

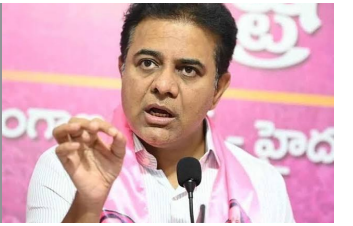


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## Modi Interacts With 183 IAS Trainee Officers, Urges To Embrace

PM urged a whole-of-government approach with strong inter-department coordination for better development outcomes.

**NDELHI** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged trainee IAS officers to keep citizens at the centre of governance and called upon them to lead India's journey towards "Viksit Bharat@2047". He asked the officers to always remember the human impact behind every administrative file and said that every file represents the aspirations, concerns, and lives of countless citizens. Interacting with the 2024 batch 183 IAS officer trainees, the Prime Minister urged the trainees

to dedicate themselves to nation-building with a strong sense of purpose, innovation, and citizen-centric governance. Stressing the mantra of "Nagrik Devo Bhava", Modi called on the officers to place citizens at the centre of every decision and ensure governance remained empathetic, responsive, and inclusive. Calling for a whole-of-government approach, the Prime Minister stressed that major developmental challenges cannot be solved in silos. He noted that effective coordi-



nation across departments is essential for achieving meaningful and lasting outcomes. Highlighting the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Modi noted that every policy and administrative decision over the coming decades must contribute

towards building a developed India. He stressed that India's priorities included "Aatmanirbhar Bharat", "Make in India", manufacturing growth, energy security, and creating opportunities for youth. The Prime Minister un-

derlined the transformation in governance over the last decade, noting that administration had moved from a process-centric model to a result-orientated approach. He cited the growing role of digital governance, artificial in-

telligence and technology in improving service delivery, enabling citizens to access services with ease and transparency. Emphasising the importance of data-driven governance, Modi said that data must not be viewed merely as numbers but as a reflection of the collective lives, challenges, and aspirations of millions of people. He asked officers to regularly verify whether policies are effectively translating into outcomes on the ground. The Prime Minister also highlighted the growing role of women

in nation-building, noting that more than 40 per cent of the 2024 batch comprises women officers. Modi also urged the young officers to constantly evaluate their contribution towards nation-building and derive satisfaction not from positions held but from measurable outcomes achieved. He expressed confidence that their energy, talent, and dedication would play a pivotal role in taking India's development journey to new heights. Union minister Jitendra Singh, principal secretaries P.K.

Mishra and Shaktikanta Das, Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan and director of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Sriram Taranikanti, among others, were present on the occasion. Calling for a whole-of-government approach, the Prime Minister stressed that major developmental challenges cannot be solved in silos. He noted that effective coordination across departments is essential for achieving meaningful and lasting outcomes



## Harish Rao calls for 'Congress Hatao, Singareni Bachao' fight to protect SCCL

**Kothagudem:** Wakeup telangana

Former Minister T Harish Rao has called upon all the SCCL labour unions and employees to fight collectively with the slogan 'Congress Hatao, Singareni Bachao' to safeguard the Singareni Company for future generations. He demanded the Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy order a CBI inquiry and a Central Vigilance probe into the corruption in Singareni. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has brought Singareni to the brink of privatisation. If unions and workers do not fight, setting aside political affiliations, the Congress government would hand it over to Adani and Ambani, he cautioned. Harish Rao made a powerpoint presentation here on Tuesday on the issues being faced by the



SCCL and sought to know how 40 lakh metric tonnes of coal vanished. When the BRS questioned it, the government presented figures showing a reduced count; records indicated a daily stock depletion of 40,000 tonnes. On the other hand, Union Minister Kishan Reddy wrote a letter to Revanth Reddy, the very person responsible for the disappearance of coal. Both Kishan Reddy and Revanth Reddy

colluded to betray Singareni, he alleged. While Telangana Genco should have held 25 lakh tonnes of coal reserves, only six lakh tonnes were available—a deficit of 76 percent. Similarly, at Yadadri power plant, against a required stock of 11 lakh tonnes, only two lakh tonnes were present—an 82 percent deficit. Telangana travel guide if the figures related to coal production were indeed accurate

and there was no shortage, why was there such a low stock level at Genco, Harish Rao questioned. Production stood at 70 million tonnes in 2023 during the BRS regime, but it has dropped to 58 million tonnes during 2025-26, he said. Referring to CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao's reported statement in support of the government claims on coal reserves, Harish Rao asked him to physically show where

exactly the coal reserves were present. The CPI might be an ally of the Congress, but because of it the party should not do an injustice to Singareni. The MLA must decide whether his party would side with the workers, Harish Rao suggested. He alleged that Singareni was affected by corruption during the two-and-a-half years of Congress rule while listing out the faulty coal tenders and deals that benefitted Revanth Reddy's family members at the cost of the company's well being. Singareni flourished under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's tenure and as many as 16,000 dependent jobs were provided while bonuses were increased for the workers, Harish Rao added.

## IIT Hyderabad launches nuclear technology orientation programme for engineers, professionals

**Sangareddy:** In a significant step towards strengthening India's nuclear energy talent pipeline, the Indian Institute of Technology, Hyderabad (IIT-H), in collaboration with Crimson Energy Experts Private Limited (CEEPL), has announced the launch of the Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme (NTO), a first-of-its-kind three-month residential programme designed to equip engineers and professionals with a comprehensive understanding of nuclear power technologies and operations. The programme will commence on August 3 at the IIT-H campus. As India accelerates its clean energy transi-



academia gap by offering participants exposure to the technical, operational, safety, and regulatory aspects of nuclear. The programme is targeted at early and mid-career engineers, managers from EPC companies, manufacturing professionals, engineering consultants, power sector personnel, and executives from public sector undertakings engaged in energy and infrastructure devel-

## Telangana Urges Centre to Ensure Adequate DAP, Urea Supply

**New Delhi:** The Telangana government on Tuesday, June 23, urged the Centre to ensure adequate fertiliser supplies to meet the state's full requirement amid a rise in demand for Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) and urea this kharif season. State Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao and Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy raised this issue in a meeting with Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan here. Rao informed that there is a significant rise in demand for DAP and urea fertilisers in the state with the commencement of the kharif season. He requested the Centre to bridge the gap between the allocated quota and actual supply, en-



suring the state receives its full requirement of fertilisers, the state government release said. On pulses and oilseeds procurement at a minimum support price, the minister demanded that the Centre do away with the 25 per cent procurement limit and purchase the entire produce at a support price. Rao also demanded that the central government procure maize and sorghum at MSP amid a fall in wholesale rates

owing to record output. He informed that the state government has already borne a significant financial burden to purchase maize and sorghum in order to support the farmers. In a separate meeting with Union Food Minister Pralhad Joshi, Rao demanded that the central government raise the import duty on crude palm oil to 44 per cent from the current level. The duty reduction was hurting the oil palm farmers in Telangana, where the cultivation has expanded to 3 lakh acres, engaging 70,000 farmers. The state government is moving forward with the goal of increasing this area to 10 lakh acres over the next three years. The minister ex-

pressed concern that domestic oil palm farmers are suffering significant losses due to the recent reduction in the import duty on crude palm oil, the statement added. The minister explained that the reduction in import duty has led to an influx of low-priced palm oil from abroad, causing prices in the domestic market to plummet. Consequently, oil palm farmers are unable to secure remunerative prices for their Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFB). The minister said the price uncertainty is causing anxiety among farmers, especially given the substantial investments required for oil palm cultivation — a long-term crop. The Agriculture Minister requested the Centre to bridge

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## KTR pays tribute to Telangana movement leader Gottimukkala Padmarao



