind Sharma said after examin-

ing the available documents, it was found that Natarajan had submitted an incomplete affidavit, omitting a court complaint in Form 26 submitted with her nomination according to a Madhya Pradesh Assembly official, the ruling BJP candidate, Mahesh Kewat, filed a complaint with the re-

turning officer, alleging that Natarajan had not mentioned in her affidavit a case registered against her in Telangana. After the scrutiny of papers, the returning officer on June 11 declared all the three BJP candidates elected unopposed. The Supreme Court on June 12 dismissed

Natarajan's plea against rejection of her nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha election from Madhya Pradesh while granting her liberty to raise the challenge in an election petition. Natarajan said after her candidature was announced for RS seat and after see-



**EDITORIAL**

# Israeli strikes in Gaza kill ten, including Al Jazeera cameraman



The Palestinian Journalists' Syndicate condemned the incident and called for accountability, saying nearly 300 Palestinian journalists have been killed since the start of the conflict. Israeli military claims Hamas affiliation. The Israeli military said the strike had targeted a Hamas operative who it alleged was also working as a photojournalist for Al Jazeera. It claimed the individual posed a threat to Israeli troops but did not provide evidence to support the allegation. Al Jazeera and Hamas have repeatedly denied claims that the broadcaster's journalists are affiliated with the group's military wing. Violence persists despite ceasefire efforts. The latest fatalities come amid continued violence despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Gaza's Health Ministry says more than 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since the truce took effect in October 2025, with both sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. Gaza Strip: At least ten Palestinians, in-

cluding an Al Jazeera cameraman and a child, were killed in Israeli strikes and gunfire across the Gaza Strip on Saturday, June 19, according to Palestinian health officials. One of the deadliest incidents occurred in Gaza City's Sabra neighbourhood, where an Israeli air strike hit a residential apartment, killing four people, including two women and a child. Several others were injured. The Israeli military said it had targeted a militant site but did not provide further details. In northern Gaza, a woman was reportedly shot dead in Beit Lahiya, while a separate air strike in Khan Younis killed one person and wounded at least eight others. Later in the day, an Israeli strike targeted a house in the Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza, killing three people, including Ahmed Washah, a cameraman for Al Jazeera. Al Jazeera condemns the killing of Washah, describing it as a "heinous crime". In a statement, the

network said Washah was killed while carrying out his professional duties in Bureij camp. It added that he was the 12th Al Jazeera journalist killed in Gaza since the war began in October 2023. Al Jazeera also noted that Washah's brother, Mohammed Washah, a correspondent for Al Jazeera Mubasher, was killed in an Israeli strike in Gaza City on April 8. Al Jazeera and Hamas have repeatedly denied claims that the broadcaster's journalists are affiliated with the group's military wing. Violence persists despite ceasefire efforts. The latest fatalities come amid continued violence despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Gaza's Health Ministry says more than 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since the truce took effect in October 2025, with both sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. The war began after the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023, which killed around 1,200 people and resulted in the capture of 251 hostages. Since then, more than 73,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to figures released by the ministry.

Efforts to advance the next phase of the ceasefire agreement have so far

failed to produce a breakthrough. Mediators from Egypt, Qatar and Turkey, along with international representatives, continue discussions on issues including Gaza's governance and the future of Hamas's armed wing. The latest fatalities come amid continued violence despite a ceasefire between Israel and Hamas. Gaza's Health Ministry says more than 1,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli fire since the truce took effect in October 2025, with both sides accusing each other of violating the agreement. The war began after the Hamas-led attack on southern Israel on October 7, 2023, which killed around 1,200 people and resulted in the capture of 251 hostages. Since then, more than 73,000 Palestinians have been killed in Gaza, according to figures released by the ministry. Violence persists in Gaza as ceasefire negotiations remain stalled.

# THREE INDIAN-FLAGGED OIL

In a post on X on Saturday, June 20, Sonowal said authorities were coordinating with relevant agencies to safeguard India's maritime interests and ensure the security of the country's seafarers and energy supply routes. Transit comes amid renewed tensions. The crossing comes amid uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, a strategic waterway that handles a significant share of global oil and liquefied natural gas trade. The route briefly reopened after the United States and Iran reached an agreement on Thursday, June 18, aimed at ending months of conflict. Under the deal, Washington eased sanctions on Tehran, allowing Iran to resume oil exports, while Iran agreed to dilute its stockpile of highly enriched uranium.

