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Punjab Farmers Oppose Proposed India-US Trade Pact, Burn Modi-Trump

Punjab Farmers Burn Effigies of Modi and Trump During Statewide Protest Against US Trade Pact

Hoshiarpur: - Farmers, under the banner of the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, held protests at several locations across Punjab on Wednesday against the proposed India-US trade agreement, alleging that the deal would harm farmers, labourers, small traders and youth. The protesting farmers also burnt effigies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President Donald Trump. The protest was organised on the call of Kisan Mazdoor Morcha, under which demonstrations and effigy-burning protests were held at nearly 28 locations

across 21 districts of Punjab. The protesters raised slogans against the central government and demanded the immediate cancellation of the proposed trade agreement. In Hoshiarpur, the protest was led by district president Paramjit Singh Bhulla. The leaders alleged that the agreement would open the Indian agricultural market to foreign products and adversely affect small and marginal farmers. They claimed that the government's trade policies favoured multinational companies and global trade interests at the cost

of farmers and the dairy sector. They stated that American farmers receive large-scale government support and operate on a larger scale, making competition difficult for Indian farmers who mostly have small landholdings. The leaders alleged that the agreement could result in large-scale entry of agricultural products, pulses, fruits, vegetables and other food items into Indian markets, which may further impact farmers' income and



the agricultural economy. They accused the government of repeating the approach adopted during the three farm laws, alle-

ging that farmers' organisations and other stakeholders were not consulted before decisions affecting agriculture were made. The protesters demanded cancellation of the India-US trade agreement, withdrawal of the Electricity Amendment Bill 2025 and Seed Bill 2025, besides opposing the installation of smart electricity meters. The KMM leaders said the issue was not limited to farmers alone but concerned labourers, small traders, employees and ordi-

nary citizens. They appealed to people to oppose what they described as "anti-farmer and anti-worker" policies. Bhartiya Kisan Union (Doaba) president Manjit Singh Rai said the recent statement by Union Agriculture Minister Shivrang Singh Chouhan regarding monsoon predictions and the possibility of reduced rainfall in some districts showed the need for better preparedness. Rai said that farmers' organisations had long been demanding a legal



Air India plane strays into Pakistan airspace, DGCA takes action

New Delhi: An Air India plane operating a flight from the national capital strayed into the Pakistan airspace on Monday night, June 22, while manoeuvring a go-around at the Amritsar airport. Aviation regulator DGCA on Wednesday, June 24, said interim action has been taken against the air traffic controller in Amritsar and also the airline's operating crew for non-reporting of the event. In a statement on Wednesday, the airline said the incident has been reported to the regulatory authorities and is being investigated internally. DGCA said that after the

aircraft commenced approach during radar vectoring, it briefly entered the Pakistan airspace. Coordinated with Pakistan ATC, "The event was coordinated with Pakistan ATC Authorities. The aircraft finally diverted to Delhi and safely landed at Delhi," the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) said in a statement. Pakistan has closed its airspace for Indian airlines since April 2025. According to Air India, the crew operating flight AI479 from Delhi to Amritsar on 22 June had marginally infringed on the Pakistan airspace while ma-

noeuving a go-around at Amritsar airport. A source said the incident happened at a little past 8 pm on Monday when the aircraft had to go around at the Amritsar airport. In the statement, DGCA said Air India aircraft VT-PPV, during approach, was asked to hold due to runway inspection after a bird strike incident. DGCA did not specify the actions taken against the air traffic controller and the operating crew. The source said that almost an hour after returning to the national capital, the aircraft again took off for Amritsar

and landed there after 10 pm. Details about the number of passengers on board the plane could not be ascertained. Authorities said rescue and emergency response teams were immediately mobilized to the site following reports of the incident. Local officials, police personnel, and disaster management teams cordoned off the area and launched operations to assess the situation and provide assistance where required. Aviation authorities have initiated an inquiry to determine the cause of the incident. Technical experts are ex-

pected to examine flight data, weather conditions, and other relevant factors as part of the investigation. Officials stated that further details regarding casualties, injuries, and the number of occupants on board would be released after verification. Meanwhile, concerned family members and relatives of passengers have been advised to await official confirmation from the authorities. Emergency helplines are expected to be activated to provide information and support to those seeking updates about the

HYDRAA protects Rs 1,000 cr land from encroachment near Hitex

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Tuesday, June 23, fenced five acre of government land in Khanamet village of Serilingampally mandal, which has an estimated worth of Rs 1,000 crore. The land, located along the route from the metal Charminar to the Hitex Exhibition Centre in survey number 42, was falling into the hands of encroachers who had set up two temporary sheds and a room, the agency said. Acting on a complaint from revenue officials, HYDRAA removed the illegal structures and fenced the entire land. They also set up a board to indicate the property as government



fenced the entire 31.05 acre of the lake's Full Tank Level (FTL). The encroacher had allegedly set up a Ready-Mix Concrete (RMC) unit on his patta land and also extended it into the lake's FTL by filling it with soil. He had also built sheds for the workers, encroaching about five acre of the lake. The RMC unit owner has been asked to remove it. The land is located along the route from the Metal Charminar to the Hitex Exhibition Centre in survey number 42.

4 from interstate robbery gang arrested in Telangana's Khammam

Hyderabad: Four members of an interstate gang involved in seven robberies in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh were arrested by VM Banjara Police in Khammam on Tuesday, June 23. The accused have been identified as Manikala Vasanth Rao, Manikala Ramesh, Ponnuri Koteswara Rao and Tumala Shekhar. They are allegedly involved in six cases in Khammam and one in Andhra's Eluru district. The gang targeted locked houses and temples and reportedly stole valuables worth Rs 16 lakh. Despite having a history sheet registered at VM Banjara Police Station, the accused have not changed their behaviour; therefore, a case has been registered against them under section 111 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Preventive Detention (PD) Act,

Gymkhana XI Clinch Bollaram Challenge Cup 2026 Title; Dr. Narsimhan Kannan Announces Continued Support for Football

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, pre-

sented the Winners Trophy to Gymkhana XI and congratulated both teams for displaying exceptional skill, determination, and sportsmanship. He appreciated the organizers and sponsors for creating opportunities that inspire young footballers. 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 Chattrapathi, presented the Runners-up Trophy to VV Nagar FC. He highlighted the role of sports in fostering discipline, fitness, team-

work, and unity among youth. The organizers thanked Dr. Narsimhan Kannan, the Chief Guest, Guest of Honour, participating teams, referees, officials, volunteers, sponsors, and football enthusiasts for making the Bollaram Challenge Cup 2026 a grand success. Final Score: Gymkhana XI 4 - 2 VV Nagar FC. The final match witnessed thrilling end-to-end action, with both teams displaying remarkable determination and competitive spirit. Gymkhana XI maintained control for most of the game through disciplined defending and effec-

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CM's parallel review meetings spark debate over ministerial autonomy



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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's practice of conducting review meetings on subjects handled by his Cabinet colleagues and issuing directions is triggering a debate in political cir-

cles over the extent of his involvement in individual ministerial portfolios. On Monday, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy reviewed the status of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS), with discussions focusing on the growing

pressure on River Tungabhadra waters and measures to safeguard the interests of farmers in the RDS ayacut in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. Interestingly, the Chief Minister convened another review meeting on the same irrigation project on Wednesday. While political observers note that the Chief Minister has the authority to review the implementation of welfare and development programmes across departments, they question the need for separate review meet-

ings on the same projects after the concerned Ministers have already held detailed discussions. Executive Branch According to them, the practice has fuelled perceptions that the Chief Minister is only trying to assert control over portfolios handled by his Cabinet colleagues. They also argue that conducting multiple reviews on the same issues raises questions about the effective utilisation of the government's time and administrative resources. There have also been instances in

the past where Ministers appeared to be unaware of decisions taken in their own departments. In December last year, Cinematography Minister Komati-reddy Venkat Reddy had gone on record saying he was unaware of the government's decision permitting a hike in ticket prices for Akhanda 2. The episode drew attention as the government issued the order despite the Minister's apparent lack of knowledge about the decision. Geographic Reference. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's