**Hyderabad**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday visited the residence of Telangana movement leader Gottimukkala Padmarao in Kukattapally and paid tributes

to him. City & Local Guides Accompanied by MLAs Madhavaram Krishna Rao and KP Vivekananda, and MLC Naveen Rao, he garlanded Padmarao's portrait and extended condolences to the grieving family. Terming Padmarao's demise

as a significant loss to the party, Rama Rao recalled his contributions to the Telangana movement and service to the people. He consoled the family members and assured them of the party's support during this difficult period. Several senior BRS leaders, public representatives, and party workers also paid rich tributes to Padmarao and remembered his dedication to public service and the Telangana cause. They described him as a committed leader who worked tirelessly for

the welfare of the people and played an active role in strengthening the party at the grassroots level. Party leaders noted that Padmarao maintained close ties with the public and was always accessible to those seeking assistance. They said his untimely demise has created a void that will be difficult to fill. Condolence messages poured in from various quarters, with leaders expressing solidarity with the bereaved family and praying for strength to overcome the loss. The last rites

were performed in the presence of family members, relatives, party leaders, supporters, and local residents, who gathered in large numbers to pay their final respects. The atmosphere was filled with grief as mourners bid an emotional farewell to the departed leader. Remembering his long political journey, several leaders highlighted Padmarao's unwavering commitment to social justice, development, and public welfare. They said he remained devoted to the aspirations of the

## CM Revanth resorting to blackmail politics, alleges Harish Rao



**Khammam:**  
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has been resorting to blackmail politics targeting those who are fighting for their rights, alleged former Minister T

Harish Rao. Revanth Reddy government employees and retirees who staged protests for their pension arrears. He blackmailed SBI officials who questioned the government why their land was

sold off and did the same with L&T until the company abandoned the Metro Rail project. The Chief Minister has been blackmailing journalists and social media activists; trying to intimidate voices that speak out against the government's failures. When the representatives of private colleges staged a protest for fees reimbursement dues they were summoned and blackmailed. The same

## PAC Chairman Gandhi Urges Public to Stay Alert Amid Heavy Rains

Wake Up Telangana | Rangareddy District | Srirangam Venkatesh

Hyderabad: PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi appealed to residents to remain cautious amid heavy rains and avoid venturing outdoors unless absolutely necessary. Following heavy rainfall, Gandhi inspected waterlogged areas in Deepthi Sree Nagar, ICRISAT Colony, and Friends Colony under Chandanagar Division along with officials and local leaders. He directed authorities to ensure smooth drainage, prevent flooding, and maintain round-the-clock preparedness during the monsoon season. He advised residents to immediately report issues related to



to stay away from snapped power lines during rains. He stressed the need for special attention to low-lying areas and measures to prevent seasonal diseases. Gandhi assured citizens that officials would remain available to address public grievances and urged residents to prioritize safety until weather conditions im-

prove. In view of the continuing rains, Gandhi instructed municipal officials to closely monitor vulnerable locations and ensure that pumps, drainage systems, and emergency response equipment remain operational at all times. He directed field staff to conduct regular inspections in flood-prone areas and take immediate corrective measures wherever water stagnation is reported. Local residents who accompanied the inspection urged authorities to expedite long-pending drainage and road repair works in affected colonies. Gandhi assured them that the concerns raised during the visit would be addressed on priority and reiterated the government's commitment to safeguarding lives and property

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## High-Rise Expansion Around Hyderabad: Revenue Generation in the Name of Development



**HYDERABAD**  
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The rapid construction of massive high-rise buildings surrounding Hyderabad is increasingly raising serious concerns among citizens, urban planners, and environmental experts. What is being projected as "development" appears, in reality, to be more of a revenue-generation exercise than a well-planned urban growth strategy. Large-scale permissions for high-rise residential and commercial projects are being granted in and around Hyderabad at an unprecedented pace. While such projects bring significant income to the government and private developers through permissions, registrations, taxes, and commercial investments, the larger question remains unanswered: Is this

truly development, or merely a financial model at the cost of the city's future? Development should not be measured by the number of towers built, but by the quality of life provided to the people living in them. Unfortunately, Hyderabad is moving toward a dangerous pattern already witnessed in metropolitan cities such as Bangalore, Delhi, and Mumbai, where uncontrolled urban expansion has led to severe traffic congestion, overpopulation, water scarcity, pollution, and immense pressure on public infrastructure. If thousands of apartments and commercial spaces are added without simultaneously strengthening roads, drainage systems, water supply, public transport, sewage treatment, parking facilities, schools, hospitals, and green spaces, the result will not be devel-

opment—it will be urban disorder. The burden of such unplanned growth will ultimately fall on ordinary citizens, who will suffer from longer travel times, rising pollution, frequent flooding, and a declining quality of life. Hyderabad today stands at a critical turning point. The city has the opportunity to grow intelligently, but only if planning authorities place public welfare above short-term revenue interests. Otherwise, the present construction boom may become tomorrow's urban crisis. Society for Crusade Against Corruption says true development lies not in filling the skyline with concrete towers, but in building a city that remains livable, sustainable, and balanced for future generations. High-Rise Expansion Around Hyderabad: Revenue Gen-

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# Hyderabad: NIMS invites applications for contract nursing jobs

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

The Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) has invited applications for the post of nursing officers on a one-year contract basis, with a monthly remuneration of Rs 32,682. Candidates are required to have a minimum qualification of BSc (Nursing) or equivalent from an Indian Nursing Council/State Nursing Council recognised institute or university. They must be between 18 and 34 years of age. A five-year relaxation is given for SC/ST/BC candidates. A four per cent reservation is reserved for people with locomotor disability ranging from 40 per cent to 50 per cent. Applications should be submitted on the NIMS website until 5 pm on June 25. A fee of Rs 500 will be levied on



SC/ST candidates and Rs 1,000 on all others. Selection test on June 28. Candidates will be selected based on the marks obtained in a written examination, which will be conducted on June 28 at NIMS, Punjagutta, Hyderabad. The one-hour exam will have 50 multiple-choice questions (MCQs). In case of a tie, the elder candidate will be placed higher in the meritlist. Exam timings will be displayed on the website on June 26. Officials stated that the recruitment drive is aimed

at strengthening nursing services at NIMS and ensuring quality patient care across various departments. Interested candidates have been advised to carefully read the eligibility criteria, reservation norms, and examination guidelines before submitting their applications online. Applicants must carry a valid photo identity proof and other required documents while appearing for the written examination. The institute has clarified that no separate communication will be sent to candidates regard-

ing the test schedule, and all updates will be made available through the official website. The selected candidates will be engaged on a contractual basis for a period of one year and may be assigned duties in different units of the hospital based on administrative requirements. NIMS authorities encouraged eligible nursing graduates to make use of the opportunity and apply before the deadline to avoid last-minute technical issues. NIMS is one of the premier government-run super-specialty healthcare institutions in Telangana and receives patients from across the state as well as neighbouring regions. Hospital authorities said the recruitment of nursing officers is expected to help meet the growing demand for healthcare services and strengthen patient

## Congress Conducts SIR Awareness and Training Camp for Booth Level Agents in Andole Constituency

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Wakeup Telangana | Sangareddy District | June 23: As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) organized an awareness and training camp for Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of Andole Assembly Constituency at Laxmi Devi Garden, Sangupet Crossroads, Sangareddy district, on Tuesday. The programme was attended by Telangana Minister for Medical, Health and Family Welfare Shri Damodar Rajanarsimha, AICC Telangana In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, and TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud. Addressing the gathering, Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha emphasized the importance of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in strengthening democracy and ensuring that every eligible citizen is enrolled



as a voter. He instructed Booth Level Agents to work proactively in identifying eligible voters, facilitating voter registration, and rectifying errors in the electoral rolls. The Minister stressed that every citizen must be made aware of the importance of exercising their constitutional right to vote. He urged public representatives and Booth Level Agents to gain a thorough understanding of the SIR process and actively participate in voter awareness programmes at the grassroots level. Explaining the objective of SIR, the Minister stated that the exercise is aimed

at maintaining accurate and transparent electoral rolls by adding eligible voters, removing discrepancies, and ensuring that no genuine voter is left out of the democratic process. AICC Telangana In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan called upon Congress workers to strengthen voter outreach efforts and ensure that every eligible voter is included in the electoral rolls. She highlighted the crucial role of BLAs in safeguarding democratic values and protecting citizens' voting rights. TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud urged party cadres to work with ded-

## 40th Urs Sharif of Hazrat Peer Shaheen Pasha Quadri Sahib Held with Devotion



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The Sandal-e-Mubarak and 40th Urs

