

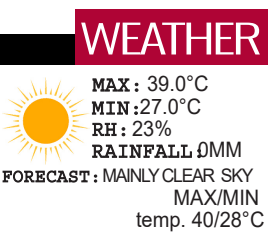


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Iran's Supreme Leader Vows Retribution for Assassinated Father, Predecessor

A written statement from Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei threatened vengeance for the death of his predecessor and father on Saturday, but added that it would depend not only on Iran but also on "free people around the world". In the supreme leader's first public message since funeral ceremonies for his father, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, began a week ago, the statement read on state television said that vengeance was "the demand of the nation" and "must certainly" take place.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei was killed in a U.S.-Israeli airstrike on February 28, at the start of the war. "We pledge to avenge the blood of the martyred leader and all the martyrs of these two wars from the criminal and disgraced killers," the statement

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CM Revanth Reddy Rules Out Lifting Water From Kannepally

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday categorically ruled out lifting Godavari waters from the Kannepally (Lakshmi) pump house, asserting that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) had declared the exercise unsafe and technically infeasible given the present condition of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) barrages. Addressing a press conference at MCRHRDI, he criticised the BRS and BJP for demanding resumption of pumping without operating the Medigadda barrage. He said



the government had no objection if the NDSA certified the proposal as safe. "If the NDSA permits lifting water from Kannepally, we are ready to act accordingly," he said, adding that the project could even be handed over to the authority along with the opposition leaders.

Explaining the technical

issues, Revanth said adequate water could be lifted only after closing the gates of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages to create storage. He warned that storing water behind damaged barrages could prove disastrous. The minimum pumping level required at Kannepally is 93.50 metres, while the present level at Medigadda is only 89.90 metres. Since the NDSA has prohibited closing the gates, pumping is impossible.

Tracing the sequence of events, he recalled that defects in Medigadda were flagged in May 2020 but ignored by the previous BRS government

until the barrage suffered a major failure in October 2023. The NDSA's preliminary report in November 2023 identified deficiencies in planning, design and maintenance. Its final report concluded that Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla were unfit for storing water. Quoting the report, Revanth said Block-7 damage rendered Medigadda unsuitable for diversion, Annaram had severe structural damage, and Sundilla was unsafe. The NDSA recommended comprehensive rehabilitation designs and stipulated that all works be undertaken only with its approval or that of the

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India, NZ Give Ties a Strategic Lift

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Giving a new dimension to bilateral relations, India and New Zealand on Saturday elevated ties to a strategic partnership following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kiwi PM Christopher Luxon. The talks between the two Prime Ministers yielded 18 concrete outcomes, including 10 agreements. The two countries set a target of doubling bilateral trade to ₹35,000 crore by 2030 and agreed to expand engagement in multiple sectors. They also announced the establishment of a



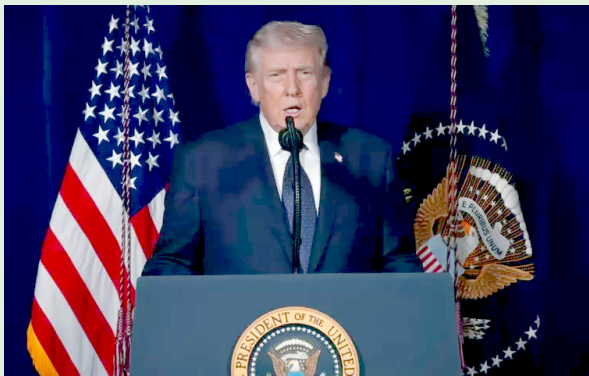
maritime security dialogue and enhanced co-operation under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, including efforts to address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. In a joint statement, the two sides adopted a "zero-tolerance" approach to terrorism and stressed the need to dismantle terror financing networks and safe havens. They condemned terrorism in all forms, including cross-

border terrorism, and referred to recent incidents such as the Pahalgam attack and the incident near Red Fort, stating that those responsible must be held accountable. Following wide-ranging talks during the Prime Minister's visit, India and New Zealand signed 10 pacts and eight announcements, including that of a strategic partnership.

"We have decided to elevate our ties to a strategic partnership. We will move forward across every sector with clear goals and concrete outcomes," Modi said. He said the discussions cov-

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Trump Vows To Decimate Iran of It Carries Out Assassination Plot



HYDERABAD
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US President Donald Trump has warned Iran that the American military would "completely decimate and destroy all areas" of the Islamic Republic if its leaders attempted or carried out his assassination. The warning, issued in a

Truth Social post late on Friday, followed a week of renewed clashes between the US and Iran that appeared to undermine hopes that a tentative accord between the two countries would hold.

"1,000 missiles are Locked and Loaded and aimed at the Islamic Republic of Iran, with thou-

sands more to immediately follow, should the Iranian Government act on its threat, pronounced in many corners of the Globe, to assassinate, or attempt to assassinate, the sitting President of the United States of America, in this case, ME!" Trump wrote. "Orders have been given, and the US Military is

ready, willing and able," he added. Earlier this week, Trump changed Air Force One aircraft at a British military base while returning from the NATO summit in Turkey. He denied that the move was prompted by a security threat. Asked whether Iran posed a credible threat, Trump said he faced

threats constantly and was "No. 1 on their list". Trump survived several assassination attempts during the 2024 presidential campaign and was briefed by the Biden administration about "real and specific threats from Iran". Reports this week said Israel had also warned him of a fresh Iranian plot.