Khammam Ministers failed to complete Sitarama Project- KTR

Khammam:
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The three Ministers in Khammam district holding powerful portfolios have failed to complete the Sitarama Project, meant to irrigate seven lakh acres, alleged BRS working president KT Rama Rao. Former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao initiated the project with an estimated cost of Rs 10,000 crore to make use of river Godavari waters. Around 80 per cent works have been completed by spending Rs 8,000 crore. Gov-



ernment But, Deputy

Chief Minister Bharti Vikramarka, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao failed to complete the remaining 20 per cent works in the past two-and-a-half years, Rama Rao said. History Addressing the BRS party workers at Sathupalli in the district on

RPI (Athawale) Eyes Major Victory in GHMC Polls, Condemns Unauthorized Telangana Committee Formation

Hyderabad:
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Republican Party of India (Athawale) National Vice President Baigala Nageswara Rao expressed confidence that the party would secure a significant number of seats in the upcoming Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections in Telangana. He was speaking at a Core Committee meeting held on Wednesday afternoon at the Republican Party of India (Athawale) South India Office in Lakdikapul, Hyderabad. The meeting was presided over by State Vice President Ermaala Shivaraj. The meeting was attended by National Secretary



strengthen the party at the grassroots level. The leaders resolved to establish district and mandal-level committees across the state and intensify efforts to expand the party's reach among the people. The Core Committee unanimously condemned reports published in sections of the

media on the 21st of this month regarding the formation of a new Telangana State Committee without the approval of the party's authorized leadership. The leaders warned that they would not tolerate any attempts by leaders from Andhra Pradesh to dominate the affairs of the Telangana unit. They stated that the matter would be brought to the attention of National President and Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale and that appropriate action would be sought against those responsible. The meeting also criticized the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that it had failed to fulfill its six guarantees promised to

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BRS accuses Telangana govt of ignoring Karnataka water grab



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Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) MLA T Harish Rao on Wednesday, June 24, wrote to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing the Telangana government of failing to protect the state's water rights in the Tungabhadra river and demanding immediate action against what he called illegal projects being built by Karnataka upstream. In a sharply worded letter, the Siddipet MLA alleged that Karnataka was constructing three bridge-cum-barrages on the Tungabhadra - at Kuridi (2 TMC), Chikkalaparvai (2.5 TMC) and Chikkalamachi (5 TMC) - without obtaining mandatory approvals from the Central Water Commission (CWC), the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB), or the consent of Telangana

and Andhra Pradesh. RDS flows under threat Harish Rao warned that if these structures, particularly the Kuridi Lift Irrigation Scheme being built at a cost of Rs 85 crore in Karnataka's Raichur district, were completed, water flows to the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS), a key irrigation project serving farmers in Telangana, would be severely affected, jeopardising the interests of Palamooru farmers. The intake structures of this project are already 60 per cent complete. Are you and your government asleep?" he asked, demanding to know why not even a single letter of protest had been sent to Karnataka. NOC deal questioned The BRS leader questioned the circumstances surrounding Karnataka's decision to issue a no-objection certificate (NOC) for the Kodangal

Lift Irrigation Scheme on July 18, 2025, asking whether Telangana's water rights had been used as a bargaining chip to secure the NOC. By not objecting to Karnataka's illegal constructions for over a year, your government has indirectly permitted them. Who gave you the authority to mortgage Telangana's water rights to Karnataka?" he asked. Harish Rao alleged that while the BRS government had worked to bring Krishna and Godavari waters to Telangana's fields and revive drought-hit districts like Palamooru, the Congress government had abandoned the state's water interests. He also accused the Revanth Reddy government of fully cooperating with Andhra Pradesh's attempts to divert Godavari waters, and said the same "treacherous attitude" was now on dis-

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Three Convicted in Petty Case, Sentenced to Five Days' Imprisonment

Hyderabad: The XIII Special Judicial Magistrate Second Class Court, Marredpally, Secunderabad, convicted three persons in a petty case and sentenced them to five days of simple imprisonment each on June 24, 2026. The accused, identified as A. Vivek (27), K. Balaji (22), and P. Amanpreeth (20), were found roaming suspiciously in the OU City area on the night of June 22 and allegedly created a nuisance while police personnel were conducting crime beat duties. The case was registered as E-Petty Case No. RCK2328PC2636226 04/2026 under Sections 61(B) of the City Police Act and Sections 221 and 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). After hearing the matter in STC No. 3091/2026, Judge B. Venkata Nagendra Reddy pronounced the conviction and awarded five days' imprisonment to all three accused. The case was investigated by Sub-Inspector Naresh of Market

Owaisi cites UN findings, says Israel must answer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has cited a recent United Nations inquiry report alleging that more than 20,000 Palestinian children have been killed in Gaza since October 2023, and called for accountability over Israel's military campaign in the territory. In a post on X, formerly Twitter, on Wednesday, June 24, Owaisi accused Israel of killing thousands of children, imposing famine on civilians and displacing Palestinians from large parts of the occupied territory. Israel will have to answer for these crimes. If not today, then soon," Owaisi wrote while sharing remarks from Justice S. Muralidhar, chair of the UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry on



the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel. The post referred to findings presented by the commission in Geneva, where Muralidhar said Israeli forces had killed more than 20,000 Palestinian children and injured over 44,000 others since October 7, 2023. According to the commission's latest report, children account for nearly 30 per cent of all deaths recorded in the occupied Palestinian territory during the period under review. The inquiry alleged that Palestinian

children were deliberately targeted during Israeli military operations and said its findings further supported the commission's earlier conclusion that genocide had been committed against Palestinians in Gaza. The report also documented widespread displacement, destruction of educational and healthcare facilities, and long-term psychological harm suffered by children during the conflict. Israel has repeatedly rejected allegations of genocide and war crimes, describing previous find-

ings by UN investigators as politically motivated and lacking credibility. The latest report is expected to add to growing international scrutiny of the humanitarian impact of the Gaza war, which began after the October 2023 Hamas attack on southern Israel and the subsequent Israeli military offensive in the enclave. The report also documented widespread displacement, destruction of educational and healthcare facilities, and long-term psychological harm suffered by children during the conflict. Israel has repeatedly rejected allegations of genocide and war crimes, describing previous find-

Undersized Drainage Pipes, Blocked Culvert Caused Miyapur Flooding: HYDRAA

Wake Up Telangana
Rangareddy District | **Srirangam Venkatesh**

Hyderabad: HYDRAA has identified undersized drainage pipes and a silt-choked culvert as the main reasons behind the severe flooding in Miyapur following heavy rains on Monday night. Heavy water-logging near BK Enclave on the Miyapur-Bachupally Main Road stranded several vehicles, prompting emergency teams to carry out overnight pumping operations. HYDRAA Commissioner A. V. Ranganath inspected the affected areas and directed immediate corrective measures. Officials found that existing drainage pipes lacked the capacity to handle heavy stormwater



flow. To prevent future flooding, authorities have started laying an additional stormwater pipeline connecting to Peddakudi Lake. A silt-blocked culvert near HDFC Crossroads was also identified as a major cause of water stagnation. Officials have been instructed to clear obstructions, desilt the culvert, and restore water flow towards Gurnath Lake, with emergency works being taken up on priority. The Commissioner also in-

structed officials to closely monitor vulnerable locations across Hyderabad and take preventive measures ahead of the monsoon season. Special teams have been deployed to inspect lakes, nalas, culverts, and stormwater drains to ensure smooth water flow and minimize the risk of urban flooding. Authorities reiterated their commitment to strengthening the city's drainage infrastructure and ensuring that residents are pro-

Retired Chief Engineer Sri Mudimadugula Shanker Garu Celebrates



Wake Up Telangana | **Bellampally, June 25, 2026:**

Members of the Thilak Walkers Welfare Association, Bellampally, extended their

heartfelt birthday greetings to Sri Mudimadugula Shanker Garu, Retired Chief Engineer, Tribal Welfare Department, on the occasion of his birthday celebrated on Thursday, June 25, 2026. Sri Shanker Garu is widely recognized for his distinguished service in the Tribal Welfare Department and his valuable contributions to public administration and infrastructure development during his il-

lustrous career. His dedication, integrity, and commitment to public service have earned him immense respect among colleagues, friends, and society. On this special occasion, members of the Thilak Walkers Welfare Association lauded his exemplary leadership, disciplined lifestyle, and continued involvement in social welfare activities even after retirement. They described him as a

Malkajgiri Police Hold Student Awareness Drive

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: In a significant initiative aimed at empowering students with essential life skills and digital awareness, the Malkajgiri Commissionerate on Wednesday launched a comprehensive tri-series awareness campaign at St. Michael's School in Alwal. The programme focused on three critical areas affecting today's youth — road safety, sub-



stance abuse prevention, and cyber security. The awareness drive was conducted under the direct supervision of Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Sumati, IPS, and closely monitored by DCP Malkajgiri Traffic-I Rahul.