**Sharif of Hazrat Peer Shaheen Pasha Quadri Sahib were observed with great reverence, devotion, and spiritual fervour. The event was held under the supervision of Sajjada Nasheen Sufi Shah Dr. Mohd Jahangeer Ali Quadri Sahib. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Sufi Shah Mohd Yousuf Shareef Quadri Sahib. A large number of murideen**

**(disciples), devotees, and followers also attended the programme and participated in the religious ceremonies. Speaking on the occasion, Sajjada Nasheen Sufi Shah Dr. Mohd Jahangeer Ali Quadri Sahib expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the Chief Guest, officials from the Police Department, members of the media, distinguished guests, devo-**

## Cyberabad CP Meets 150 Greyhounds Personnel Trained for Traffic Duties

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh interacted with 150 Greyhounds police personnel who recently completed special training for traffic management duties at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate. Addressing the personnel, the CP emphasized effective traffic regulation, professional conduct with the public, and strict enforce-



ment of traffic rules. The week-long training covered traffic management, traffic engineering, legal aspects, and field operations. He instructed officers to take action against violations such as helmetless riding, wrong-side driving,

especially during the monsoon season, and ensure smooth traffic movement. He also stressed the importance of public service, quick response, and responsible policing to strengthen public trust in the police department. Senior police officials from traffic, cybercrime, special branch, and administration departments attended the programme. He instructed officers to take action against violations such as helmetless

## Degree Student Dies After Falling from Apartment Terrace in Miyapur



Hyderabad: Wake Up Telangana |

A 19-year-old degree student died after accidentally falling from the fifth floor of an apartment building in Miyapur on Monday evening. The deceased, Pranamyia, daughter of Pratap Reddy and Prashanthi of Mayuri Nagar, was pursuing a degree at a private college. According to police, she returned home from college and later went to the apartment terrace while speaking on the phone. Police suspect that she accidentally lost her balance while leaning against the parapet wall and fell from the fifth floor. She sustained severe head injuries in the incident. Family members immediately shifted her to a nearby private hospi-

tal for treatment, but she later succumbed to her injuries. Based on a complaint filed by her mother, Miyapur police registered a case and have launched an investigation into the incident. The tragic incident left family members, relatives, and residents of the apartment complex in deep shock. Neighbours said Pranamyia was a bright and cheerful student with aspirations for a successful career, making her sudden death all the more heartbreaking. Police officials visited the scene and gathered preliminary evidence as part of the investigation. Statements of family members and residents were recorded to ascertain the exact circumstances that led to the fall. Authorities are also ex-

## Malkajgiri police arrest two with 18 kg ganja at railway station

Hyderabad: Police on Monday, June 22, arrested two individuals for illegal possession and transport of 18 kilogram of dry ganja during a raid at Malkajgiri Railway Station. The accused were identified as Sunil Bhimrao, 32, and Akash Madhukar, 21, both residents of Maharashtra's

Parabani district. The arrests took place at Malkajgiri Railway Station in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Police seized 18 kg of dry ganja along with two mobile phones. A case has been registered at the Malkajgiri police station. Authorities have since produced both accused individuals before



the court for judicial remand. While Bhimrao was a resident of Sarfarajnagar while Madhukar

was from Thamboli Khakkana. The arrests were made following a detailed investigation by the po-

lice, who gathered evidence and recorded statements from witnesses connected to the

case. Officials stated that further inquiries are underway to determine whether any additional individuals were involved in the incident or had prior knowledge of the offence. Police reiterated their commitment to taking strict action against those involved in criminal activities and

ensuring that the accused are brought to justice. Residents of the area expressed concern over the incident and urged authorities to maintain strict surveillance to prevent such occurrences in the future. Authorities have appealed to the public to cooperate with law enforcement

## Open Manhole Near Educational Institutions Raises Safety Concerns in Tarnaka

Wake Up Telangana |

Wakeup Telangana | Secunderabad, June 23: A damaged and partially open manhole located near Sri Chaitanya Junior College, Tarnaka, has become a serious safety hazard for students, pedestrians, and



motorists. The issue has raised concerns among local residents as several educational institutions, coaching centers, and schools are situated in the vicinity, resulting in heavy daily movement of students and the general public. The damaged manhole

cover has reportedly collapsed, leaving the drainage chamber exposed on a busy road. Temporary warning arrangements placed at the site are inadequate and may not effectively prevent accidents, especially during peak traffic hours and ad-

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had issued a late-night weather alert warning of light to moderate rain, thunderstorms, and gusty winds of up to 50 kmph across parts of the GHMC limits. Authorities have urged citizens to remain cautious, avoid waterlogged routes, and report emergencies to concerned departments as monsoon conditions continue across the city. Emergency teams from the GHMC, Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), and other civic departments were deployed to monitor vulnerable locations and clear waterlogged stretches. Officials con-

ducted inspections in several affected areas and worked through the night to ensure the smooth flow of stormwater and prevent flooding in residential colonies. Traffic movement was severely affected on major roads, with commuters facing long delays during peak hours. Motorists were advised to exercise caution while driving, particularly near underpasses and low-lying stretches prone to water accumulation. Authorities also urged residents to stay indoors during periods of intense rainfall and avoid unnecessary travel.

**CM Naidu to inaugurate Rs 405-crore gold mining project in Kurnool**

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate a Rs 405-crore gold mining and processing project at Jonnagiri in Kurnool district on Wednesday, marking the commencement of commercial gold production in the state. Geographic Reference: The chief minister will also lay the foundation stone for the project's second unit as part of the expansion plans of the facility established by Geo Mysore Services India Private Limited and Deccan Gold Mines Limited. The gold mining and processing project has been established with an investment of Rs 405 crore and commercial production of gold will formally commence with its inauguration by the chief minister, an official release on Tuesday said. Executive Branch: The project is being touted as the country's largest private-sector gold mining venture and is expected to place Andhra Pradesh on

# Padma awards to Mammootty, Satish Shah, Rohit Sharma and more

DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Tennis legend Vijay Amritraj, actors Mammootty and Satish Shah, cricketer Rohit Sharma, and playback singer Alka Yagnik were among eminent personalities conferred with the coveted Padma awards by President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday, June 23. In the second civil investiture ceremony at the Ganatantra Mandap of Rashtrapati Bhavan, the president presented Padma Vibhushan to former Supreme Court judge K T Thomas for public affairs and eminent Malayalam journalist P Narayanan for contribution to literature and education. Alka Yagnik, Mammootty, American oncologist Datatreyyudu Nori, tennis player Vijay Amritraj, industrialist S K M Maelinandhan and social worker and educationist Vellappally Natesan received Padma Bhushan from the president during the ceremony. Rupisoren,



wife of JMM founder Shibu Soren, received the Padma Bhushan on behalf of the late leader. The president conferred the Padma Shri on cricketer Rohit Sharma, who led India to victory in the last T20 World Cup, and

hockey player Savita Punia. Vladimir Mestvirishvili, the Georgian coach who mentored Indian Olympic medallists like Sushil Kumar, Yogeshwar Dutt, and Ravi Dahiya, was awarded the Padma Shri posthumously. His

wife received the award on his behalf. The function was attended by Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Home Minister Amit Shah among other digni-

# BRS raises alarm over Karnataka irrigation projects on Krishna and Tungabhadra rivers

**Hyderabad: The BRS on Tuesday raised the alarm over Karnataka's ongoing and proposed irrigation projects on the Krishna and Tungabhadra rivers posing a serious threat to Telangana's water security, especially the Palamuru region. City & Local Guides: The party leaders accused the Revanth Reddy government of failing to protect the interests of the Palamuru region. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, former Minister V Srinivas Goud questioned Karnataka's construction of**

**reservoirs upstream of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS). He also pointed to its plans to build three new barrages on the Krishna River besides raising the height of the Almatti Dam. Telangana travel guide: The former Minister said water was already not reaching parts of the RDS ayacut and the Jurala project, and warned that increasing Almatti's height would further reduce inflows into Telangana. If Almatti's height is raised, Palamuru will turn into a desert," he said, demanding that Karnataka im-**

**mediately stop the projects. He alleged that Karnataka was proceeding without approvals from the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) and criticised the Centre for failing to resolve inter-state water disputes. Demanding the Congress government initiate immediate measures to protect the interests of the Palamuru region, he declared that the BRS would launch a people's movement and take up a walkathon (Padayatra) to RDS. Former MLAs Jaipal Yadav and Patnam Narender**