However, Iran an-

nounced fresh restrictions on movement through the strait on Saturday ahead of talks with US negotiators in Switzerland. Tehran said the decision was linked to what it described as Israeli violations of a ceasefire agreement in Lebanon. The tankers are expected to arrive in India between June 24 and July 1. Three Indian-flagged oil tankers carrying more than 8.6 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of cargo and 94 Indian crew members have crossed the Strait of Hormuz. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbajit Sonowal said on Friday. The tankers — Desh Vaibhav, Desh Vibhor and Sanmar Herald — are expected to arrive in India between June 24 and July 1. Maritime analysts noted that despite temporary diplomatic break-

throughs, shipping activity in the region remains highly sensitive to geopolitical developments, with insurance costs and security advisories continuing to fluctuate. Several commercial vessels are reportedly adjusting routes and timings as a precaution to avoid potential disruptions in the narrow passage. Energy market experts also warned that any prolonged instability in the Strait of Hormuz could impact global crude oil prices and LNG supply chains, given the waterway's critical role in international energy transport. Shipping companies have been advised to maintain heightened vigilance and coordinate closely with naval monitoring agencies as talks between the US and Iran continue. Meanwhile, regional naval forces and international maritime

security agencies have stepped up patrols and surveillance operations in and around the Strait of Hormuz to ensure the safety of commercial shipping. Satellite monitoring and real-time tracking systems are also being actively used to detect any unusual movement of vessels in the area. Shipping industry stakeholders said that while no major disruptions have been reported so far, uncertainty is prompting caution among oil tankers and LNG carriers passing through the corridor. Analysts added that any escalation in tensions during the upcoming diplomatic talks could have immediate ripple effects on global energy supply stability and freight markets. Analysts added that any escalation in tensions during the upcoming diplomatic talks could have immediate ripple



# India-EU free trade agreement likely by December, may come into force by March 2027: Piyush Goyal

**M**UMBAI, June 22: Union Minister Piyush Goyal said India and the European Union are expected to sign a free trade agreement by December, with implementation likely by February-March 2027. The pact is expected to provide duty-free access for about 93 per cent of Indian exports. India and the European Union (EU) are expected to sign their long-awaited free trade agreement (FTA) by December this year, with the pact likely to come into force by February-March 2027, Union Minister of

Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal said on Sunday. Addressing chartered accountants at an event here, the minister said the agreement would significantly enhance India's access to the European market by reducing tariffs on a wide range of goods. Now, with almost zero duty, almost the entire European market will be open for us. The EU's FTA will be signed by December and will be effective by February-March," the minister added. India and the 27-nation European Union had announced on January 27 the conclusion of negotia-



tions for what Goyal had described as the mother of all deals. Under the proposed pact, about 93 per cent of Indian exports are expected to enjoy duty-free access to the EU market. The minister highlighted the growing importance of India in the global economy, saying that countries around the

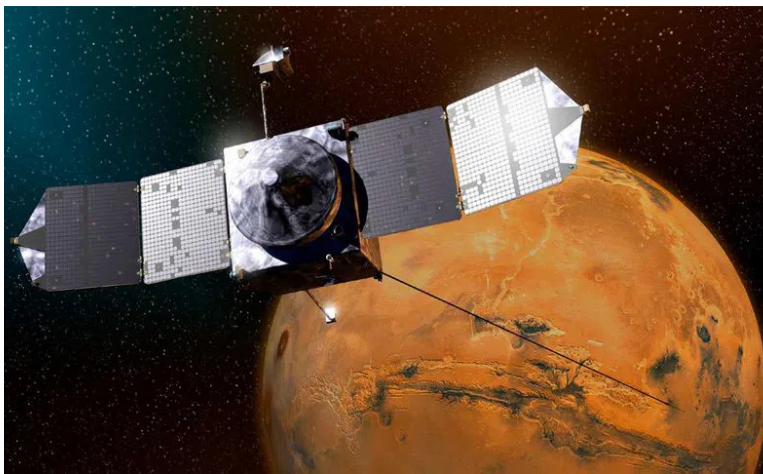
world are keen to strengthen economic partnerships with the country. "The whole world is looking towards India," Goyal said. In addition, the minister revealed that US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer is scheduled to visit India this week for discussions on the proposed bilateral