Pocso Case Accused On Bail Kills Six

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A man released on bail in a Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act case allegedly murdered six people, including the 17-year-old girl who had accused him, her mother and grandmother, before returning home and killing his wife and two children. The incident, which unfolded late on Friday night in Devtalguda village of Shabad mandal in Rangareddy district, is being de-

scribed by police as the first reported mass murder of this nature in Telangana.

Upon receiving information, Future City commissioner of police Tarun Joshi and deputy commissioner of police Yogesh Gautam visited the crime scenes and reviewed the situation. Police identified the accused as Parvathi Rajkumar, a car driver from Devtalguda. He had married Sarita, 30, seven years ago and the couple had two children, Parikshit, 5, and Devik-

shit, 2. Investigators said Rajkumar had been stalking and harassing a 17-year-old college student from the same village for six months after she rejected his advances. On May 16, the girl and her mother lodged a complaint at Shabad police station. A case was registered under the Pocso Act, and Rajkumar was arrested and remanded in custody. He was released on bail a few days ago. Police said Rajkumar carried out the killings as part of a premeditated

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Iran Says It Won't Be Bound by Deal Amid Continued US Violations

HYDERABAD
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Iran warned that it would no longer be bound by a deal with the US aimed at ending the Middle East war if Washington's violations of the agreement continued, state TV reported on Saturday. Referring to the deal struck with the help of Pakistani mediation, Tehran's UN ambassador said in remarks in New York on Friday "that if the United States con-

tinues to violate its obligations under the Islamabad Understanding, Iran will no longer consider itself bound by its commitments under that understanding", according to a statement carried by state broadcaster IRIB. The Iran-US deal was preceded by an April ceasefire, but the two sides have exchanged significant fire in recent days over the Strait of Hormuz, threatening talks laid out under the deal aimed at finding a

permanent resolution to the war. Following the exchanges, US President Donald Trump declared the ceasefire over, but said talks with Iran would continue. In his remarks to reporters on Friday, Iranian UN representative Amir Saied Iravani said Washington had "violated its obligation by launching and continuing large-scale military attacks against Iran's sovereignty and territorial integrity".

Nightingale Of South India S. Janaki No More

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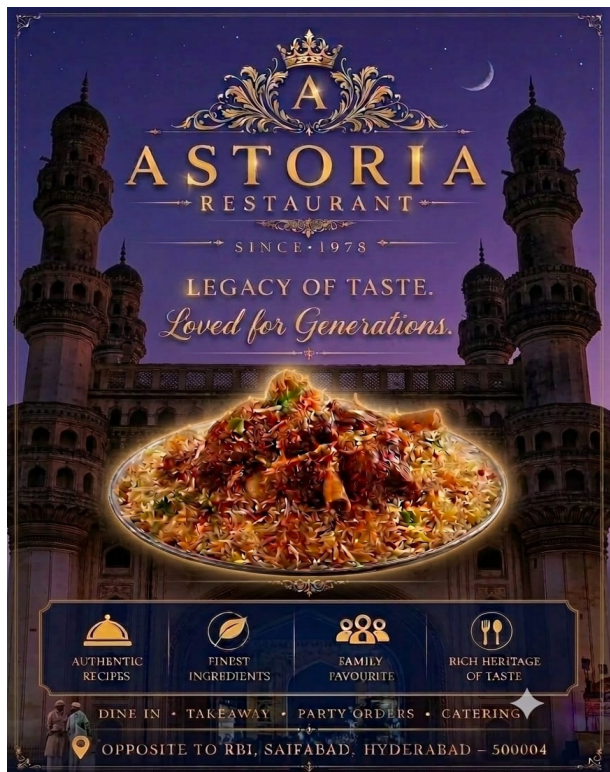
Renowned playback singer S. Janaki died at a private hospital in Mysuru on Saturday evening. She was 88. Janaki was admitted to the hospital in critical condition around 12.49 pm with age-related ailments. During treatment, she suffered a cardiac arrest. Doctors immediately initiated advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with medical proto-



cols. Despite sustained efforts, she suffered multiple cardiac arrests and could not be revived.

She was declared dead around 7.30 pm. Sharing the news on behalf of the family, her granddaughter Apsara Vydula, in an Instagram post, said, "It is with profound sadness

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15 Indian Tourists Killed In Vietnam Boat Tragedy

NEW DELHI
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Fifteen Indian tourists were killed and 21 others rescued after a speedboat carrying visitors overturned off Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam on Saturday afternoon. Authorities launched a major rescue operation involving border guards, the navy, coast guard and local officials. Three victims were from Andhra Pradesh — Nallapeta Adisheshaiah Ravi Teja from Satya Sai district, Mudum Sreedhar from Kadapa district and Gelli Jaya Lakshmi from Krishna district. Another, Gelli



Kishore from Krishna district, is undergoing treatment in hospital. District administrations have contacted the bereaved families and are extending assistance.

The accident occurred around 1 pm local time, shortly after the

vessel left Hon May Rut Ngoai island for An Thoi port. The speedboat, identified as AG 26751 and operated by Ocean Pearl Island Company, was carrying 36 people — 32 Indian tourists, one Vietnamese guide and three crew members. Officials said the boat had travelled only 400 metres when it suddenly overturned, throwing passengers into the sea. Rescuers from nearby tourist boats rushed to the scene, struggling to free passengers trapped inside the cabin. CPR was administered to revive several unconscious victims.