More than 300 students and 50 teachers participated in the programme, which sought to educate young minds on responsible citizenship and personal safety. The initiative was led on the ground by Trimul-

herry Traffic ACP G. Shankar Raju and Alwal Traffic Police Station Inspector G. Pavan Kumar Reddy. They were joined by St. Michael's School Principal Shital Sharma, AGM Harshitt, and Facilities Manager Mallikarjun Rao. During the road safety session, police officials stressed the importance of following traffic rules, wearing helmets, while riding two-wheelers, and using seat belts in

Dangerous Traffic Crossing Near Key's Girls High School Immediate Intervention Needed



Wakeup Telangana | **Secunderabad Traffic Safety Concern**

A serious traffic safety issue is posing a daily threat to commuters, students, and pedestrians near Metro Pillar Nos. C1179-C1180, opposite Key's Girls High School, Secunderabad. Local residents and motorists allege that the junction has become a frequent accident-prone spot due to the absence of proper traffic regulation and police deployment. The stretch connecting Secunderabad East Metro Station, Rathifile Bus Station, Sangeet Theatre Junction, Paradise, Ameerpet, and Secunderabad Railway Station witnesses heavy vehicle movement throughout the day. Vehicles coming from the opposite direction

frequently make right turns and cross the road near Metro Pillar Nos. C1179-C1180 without any traffic signals, barricades, or traffic police supervision. According to local residents, 5 to 10 minor accidents are reportedly occurring every day, particularly involving auto-rickshaws, two-wheelers, and pedestrians. The situation becomes more dangerous during school and office hours when traffic volume increases significantly. The area is surrounded by several important institutions including: Key's Girls High School, St. Mary's Educational Institutions, Mediplus Hospital, Other hospitals, schools, and colleges. Students, parents, senior citizens, patients, and daily

Fire Safety Violations Found at Madhapur Bar, Kondapur Hostel

Wake Up Telangana | **Rangaeddy District** | **Srirangam Venkatesh**

Hyderabad: Fire safety officials have identified major violations at Sky100 Kitchen and Bar and Venkateshwara Co-living and PG Hostel during a special inspection drive conducted on Tuesday. Officials found that both

establishments lacked adequate firefighting equipment and required fire safety installations. Inspections covered fire extinguishers, emergency exits, evacuation routes, and other safety measures. Authorities said action will be initiated against the managements under the Fire Services



Act for non-compliance with fire safety norms. The inspections are part of an ongo-

ing statewide drive by the Fire Services Department to improve safety standards in commercial

and residential buildings. Vikram Singh Mann, Director General of Fire Services, said inspections

and awareness programmes will continue across the state to ensure preparedness for fire emergencies. Officials also urged building owners and the public to prioritize fire safety and maintain safe environments. Fire department personnel also interacted with the managements and explained

the importance of maintaining operational fire-fighting systems, clear evacuation routes, and emergency response protocols. Building owners were directed to rectify the deficiencies within the stipulated time and submit compliance reports to the department. Officials warned that failure to address

Rainwater Harvesting Pit Eases Water Shortage in Madhapur Apartment

Wake Up Telangana | **Rangareddy District** | **Srirangam Venkatesh**

Hyderabad: A rainwater harvesting initiative at Beverly Springs Apartment has helped reduce water scarcity and improve groundwater recharge. The apartment com-



plex had faced severe shortages last summer, spending nearly ₹1 lakh on water tankers. With support from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board, the management installed a rainwater harvesting pit and injection bore-

well to channel rooftop rainwater into the groundwater system. Officials said the project has already improved groundwater levels and borewell recharge capacity. Residents expect fewer water shortages in the coming summers, along with reduced tanker depend-

Blood Donation Camp and Free Medical Camp Organised on Jagadeeshwar Goud's Birthday



Wake Up Telangana | **Rangareddy District** | **Srirangam Venkatesh**

Miyapur: A blood donation camp and free medical camp were organized at RBR Apartment in Miyapur Division to mark the birthday of V. Jagadeeshwar Goud, TPCC General Secretary and Congress Party In-Charge for Serilingampally Con-

stituency. The programme was organized under the leadership of Congress leader Mannepalli Sambasiva Rao. The event was inaugurated by Vaibhav Krishna Goud, who attended as the chief guest. He also cut a cake along with party supporters and well-wishers. Speaking on the occasion, Vaibhav Krishna Goud said that Jagadeeshwar Goud has

been continuously working for the welfare and development of the people of Serilingampally Constituency and wished him many more successful years in public service. A large number of supporters and local residents participated in the programme and voluntarily donated blood. Several senior Congress leaders and party workers attended the event, including Bezwada Rammohan Rao, Ragam Mallikarjun Yadav, Safari Satyanarayana, Dodda Sambasiva Rao, Nadiminti Krishna, Rachamalla Bhaskar Goud, Balaraj Mudiraj, Shekar Reddy, Ravinder

Reddy, Kauri Prasad, Amarender Reddy, Kanakamamidi Narendra Goud, Surenth Goud, Srinivas Goud, Yalamanchi Uday Kiran and others. As part of the free medical camp, a team of doctors and healthcare professionals conducted health check-ups for residents and provided consultations on general health, preventive care, and lifestyle-related ailments. Free medicines were also distributed to beneficiaries, and participants were advised on maintaining healthy living habits. The organizers stated that the initiative was aimed at promoting

Hijabi Congress worker forced to chant Jai Shri Ram in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) workers allegedly asked a Congress worker in a hijab to chant "Jai Shri Ram" during a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) meeting at Imperial Garden in Begumpet on Tuesday, June 23. According to the woman, one of the BJP workers began chanting religious slogans while looking at her in an attempt to incite communal tension. The Congress worker claimed that the group repeatedly raised such slogans during an event that was centered on SIR. Recounting the events to a local channel, the women Congress workers alleged that the saffron party workers harassed and forced them to chant "Jai Shri Ram. As the issue flared up, the remaining party workers from both sides brought the situation under control by removing the miscreants from the event. Reiterating that it was not a political event, the women questioned the BJP for giv-

Bonalu to be celebrated across three Hyderabad corporations

Hyderabad Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: Telangana minister Konda Surekha on Wednesday, June 24, said this year's Ashadam Bonalu celebrations will be held across three municipal corporations in Hyderabad, expanding the festival's footprint beyond the single corporation limit of previous years. Surekha chaired a coordination meeting for the Bonalu preparations via video conference at the MCR HRD Institute here, attended by ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Mohammed Azharuddin, Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand and Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar. The celebrations will run from July 16 to August 13 across temples in Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Ranga Reddy and Medchal-Malkajigiri districts, beginning at the Golconda Sri Jagadamba Mahakali Temple. The minister thanked Chief Minister A



Revanth Reddy for allocating Rs 20 crore for this year's event and directed departments to work in coordination to ensure facilities for devotees. Also Read Arrangements to be made Officials were asked to utilise the funds for temple infrastructure, electrical illuminations, closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras, queue management, drinking water, sanitation and med-

ical camps. Special traffic plans, additional buses, medical teams and security arrangements were ordered for high-footfall temples. Surekha directed that lactation rooms be set up for nursing mothers and that special provisions be made for elderly devotees. She also requested Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar to arrange additional buses, given the expected influx of pilgrims

travelling under the state government's Mahalaxmi free bus scheme. Traditional programmes, including ghatotsavas, Bonalu offerings, Poturaju veerangam, rangam and saganampu, would be held as part of the celebrations, she said. She said elaborate arrangements were being made to ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the festivities, which attract thousands of devotees from Hyderabad and surrounding districts every year. Special measures are being taken in coordination with various government departments to maintain security, sanitation, traffic management, drinking water supply, and medical assistance for devotees. The official also appealed to devotees to participate in the celebrations with devotion and discipline while extending full cooperation to the authorities. The festival, known for its rich cultural and spiritual significance, reflects Telangana's vibrant traditions and serves