trade agreement between the two countries. During the interaction with CAs, Goyal also underscored the importance of preserving India's cultural heritage alongside economic growth. Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for the country, he said de-

velopment and heritage must go hand in hand. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi always tells us that the nation needs development, and the nation also needs its heritage. No country has become a developed nation without taking care of its culture, heritage and traditions," Goyal said. Trade experts said the proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected to significantly boost export-oriented sectors such as textiles, pharmaceuticals, engineering goods, and information technology services. Industry bodies also believe the near-zero duty access

could improve competitiveness of Indian products in European markets, leading to higher foreign exchange earnings and job creation. Economists, however, noted that while the agreement opens major opportunities, Indian industries may also face increased competition from European imports in areas such as luxury goods, automobiles, and high-end machinery. They added that the success of the deal will depend on how well domestic sectors adapt to global quality standards and regulatory requirements. Officials further said that detailed discussions are still ongoing.

## India's space economy may grow five-fold to USD 45 billion in a decade



**N**DELHI, June 22: India's space economy is projected to grow five-fold from the current \$8 billion to \$40-45 billion over the next decade, driven by policy reforms, rising private sector participation and growing commercialisation of space technologies, an official fact-sheet said on Sunday. The fact-sheet highlighted that India currently accounts for about 2-3 per cent of the global space economy, with the country's share targeted to rise to 8 per cent by 2030. The rapid growth is being supported by a series of

structural reforms undertaken in recent years, including the opening up of the space sector to private players, the establishment of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe), and the creation of NewSpace India Limited (NSIL) to commercialise technologies developed by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). According to the government, India has witnessed a sharp rise in private participation in the space sector. From having just one registered space startup in 2014, the country now has more than 400 space startups as of Feb-

ruary 2026. In addition, investment in Indian space startups has crossed \$500 million, with nearly \$150 million attracted in 2025 alone. The government has introduced several measures to encourage investment and innovation, including liberalised foreign direct investment norms, a Rs 1,000 crore venture capital fund, a Rs 500 crore technology adoption fund and startup support schemes. Moreover, commercial activity in the sector has gathered momentum. NSIL's revenues rose from Rs 321.77 crore in FY22 to Rs 3,246.09 crore in FY25, reflecting growing demand for Indian space technologies and services. The government has highlighted India's expanding global footprint in space, noting that the country has launched 399 foreign satellites since 2014 and signed more than 300 space co-operation agreements with 61 countries and five multilateral organisations. India's space ambitions are being

backed by a robust pipeline of missions, including the Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme, the Bharatiya Antariksh Station, the Venus Orbiter Mission and future lunar exploration projects. India's space programme is evolving from a scientific endeavour into a major engine of economic growth, innovation and technological self-reliance, while strengthening the country's position among the world's leading space-faring nations, according to the factsheet. Officials said the next phase of India's space expansion will focus on deepening public-private partnerships, with increased opportunities for startups in satellite manufacturing, launch services, earth observation, and space-based communication systems. Industry experts believe this will further reduce costs and accelerate innovation in the sector. They added that India is also positioning itself as a global hub for

## Tata Motors secures over 3,400 electric commercial vehicle orders



**MUMBAI**  
WakeUp Telangana

Tata Motors on Sunday announced that it has secured more than 3,400 orders for electric commercial vehicles (eCVs) across segments, signalling growing adoption of electric mobility solutions in India's freight and passenger transportation sectors. The orders include around 2,000 small commercial vehicles (SCVs) and pick-ups, nearly 900 trucks and about 500 buses. These vehicles will be deployed across a wide range of applications, including e-commerce, logistics, FMCG and FMCD distribution, intra-city mobility, as well as sectors such as cement, steel, mining and tarmac operations. According to the company, the orders reflect increasing customer confidence in electric commercial vehicles and indicate a shift from pilot projects to large-scale operational deployment across industries. Tata Motors said the growing order book strengthens its position in the country's electric commercial vehicle market and supports India's transition towards zero-emission mobility. The company noted that electric mobility in the commercial vehicle segment is steadily moving beyond the early-adoption phase, with businesses increasingly integrating electric vehicles into their day-to-day operations. Over the past year, Tata Motors has expanded its electric commercial vehicle port-