# I had only two choices: Survivor recalls horror of Lucknow

Srinagar  
Wakeup telangana

**Lucknow: As dense smoke choked the staircase and flames edged closer, standing on the second floor of a burning building with no escape route left, Mohd Aasif faced an impossible choice—stay inside and die of suffocation or jump from the build-**

**ing in hopes that someone would save him. Recalling the terrifying moments that unfolded inside the three-storey commercial building on Usha Mehta Marg in Lucknow's Aliganj, where a devastating fire claimed 15 lives on Monday, June 22, Aasif told PTI that he and his colleagues had just begun eating lunch**

**around 2 pm when a word spread that something had gone wrong and everyone needed to leave immediately. We were not told that there was a fire. We thought it could be a minor short circuit as something similar had happened earlier," said the 32-year-old, who worked at the animation centre lo-**



cated on the building's second floor. He said when they tried to exit through the biometric lock, the power

failure caused the system to malfunction, and they spent several seconds trying to open it. By the time the

**door finally opened, thick smoke had begun filling the floor. The staircase—their only escape route—had already become a tunnel of smoke and flames. Visibility dropped drastically within minutes. "When we moved towards the staircase, we saw thick smoke coming from there. We then moved towards the**

**front side, but smoke was coming from there too," he said. Within minutes, visibility had dropped so drastically that colleagues standing just a few feet apart could no longer see one another. Desperate for air, Aasif grabbed a desk and smashed a glass window. Wrapping a wet towel around his face, he tried to**

**breathe through the smoke. I picked up a desk and tried to break the glass window. I covered my face with a wet towel to breathe. When I broke the glass, I saw flames outside and people below were asking us to jump," he told PTI. The 32-year-old said at that moment he realised there was no way out and decided to**

# BJP aims to replicate Bengal results in Telangana, Punjab by deleting pro Congress votes



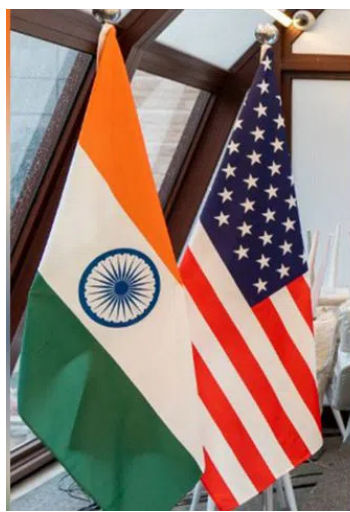
Wakeup Telangana | Sangareddy: AICC in-charge of Telangana Mee-nakshi Natarajan accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of conspiring to replicate the assembly elections results of West Bengal in Telangana and Punjab by removing the pro Congress votes during Special Intensive Revision

(SIR) of voters in these two states. Addressing the Congress booth level party agents (BLAs) of Andole constituency in Jogipet on Tuesday, Natarajan said that BJP was trying to remove the votes of people who were born and brought up in India. Utilising the SIR, she said that BJP had won the election in West Bengal by removing 30 lakh votes. Natarajan said that there were instances of booth level officers (BLOs) removing the voters of farmers which they also wanted to replicate here. The AICC in-

charge of State called upon the party agents to keep a close watch when the booth level officers visited the houses of voters under their purview. Natarajan further accused the BJP of acting undemocratically in Madhya Pradesh to deny her nomination for Rajya Sabha. She said that the role of booth level party agents would be key to protect the votes of Congress during the SIR. Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha called upon the booth level agents of Congress to educate the voters to

keep the documents that would be needed when the booth level officers turn up at their residences. He also asked the Congress cadres to coordinate with party agents until the entire revision of votes is completed. TPCC President B Mahesh Goud, Party working president T Jagga Reddy and others were present. Utilising the SIR, she said that BJP had won the election in West Bengal by removing 30 lakh votes. Natarajan said that there were instances of booth level officers (BLOs) removing the voters of farmers

# India, United States hold high-level trade talks amid tariff reset



Wakeup Telangana | New Delhi: India and the United States on Tuesday held high-level trade talks aimed at salvaging and recalibrating a proposed bilateral trade agreement after changes in US tariff policy upended a framework negotiated earlier this year. Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met US Trade Representative

Jamieson Greer here as both sides sought to conclude an interim trade pact before July 24, when Washington's temporary 10 per cent tariff on imports from trading partners is due to expire. Warm welcome to @USTradeRep Amb Jamieson Greer, @USAmbIndia Amb Sergio Gor and their delegation to @DoC\_GoL. Looking forward to productive

discussions on the bilateral trade agreement between (India & US)," Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said in a post on X. Greer's two-day visit comes days after Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump held their first meeting in more than a year on the sidelines of the G7 summit in France on June 17, injecting fresh momen-

# Last rites held for nine victims of deadly Lucknow fire

Hyderabad  
Wakeup telangana

**Lucknow: The last rites for nine out of the 15 individuals who lost their lives in a massive fire in the Aliganj area of Lucknow were conducted on Tuesday, June 23. Sukhmani Singh's cremation took place at Baikunth Dham in Alambagh. Jyoti, Neelesh, and another victim were cremated at**

**Bhainsa Kund Ghat, while Anuchha Rai was cremated at Pipraghat in Lucknow. Aditya, a victim of the fire incident, was cremated at a local cremation ground in Sitapur. Shahjan was buried at a local graveyard in Barabanki. Sanyam and Surajbhan's last rites were performed in Kanpur on the same day. Lucknow Mayor Sushma**

**Kharakwal, after returning from Dehradun, informed PTI that of the 15 deceased, eight were from Lucknow. She added that information about the other victims was still being gathered. Deputy Chief Minister Brajesh Pathak visited the families of the deceased at various cremation sites in Lucknow to offer his condolences and pay tribute to**

**the departed souls. Prabhjot Singh, the father of Sukhmani Singh, shared with PTI that Sukhmani had called him, pleading, "Papa, please save me, there is a fire," before the call ended abruptly. He expressed his despair, stating that they continued to try reaching him but received no response. He mentioned that there were 16 children trapped, and they**

**saw four or five jump from the building. Shatruhan, Neelesh's father, disclosed that his family had already chosen a future daughter-in-law for him, but Neelesh wanted to wait until 2027 to marry, hoping to become self-sufficient first. Aditya's mother, visibly emotional, lamented, "How will we live without him?" The families of Anamika Sa-**

**manta and Soumalya Bera took the bodies of their loved ones to their respective hometowns in West Bengal for cremation. Shubham Mallick, Bera's cousin, who was taking the body to his native place, told PTI, "Soumalya was to get married in December 2026. I came to know about his death at around 1 am. Since I am working in Hyderabad, I took**



Israel attacks Lebanon despite Iran-US peace deal

**EDITORIAL**

# What the US and Iran agreed – and disagreed – on first day of talks

The United States has waived sanctions on Iranian oil for 60 days following the first day of talks for a peace deal, with US President Donald Trump saying he will “do what I have to do” if Iran does not stick to its side of the agreement. Direct talks between the US and Iran were triggered by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two sides last week. The parties have also established “a communication line” regarding the Strait of Hormuz to “avoid incidents and miscommunication with the aim of safe passage for commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz”. Iran closed the strait, through which 20 per cent of the world’s oil and natural gas is shipped in peacetime, after US-Israeli attacks began at the end of February. This caused shockwaves through global energy markets, and

the price of oil spiked. A joint statement released by mediators Qatar and Pakistan on Monday said: “Chief negotiators will report regularly to the High Level Committee and lead working groups focused on nuclear, sanctions, and a monitoring and dispute resolution group to ensure the effective implementation of the MoU, and on other matters.” But, besides sanctions relief, the two sides appear to disagree on what else they had agreed on. On Tuesday, Iranian state media reported that the US had also agreed to release \$12bn of frozen Iranian assets, but Washington has not confirmed this. And, while US Vice President JD Vance stated on Monday that Iran would allow international nuclear inspectors back into the country, Iran denied this on Tuesday. Several other major sticking points to a peace deal have yet to be