Islam will end through genocide, says Hindutva leader in Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad: A Hindutva man, identified as Anil Yadav, said the end of Islam could come through genocide, during a religious meeting in Uttar Pradesh's Ghaziabad, making controversial references to the 1947 partition. A video surfaced on Tuesday, June 23, purportedly showing Yadav addressing a massive crowd, most of whom were dressed in saffron and wearing tilaks. He was heard making Islamophobic comments and pitting the Hindu community against Muslims. Islam ka anth sanghar

se hota hai (the end of Islam comes through annihilation or genocide)," said Yadav, adding that "Either they will do it or us or we do it to them. Whoever does it first wins. It happened in 1947. He claimed that they, presumably the Muslims, "laughed when we cried as they won little by little." Abhi woh gaddar ko marna hoga (now those traitors will have to die). Ghaziabad has become a hotbed of communal tension and clashes, with the presence of the far-right Hindu Raksha Dal only

fueling hostility in an already polarised state. Ghaziabad has become a hotbed of communal tension and clashes, with the presence of the far-right Hindu Raksha Dal only fueling hostility in an already polarised state. Recent incidents have raised concerns among civil society groups and residents, who fear that inflammatory rhetoric and provocative actions could further disrupt communal harmony and public order. Observers say that maintaining peace and social cohesion requires responsible

Gurukul degree colleges to get UGC pay scale, SC students

Hyderabad Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad: The Telangana Gurukul Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS) board on Wednesday, June 24, approved UGC pay scales for degree college faculty, nine new Centres of Excellence (CoE) for competitive exam coaching and laptops for SC students pursuing

higher education abroad. The decisions were taken at the third Board of Governors meeting of TGSWREIS, chaired by Social Welfare Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar at the Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad. Key decisions include the nine additional CoEs will prepare students from Class 9 for national examinations such as NEET and

JEE. The board also approved artificial intelligence (AI) courses at the degree level and gave in-principle clearance for a pharmacy college under TGSWREIS in Hyderabad. A committee will be set up to pursue NAAC accreditation for degree colleges, and a separate administrative division will be created to manage them. On the student welfare



front, the board approved a "Phone Mitra" facility for residential students to call their parents on holidays, and a common menu ac-

ross all gurukul hostels to improve nutrition standards. Arts and craft teachers are to be upgraded to Trained Graduate

Teacher (TGT) status, and part-time teachers will receive higher honoraria. The board also resolved to take up with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy the construction of permanent buildings for 133 institutions currently operating from rented premises. Speaking at the meeting, Laxman Kumar said the government's goal was to provide

world-class education to children from marginalised communities in line with the ideals of Dr BR Ambedkar. He said that quality education is the most effective tool for social empowerment and economic progress. The government is committed to strengthening educational infrastructure, improving learning standards, and ensuring that

students from Scheduled Castes and other disadvantaged sections receive equal opportunities to excel in academics and competitive fields. Laxman Kumar also emphasized the importance of skill development, digital literacy, and personality development programmes to prepare students for future challenges.

Official falls into drain as Mumbai mayor inspects waterlogging



Mumbai Wake Up Telangana
Mumbai: A Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) supervisor fell into a water channel next to where Mayor Ritu Tawde was inspecting waterlogging in a Mumbai locality on Wednesday, June 24, after overnight heavy rains. A video of the incident, which took place at Gandhi Market in King's Circle area, went viral on

social media, prompting the Opposition to slam the city's monsoon preparedness. The BMC staffer, who fell into the water channel a few feet from where the mayor was standing, was immediately rescued. A visibly furious Tawde reprimanded him and other officials, declaring that if any water channel or manhole is found open, the official in charge of that ward would face suspension. The southwest monsoon reached Mumbai on Tuesday, June 23, nearly two weeks after its usual onset date, bringing widespread rainfall across the city. Heavy overnight

rain led to waterlogging and traffic disruptions. Tawde, who reviewed BMC's pumping systems amid rain, said the water channel cover had been moved to remove waste. The man should have read the 'alert' sign and seen the barricades put around it," she said, as she continued her tour of areas affected by waterlogging. A BMC official said the channel lid was opened to plastic and other trash. However, the mukadam (supervisor), who later apologised to the mayor, went from the other side and slipped into the channel, he

added. The incident has sparked concerns over worker safety and adherence to standard operating procedures during civic maintenance activities. Local residents and civic activists questioned whether adequate safety measures, including protective gear and supervision, were in place when the cleaning work was being carried out. Municipal authorities have ordered an inquiry into the incident to determine the exact sequence of events and assess whether any negligence contributed to the accident. Officials stated that safety proto-

DRUG ABUSE: A SILENT THREAT DESTROYING YOUTH, FAMILIES, AND THE FUTURE



Wakeup Telangana | International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. Every year, June 25 is observed worldwide as the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a day dedicated to raising awareness about the devastating impact of drug abuse on individuals, families, communities, and

nations. Drug addiction has become one of the most serious challenges facing modern society. What often begins as curiosity, peer pressure, stress relief, or a desire for social acceptance can quickly develop into a dangerous addiction that destroys health, relationships, careers, and dreams. Youth Under Threat Young people, particularly col-

lege and university students, are among the most vulnerable targets of drug abuse. Traffickers and illegal networks often exploit youthful curiosity and emotional vulnerability. The consequences are severe: Poor academic performance, loss of concentration and memory, depression, anxiety, and mental health disorders. Increased absenteeism

BJP accuses Kharge family of political influence in land deals

New Delhi: Wakeup telangana

fresh political confrontation erupted on Wednesday, June 24, after the BJP accused Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and his family of benefiting from irregular land allotments in Karnataka through the Siddharth Vihar Trust. At a press conference in New Delhi, BJP spokesperson Praadeep Bhandari

claimed that the trust, allegedly managed by members of the Kharge family, received valuable public land and property through misuse of political influence. The allegations come amid continuing political sparring between the BJP and Congress over corruption and governance issues. Bhandari alleged that the trust consists exclu-

sively of Kharge family members, including senior Congress leader Mallikarjun Kharge, Karnataka minister Priyank Kharge and other relatives. He accused the family of using its political position to acquire land assets across Karnataka. The BJP's first allegation concerns the allotment of five acres of land in an aerospace and defence park by the

Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB). According to the party, the land was intended for industrial development but was instead allotted to the Siddharth Vihar Trust. BJP leaders estimated the property's value at around Rs 100 crore and questioned whether due procedures were followed. The second

charge relates to 19 acres of government land in Kalaburagi, which the BJP alleged was transferred to the trust. The party demanded that Congress explain how public land allegedly became associated with a private organisation linked to a political family. In its third allegation, the BJP claimed that a land transaction in Kalaburagi involved

the creation of a fictitious seller to facilitate transfer of ownership to the trust. The party asserted that the identity of the original seller remains unclear and called for a detailed investigation. Drawing parallels with previous allegations involving other Congress leaders, BJP leaders alleged a pattern of land-related irregularities. They also indi-



Israel attacks Lebanon despite Iran-US peace deal

EDITORIAL

South Africa's crises will not be solved by blaming migrants

South Africa is witnessing a dangerous escalation of anti-migrant sentiment. In recent months, vigilante groups have marched through communities, businesses have been targeted, and migrants have increasingly been blamed for crime, unemployment and the collapse of public services. The anger felt by many South Africans is real. Millions face daily hardship. Unemployment remains among the highest in the world. Poverty and hunger stalk working-class communities. Young people struggle to find work. Public services are under immense strain. Entire communities feel abandoned by political leaders who promised a better life but have failed to deliver. But while the anger is understandable, it is misdirected.