folio across multiple segments. In the small commercial vehicle category, the company offers the Ace Pro EV, Ace EV and Intra EV for last-mile and intra-city transportation. Moreover, the company stated it has expanded into intermediate and heavy commercial vehicle segments through its Ultra EV range, along with the Prima EV 55T tractor and Prima EV 28T tipper designed for more demanding freight operations. In the passenger mobility segment, Tata Motors offers the Starbus EV and Ultra EV buses for intra-city and inter-city transport services. The automaker said it already has a sizeable electric fleet in operation across the country, including more than 3,800 electric buses that have cumulatively covered over 55 crore kilometres. In the small commercial vehicle segment, more than 17,000 Tata electric SCVs are currently operating on Indian roads. Industry analysts said the rising deployment of electric commercial vehicles is being supported by improving charging infrastructure across major cities and highways, along with government incentives aimed at reducing carbon emissions in the transport sector. They added that fleet operators are increasingly adopting EVs due to lower running costs and reduced maintenance requirements compared to diesel vehicles. Experts also noted that long-term adoption will depend on the expansion of

## Rakesh Jaiswal Participates in International Yoga Day Celebrations at Charminar



**HYDERABAD**  
WakeUp telangana-

On the occasion of International Yoga Day, a

grand Yoga programme was organized at the histo-

ric Charminar. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from BJP leaders and karyakartas, promoting the message of health, wellness, and harmony through yoga. International Yoga Day is observed globally on June 21 to promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being through the practice of yoga. Prominent participants included: Shri Nune Balraj Garu, BJP Central Coordi-

nator (Telangana) T. Uma Mahender Garu, Hyderabad BJP Golconda Zilla District President Shri Sridhar Garu, Golconda Zilla Incharge Shri Sanjai Rathan Garu, Yoga Master BJP Golconda Zilla Karyakartas. The programme highlighted the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life for a healthy and disciplined lifestyle....

# World Cup Match Day 12: Spain, Belgium, Uruguay Promise Entertainment



Tonight's FIFA World Cup matches will be highly entertaining, as football lovers could even witness some potential upsets in Group G and Group

H. Title favourites Spain are set to take on Saudi Arabia in the first game of Match Day 12, followed by the matches between Belgium and Iran, Uruguay and Cabo Verde, in the late hours, and

a game between New Zealand and Egypt tomorrow morning. Spain vs Saudi Arabia (09:30 PM) A wounded Spain will aim to get their World Cup challenge firmly back on track when they face Saudi Arabia in Atlanta on Sunday. Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said his players had been stung by the criticism after they were held to a goalless draw in their opening match by Cape Verde, the African archipelago of just over half a million people who are making their World Cup debut. The European champions arrived in North America as one of the favourites, but with Lamine Yamal only able to appear as a second-half substitute on his return from injury, La Roja were unable to find the target against Cape Verde. Belgium vs Iran (12:30 PM) Belgium will again be without Jeremy Doku with respiratory problems as they face Iran. Without the winger, Belgium

## Virat Kohli Named in England ODI Squad, Subject to Fitness Clearance



**New Delhi:**  
Wakeup telangana

Star batsman Virat Kohli was on Sunday named in India's squad for the three-match ODI series against England next month, subject to fitness clearance, as the BCCI an-

nounced a 15-man squad for the upcoming white-ball assignment. Kohli, who is in Delhi for a promotional event, will report to the Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru on Monday for a fitness test. He had suffered a hamstring injury during Royal Challengers Bengaluru's title-defending run in Indian Premier League. The injury had ruled him out of the recent three-match ODI series against Afghanistan. CoE sports science staff had visited Kohli in England some time back to check on his recovery. The Shubman Gill led ODI team didn't have any surprises except that young batter Yashasvi Jaiswal was dropped after being a part of the Afghanistan series. Jaiswal, who scored two centuries in the series, wasn't picked as he was replacement for Kohli in the Afghanistan series. The common practice followed by the selection committee is that replacement players will have to make his way once the first choice cricketer