negotiated, including the fate of Iran’s enriched uranium stockpile and the specifics of the sanctions relief. In this explainer, we break down what each side has said about ongoing talks so far – and what they are disagreeing about. Will the US release frozen Iranian assets? On Monday, Iran’s top negotiator Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said an agreement had been reached with the US to release \$12bn in frozen Iranian funds. But Vance said only that if Iranian assets are unfrozen, they will be used by Iran to buy US agricultural products. “They’re going to go to make American farmers richer and feed the Iranian people,” he said. We’re doing very well in terms of negotiating a fair and reasonable deal. One of the things that we are doing also, and it came up last night, is money that’s being unfrozen is going to be

used to buy food, and the food’s going to be bought exclusively through the United States from our farmers,” Trump emphasised on Monday. And corn, soybeans, all of the things they need are going to be bought from our farmers. So our farmers are very happy. I’ve had a lot of calls; they were very happy about this.” On Tuesday, he added in a Truth Social post: “The Money and/or Sanctions that the U.S. Treasury is releasing goes into escrow, controlled by the U.S.A., and will be used for the purchase of food and medical supplies, exclusively from the United States, including Corn, Wheat, and Soybeans from our great American Farmers. These are things that are desperately needed by Iran. This is a humanitarian crisis, and I feel it is necessary to help, NOW, before it is too late. Talks are going well!”

# UPSET AFTER QUARREL WITH PARENTS, YOUNGSTER JUMPS INTO GODAVARI

Hyderabad: Youngsters are taking extreme steps for minor issues these days. One such unfortunate incident, which has claimed a young life, happened in the temple city of Basara on Sunday evening. June 21. According to Basar Station House Officer (SHO) Deepak, on Monday morning, June 22, the body of a young man was found floating at one of the ghats on the banks of the Godavari River abutting the Saraswathi temple. A motorbike was also found abandoned near the ghats. He was identified as Akshay Kumar, 23, a resident of Bhainsa town. He was seen driving towards Basara the previous evening. Upon investigation, Basara Police found that Akshay Kumar, a private employee, had a quarrel with his parents and left home. He allegedly jumped into the Godavari River and took his own life.

The Basara police have filed a case of suicide. The body was sent for post-mortem on Monday, after which it was handed over to his family members. Advisory If you or someone you know is in immediate danger or experiencing suicidal thoughts, reach out for help right now. In Hyderabad and across Telangana, immediate confidential support is available 24/7: Roshni Suicide Prevention Helpline: Call 040-66202000 or 040-66202001, Tele-MANAS: Call 14416 to connect with mental health professionals. State Emergency Response: Call 112 for direct police or medical assistance. Hyderabad: Youngsters are taking extreme steps for minor issues these days. One such unfortunate incident, which has claimed a young life, happened in the temple city of Basara on Sunday evening.

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support during emotional distress instead of taking extreme steps, stressing that help is always available through counseling and emergency services. Advisory If you or someone you know is in immediate danger or experiencing suicidal thoughts, reach out for help right now. In Hyderabad and across Telangana, immediate confidential support is available 24/7: Roshni Suicide Prevention Helpline: Call 040-66202000 or 040-66202001, Tele-MANAS: Call 14416 to connect with mental health professionals. State Emergency Response: Call 112 for direct police or medical assistance. Authorities have also appealed to parents and guardians to maintain open communication with children and to closely monitor signs of stress, anxiety, or emotional distress. Officials said that timely

# Gaza: Israeli strike kills teenage girl on her way to write exam

Washington: Wakeup telangana

Deir Al-Balah (Gaza): An Israeli strike killed a teenage girl on Monday, June 22, as she walked to her high school to take an exam in Gaza City, relatives said. Raghad Hassan Ashour, 16, was headed to the Grade 11 test when the blast occurred in a busy street in the Rimal district, according to a relative, Jameel Ashour. The military said the strike targeted a Hamas militant, but that it was aware of a claim that an “uninvolved individual was harmed”. Dozens of Palestinians, including Ashour’s mother, gathered to mourn the girl after her body was taken to Shifa Hospital. Three other people were injured in strikes in the same area, the Palestine Red Crescent Society said. Videos show brutal



aftermath Videos of the strike and its aftermath showed groups of people gathered around two destroyed vehicles. Rescue workers were also at the scene, and bloodstains could be seen on the ground. Israel continues striking Gaza despite ceasefire. Israel has continued to launch strikes in Gaza despite a ceasefire deal that was reached in October. The military says it targets Hamas and other militants who pose a threat and has accused the group of violating the ceasefire, but civilians also have been killed.

Israeli operations in the Gaza Strip have killed over 1,000 Palestinians since the ceasefire was reached, the Gaza health ministry said last week. Five Israeli soldiers have been killed since the truce. The war began when Hamas-led militants stormed into southern Israel, killing 1,200 people and taking 251 hostage on October 7, 2023. Israel’s retaliatory offensive in Gaza has killed 73,018 Palestinians, including those killed since the ceasefire, Gaza’s health ministry said. The ministry, part of the Hamas-led government, is staffed by medical professionals and maintains detailed records that are generally considered reliable by United Nations agencies and independent experts. It does not distinguish between civilians and militants but says women and children make up



# India must diversify energy sources, says NITI vice chairman

New Delhi: The West Asia conflict was a short-term supply chain problem, but it has taught that countries like India should diversify the sources of their energy needs, NITI Aayog vice chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri said on Tuesday. Releasing the Eighth Edition of 'Trade Watch Quarterly', Lahiri further said he is hopeful that soon India and the US will finalise and sign a bilateral trade agreement. He said the NITI Aayog has also suggested that when India negotiates a free trade agreement with any country or bloc, it should include a chapter on pharma-

ceutical products "So, it is like you have a fever, but if it is influenza, you will not be very worried, you know In three days it will get all right, but if you hear that it's typhoid or jaundice, you will be very worried. So, the West Asia crisis has turned out to be influenza," Lahiri said. The war in West Asia broke out on February 28 when the US and Israel attacked Iran, and the latter retaliated, leading to a blockade of the Strait of Hormuz. The strait is the world's primary oil chokepoint as it handles nearly a fifth of global oil and LNG supplies. It was a short-term problem,

but it has taught us a few lessons. You do not put all your eggs in one basket, so we need to diversify our sources of imports, as well as our exports," he said. The United States last Thursday lifted its blockade of Iran, allowing oil tankers to move through the Strait of Hormuz as a tentative agreement to end the war took effect. The channel had been largely unusable for months, but shipping began to resume soon after a deal came into force. On June 18, President Donald Trump signed an agreement with Iran that calls for Tehran to dilute its stockpile of highly enriched



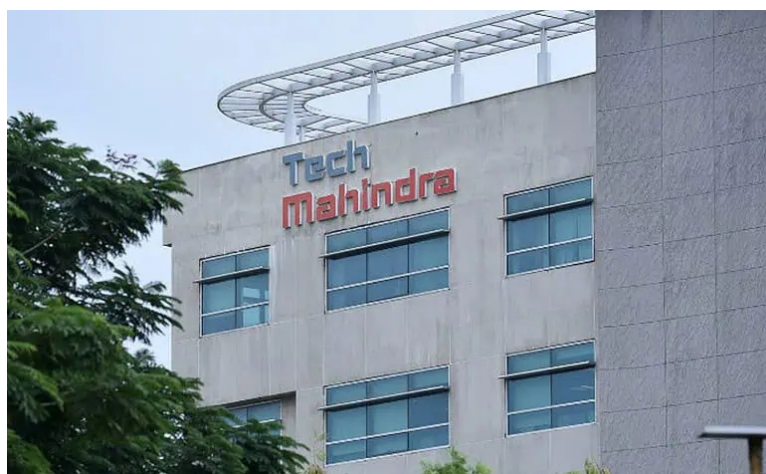
uranium and waives US-backed sanctions on the country, immediately allowing Iran to sell its oil freely in a major concession from Washington. He further stated that the NITI Aayog has recommended that India, while negotiating free trade agreements

with any country or bloc, should include a dedicated chapter on pharmaceutical products to strengthen the country's global trade framework in the healthcare sector. Lahiri explained that the recent developments in West Asia, though initially appearing serious, have turned out to be relatively short-lived in their broader economic impact. Using an analogy, he said it is like a medical condition where fever is not as alarming as diseases such as typhoid or jaundice, suggesting that the crisis was more like "influenza" in nature. He noted that the conflict, which began on