Migrants did not create South Africa's unemployment crisis. They did not cause the

collapse of local government. They did not deindustrialise the economy. They did not cut public spending, close factories, privatise public services, weaken labour protections or allow corruption to flourish. The roots of South Africa's multiple crises run much deeper. The country's extreme inequality is the product of centuries of colonial dispossession, racial capitalism and apartheid exploitation. The democratic breakthrough of 1994 ended political apartheid, but it did not fundamentally transform the economic structures that continue to concentrate wealth, land and economic power in the hands of a small minority. Today, millions of South Africans experience the consequences of that failure. Economic growth has been weak since the global financial crisis of 2008. Manufacturing has declined. Stable

employment has been replaced by precarious work and growing informality. Young people enter a labour market that offers little hope of secure employment. The frustration generated by these conditions creates fertile ground for scapegoating. History teaches us that periods of economic crisis often produce attempts to blame vulnerable groups rather than confront the real sources of social misery. Instead of challenging those who benefit from inequality, attention is diverted towards migrants, refugees and other marginalised communities. This pattern is not unique to South Africa. Across Europe, far-right political movements have gained support by blaming migrants for economic insecurity. In the United States, anti-immigrant rhetoric has become a central feature of political

discourse. Similar trends have emerged in Latin America and elsewhere as economic crises deepen and social divisions intensify. This strategy of distraction is remarkably consistent. People are encouraged to direct their anger horizontally, towards other working-class people, rather than upwards towards those who hold economic and political power. When workers are divided by nationality, language, ethnicity or race, those who profit from exploitation emerge stronger. Employers who rely on cheap and vulnerable labour benefit when workers compete against one another rather than organise together. Corrupt politicians benefit when public frustration is redirected away from their failures. Economic elites benefit when public debate focuses on migrants rather than inequality.

MAN KILLED ON MUMBAI LOCAL DURING FIGHT OVER KEEPING DOORS OPEN

Mumbai: A 22-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death by a co-passenger on a Mumbai local train during an argument over whether the doors should be kept open amid the rains, in the second such incident this year, officials said on Wednesday, June 24. The accused, subsequently identified as 30-year-old Sachin Ramesh Suvarna, was arrested hours later following a massive manhunt, which included the scanning of footage from nearly 400 closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras, an official said. Victim Mayank Lohar was fatally assaulted by Suvarna inside a first-class compartment on Tuesday, June 23, which also marked the arrival of monsoon in the city, between Andheri and Borivali railway stations in the western suburbs, he said. Officials said Lohar and Suvarna got into an altercation

as the train, a Churchgate-Nallasopara fast local, pulled into the Andheri station at 10.42 pm. Stabbed with sharp weapon One of them wanted the doors to be kept open, while the other objected, citing the rains. During the argument, Suvarna, who works at the Sahar Cargo complex of the Mumbai airport, pulled out "sattu" (a sharp weapon) from his possession and allegedly stabbed Lohar in the abdomen and chest, he said. Lohar suffered grievous injuries and collapsed, while Suvarna, a resident of Mira Road, jumped out of the train at Borivali station before it came to a halt and ran away. The youth was rushed to a nearby medical facility with the help of Government Railway Police (GRP) and personnel from the Railway Protection Force (RPF), the official said. He was then taken to a civic-run hospital,

where doctors declared him dead. Sharing more details, the Western Railway administration said the train reached Borivali station at 11.04 pm, and GRP and RPF personnel reached the coach within three minutes and mobilised medical staff, along with a stretcher and porters. The victim was brought to the emergency medical room at the station at 11.22 pm, where he was examined by a doctor. Acting on medical advice, railway authorities coordinated his transfer to Shatabdi Hospital in Kandivali by an ambulance at 11.42 pm, with GRP and RPF personnel accompanying him during transit, an official said. The railway administration also secured CCTV footage and other evidence and handed them over to the investigating agencies. Senior railway officials visited Borivali station around 1 am and re-

viewed the incident, he said. 400 CCTVs scanned to catch accused GRP formed seven investigation teams consisting of officers and staff from police stations and crime branches under the city's Western Zone, he said. The teams scanned footage from over 400 CCTV cameras installed at Borivali, Andheri, Mira Road, and Nallasopara railway stations, as well as adjoining entry-exit points of the city, he said. With the help of technical intelligence and other inputs, the attacker was identified from the footage and tracked down to Panvel, a senior railway police official said. The weapon used in the crime is yet to be recovered, he said, adding that Suvarna's interrogation was underway. As per the official, Suvarna went home after the murder and told his father that he had an altercation on the local

Iran war day 117: Nuclear inspections dispute as US Senate curbs war powers

IRAN Wakeup telangana



Iran and the United States have offered conflicting accounts of key issues as negotiators work towards a final agreement within a 60-day window. Differences remain over nuclear oversight and the implementation of any deal, underscoring the challenges facing both sides. US Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Iran would not be allowed to charge tolls in the Strait of Hormuz under a final agreement, stressing that the strategic waterway must remain open to international shipping. Meanwhile, Iran rejected US claims that it had agreed to allow nuclear inspectors back into the country after President Donald

Trump said Tehran had accepted the "highest level" of monitoring. The conflicting statements highlight the gaps that negotiators are still trying to bridge. Here is what has happened: In Iran Iran's military shifts to 'offensive doctrine': General Ahmad Reza Pourdastan, head of Iran's Army Strategic Studies and Research Center, said Tehran has moved away from a purely defensive posture and now includes preemptive operations in its military strategy. Quoted by the semi-official Fars news

agency, Pourdastan said Iran could "severely surprise the enemy" if national interests required it and added that much of the country's military capability has yet to be used. Iran says no IAEA inspections planned: Tohid Asadi, reporting from the Strait of Hormuz, says the Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei has denied reports of a meeting with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) chief Rafael Grossi and said there are currently no plans for visits or inspections by the UN nuclear watchdog. Baghaei said Iran's dealings with the IAEA would be governed by existing procedures, its safeguards obligations, parliamentary legislation and decisions by the Supreme National Security Council. Iran



BRS MLC seeks answers on Hyderabad Metro takeover, questions secrecy and financial burden

Hyderabad: BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan on Wednesday raised a series of questions over the State government's handling of the Hyderabad Metro Rail takeover, alleging that the Congress government had pushed Telangana into an expensive financial arrangement without securing the promised refinancing package. He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy went on a Tughlaq-like misadventure on the takeover deal. Telangana travel guide He explained that the government assumed responsibility for Hyderabad Metro Rail's debt of Rs 13,538 crore after signing a Share Purchase

Agreement (SPA) on April 29, even though the proposed refinancing through the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) failed to materialise. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, Sravan said even before securing the loan, Revanth Reddy burdened the taxpayers of Telangana with Rs 130 crore in interest payments for a loan that was cancelled. He accused the Revanth Reddy government of creating uncertainty around one of the country's largest urban transport projects and saddling the State with additional financial liabilities. City & Local

Guides The BRS MLC said Telangana was paying nearly Rs 2.5 crore per day as interest on the existing Metro debt despite not securing fresh financing. He said around Rs 130 crore had already been paid as interest between April 29 and June 15 and warned that the State could face an additional burden of nearly Rs 450 crore over the next six to nine months if refinancing delays continue. Sravan questioned the circumstances under which the government assumed the Metro debt and sought clarity on the collapse of the IRFC refinancing proposal. He also de-



manded details of a Japanese funding agency that was reportedly expected to provide low-interest financing for the project, alleging that the entity had now disappeared from the process. The BRS MLC posed 25 questions to Chief Minister A Revanth

Reddy and union Minister G Kishan Reddy, seeking disclosure of correspondence related to the refinancing exercise, the terms governing the transaction, and the status of processing fees allegedly paid during the process. He questioned why the government proceeded with the agreement before resolving issues with the Centre and whether adequate due diligence had been conducted before assuming liabilities exceeding Rs 13,000 crore. Alleging a lack of transparency, Sravan demanded that the government release all relevant documents and issue a

White Paper on the Metro refinancing exercise. Failing that, the BRS would consider legal options, including approaching the courts through a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), to seek accountability on behalf of Telangana's taxpayers," he warned. Sravan further alleged that the government's handling of the Metro Rail refinancing issue reflected poor financial planning and administrative inefficiency. He claimed that the lack of clear communication from both the State and Central governments had created confusion regarding the future of the pro-

ject and raised concerns among stakeholders. He said the Hyderabad Metro Rail project was a crucial infrastructure asset for Telangana and any delay in financial restructuring could adversely affect its expansion plans and long-term sustainability. According to him, the government must immediately clarify the status of negotiations with lending agencies and outline a roadmap for securing affordable financing. The BRS leader also questioned whether alternative funding options were being explored to prevent additional financial strain on the State exchequer. He urged the