## Hyderabad Set to Host Guinness World Record Attempt for World's Largest Djembe Drum Circle



Hyderabad is gearing up to host "Rhythm – World's Largest Djembe Drum Circle," a landmark event that will attempt to set a new Guinness World Record by bringing together up to 2,000 drummers performing in unison. Scheduled to be held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, the event promises to be a vibrant celebration of music, unity, and social responsibility. Organized by The Djembe Circle under the leadership of its Founder and CEO, Sai Kumar Yeleswarapu, the event seeks to showcase the unifying power of rhythm while placing Hyderabad firmly on the global cultural map. Participants from diverse backgrounds will come together in a synchronized Djembe drum performance designed to transcend cultural, linguistic, and social barriers. The Guinness World Record attempt will be officially adjudicated by Richard Stenning, Official Adjudicator of Guinness World Records. The prestigious gathering will be attended by several distinguished guests, including Shri Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Telangana; Richard Stenning, Official Adjudicator, Guinness World Records; and noted Indian music director Anup Rubens. Beyond the pursuit of a world record, "Rhythm" is envisioned as a movement that promotes social awareness and community engagement. The initiative actively supports the "Say No to Drugs" campaign, encouraging young people to adopt healthy lifestyles through creativity, discipline, and positive social participation. The event is being conducted with the support of the Government of Telangana, reflecting the state's commitment to youth empowerment, cultural excellence, public well-being, and innovative community-driven initiatives. Speaking ahead of the historic attempt, Sai Kumar Yeleswarapu said, "Rhythm is a universal language that connects people beyond all differences. This Guinness World Record attempt represents far more than a milestone achievement—it is a celebration of unity, collective energy, and a shared commitment to building a healthier and more positive society. Through the power of music, we hope to inspire communities and reinforce the message of a drug-free future." As the beats of hundreds—and potentially thousands—of Djembes resonate in harmony, Hyderabad is poised to witness a defining moment that blends culture, community participation, and social impact, creating a legacy that extends far beyond the record itself.

**ARGENTINA VS AUSTRIA – FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 GROUP J PREVIEW WHO: ARGENTINA VS AUSTRIA WHAT: FIFA WORLD CUP 2026 GROUP J MATCH WHERE: DALLAS STADIUM, DALLAS, TEXAS WHEN: MONDAY, 12PM LOCAL TIME (17:00 GMT) HOW TO FOLLOW: LIVE BUILD-UP FROM 14:00 GMT ON AL JAZEERA SPORT, FOLLOWED BY LIVE TEXT COMMENTARY COVERAGE. LIONEL MESSI CONTINUES TO DOMINATE HEADLINES AFTER FIRING A STUNNING HAT-TRICK IN ARGENTINA'S OPENING WORLD CUP MATCH,**

**REAFFIRMING HIS STATUS AS ONE OF FOOTBALL'S GREAT-EST-EVER PLAYERS. THE ARGENTINE CAPTAIN MATCHED GERMAN LEGEND MIROSLAV KLOSE'S ALL-TIME WORLD CUP SCORING RECORD. TAKING HIS TALLY TO 16 GOALS IN THE TOURNAMENT'S HISTORY. THE 38-YEAR-OLD, MAKING HIS SIXTH WORLD CUP APPEARANCE, ALSO HAD ANOTHER GOAL RULED OUT FOR OFFSIDE AND BECAME ONLY THE LATEST CHAPTER IN HIS LONG INTERNATIONAL CAREER THAT BEGAN IN 2005. THE PERFORM-**

**ANCE MARKED HIS FIRST-EVER HAT-TRICK AT A FIFA WORLD CUP STAGE, UNDERLINING HIS ENDURING IMPACT AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL. DESPITE HIS BRILLIANCE, CONTROVERSY FOLLOWED AS ALGERIA LODGED A COMPLAINT WITH FIFA'S REFEREEING COMMITTEE, ALLEGING MESSI SHOULD HAVE BEEN SENT OFF FOR AN INCIDENT INVOLVING THEIR CAPTAIN AISSA MANDI. AUSTRIA ENTER THE CLASH WITH CONFIDENCE AFTER SECURING A 3-1 VICTORY OVER JORDAN IN THEIR OPENING**

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**CHAMPIONS. BOTH ARGENTINA AND AUSTRIA HEAD INTO THE MATCH WITH THREE POINTS EACH, WITH ARGENTINA LEADING THE GROUP ON GOAL DIFFERENCE. A VICTORY FOR EITHER SIDE WOULD SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHEN THEIR CHANCES OF SEALING EARLY QUALIFICATION TO THE KNOCKOUT STAGE. GROUP J ALSO FEATURES ALGERIA AND JORDAN, WHO ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THEIR FIRST POINTS IN THE TOURNAMENT. ACCORDING TO STATISTICAL MODELS, ARGENTINA REMAIN STRONG FAVOURITES**