February 28 after US and Israeli strikes on Iran followed by retaliation and disruption in the Strait of Hormuz, had created temporary uncertainty in global energy markets. The Strait, being a crucial oil and LNG transit route handling nearly one-fifth of global supplies, had faced significant disruption during the conflict period. However, he added that recent diplomatic developments, including the lifting of restrictions and partial reopening of shipping routes, indicate a stabilising situation. Lahiri emphasised that the episode serves as an important lesson

for countries to diversify their import and export sources rather than relying heavily on a single region. He also pointed out that the recent agreement between the United States and Iran, which includes steps on uranium stockpile dilution and easing of sanctions, is expected to further ease tensions and restore stability in global energy supply chains. He further added that the West Asia developments underline the importance of strengthening India's long-term economic resilience, particularly in critical sectors such as energy, pharmaceuticals, and trade legis-

## Tech Mahindra expands partnership with Telefónica Germany



**N**DELHI: IT company Tech Mahindra on Tuesday, June 23, announced expansion of its partnership with Telefónica Germany to build a private cloud platform. This is aimed at driving cloud-native transformation and provide Platform-as-a-Service (PaaS) for technology and enterprise business growth, Tech Mahindra said in a release. The partnership will combine Tech Mahindra's platform engineering and AI-first operations with Telefónica Germany's telecom infrastructure

modernisation objectives to create PaaS, laying the foundations for a full scale private cloud," the release further said. The multi-year engagement will focus on enabling a scalable, open, and future-ready digital infrastructure foundation to modernise telecom and enterprise workloads, it added. Tech Mahindra will also leverage AI-driven automation, cloud-native orchestration, infrastructure-as-code frameworks, and self-service platform management capabilities to support the platform as a service. The platform is designed to enhance AI-

first automation, operational flexibility and resilience while supporting both traditional and infrastructure services for telecom and enterprise businesses across Germany. Tech Mahindra will also leverage AI-driven automation, cloud-native orchestration, infrastructure-as-code frameworks, and self-service platform management capabilities to support the platform-as-a-service model. The platform is designed to strengthen AI-first automation, improve operational efficiency, and enhance system resilience while ensuring seamless integration of services across both traditional IT infrastructure and modern cloud environments. It will also enable faster deployment cycles, reduced manual intervention, and improved scalability for enterprise workloads. Officials said the initiative is expected to support telecom and enterprise customers in Germany by delivering more agile and intelli-

gent infrastructure services. The company aims to streamline network operations, enhance service reliability, and reduce operational costs through advanced automation and next-generation cloud technologies. Industry experts noted that such AI-driven platform modernisation efforts reflect the growing global shift toward autonomous, software-defined infrastructure ecosystems, where businesses increasingly rely on intelligent systems for end-to-end service management. Tech Mahindra will also leverage AI-driven automation, cloud-native orchestration, infrastructure-as-code frameworks, and self-service platform management capabilities to support the platform-as-a-service model. The platform is designed to strengthen AI-first automation, improve operational efficiency, and enhance system resilience while ensuring seamless integration of services across both traditional IT infrastructure and mod-

## ED Raids Rajesh Exports Over Rs 15 Lakh Crore Scam Allegations

Comparison of REL's consolidated and standalone revenues

**RAJESH EXPORTS** (INR in crore)

Particulars	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Consolidated Revenue from Operations of REL (A)	2,58,306	2,43,128	2,80,676	4,23,099	7,78,716	
Standalone Revenue from Operations of REL (B)	2,060	6,237	5,401	7,027	9,189	
Revenue from Operations of Subsidiaries/step-down subsidiaries of REL (C=A-B)	2,56,245		2,75,275	4,16,072	7,69,527	
% of Revenue from Operations of Subsidiaries/step-down subsidiaries of REL (C/A)	99.20%	97.1%	98.08%	98.34%	98.82%	

New Delhi: Wakeup Telangana

Bengaluru: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday conducted searches against Rajesh Exports which is facing scrutiny from market regulator SEBI over alleged financial irregularities, official sources said. The action is understood to have been taken under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA) at the Bengaluru-headquartered company. Premises in Bengaluru and Mumbai linked to the company are being covered, they said. Rajesh Exports Ltd allegedly inflated its consolidated revenues by more than Rs 15 lakh crore over five years by attributing massive revenues to overseas subsidiaries, particularly Switzerland-based Valcambi SA, despite the subsidiary's audited standalone financial statements showing only a fraction of those amounts, according to an interim order by SEBI. The regulator has restrained the company's Chairman and Managing Director, Rajesh Mehta, from buying, selling or dealing in securities of Rajesh Exports, either directly or indirectly, until further orders. Rajesh Exports has denied any financial irregularities, saying its reported revenues were correct and that there seemed to be a communication gap between the markets regulator and the firm. SEBI, in its interim findings, observed that the company's consolidated financial statements appeared to show unusually large revenue rec-

ognition through its foreign subsidiaries, which did not align with the standalone audited accounts of those entities. The regulator has sought further clarification and detailed documentation to verify the flow of funds and inter-company transactions. Market sources said the development has triggered heightened scrutiny on the company's global operations, especially its Switzerland-based refining arm, which has been central to its international business structure. Analysts noted that any prolonged regulatory action could impact investor sentiment and stock performance in the short term. Meanwhile, Rajesh Exports Ltd reiterated that it has maintained full compliance with accounting standards and regulatory requirements, adding that it will cooperate with SEBI and submit all necessary clarifications. The company maintained that there has been no manipulation of financial statements and expressed confidence that the matter will be resolved after due examination. Further proceedings in the case are awaited, as SEBI continues its detailed probe into the alleged discrepancies and related-party transactions. The regulator is also expected to examine cross-border fund movements, valuation methods used for overseas subsidiaries, and the consistency of revenue recognition practices over the five-year period. Officials familiar with the matter said the investiga-

## Hyderabad: Rs 1L reward for finding name for housing project



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The Telangana Housing

Board (TGHB) has announced Rs 1 lakh reward for anybody who can suggest an apt name for 1,00,000 houses the board is planning to construct under the limits of the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) in Hyderabad. he Telangana Housing Board (TGHB) has announced Rs 1 lakh reward for anybody who can suggest an apt name for 1,00,000 houses the board is planning to construct under the limits of the Core Urban

Region Economy (CURE) in Hyderabad. Those interested in taking part in the contest can submit their name suggestions to the Instagram page @tghd.official belonging to TGHB by June 28, 2026. The Housing Board officials said the initiative has been launched to encourage public participation and make the large-scale housing project more in-

clusive and people-centric. They added that the proposed housing scheme under the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) framework aims to provide modern, affordable housing facilities equipped with basic infrastructure and civic amenities. Officials further stated that the selection of the name will be done by a committee constituted by the TGHB, which will

# Delhi Redz Crowned Women's Champions at HSBC Rugby Premier



Vasu Sports Reporter  
Wake Up Telangana

Hyderabad June 22: Hyderabad Heroes registered a commanding 45-7 victory over Bengaluru Bravehearts on Day 7 of the HSBC Rugby Premier League powered by Avid Season 2 at the Gachibowli GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium on Monday. Despite Bengaluru enjoying early possession, Hyderabad's strong defense held firm. Maurice Longbottom opened the scoring before

Taitafono Tavita dominated the contest with a brilliant performance, scoring a try and setting up another for Ravuama Seruvakula. Sumit Kumar Roy and Diego Ardao also crossed the line as Hyderabad built a comfortable lead. Tavita added another try in the final quarter, while Akuila Rokolisoa scored Bengaluru's only points of the match. Longbottom capped off the victory with a late drop goal as Hyderabad sealed an emphatic win. The win further strengthened Hyderabad Heroes' position in the ongoing HSBC Rugby Premier League powered by Avid Season 2, boosting their confidence as they continue their campaign at home. Team management praised the collective performance, highlighting the discipline in defence and sharp execution in attack as key factors behind the dominant result. Coaches noted that the side maintained consistent pressure throughout



tures, aiming to carry forward the winning momentum. Supporters at the Gachibowli GMC Balayogi Athletic Stadium were treated to an exciting display of rugby, cheering the home side as they delivered one of their most convincing performances of the season so far. Team officials also stated that the players' fitness levels and structured training sessions have played a crucial role in maintaining consistency throughout the tournament. They added that the squad's preparation has been fo-