Delay in Assessment Files Triggers Public Concern in Kapra Circle



Hyderabad Wakeup telangana

The prolonged delay in processing assessment files at the Kapra Circle office of the Greater Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation has become a matter of concern among residents, with several applicants alleging that their requests have remained pending for months. According to residents, applications related to property tax assessments, registration of newly constructed buildings, ownership transfers, and name changes have not been processed within a reasonable time, causing inconvenience to the public. Applicants stated that assessment numbers are essential

processes and created uncertainty for property owners. Some applicants alleged that several files forwarded for approval have remained pending for extended periods despite repeated follow-ups. They claimed that responses from the concerned authorities have been inadequate, forcing them to make frequent visits to municipal offices. Residents also expressed concern that delays in processing assessment files could affect the collection of property tax revenue due to the government. The affected applicants have demanded a special drive to clear all pending assessment files in Kapra Circle and called for an inquiry into the reasons

behind the delays. They urged higher authorities to ensure transparency, accountability, and timely delivery of public services. Residents appealed to municipal officials to take immediate corrective measures so that citizens do not continue to face hardship due to administrative delays. Local residents alleged that the backlog has been steadily increasing over the past several months, leading to frustration among property owners who depend on timely approvals for various legal and financial transactions. Many applicants claimed that despite submitting all the required documents and complying with procedural requirements, their files have not moved beyond the initial stages of scrutiny. Civic activists and residents' welfare associations have urged the municipal administration to deploy additional staff and adopt a time-bound mechanism for clearing pending applications. They pointed out that delays

in assessment approvals not only affect citizens but also hinder the efficient functioning of municipal administration and revenue generation. Residents further demanded that the Greater Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation establish a transparent online tracking system that would allow applicants to monitor the status of their files in real time. Such a system, they said, would reduce the need for repeated visits to municipal offices and improve public confidence in the administration. They also appealed to senior officials of the municipal corporation to personally review the pending cases and take immediate steps to expedite approvals. Citizens expressed hope that the authorities would address the issue on priority and ensure that assessment-related services are delivered efficiently and within the prescribed timelines. They urged higher authorities to ensure transparency, accountability, and timely deliv-

Anurag University Conducts National FDP on Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture



Medchal-Malkajgiri District | Wakeup Telangana

Recognizing the growing challenges posed by climate change and the need for sustainable agricultural practices, the School of Agricultural Sciences at Anurag University successfully organized a three-day National Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on "Climate Change and Sustainable Agriculture through Biofertilizers and Biopesticides." The programme was conducted online from June 22 to 24, bringing together scientists, academicians, researchers, industry professionals, and students from across India. The FDP focused on promoting eco-friendly agricultural solutions and enhancing awareness about the critical role of biofertilizers and biopesticides in ensuring sustainable crop production while protecting the environment. Experts stressed the importance of adopting climate-resilient farming practices to address the impacts of global warming, soil degradation, and declining agricultural productivity. The programme was coordinated by Dr. Shrey Bodhankar, Associate Professor, Department of Plant Pathology, as Convener, and Dr. K. Stephen, Assistant Professor, Department of Plant Physiology, as Co-Convener. Faculty members and students from various disciplines including Agronomy, Plant Pathology, Entomology, Soil Science, Plant Physiology, Genetics

and Plant Breeding, Livestock Sciences, Biochemistry, English, and Engineering actively participated in the programme. Renowned scientists from leading institutions such as ICAR-IARI, ICAR-IIOR, ICAR-CICR, Osmania University, University of Delhi, Acharya N.G. Ranga Agricultural University, and Charusat University delivered expert lectures. Prominent speakers included Dr. Meenakshi Grover, Dr. Susheendra Desai, Dr. R.D. Prasad, Dr. Y.G. Prasad, Dr. Zeeshanur-Rahman, Dr. Hameeda Bee, Dr. K.R.K. Reddy, Dr. Hitar Bhatt, Dr. N. Trimurthulu, Dr. P. Kishore Varma, Dr. Shrey Bodhankar, and Dr. A. Mounika. The sessions covered topics such as the role of beneficial microorganisms in climate-smart agriculture, biological pest management, sustainable soil health practices, integrated nutrient management, and innovative technologies for improving agricultural resilience. Participants appreciated the programme for providing a valuable platform to exchange scientific knowledge and practical insights on sustainable farming. The organizers expressed confidence that the FDP would contribute to strengthening research, education, and innovation in climate-resilient agriculture. The programme concluded with a call for greater collaboration among educational institutions, research organizations, and industry stakeholders to promote environmentally sustainable agricultural prac-

Rain Brings Relief to Sangareddy, Continue to Worry Over Delayed



Hyderabad: Wakeup telangana

Wakeup Telangana, Sangareddy: A spell of rain in Sangareddy town on Wednesday brought much-needed relief from the scorching summer heat, turning the weather pleasantly cool and raising hopes among farmers eagerly awaiting a strong monsoon. However, despite

the welcome showers, concerns continue to mount across rural areas as the month of June draws to a close without receiving adequate and consistent rainfall. Farmers who had sown seeds with confidence after the first pre-monsoon drizzles are now facing uncertainty. Due to the prolonged dry spell that followed, many crops have failed to germinate

properly, while several fields have witnessed seeds drying up in the soil. This has resulted in financial losses and increased anxiety among farming families who depend entirely on seasonal rains for their livelihood. With agricultural activities being delayed and the sowing season under threat, villagers in several parts of the district have turned to traditional customs and

prayers, seeking the blessings of the Rain God. As part of age-old cultural practices passed down through generations, special rituals such as Kappa Thalli Bathukamma, Bonalu offerings, and Bodrai Pujas have been organized in villages, reflecting both faith and hope for timely rainfall. Elders say these traditions symbolize the deep connection be-

Hyderabad Super League 2026 Concludes with Electrifying Finals and International-Style Closing Ceremony

Hyderabad
Wake Up Telangana

The Hyderabad Super League 2026, presented by Sreenidi Deccan FC and organized by Hyderabad Little Stars Soccer Academy, concluded with a high-energy finale celebrating exceptional youth talent, teamwork, and true football spirit across its major competitive categories. In the Sub-Junior Season 4 Final, FK Stars locked horns with the Trail Blazers in a captivating championship clash. FK Stars ultimately secured a resounding 2-0 victory to claim the prestigious title, driven by a brilliant offensive performance from Ayush Singh Rana who found the back of the net twice. On the defensive end, Ahmed was named Man of the Match for a spectacular masterclass, successfully neutralizing every single attack from the Trail Blazers to safeguard his team's clean sheet and secure the trophy. The Junior Season 6 Final saw an equally intense battle for the trophy between the Hyderabad Flames and IEA. The Flames dominated the pitch with a



resounding 2-0 victory, orchestrated by the dynamic duo of Vishwateja and Smaya. Smaya set the tone for the win by providing a crucial assist for the opening goal, while Vishwateja cemented the triumph by scoring the decisive second goal, earning himself the Man of the Match honours. Marking a historic first-of-its-kind milestone in Indian youth sports, the tournament's grand closing ceremony took place inside a premium auditorium on the exact same day as the matches. Giving the young athletes a taste of an elite international experience, players traded their muddy jerseys for a formal dress code to receive their awards on

stage. The tournament was powered by the vision of Mohammed Faiz Khan, Founder of the Hyderabad Super League and CEO of Hyderabad Little Stars Soccer Academy, whose dedication continues to fuel grassroots football development in Telangana. This landmark edition successfully raised the benchmark for youth sports in India through strong collaborations with top-tier organizations, including Sreenidi Deccan FC, Scouting Partner India Khelo Football, Gaming Partner RM7, and League Branding Partner Metro Mark. The Hyderabad Super League 2026 (HSL) not only showcased emerging football talent but also re-inforced the city's growing football culture, setting new benchmarks for youth sports in India. Speaking on the occasion, Mohammed Faiz Khan said the league was created with the objective of providing young footballers a professional platform to showcase their abilities and gain valuable competitive experience. He noted that the overwhelming response from players, coaches, parents, and football enthusi-