Hyderabad: Jyoti delivered a standout performance to clinch India's lone gold medal at the World Boxing Cup 2 in Guangdong, China, defeating Uzbekistan's Farzona Fozilova, the reigning World Boxing Cup Brazil gold medalist, with a dominant 5-0 unanimous decision in the 48kg final. Jyoti's emphatic victory against a top-tier opponent capped India added three silver medals through strong final appearances. Minakshi



Hyderabad: India produced a resilient performance to defeat the Netherlands 3-2 in their last match of the FIH Pro League Rotterdam leg at Hockey Club Rotterdam on Sunday. Goals from Jugraj Singh (18'), Abhishek (27'), and Rajinder Singh (56') helped India secure their second outright victory of the leg against the Dutch side. Stand-in captain Hardik Singh was named Player of the Match for his exceptional leadership and midfield display. India increased the intensity in the second quarter and immediately won their first penalty corner. Jugraj Singh (18') fired a powerful drag-flick to the left of Dutch goalkeeper Derk Meijer to make it 1-0. The Netherlands responded



## Dr. Uday Goutam Honoured for Legendary Excellence in Neurosurgery & Brain Stroke Prevention



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad, 21 June 2026: Renowned Neurosurgeon and public health advocate Dr. Uday Goutam was honoured with the prestigious recognition for "Legendary Excellence in Neurosurgery & Brain Stroke Prevention Public Health Services" at the Times Network India Health Summit 2026, held in Hyderabad. The award was presented by the Honorable Governor of Telangana, Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla and Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) Shri C. V. Anand, rec-

ognizing Dr. Uday Goutam's outstanding contributions to neurosurgery, stroke prevention awareness, and public healthcare service. The prestigious summit brought together some of the state's most reputed medical professionals, senior government officials, policymakers, healthcare administrators, academicians, dignitaries, and intellectuals to celebrate excellence and innovation in the healthcare sector. Dr. Uday Goutam has earned widespread recognition for his commitment to advancing neurological healthcare,

promoting early diagnosis and prevention of brain stroke, and making specialized medical services accessible to the public. Through his clinical excellence, community outreach initiatives, health awareness campaigns, and patient-centric approach, he has significantly contributed to improving neurological health outcomes across society. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Uday Goutam expressed his gratitude for the recognition and reaffirmed his commitment to serving patients and strengthening public awareness on

neurological disorders and stroke prevention. He emphasized the importance of timely medical intervention, preventive healthcare, and continuous public education in reducing the burden of stroke-related disabilities and fatalities. The recognition at the Times Network India Health Summit 2026 stands as a testament to Dr. Uday Goutam's unwavering dedication, professional excellence, and impactful service in the field of neurosurgery and public health. The event concluded with deliberations on emerging health-

care challenges, innovations in medical science, and the collective responsibility of healthcare professionals in building a healthier society. Several speakers at the summit lauded Dr. Uday Goutam's remarkable achievements in the field of neurosurgery and his tireless efforts in promoting brain stroke awareness among the public. They noted that his contributions have not only transformed countless lives through advanced medical treatment but have also played a vital role in educating communities about the importance of early detection,

timely intervention, and healthy lifestyle practices for preventing neurological disorders. The honour reflects Dr. Uday Goutam's continued dedication to excellence in neurosurgery and his significant role in advancing public awareness on brain health and stroke prevention across Telangana and beyond. The award adds another milestone to Dr. Uday Goutam's distinguished medical career. His efforts in combining clinical expertise with public health awareness have earned appreciation from both the medical fraternity and the wider com-

## Will Work for Tribal Welfare and Strengthen BJP Across Telangana: Munavath Pandu Naik



**Hyderabad, Wake Up Telangana**  
**Munavath Pandu Naik June 22, 2026:**

Telangana BJP Tribal Morcha State Secretary Munavath Pandu Naik has said that he will make dedicated efforts for the welfare and development of tribal communities across Telangana while working to further strengthen the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) throughout the state. Speaking after his recent appointment as the State Secretary of the BJP