## Delhi Redz Crowned Women's Champions at HSBC Rugby Premier League Season 2



Hyderabad:  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad, June 23: Delhi Redz emerged as the first-ever Women's champions of the HSBC Rugby Premier League powered by Avid Season 2 after defeating Chennai Bulls 22-10 in the final at the Gachibowli Stadium on Tuesday. Lavena Cavuru, Eden Kilgour, Siliika Qalo and Isadora Lopes starred for Delhi Redz, helping the team secure the title and the ₹25 lakh prize money. In the men's matches, Hyderabad Heroes defeated Delhi Redz 26-17, Bengaluru Bravehearts ended Mumbai Dreamers' unbeaten run with a dominant 41-12 victory, while Chennai Bulls edged Kolkata Banga Tigers 12-5. The tournament continues to attract rugby fans with exciting per-

formances from both Indian and international players. The final witnessed an intense and fast-paced contest, with Delhi Redz dominating possession and displaying superior teamwork in crucial phases of the game. Their structured defence and quick counter-attacks kept Chennai Bulls under constant pressure throughout the match. Team officials credited the victory to disciplined preparation and strong coordination among the squad, especially in high-pressure knockout situations. The players maintained composure in the second half, converting key opportunities that ultimately widened the margin and sealed the championship. The win marked a historic moment for Delhi Redz as they became the inaugural women's champions of the HSBC Rugby Premier League powered by Avid Season 2, earning widespread appreciation from fans and league organisers. The players celebrated their triumph with the support staff and supporters who were present at the Gachibowli Stadium. Meanwhile, in the men's category, the competition continued to intensify as Bengaluru Bravehearts delivered

## Mumbai Dreamers Stay Unbeaten Bengaluru Bravehearts Register Comfortable Win.



Vasu Sports Reporter  
Wake Up Telangana

Dreamers extended their unbeaten streak in the HSBC Rugby Premier League Season 2 with a thrilling 12-10 victory over

match, Bengaluru Bravehearts defeated Chennai Bulls 33-12. Ryan Apps starred with two tries, while Ganesh Majhi and Devendra Padir also crossed over as Bengaluru dominated the contest. Later, the

women's fixtures featured Chennai Bulls vs Mumbai Dreamers and Kolkata Banga Tigers vs Delhi Redz, while Delhi Redz faced Kolkata Banga Tigers in the final men's match of the day. The narrow defeat was a disappointing result for Hyderabad Heroes, who had controlled large portions of the game and looked set to secure a home victory before Mumbai Dreamers struck late in extra time. Team officials said the players showed strong fighting spirit but were unable to close out the match in the final moments. Coaching staff praised Diego Ardao's performance, noting his two crucial tries that kept Hyderabad ahead for

most of the contest. However, they acknowledged that small lapses in defence during the closing stages proved costly against an in-form Mumbai side. Despite the setback, Hyderabad Heroes remain positive as they look ahead to their upcoming fixtures in the HSBC Rugby Premier League Season 2. The team management stated that they will focus on tightening defensive coordination and improving game management in high-pressure situations. Meanwhile, the other matches of the day saw strong performances across teams, with Bengaluru Bravehearts registering a dominant win over Chennai Bulls, further intensifying

the competition in the league standings. Team analysts noted that Hyderabad Heroes will use the close encounter as a learning experience, especially focusing on maintaining composure during the final minutes of high-intensity matches. They added that finishing efficiency and decision-making under pressure will be key areas of improvement ahead of the next round of fixtures. Players from the squad also expressed disappointment but remained confident about bouncing back stronger in the upcoming games. They said the team has shown consistent improvement throughout the season and believes it can con-



Mumbai: India's preparations for the upcoming T20I assignments against Ireland and England have been dealt a setback after all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy was ruled out due to injury. In his place, the national selectors have handed a maiden senior call-up to Mumbai all-rounder Suryansh Shedge, rewarding the 23-year-old for his impressive performances in domestic cricket and for India. Announcing the change, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) confirmed that Nitish would be unavailable for both series after sustaining an injury during India's recent ODI series against Afghanistan. The Men's Selection Committee has named Suryansh Shedge as a replacement for Nitish Kumar Reddy in India's squads for the upcoming T20I series against Ireland and England. Nitish reported left quadriceps dis-



New Delhi: Teenaged batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi says getting selected in the Indian T20 squad is the "biggest step" of his nascent career so far, adding that he does not have words to describe how it feels. The 15-year-old was included in the India squad for the tours of Ireland and England starting June 26 after a stellar run in IPL 2026, where he scored 776 runs for Rajasthan Royals at a strike rate of over 230. Words can't explain it. The reason I picked up a bat from day one and went to the cricket ground for practice, and today that dream is fulfilled," Sooryavanshi said in a brief video posted by the BCCI on its social media handles. History

## Gymkhana XI Clinch Bollaram Challenge Cup 2026 Title; Dr. Narsimhan Kannan Announces Continued

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BOLLARAM, JUNE 21:

BOLLARAM, JUNE 21: GYMKHANA XI EMERGED VICTORIOUS IN THE PRESTIGIOUS BOLLARAM CHALLENGE CUP 2026 FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, DEFEATING VV NAGAR FC 4-2 IN A HIGH-VOLTAGE FINAL PLAYED BEFORE AN ENTHUSIASTIC CROWD AT BOLLARAM. DISPLAYING IMPRESSIVE COORDINATION AND ATTACKING FOOTBALL, GYMKHANA XI SECURED THE TITLE WITH GOALS FROM NANDA, KISHORE, RAHUL, AND MAJEED KHAN. VV NAGAR FC PUT UP A SPIRITED FIGHT, WITH RISHI AND SAIF

FINDING THE BACK OF THE NET. THE TOURNAMENT, SPONSORED BY DR. NARSIMHAN KANNAN, WAS SUCCESSFULLY ORGANIZED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF PROMOTING GRASSROOTS FOOTBALL AND ENCOURAGING YOUNG ATHLETES. HIS GENEROUS SUPPORT ENSURED THE SMOOTH CONDUCT OF THE COMPETITION AND PROVIDED A VALUABLE PLATFORM FOR EMERGING FOOTBALL TALENT. ADDRESSING THE GATHERING, DR. NARSIMHAN KANNAN EXPRESSED HIS HAPPINESS OVER THE OVERWHELMING RESPONSE FROM PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS AND ANNOUNCED THAT HE



WOULD SOON SPONSOR ANOTHER FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, REAFFIRMING HIS COMMITMENT TO THE GROWTH OF SPORTS AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN THE REGION. CHIEF GUEST SHRI GANESH GARU, MLA, CANTONMENT, PRESENTED THE WINNERS

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BALLERS. GUEST OF HONOUR SHRI K.K. SENTHIL KUMAR GARU, ACCLAIMED CINEMATOGRAPHER, OSCAR JURY MEMBER, AND THE CREATIVE FORCE BEHIND BLOCKBUSTER FILMS SUCH AS RRR, BAAHUBALI, AND CHATRAPATI, PRESENTED THE RUNNERS-UP TROPHY TO VV NAGAR FC. HE HIGHLIGHTED THE ROLE OF SPORTS IN FOSTERING DISCIPLINE, FITNESS, TEAMWORK, AND UNITY AMONG YOUTH. THE ORGANIZERS THANKED DR. NARSIMHAN KANNAN, THE CHIEF GUEST, GUEST OF HONOUR, PARTICIPATING TEAMS, REFEREES, OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS, AND FOOT-

BALL ENTHUSIASTS FOR MAKING THE BOLLARAM CHALLENGE CUP 2026 A GRAND SUCCESS. FINAL SCORE: GYMKHANA XI 4 - 2 VV NAGAR FC. OFFICIALS PRAISED BOTH TEAMS FOR MAINTAINING HIGH STANDARDS OF DISCIPLINE AND SPORTSMANSHIP, NOTING THAT THE TOURNAMENT ONCE AGAIN HIGHLIGHTED THE GROWING TALENT IN LOCAL FOOTBALL CIRCUITS. COACHES AND SELECTORS PRESENT AT THE VENUE ALSO OBSERVED SEVERAL PROMISING YOUNG PLAYERS WHO COULD BE CONSIDERED FOR HIGHER-LEVEL COMPETITIONS IN THE FUTURE. WITH THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF

## Congress government's selective media leaks draw scrutiny

**HYDERABAD** Wakeup telangana Hyderabad: The Telangana Congress government is facing mounting criticism from political observers and opposition parties over what is being described as a growing reliance on selective media leaks to influence public perception and manage political narratives on sensitive governance issues. The latest controversy emerged last week when reports surfaced in select media outlets suggesting that the State government was considering withdrawing its deposits and discontinuing banking services with the



State Bank of India (SBI). The reports came shortly after SBI approached the High Court challenging the Raidurg land auction conducted by the government and obtained a stay on further proceedings. The reported move triggered widespread debate and criticism, with experts and officials expressing concern

over the potential consequences of severing ties with one of the country's largest public sector banks. However, within days, the government appeared to reverse its position by approving the appointment of SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS), the investment banking and advisory subsidiary of SBI, as a

consultant for the valuation of Hyderabad Metro Rail assets and related projects. The apparent contradiction raised questions about the intent and purpose behind the initial reports. Political analysts point out that this is not an isolated incident. Several similar episodes have occurred over the past few months, where information on key government decisions or controversies first surfaced through a limited section of the media before developing into major public debates. One such instance occurred in January when Roads and Buildings Minister Koma-

tireddy Venkat Reddy publicly warned of legal action against certain media organizations for allegedly publishing false and defamatory reports targeting constitutional authorities, ministers, and women IAS officers. What began as a media controversy soon escalated into a major political issue, with allegations that internal rivalries and score-settling within the government machinery may have played a role in the dissemination of information. The matter gained further attention after the arrest of two journalists by the police, drawing criticism from oppo-

sition parties, civil society groups, and media organizations, which viewed the action as an attack on press freedom. Another controversy unfolded during the same period when Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka ordered the cancellation of tenders related to the Naini coal block in Odisha, operated by Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). The decision followed reports in select media outlets alleging irregularities in the tendering process. Critics questioned whether the government's action was based on verified findings or influenced by

media reports that had not undergone independent scrutiny. Questions were also raised regarding the Hyderabad Industrial Lands Transformation Policy (HILTP), a significant policy initiative aimed at restructuring industrial land usage in the state. Reports suggested that even senior officials and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu were unaware of the proposal until it was placed before the Cabinet for approval. The revelation led to concerns about transparency in policymaking and the extent to which important decisions were being discussed within the

government before reaching the public domain. A similar pattern was observed in the controversy involving Raghava Constructions, a company reportedly linked to Harsha Reddy, son of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Allegations relating to the alleged grabbing of a three-acre land parcel in Vattinagulapally, Gandipet, initially appeared in a handful of media outlets before snowballing into a major political issue. The incident once again fueled speculation about the role of selective leaks in shaping public discourse and political agen-

## Telangana placed in top ten of CII-Sohrabji Godrej GreenCo rankings



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Hyderabad: Telangana has been ranked among India's top ten in the CII-Sohrabji Godrej GreenCo ratings with Maharashtra securing the top position and Andhra Pradesh placed in the 9th position. City & Local Guides Since the rating system of GreenCo was introduced in 2012, according to N. Muthusezhayan, Deputy Executive Director, CII GreenCo Council, Hyderabad, a total of 17 industries in Telangana have secured Platinum Plus, Platinum, Gold, and Silver ratings. The rating is given to the industries to improve environmental performance and go beyond sheer compliance and also to save both natural and financial resources. For a rating to an industry, CII-GreenCo considers nine parameters and measures the performance fixing points to each parameter that totals to 1,000 points, Muthusezhayan said. Telangana travel guide These parameters include manage-

ment system, energy management, carbon management, water management, material resource management, green supply chain-, product stewardship and life cycle approach, innovation for environment, and green belt environment and others. GreenCo awards a Platinum rating to an industry that scores 750 points and a Platinum Plus is given to industries that continue to improve and excel with 850 points. TC Limited, Badhrachalam, is the only company among 17 in Telangana to be ranked with 'Platinum Plus' in 2023. Two companies, including Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Charlapally, and Hindustan Sanitaryware and Industries (Pipes Division), were awarded Platinum ratings. Another nine companies were awarded a 'Gold' rating, and the remaining five companies were awarded a 'Silver' rating," he said. City & Local Guides For GreenCo ratings, a total of 51 companies have registered with GreenCo, and of them, 42 were rec-

## 'Donald Trump Avenue' inaugurated near US Consulate in Hyderabad

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US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday unveiled a ceremonial plaque commemorating the renaming of the road adjoining the US Consulate Hyderabad as 'Donald Trump Avenue'. The US Consulate Hyderabad organised a reception to commemorate America's 250th anniversary of Independence. The event brought together senior diplomatic representatives, government officials, and prominent personalities from the business, aerospace, defence, and technology sectors. Speaking on the occasion, Ambassador Gor underscored the Hyderabad consular district's impressive contributions and continued relevance for strategic cooperation. City & Local Guides No where is the high-speed trajectory of our partnership more evident than in Hyderabad. From Hitec City to aerospace and defence, this region represents progress that is defining our bilateral momentum," said Ambassador Gor. Deputy Chief Minister Vikramarka congratulated the American people on the occasion of their 250th Independence Day, highlighting Telangana's role as a vital partner in the U.S.-India relationship. The organisers further stated that the growing popularity of the HSBC Rugby Premier League powered by Avid Season 2 reflects the rising interest in rugby across India, especially among young athletes. They noted that the tournament has successfully provided a platform where Indian players



every match in the season has been closely fought and unpredictable. They further expressed confidence that the remaining fixtures will continue to deliver high-quality rugby action, keeping fans engaged until the final whistle of the tournament. US Consul General Laura Williams also participated in the event. League representatives also mentioned that the success of Season 2 has encouraged discussions on expanding the tournament in the coming years, with plans to include more teams and increase opportunities for domestic talent. They said such initiatives would help build a stronger rugby ecosystem in the country. Players across franchises acknowledged the importance of consistent training, recovery, and tactical awareness in a fast-paced format like rugby sevens, noting that small errors often decide the outcome of matches. Many also credited the support staff for maintaining high fitness standards throughout the demand-

They added that the presence of international players and coaches has significantly contributed to knowledge sharing, helping Indian players adapt to advanced techniques, fitness regimes, and modern game strategies. This exchange of experience is expected to benefit the national rugby structure in the long run. As the league progresses towards its concluding stage, franchises are now intensifying their preparations, with teams analysing match footage and refining strategies to secure crucial wins. The competition is expected to become even more intense in the coming matches as teams push for a place in the final standings. League officials further stated that the successful conduct of Season 2 has strengthened Hyderabad's position as a key sporting hub, capable of hosting high-profile international-standard tournaments. They added that the infrastructure at Gachibowli Stadium and the sup-

where the battle for the championship title is set to reach its peak. Experts associated with the tournament observed that the HSBC Rugby Premier League is gradually creating a strong professional pathway for rugby players in India, bridging the gap between domestic competitions and international exposure. They said consistent performances in such leagues could open doors for national selection and overseas opportunities. Franchise owners also expressed satisfaction with the overall conduct of the season, noting that the league has helped strengthen team-building culture, tactical discipline, and sports professionalism among players. They appreciated the league management for maintaining high standards in scheduling, refereeing, and match operations. Meanwhile, preparations are already underway for the final stretch of the tournament, with teams focusing on recovery and fine-tuning their game plans. Organisers

appreciated the league management for maintaining high standards in scheduling, refereeing, and match operations. Meanwhile, preparations are already underway for the final stretch of the tournament, with teams focusing on recovery and fine-tuning their game plans. Organisers concluded that Season 2 has set a new benchmark for rugby in the country and laid a strong foundation for future editions. They said this growing online engagement reflects the sport's expanding reach beyond traditional stadium audiences. They further added that fan interaction initiatives such as