The An Thoi Border Guard Sta-

tion deployed two rescue vessels and 35 officers, working with the navy, coast guard and emergency agencies. By 3.30 pm, all 36 passengers had been accounted for. Thirteen men and two women were confirmed dead, all Indians — 10 from Tamil Nadu, three from Andhra Pradesh and two from Kerala. Survivors were taken to medical facilities in Phu Quoc and Ho Chi Minh City.

Many of those on board were mobile dealers and distributors linked to Lava Mobiles, reportedly on an excursion trip. Lava said in a statement: "We are deeply saddened to learn

about the tragic boat incident in Vietnam. The incident involves some of our channel partners and team members. Our immediate priority is to extend all possible support to those affected and their families." Vietnamese authorities have launched an investigation. Preliminary findings indicated the vessel had valid licences and met passenger transport conditions. Initial assessments suggested unusually strong waves and winds may have contributed to the capsizing, though mechanical failure is also being examined.

Telangana may deploy Bengal-tested DSE software for duplicate voter check

The Election Commission of India plans to deploy the Demographically Similar Entries (DSE) software in Telangana's Special Intensive Revision to identify duplicate voter enrolments. The software flags electors with multiple enrolments across states.

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) is likely to deploy the Demographically Similar Entries (DSE) software during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana to identify voters with multiple registrations in different constituencies or States.

Hinting at the move during a recent press interaction, Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy said the software, which was earlier used in West Bengal, could help detect electors who have enrolled more than once. The exercise is aimed at ensuring a clean and error-free electoral



roll by identifying duplicate voter registrations across Telangana and even in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

According to the CEO, the DSE software can flag cases where an elector may have two or more voter registrations in different Assembly segments within the State or in different States. He warned that possessing multiple voter registrations is a violation of electoral laws

and could attract imprisonment of up to one year along with a monetary penalty.

However, Sudarshan Reddy clarified that no voter would be removed from the rolls without due process. Before deleting any duplicate entry, the concerned Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or Booth Level Officer (BLO) would contact the elector and seek confirmation regarding the pre-

ferred place of enrolment. The voter would be given an opportunity to retain one valid registration while the duplicate entries would be deleted following the prescribed procedure.

Explaining how the system works, the CEO cited recent instances where duplicate registrations were detected. In one case, a well-known actor was found to have voter registrations in different States and was served a notice. During the recent Jubilee Hills by-election, another individual was found to have voter registrations in both Delhi and Telangana, following which the matter was reported to the Election Commission and one of the registrations was re-

moved. The DSE software was introduced by the ECI for the first time during the Special Intensive Revision in 12 States. It identifies potentially duplicate electors by comparing demographic details such as name, gender, date of birth, age, relationship type and the name of a parent or spouse. The application generates analytical reports that enable Chief Electoral Officers, Electoral Registration Officers and Booth Level Officers to verify suspicious entries before taking a final decision. The initiative is expected to strengthen the integrity and accuracy of electoral rolls by ensuring that every eligible citizen has only one valid vote.

TGSRTC Retirees Flag Delay in Settlement of Dues

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Retired officers of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) have alleged delays in settlement of retirement benefits, stating that more than 800 former officials are yet to receive their dues on the date of superannuation. The TGSRTC Retired Officers Welfare Association said its members would address a press conference on Sunday to highlight the issue. The association represents retired officers of TGSRTC and those of the erstwhile APSRTC allotted to the corporation after bifurcation.

The members said that since the organisation's early years, retirement benefits were traditionally paid on the day of superannuation during farewell functions. "In the past, all retirement benefits due to employees and officers were paid during their farewell function on the



date of superannuation. However, this practice has not been followed for the past decade, with TGSRTC citing financial constraints. Retired employees, supervisors and officers are not receiving their eligible dues on time, and no advance schedule has been announced for clearing the arrears," they said.

The members said delays in payments have increased over the years, creating uncertainty among retired staff. "The prolonged delays have caused considerable uncertainty and distress among retired staff. Payments are being deferred for longer periods each year, while individual rep-

resentations to the authorities often remain unresolved for years. With arrears running into lakhs of rupees for each retiree, many are struggling to meet their daily expenses," they said. They said authorities have cited financial constraints for the delay. "The authorities have cited the corporation's severe financial losses as the reason for their inability to clear the dues. It is learnt that the government has not reimbursed TGSRTC in full and on time for providing free bus travel to women since December 2023," they said. The association said the delay in payments has affected the financial stability of retired employees. "Without a pension, many retired employees are forced to borrow at high interest rates to meet their daily expenses. Several are also unable to fund their children's education and weddings," they said.

SCCL Eyes Entry into Coal Gasification Sector

The CMD briefed him on the company's coal gasification initiatives and preparations under way for new projects.

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The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is taking major steps towards entering the coal gasification sector as part of the Telangana government's vision to transform the public sector mining company into a diversified energy enterprise.

SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti announced the development after holding a review meeting with Director General of Hydrocarbons Dr. Srikant Nagulapalli at Singareni Bhavan on Friday. During the meeting, the CMD briefed the visiting official on the company's ongoing coal gasification initiatives and future expansion plans.