IPL cricketer accused of cohabitation on marriage promise



Kolkata:
Wakeup telangana

Kolkata: Bengal cricketer Abhishek Porel, who plays in the Indian Premier League (IPL) for Delhi Capitals, has been accused of cohabitation on the promise of marriage. A young medical student from Karnataka filed a complaint against him at the Mogra police station in Hooghly district, a senior police officer said on Tuesday. Porel is a resident of Chandannagar in the same district. Sources said Abhishek (23) has denied the allegations, claiming they are false. According to police, the complainant alleged that she had been in a three-year relationship with Porel and that they had decided to marry. However, issues arose a year and a half ago, and though the matter reached the police station, no complaint was filed at that time. This

time, she lodged a formal complaint accompanied by her mother. Hooghly (Rural) Superintendent of Police Kunwar Bhushan Singh visited the Mogra police station after the matter came to light. He discussed the case with Inspector-in-Charge Soumen Biswas and DSP (Crime) Abhijit Singh Mohapatra. Police confirmed that an investigation has begun. "A complaint has been lodged. We have started an investigation," said a senior officer. It was learnt that Abhishek is currently in Bengaluru. He got a chance in the Delhi Capitals team in IPL 2025, covering the absence of Indian cricketer Rishabh Pant. Though he played only four matches that season and failed to score runs, the franchise retained him. In the latest season, he managed to score runs and earned the trust of the team as a young wicket-keeper. His consistent performances behind the stumps and growing confidence with the bat have made him one of the promising young talents in the squad. Coaches and teammates have praised his dedication, discipline, and ability to handle pressure in crucial situations, qualities that are essential for a wicketkeeper-batsman at the highest level.

Ronaldo's brace powers Portugal to 5-0 win over Uzbekistan



Houston: Cristiano Ronaldo rebounded from a lackluster start to his sixth World Cup and led Portugal to a dominant victory over Uzbekistan on Tuesday, June 23, renewing hope that the team is a contender for the title. Ronaldo scored two goals to help Portugal roll to the 5-0 win and move on from its disappointing performance in the opening 1-1 draw with Congo. We im-

proved," Ronaldo said in Portuguese. "It's life, sometimes you will have challenges and the main goal is always to improve and that's what we did." The 41-year-old Ronaldo became the first player to score in six different World Cup tournaments with his goals, adding another impressive accomplishment to his storied career. He was named the man of the match. The victory gives

Portugal four points in Group K Colombia, which has three points in the group, plays Congo on Tuesday night in Guadalajara. Some critics questioned if Ronaldo should remain in the starting lineup after a forgettable performance in the match against Congo. But coach Roberto Martinez stuck with the superstar and his decision paid off almost immediately with Ronaldo putting the team up 1-0 in the sixth minute. Martinez said the veterans on his team used their experience to calm the group and keep the negativity from impacting them on Tuesday. The discipline, the way we executed the game was fantastic," Martinez said. "And I

think that shows you that the maturity in that dressing room allowed us to use the noise in a positive way. But easily in another dressing room, it could have been fatal." Ronaldo said it was a difficult week, one that was especially tough on him and his coach because most of the criticism went toward them. But it's always like that, it doesn't matter, because it's been 23 years on the job and when things go well, "Cristiano is good", when things go bad, "Cristiano is a retired player, is old," he said. "It will always be like that. But we responded well today, my teammates and I, which is what we wanted." Ronaldo put João Cancelo's cross into the net

with his right foot to make his latest mark on history. He then made his signature SIUUU celebration before running toward the bench and celebrating with his teammates. Ronaldo got another in the 39th minute when he got a pass from Bruno Fernandes and scored with his right foot just inside the near post to make it 3-0. Nuno Mendes had made it 2-0 off a free kick in the 17th minute. Portugal took a 4-0 lead on an own-goal in the 60th minute. Rafael Leão, who entered the game in the 83rd, extended the advantage to 5-0 in the 87th minute. He crouched down, smiled and posed for the camera after his score. Uzbekistan midfielder Azizjon Ga-

Samantha confirms pregnancy: I am very happy



Hyderabad: Samantha Ruth Prabhu had already been spotted with a visible baby bump in viral pictures earlier, confirming her pregnancy, and she has now confirmed the news fans were waiting to hear. The actress, who is currently in the spotlight for her latest film Maa Inti Bangaaram, revealed that she is set to take a short break from films as she prepares for motherhood. In a clip shared on social media, Samantha was seen interacting with fans when one of them requested her not to take another long gap and continue doing movies. The actress responded with a smile and said, "Sorry guys, one more small gap and then I will be back. I have to take maternity leave now. I am very very happy." The statement quickly caught everyone's attention as Samantha confirmed her pregnancy in the most casual

and heartwarming way. Fans, who have followed her journey through personal and professional highs and lows, have been showering her with love and blessings online. On the work front, Samantha recently returned with Maa Inti Bangaaram, a film that has already become special for her fans. And now, with the actress confirming her maternity break, fans are happy to see her entering a new phase in life while also waiting for her comeback on screen. The announcement has been met with an outpouring of love and support from fans, colleagues, and well-wishers across the film industry. Social media platforms were flooded with congratulatory messages, with many expressing their excitement and happiness for the actress as she embarks on this new chapter of her personal life. Despite stepping away from professional commitments for the time being, Samantha continues to enjoy immense popularity and remains one of the most admired actresses in Indian cinema. Fans have praised her for balancing a successful career with personal milestones and have wished her good health and happiness during her maternity journey. While her temporary break may leave a gap on the big screen, admirers are eagerly looking forward to her eventual return. Industry experts believe that Samantha's strong fan base and versatile acting skills will ensure a warm welcome whenever she decides to make her comeback, adding another exciting chapter to her already successful career. Meanwhile, several of her previous films and web series continue to enjoy popularity on streaming platforms, keeping her connected with audiences even during her absence from the screen. Fan clubs across the country have also been sharing tribute posts, memorable scenes, and messages of support, celebrating both

R Madhavan dedicates Padma Shri to the magic of cinema

MUMBAI:
WAKE UP TELANGANA

ACTOR R MADHAVAN EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AFTER RECEIVING THE PADMA SHRI, DEDICATING THE HONOUR TO THE WORLD OF CINEMA. THANKING AUDIENCES, COLLEAGUES AND FAMILY, HE SAID THE RECOGNITION BRINGS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY TO UPHOLD INTEGRITY, EXCELLENCE AND CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO SOCIETY. ACTOR R. MADHAVAN, WHO WAS RECENTLY SEEN IN THE BLOCKBUSTER, 'DHURANDHAR: THE REVENGE', HAS DEDICATED HIS PADMA SHRI TO THE "MAGIC OF CINEMA".

ON MONDAY, THE ACTOR TOOK TO HIS INSTAGRAM, AND SHARED A PICTURE OF HIMSELF RECEIVING THE PADMA SHRI FROM THE PRESIDENT OF INDIA, DROUPADI MURMU. HE ALSO PENNED A LONG NOTE IN THE CAPTION, AS HE EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE, AND SPOKE ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT THE FOURTH-HIGHEST CIVILIAN AWARD BRINGS. HE WROTE, "I AM DEEPLY HUMBLED AND PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL, AND TRULY HONORED TO BE CONFERRED WITH THE PADMA SHRI. MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA FOR BESTOWING



UPON ME ONE OF OUR NATION'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONORS. I AM EQUALLY THANKFUL TO THE GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA FOR RECOMMENDING MY NAME AND PLACING THEIR FAITH IN MY JOURNEY. THIS RECOGNITION IS SOMETHING I WILL

CHERISH FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE. TO EVERY PERSON WHO WATCHED MY FILMS, EMBRACED MY CHARACTERS, CELEBRATED MY SUCCESSSES, FORGAVE MY SHORTCOMINGS, AND STOOD BY ME THROUGH THE YEARS, THIS HONOR BELONGS AS MUCH TO YOU AS IT DOES

TO ME". HE FURTHER MENTIONED, "YOUR AFFECTION HAS BEEN THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND EVERY MILESTONE IN MY LIFE AND CAREER. TODAY, I ALSO FEEL A DEEP SENSE OF RESPONSIBILITY. THIS RECOGNITION REMINDS ME THAT EVERY PRIVILEGE CARRIES WITH IT A GREATER DUTY, TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF INTEGRITY, HUMILITY, AND EXCELLENCE; TO CONTRIBUTE MEANINGFULLY TO THE WORLD OF CINEMA THAT HAS GIVEN ME EVERYTHING; AND TO SERVE MY COUNTRY IN WHATEVER WAY I CAN". I DEDICATE THIS HONOR TO THE MAGICAL WORLD OF CINEMA, TO EVERY

ARTIST AND TECHNICIAN WHO HAS WALKED ALONGSIDE ME AND TO MY FAMILY WHO HAVE BEEN MY STRENGTH. FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, THANK YOU. JAI HIND". HE ADDED, THE HEARTFELT MESSAGE QUICKLY GARNERED WIDESPREAD APPRECIATION FROM FANS, FELLOW ACTORS, FILMMAKERS, AND INDUSTRY COLLEAGUES, WHO CONGRATULATED HIM ON RECEIVING THE PRESTIGIOUS HONOR. MANY TOOK TO SOCIAL MEDIA TO PRAISE HIS HUMILITY AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIS IMMENSE CONTRIBUTION TO INDIAN CINEMA OVER THE YEARS.