Tribal Morcha, Pandu Naik stated that he would remain accessible to tribal communities round the clock and work tirelessly to safeguard their rights and address their concerns. He said special attention would be given to resolving issues faced by tribal tandas in Greater Hyderabad, Rangareddy district, and other parts of Telangana. Pandu Naik said he would regularly bring the problems of tribal communities to the

## MATCHDAY 1 REPORT ONE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP HYDERABAD 2026

**Hyderabad**  
**Wake Up Telangana**  
**June 22, 2026**

The One Football Championship Hyderabad 2026 – Junior Edition kicked off in remarkable fashion on Sunday, 21st June at Sportek Arena, Gandipet. Organised by D5 Sports Management in association with Petra Sports

Academy and recognised by the Telangana Football Association, OneFC is a grassroots youth football initiative with a vision to build structured competitive football for young players across cities. Hyderabad marks the newest chapter in that journey. The tournament saw 9 academies (20 teams) take to

the field across three age categories – U10, U12, and U14 – in what was an electric start to a five-week league. With four weeks of league stage football followed by a knockout final week, every point carried real weight. The atmosphere at Sportek Arena was nothing short of a carnival. Packed



## CBIT Celebrates International Day of Yoga 2026

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The Department of Physical Education, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, celebrated the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026 with the theme "Yoga for Healthy Aging." The programme aimed to promote physical fitness, mental well-being, and a healthy lifestyle through the practice of yoga. The event was inaugurated by Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Principal, CBIT, who emphasized the importance of practicing yoga regularly and highlighted its global significance. Dr. N. L. N. Reddy, Advisor – Placements, and Dr. R. Rajeswari, Head, Department of Physical Education, highlighted the importance of practicing yoga and inculcating it in our lifestyle. As a yoga expert, Dr. R. Rajeswari performed the Common Yoga Protocol of the Mini-



stry of AYUSH, and guided participants through yoga asanas, pranayama and meditation. A total of 56 students and staff members enthusiastically participated in the session. The programme concluded with the felicitation of Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu principal, CBIT, by the Department of Physical Education for his constant support in promoting yoga in CBIT for holistic development of staff. Participants appreciated the initiative and expressed their commitment to incorporating yoga into their daily routines. The session served as a reminder of the vital role yoga plays in enhancing physical health, reducing

stress, and fostering overall well-being among students and faculty members. The celebration also reinforced the message that yoga is a powerful tool for achieving balance between mind and body. Participants were encouraged to adopt healthy habits and make yoga an integral part of their lifestyle to promote long-term health and wellness. The event witnessed active participation and enthusiasm from attendees, reflecting the growing awareness of the benefits of yoga. The programme successfully promoted the values of discipline, mindfulness, and healthy living among the CBIT

## Cyberabad Police Mark Yoga Day; CP Calls for Daily Practice

**Wake Up Telangana**  
**[Rangareddy District | Srirangam Venkatesh Hyderabad:**

Cyberabad Police celebrated the 12th International Yoga Day at the Commissionerate Parade Ground under the theme "Yoga for Wellness, Readiness & Resilience." Around 250 police officers and personnel participated in yoga, pranayama, and meditation sessions. Speaking on the occasion, Cyberabad Police Commissioner M. Ramesh said yoga improves physical and mental well-being and is essential for police personnel working under stressful conditions. He urged officers to make yoga a part of their daily routine to enhance fitness, focus, and emotional balance. Emphasizing the message "A Calm Mind, A Strong Body, A Safer Society," the Commissioner said a healthy police force is key to effective policing. He noted that regular



yoga practice helps personnel maintain discipline, improve concentration, and strengthen their ability to respond effectively during challenging situations. The yoga session was conducted by trained instructors who guided participants through various asanas, breathing exercises, and meditation techniques aimed at reducing stress and improving overall wellness. Officers enthusiastically took part in the activities and appreciated the initiative taken by the department. Senior police officials highlighted the importance of adopting a healthy lifestyle and

said yoga plays a vital role in building resilience, enhancing mental alertness, and promoting emotional stability among law enforcement personnel. They encouraged officers to continue practicing yoga beyond the annual observance. The event concluded with a pledge by participants to incorporate yoga into their daily lives and promote awareness about its benefits among their families and communities. The programme reflected Cyberabad Police's commitment to the physical fitness, mental well-being, and holistic development of

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