Dr. Jyoti said Engineers India Limited (EIL) has completed a feasibility study for establishing a 400-tonnes-per-day ammonium nitrate melt plant at the Singareni Thermal Power Plant premises. However, the study indi-



cated that the project's current return on investment is not financially attractive.

To improve the project's commercial viability, SCCL is exploring several options, including increasing the plant's production capacity, seeking viability gap funding from the Central Government, and adopting indigenous technologies to reduce operational costs.

As part of its strategy, a team of SCCL officials will visit leading coal gasification projects across the country later this month. The delegation will study operational models at Talcher, MCL-BHEL, and JSPL facilities

to gain technical knowledge and identify best practices that can be implemented in Telangana. Simultaneously, SCCL is carrying out techno-economic feasibility studies for surface coal gasification projects at Bheemaram, Chennur South, and Naini. These studies are expected to determine the commercial and technical feasibility of setting up future coal gasification units in these regions.

On underground coal gasification, Dr. Jyoti said SCCL has identified five deep coal blocks in the Bellampalli and Ramagundam regions as potential project sites. Preparatory work has al-

ready begun for the company's first pilot project at the Bellampalli Dip-side Block, where drilling activities are currently under way.

The pilot project will be implemented under the technical guidance of scientists from the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) and the CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), ensuring the adoption of advanced technologies and scientific expertise.

The review meeting was attended by SCCL Directors L.V. Suryanarayana (Operations), K. Venkateswarlu (Projects & Planning), Gowtham Potru (Personnel & Finance), Executive Director B. Venkanna, General Managers T. Srinivas, G. Devender, Ramdas, Venkataramana, and other senior officials, who reviewed the progress of the company's diversification initiatives aimed at strengthening SCCL's long-term energy business.

ERO Narayan Amit Conducts Surprise Inspection of SIR-2026 Enumeration

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Srirangam Venkatesh

ERO and Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted a surprise inspection of the ongoing SIR-2026 voter enumeration in the Serilingampally Assembly Constituency along with nodal officers, BLO supervisors, and Booth Level



Officers (BLOs). During the inspection, he reviewed the enumeration process in JP Nagar, Deepti Sri Nagar, Mad-

hapur, My Home Abhra, and Fortune Towers. He directed officials to maintain the current pace of work,

strengthen coordination among field staff, and complete the voter enumeration accurately, comprehensively, and within the stipulated deadline. Narayan Amit instructed BLOs to visit every household and ensure that all eligible voters are enrolled without errors, emphasizing 100% accurate voter registration under the SIR-2026 exercise.

Women Congress Intensifies Campaign for 33% Reservation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress launched an intensified "Missed Call Abhiyan" and Postcard Campaign demanding the immediate implementation of 33% reservation for women in Parliament and State Legislatures.

Speaking at a district executive review meeting in Aleru, District President Neelam Padma urged women to join the campaign by sending postcards to Prime Minister Narendra Modi under the slogan, "Nari Shakti Adhinyam - Implement the Women's Reservation Bill Now."

She also called on party workers to pub-



licise the Congress government's welfare schemes, including free RTC bus travel for women, ₹500 LPG cylinders, free power up to 200 units, fine rice distribution, farm loan waiver, and the Indira Mahila Shakti programme promoting women entrepreneurs. State Vice President Krishnaveni appealed to women leaders to strengthen the organisation at every level. The meeting was attended by State Secretary Mounika and other Mahila Congress leaders.

Gachibowli ESCI Launches Two-Year PG Diploma Courses



The Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI), Gachibowli, has invited applications for its two-year PG Diploma programmes in General Management and Infrastructure Management. Speaking at a press conference, ESCI Director Colonel Har Pal Singh Grewal said the institute trains nearly 7,000 engineers annually through 450 specialised programmes for professionals from organisations such as BHEL, DRDO, HAL, MIDHANI, and other public and private sector companies. He said ESCI offers training in 12 engineering disciplines and also houses a 72,000-square-foot convention centre for conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and corporate events. Admissions for the 2026-27 academic year are now open, and engineering academic programmes will also be introduced from the next academic year, he added.

Harish Rao to Attend BRS Awareness Meeting on SIR and Membership Drive at Narayankhed

HYDERABAD
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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has announced a large public awareness meeting on the SIR programme and the party membership enrolment drive, scheduled to be held at King Palace Function Hall, Narayankhed, on Monday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be attended by former Minister and Assembly Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao as the chief guest.

The event is being organized under the leadership of former



Narayankhed MLA Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy. Ahead of the programme, Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy personally inspected the venue and reviewed the arrangements, issuing necessary instructions to party leaders and organizers to ensure the meeting is con-

ducted successfully. Apart from T. Harish Rao, Membership Coordinator Jaipal Reddy, several senior BRS leaders, and party functionaries are expected to participate in the programme. The former MLA appealed to BLAs, membership in-charges, former MPPs, former ZPTCs,

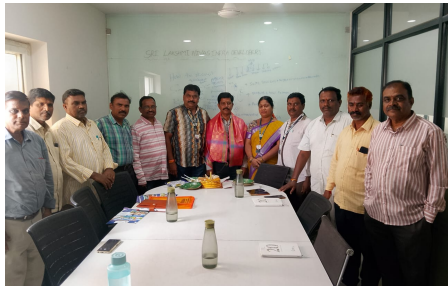
Mandal party presidents, Sarpanches, former MPTCs, Deputy Sarpanches, PACS Chairpersons, Municipal Councillors, village party presidents, party leaders, activists, social media warriors, youth, and party supporters to participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

He said that strengthening the party begins with active participation and an extensive membership drive, urging every party worker to contribute towards further strengthening the organization.