Ahmadiyya Community Repairs Hospital Equipment at Osmania



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volunteers repaired and

The Elders Auxiliary Organization (Majlis Ansarullah) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hyderabad, conducted a Hospital Equipment Repair and Maintenance Workshop at Osmania General Hospital from June 22 to 24, 2026. During the three-day programme,



serviced wheelchairs, stretchers, patient beds, and other essential equipment to support patient care and improve healthcare services. The repaired equipment was handed over to the hospital authorities on June 24. Mohammad Ziauddin, President of Majlis Ansarullah Hyderabad, said the initiative reflects the community's commitment to humanitarian service under its motto, "Love for All, Hatred for None." The programme aimed to ensure the availability of safe and functional equipment for patients while supporting the hospital's healthcare efforts.

Gadwal Weavers Society Opens New Saree Store in Jubilee Hills

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Gadwal Weavers Society inaugurated its new saree store near Peddamma Temple, Road No. 55, Jubilee Hills, on Thursday. The store was formally launched by popular television anchor Suma Kanakala and Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav in the presence of Ram Gopal Agarwal and Akash Agarwal. Speaking at the event, Suma Kanakala praised the society's efforts in preserving the rich heritage of Gadwal handlooms and supporting traditional weaving communities. Founded in 1986, the society has been promoting authentic handloom products and safeguarding the renowned Gadwal weaving tradition for nearly four decades. MLA Naveen Yadav



appreciated the wide range of handloom sarees available at the store, including Gadwal, Kanchipuram, Paithani, Pochampally Ikat, Uppada, Jamdani and Banarasi varieties. He also commended the society for providing quality handloom products directly from weavers at

affordable prices. The organizers highlighted that the society continues to promote sustainable handloom practices while generating employment opportunities for rural artisans, particularly women weavers, and preserving India's rich textile heritage.

Osmania University Affiliated Colleges Launch Initiative to Promote Hospitality Education



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Hyderabad, June 2026: Hospitality education offers diverse and rewarding career opportunities comparable to any other profession, said Prof. Kumar Molugaram, Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University, at a conclave titled "Hotel Management and Culinary Arts - Gateway to Global Careers." Organized by the Telangana Association of Educators in Culinary and Hospitality (TEACH), the event brought together academicians, industry leaders, hospitality professionals, and students to highlight the growing career prospects in hospitality, tourism, aviation, cruise tourism, health-care hospitality, and event management sectors. Prof.

Molugaram noted that hospitality and tourism are among the fastest-growing industries globally and major contributors to employment generation. He emphasized that Telangana has significant potential for hospitality sector expansion, particularly in Tier-II cities, and encouraged students to explore the field as a promising career option. Osmania University currently offers Bachelor of Hotel Management and Catering Technology (BHMCT) and Bachelor of Catering Technology and Culinary Arts (BCTA) programmes through its affiliated colleges, many of which have achieved excellent placement records with graduates working in leading organizations across India and abroad.

Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan Meets U.S. Ambassador Sergio Gor, Discusses Investment Opportunities in Central Asia

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His Excellency Dr. Nawab Mir Nasir Ali Khan, Honorary Consul of Kazakhstan in Hyderabad and Managing Director of MAK Projects Pvt. Ltd., met His Excellency Sergio Gor, U.S. Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South

and Central Asia, during the celebrations marking the 250th Anniversary of American Independence in Hyderabad. The meeting focused on real estate investment opportunities in Central Asia, particularly in Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan. Discussions explored the development of luxury



golf communities, branded residences, and mixed-use lifestyle projects in partnership with

globally recognized brands. Dr. Khan also highlighted MAK Projects' flagship

development, BTR Greens in Hyderabad, known for its sustainable and wellness-focused

living concept. Ambassador Sergio Gor expressed interest in the project and accepted an invitation to visit BTR Greens during a future visit to Hyderabad. Both leaders agreed to continue discussions on investment opportunities and strategic collaborations during a follow-up meeting in New Delhi.

Urdu Movement Delegation Meets Siasat News Editor Aamer Ali Khan to Promote Urdu Language



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A delegation of the Qaumi Urdu Tehreek India met senior officials and prominent personalities in Hyderabad to discuss measures for the promotion and development of the Urdu language. The delegation included Mohammad Ismail Al-Rab Ansari, popularly known as Urdu Ansari, Dr. Nasir Bin Ahmed Bahiyal (Babar Sheikh), Mohammad Basheer Ali, Sajid Bin Abdul Aziz, Advocate Sajida Khan, Abdul Qader, Mohammad Masood Ali, Syed Hasan Ahmed, Mubeen Qader, and several other members of the

Urdu movement. The delegation held meetings with B. Shafiullah, Secretary of the Minority Welfare Department, and Aamer Ali Khan, News Editor of Siasat. During the interaction, a special brainstorming session was organized to discuss strategies for strengthening Urdu education and increasing awareness about the language among younger generations. The participants appealed to parents across Hyderabad and Telangana to enroll their children in government Urdu-medium schools, particularly in TMREIS institutions, to help preserve and promote the language. Speak-

ing on the occasion, Dr. Nasir Bin Ahmed Bahiyal said Urdu is a vibrant and living language, and encouraging its use among the younger generation is the need of the hour. Urdu Ansari urged Urdu lovers and representatives of various Urdu organizations to work collectively for the language's growth. Leaders of the Urdu movement announced that they would launch door-to-door awareness campaigns to encourage the use and learning of Urdu. Aamer Ali Khan assured the delegation of his full support and patronage for initiatives aimed at promoting the Urdu language and culture.

Emirates Launches Summer Travel Offers with Free Dubai Hotel Stay

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Emirates has unveiled a range of special summer offers for passengers traveling to or through Dubai, including complimentary stays at the luxurious five-star JW Marriott Marquis and access to hundreds of discounts across the city through its popular My Emirates Pass program. The airline's latest promotion aims to encourage travelers to make the most of their summer holidays by exploring Dubai's world-class attractions, shopping destinations, entertainment venues, museums, theme parks, and cultural experiences. As part of the offer, passengers booking Emirates return tickets between June 22 and July 12 can enjoy a complimentary stay at the JW Marriott Marquis. First and Business Class travelers will receive a two-night stay, while Premium Economy and Economy Class passengers are eligible for a one-night stay. The offer applies to customers traveling to or stopping over in Dubai for more than 24 hours between June 25 and September 30, 2026. Adnan Kazim, Emirates Deputy President and Chief Commercial Officer, said Dubai remains an ideal summer destination for travelers seeking relaxation, adventure, entertainment, and family-friendly experiences. He noted that the complimentary hotel stay allows visitors to enjoy more of the city's vibrant offerings during their journey. Passengers can also



use Emirates' Dubai Experience platform to create personalized 24- and 48-hour itineraries, helping them maximize their stopover or holiday in the city. In addition, the airline has reintroduced the My Emirates Pass for Summer 2026, providing access to more than 600 exclusive offers and discounts at participating restaurants, spas, retail outlets, and attractions by simply presenting an Emirates boarding pass. The announcement coincides with the return of Dubai Summer Surprises, scheduled from July 2 to August 30, featuring concerts, cultural events, wellness activities, and major retail promotions across the city. Emirates currently serves more than 138 destinations worldwide and continues to enhance passenger convenience through flexible booking options, complimentary date changes on eligible bookings, and comprehensive travel insurance coverage available in select markets.

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