King Makers Team Celebrates S. Raju's Birthday at SLN Infra Developers Office

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The birthday of Mr. S. Raju, a member of the King Makers Team of Sri Lakshmi Nivas Infra Developers, was celebrated in a befitting manner on Saturday at the company's office in P&T Colony, Canara Nagar, Boduppal, Hyderabad. The celebration was attended by King Makers Team Leader Mr. Siluveru Hari, Padmavathi Garu, Dr. Sudhakar Battu, and other team members and well-wishers. As part of the celebrations, Mr. S. Raju cut a birthday cake amidst warm wishes and applause from the gathering. The participants appreciated his dedication and contribution to the organization and wished him continued success, good health, and prosperity. On the occasion,



Thalka Family Members associates to SLN Infra Developers conveyed their heartfelt birthday greetings to Mr. S. Raju and wished him a bright future and many more successful years ahead. The event concluded in a joyful atmosphere, with team members extending their best wishes and reaffirming their commitment to work together for the continued growth and success of SLN Infra Developers.

Vaddiraju Ravichandra appointed as BRS Parliamentary Party leader



BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao appointed Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the party's Parliamentary Party leader and floor leader in the Rajya Sabha, replacing KR Suresh Reddy, whose term has ended. Ravichandra, who had been serving as the deputy floor leader, has now been entrusted with leading the BRS in the Upper House. The appointment was announced by the party on Thursday. A second-term Rajya Sabha member, Ravichandra was re-nominated by the BRS leadership in recognition of his contributions to the party and his representation of BC and Bahujan communities. His current term in the Rajya Sabha will expire in April 2030. He is also serving on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Coal and Mines.

TGERC Grants Licence to TGRPDCL, Clears Way for Telangana's Third Power Distributor

BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao on Friday accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of endangering Telangana's water security by refusing to operate the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme despite adequate Godavari inflows.

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In a major reform aimed at streamlining power distribution for government-supported consumer categories, the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC) has granted a distribution licence to the newly formed Telangana Rythu Power Distribution Company Limited (TGRPDCL). The approval paves the way for the state-owned utility to supply electricity exclusively to agricultural and selected government-supported consumers across Telangana. The approval was issued through an order dated July 10, following a detailed examination of TGRPDCL's petition under the Electricity Act, 2003. As part of the process, TGERC also

amended the distribution licences of the Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL) and the Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL). The decision comes after a public hearing held on May 29, during which the Commission considered representations from farmer organisations, electricity employee unions, consumer associations and power-sector experts before issuing its final order. Under the new licence, TGRPDCL will be responsible for supplying

electricity to agricultural consumers, lift irrigation schemes, Mission Bhagiratha, other composite protected drinking water supply schemes, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), and municipal drinking-water connections that receive power through dedicated distribution transformers. A significant assurance recorded by TGERC is the Telangana government's commitment to continue providing free electricity to agricultural consumers. The Commission also noted that there will be no installation of individual electricity meters for agricultural pump sets, addressing concerns raised by farmer groups during the consultation process. However, TGERC clarified that the licence will become operational only

after the Telangana government issues a statutory transfer scheme under the Electricity Act. In addition, TGRPDCL must submit the necessary application under the Distribution Licence Regulations, 2016, before commencing operations. The Commission has fixed the company's business commencement date within four months from the date of the order, subject to fulfilment of all statutory and regulatory conditions. To safeguard consumer interests, TGERC directed TGRPDCL to establish at least two Consumer Grievance Redressal Forums before beginning commercial operations. Until these forums are established, consumer complaints will continue to be handled by the existing grievance redressal mechanisms of TGSPDCL.

Emirates Eyes A380 Services From Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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Emirates Airline has expressed its willingness to introduce Airbus A380 services from Hyderabad, marking a significant development for the city's aviation sector. The proposal was discussed during a meeting held on Saturday between Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Mohammed Sarhan, Vice President (India) of Emirates, as the airline celebrated 25 years of operations in Hyderabad. During the meeting, Sarhan informed the Chief Minister that Emirates is keen to operate its flagship A380 aircraft from Hyderabad. The move would enhance international connectivity and strengthen Hyderabad's position as a major aviation hub in India. Wel-



coming the proposal, Revanth Reddy urged the airline to increase its flight services from the city and expand its presence in the state. The Chief Minister also highlighted Telangana's plans to develop new airports at Warangal and Adilabad. He requested Emirates to explore the possibility of extending maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations to these locations. According to him, the state government is ready to provide all necessary

support for aviation-related activities and infrastructure development. In addition to aviation initiatives, Revanth Reddy sought Emirates' cooperation in supporting training programmes for athletes at the recently launched Gachibowli Sports University. He emphasized that partnerships with international organizations could help improve sports training standards and create better opportunities for young athletes in Telangana. Sarhan responded positively to the proposals made by the Chief Minister and assured that the airline would examine the opportunities for further collaboration with the Telangana government. The discussion covered both aviation expansion and potential support for sports development in the state.

Emirates Eyes A380 Services From Hyderabad

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Former minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday held the Congress government directly responsible for the gruesome murder of six members of a family in Shabad, demanding Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy resign, saying he also holds the Home portfolio and must take responsibility for the breakdown of law and order. Addressing reporters in Siddipet, Harish Rao said the shocking murders reflected the government's complete failure to protect citizens despite repeated warnings. He alleged that the State administration and police had ignored complaints from the victim's family, ultimately allowing the accused to carry out the brutal killings. The former minister demanded that the government provide financial security to the lone survivor, a mentally and physically challenged girl, by depositing ₹1 crore in her bank account. He also urged the State to take complete responsibility for her care, rehabilitation, education and future



welfare. Harish Rao strongly condemned the arrest of senior BRS leaders P. Sabitha Indra Reddy, Satyavathi Rathod and Padma Devender Reddy while they were travelling to Shabad to console the bereaved family. He accused the Congress government of misusing the police machinery to silence the opposition instead of focusing on public safety. He alleged that the accused, B. Raj Kumar, was allowed to escape arrest despite being booked in a POCSO case for allegedly raping a teenage girl on May 16. According to Harish Rao, the police deliberately diluted the charges under political pressure by failing to invoke stringent legal provisions, making the accused eligible for a lighter punishment. He further claimed that the police failed to arrest

the accused for nearly two months, enabling him to secure anticipatory bail. The accused subsequently murdered the rape survivor, her mother, grandmother, his wife and two sons, resulting in one of the most horrific crimes reported in the State in recent years. Harish Rao said the victim's family had repeatedly sought police protection but received no assistance. He accused the police department of losing direction under the Congress government, alleging that officers were being used to suppress political opponents and settle land disputes instead of preventing crime. Questioning the functioning of the police leadership, Harish Rao said contradictory statements by former DGP B. Shivadhar Reddy and current DGP C. V. Anand had created confusion among the public. He said the top police leadership had failed to curb rising crime in Telangana and demanded the immediate arrest of the accused and strict action against officials responsible for negligence.

Former MLA Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy Visits Injured Former Sarpanch Vittal Goud

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Narayankhed MLA Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy visited Baddaram village in Shankarampet (A) Mandal to console former Sarpanch Vittal Goud, who recently sustained a hand injury after an accidental fall. Learning that Vittal Goud had returned home after receiving treatment at a hospital, the former MLA personally visited his residence, enquired about his health condition, and wished him a speedy and complete recovery. He also assured the family



of his continued support during the recovery period. Speaking on the occasion, Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy said that standing by people during times of hardship is the true responsibility of public representatives and expressed hope that Vittal Goud would regain full health soon. Several local

leaders accompanied him during the visit, including former MPP Jangam Srinivas, former Sarpanch Satyanarayana, former Rythu Samanvaya Samithi President Suresh Goud, former MPTC Dattu, Satya Goud, Jayanth, Maruthi, Baba Goud, and other party leaders and well-wishers.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Reviews SIR Drive

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at Vemukunta Colony (Chandanagar Division) and RP Colony (Vivekananda Nagar Division) along with senior leaders and election officials. He urged all eligible voters to fill, sign, and submit their Enumeration Forms to BLOs before the July 24 deadline, stating



that only those who submit the signed forms will be included in the revised voter list. Gandhi described the right to vote as the foundation of democracy and appealed to residents, youth, colony associations, and NGOs to support the SIR drive. He also advised citizens to

collect an acknowledgment receipt from the BLO after submitting the form. The inspection was attended by AMC Waheed Ali, BLOs, local leaders, and residents, who reviewed the progress of the voter enrolment campaign.

Ambedkar Sena Seeks 18% SC Quota



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The National Ambedkar Sena on Sunday staged a protest meeting at Chintal Basti, demanding that the Scheduled Caste (SC) reservation in Telangana be increased from the existing 15% to 18% in accordance with the Chevelli Declaration. Raising slogans of "Jai Bheem" and "Our Right - Our Fight," party leaders said the enhancement was essential to ensure social justice and equal opportunities for Scheduled Castes. Addressing the gathering, National President Manne Sridhar, State President Taluka Rajesh and senior leader Kadaram Yadagiri Raju Vasthi said the Chevelli Declaration clearly called for raising the SC reservation to 18% and urged the government to implement it without delay. They alleged that measures intended for the welfare of disadvantaged communities were being

implemented slowly and demanded immediate action to fulfil the commitment. State Minister Vivek Venkataswamy and former Andhra Pradesh minister Suddala Devaiah also attended the programme and expressed support for the demand. State Vice President Shastri Praveen Kumar and State General Secretary Gummula Kamal Kumar announced that the organisation would launch a statewide signature campaign and submit memorandums to district authorities seeking the revision of the reservation quota. The leaders said the movement would continue peacefully until the government responded positively to their demand. The meeting concluded with a resolution to strengthen coordination with Ambedkarite organisations and intensify the campaign if the government failed to take a decision on increasing the SC reservation to 18%.

Paralysis Patient Receives Wheelchair, Disability Certificate

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The Disability Rights Association extended assistance to a paralysis patient, Bhavani Shankar, a resident of Karmik Nagar in Jawaharnagar, who has been bedridden for the past two years due to paralysis and spinal ailments. Responding to his condition, the association's State General Secretary Merugu Shivakrishna handed over a Medical Disability Certificate



and a wheelchair to the patient. He said the disability certificate would enable Bhavani Shankar to avail government welfare

schemes, including the disability pension and other benefits. Speaking on the occasion, Merugu Shivakrishna said extending support to the

poor, persons with disabilities, and those suffering from serious illnesses is a social responsibility. He stressed that humanitarian service is the true path to serving society. The programme was attended by Balagam TV CEO Chintala Vijay Kumar, StarnewsTV9 journalist Jinka Raghu, BJP Karmik Nagar Vice-President Madhyaboyina Raju, and others.

Foundation Stone Laid for Kodad Bus Station

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Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a new Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus station in Kodad. The modern bus station will be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹17 crore, aiming to enhance public transport infrastructure and improve passenger amenities in the region. The bhoomi puja cere-



mony was attended by several local public representatives, TGSRTC officials, and party leaders, who welcomed the long-pending initiative for Kodad town. Addressing the gathering, the ministers said the Praja Palana (People's Governance) government has prioritised the

strengthening of public transport infrastructure across Telangana. They stated that a special plan has been prepared to construct and modernise RTC bus stations at key locations throughout the State to provide better services to commuters. The ministers highlighted that one of the govern-

ment's first major welfare initiatives was the Mahalakshmi Scheme, launched within 48 hours of assuming office. Under the scheme, women are provided free travel in TGSRTC buses across Telangana, significantly reducing their travel expenses and improving mobility. They said the Mahalakshmi Scheme has received an overwhelming response, with women passengers completing 32.7 crore zero-fare journeys since its launch.

Indian Sailors Risk Their Lives at Sea, as Iran War Grinds On

Born to landless Indian farmers, Sunil Pooniya thought a job at sea would be his ticket out of poverty, instead his first voyage saw him diving into the ocean to escape a deadly attack driven by the Iran war. For hundreds of thousands of Indians, merchant shipping jobs are a lucrative proposition despite the inherent risks. The attack on Pooniya's ship killed two fellow Indians -- the country's sailors are among the highest merchant maritime casualties from the Middle East war.

Dalip Singh and Ashish Kumar Singh were the first Indians killed in the conflict, after their oil tanker was hit on March 1 by projectiles off Oman's Khasab port. "There was a huge noise and the whole ship shook," Pooniya recalled. "I thought something had gone wrong with the engine, but a missile had hit us," Pooniya added, who had been on the Palau-flagged MV Sky-light. "The whole ship was up in flames."

Iran's Supreme Leader Vows Retribution for Assassinated Father, Predecessor

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Mojtaba Khamenei has vowed to avenge the death of his father and predecessor, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in a U.S.-Israeli airstrike at the start of the war on February 28. In his first public statement since the funeral ceremonies began a week ago, Mojtaba declared that revenge for his father's killing was "the demand of the nation" and would "certainly" be carried out.

The written statement, broadcast on Iranian state television on Saturday, emphasized that the responsibility for vengeance would not rest solely with Iran. It



called upon "free people around the world" to play a role in what it described as a "divine mission" to punish those responsible for the deaths of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and others killed during the conflict.

Mojtaba Khamenei, who reportedly sustained facial injuries and other wounds in the same airstrike, has not appeared in public since being appointed Su-



preme Leader on March 8. No photographs, videos, or audio recordings of him have been released, fueling speculation and uncertainty within Iran. Many Iranians believe the country's new leader should make a public appearance despite his reported injuries.

The statement comes amid renewed tensions between Iran and the United States following a fresh exchange of at-

tacks that has cast doubt over a ceasefire intended to end the four-month conflict. While Iran maintains that the agreement could eventually bring significant economic benefits, U.S. President Donald Trump recently declared the ceasefire effectively over, though he also confirmed that Washington and Tehran had agreed to continue diplomatic talks.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who led Iran for 37 years, was laid to rest at the country's holiest shrine after massive funeral processions. Mojtaba assumed leadership with the support of the powerful Revolutionary Guards, marking a new chapter in Iran's political landscape.

First Time as CM, First Time Since Stampede: All Eyes on Vijay's Karur Visit

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The maiden visit of C Joseph Vijay as Chief Minister to Karur on Friday has caused excitement among the people as he is expected to distribute 32 appointment orders issued on compassionate grounds to relatives of the victims of the stampede on September 27, 2025, during a TVK rally, besides laying the foundation for a factory that would employ 13,500 people. During his much awaited visit, Vijay would distribute the appointment orders for jobs in various government departments at a government function at the Collector's office premises and lay the foundation for the Rs 1500 crore worth non-leather footwear manufacturing unit of Evervan Kothari Footwear Private Limited, which would come up at Krishnarajapuram in Karur district.



However, the opposition parties termed the move as politically motivated. DMK organization secretary R S Bharathi urged the State government and the CBI, investigating the stampede case to ensure that the Chief Minister's visit to Karur and distribution of appointment orders did not unduly influence the families of the victims of the September 27, 2025 tragedy and the witnesses to the stampede. Responding to Bharathi's representation to the supervisory committee, appointed by the Supreme Court to monitor the case, on July 7 to issue the necessary orders to the Chief Secretary of the State and the CBI to ensure that those injured in the tragedy were also not influenced by the

visit, chairperson of the committee Justice (Retired) Ajay Rastogi informed that the complaint had been forwarded to the CBI for fair investigation and appropriate action.

Objecting to the distribution of appointment orders, CPM State secretary P Shanmugham said that issuing the orders even before as the CBI had completed the probe would be detrimental to the outcome of the investigation and raised the question if it was fair for the government to compensate those who were killed while attending a TVK election rally. While it was a different thing for the TVK government to procure jobs for people from the affected families in the private sector, for appointing such persons in government departments, proper guidelines needed to be framed and followed, he said, urging the government to withhold the distribution.

India, NZ Give Ties a Strategic Lift

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Giving a new dimension to bilateral relations, India and New Zealand on Saturday elevated ties to a strategic partnership following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kiwi PM Christopher Luxon. The talks between the two Prime Ministers yielded 18 concrete outcomes, including 10 agreements. The two countries set a target of doubling bilateral trade to ₹35,000 crore by 2030 and agreed to expand engagement in multiple sectors. They also announced the establishment of a maritime security dialogue and enhanced cooperation under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, including efforts to address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

In a joint statement, the two sides adopted a "zero-tolerance" approach to terrorism and stressed the need to dismantle terror financing networks and safe havens. They condemned terrorism in all forms, including cross-border terrorism, and referred to recent incidents such as the Pahalgam attack and the incident near Red Fort, stating that those responsible must be



held accountable. Following wide-ranging talks during the Prime Minister's visit, India and New Zealand signed 10 pacts and eight announcements, including that of a strategic partnership. "We have decided to elevate our ties to a strategic partnership. We will move forward across every sector with clear goals and concrete outcomes," Modi said. He said the discussions covered trade, technology, investment, agriculture, dairy, food processing, healthcare and traditional medicine, while highlighting growing cooperation in defence and security. "We have also developed a strong framework for cooperation in agriculture, dairy and food processing. Equally important is the emphasis on healthcare and traditional medicine,"

Modi said, adding, "Our growing cooperation in defence and security reflects the deep strategic trust between our two countries. This is something we will build on as well. Luxon and I firmly believe that the greatest strength of our relationship lies in our people-to-people ties. In that spirit, we will enhance cooperation in education, sports, culture, heritage and creative industries." India and New Zealand nations announced the establishment of a maritime security dialogue to strengthen cooperation, coordination and information exchange. Under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), New Zealand has joined the maritime security aspect to undertake specific cooperation activities focused on combatting illegal, unreported and

unregulated (IUU) fishing.

New Zealand is also joining the Global Biofuels Alliance to accelerate the development and adoption of sustainable biofuels for a cleaner energy transition. A kiwifruit action plan is being launched along with the establishment of two centres of excellence in Nagaland and Uttarakhand to boost productivity. A framework for collaboration in Antarctic research has also been worked out to promote joint research, academic exchange, capacity building, and other mutually beneficial scientific and educational activities.

The joint statement said that Modi and Luxon exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific, reaffirming their shared commitment to a free, open, and prosperous region. They also emphasised the importance of safeguarding sovereignty, territorial integrity and rules-based international order. The two Prime Ministers backed the freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the seas, in accordance with international law, particularly the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the joint statement said.

Survey Finds Mamdani More Popular Than Trump, Netanyahu Among Jewish Adults

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A new poll from The Associated Press-NORC Centre for Public Affairs Research finds that most Jewish adults don't feel well represented by political leaders at a troubling moment for many in their community. Most Jewish Americans, 63 per cent, say prejudice against Jewish people is an "ex-



tremely" or "very" serious problem in the US. At the same time, few believe that either party is doing a good job supporting Jewish people in the United States.

The new survey of 1,022 Jewish adults - including people who identify as Jewish by religion and religiously unaffiliated people who identify as Jewish through culture, ethnicity or family background -- offers a rare detailed accounting of a key demographic that sits at the very centre of some of the nation's most divisive political debates. It indicates that many Jewish

adults feel isolated at a moment when antisemitism is a growing concern across the political spectrum and support for Israel has become a flash point in both parties. The survey found that many Jewish adults, 36 per cent, say supporting Israel is "extremely" or "very" important to their Jewish identity, while another 26 per cent say it's "somewhat" important.

Six Killed in Road Accident in Uttara Kannada District

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Six persons died and three others were injured after a Cruiser vehicle carrying tourists from Dharwad collided head-on with a lorry on National Highway-52 near Aratibail in Yellapur taluk of Uttara Kannada district in the early hours of Thursday. Police said the Cruiser, carrying nine persons, including the driver, was on its way from Dharwad to Dharmas-



thala and Chikkamagaluru. The occupants were friends who had planned the trip together. A preliminary report stated that around 1.30 am on Thursday, when the vehicle was passing through Aratibail near Balagara Cross on NH-

52, the driver of the Cruiser, Sanjeev (33), allegedly drove the vehicle at high speed in a rash and negligent manner. The Cruiser veered to the extreme right side of the road and collided head-on with a lorry coming from the opposite direction. The accident resulted in the deaths of six people, including the driver. The deceased have been identified as Akshay (26), Abhishek Eshwar (28), Abhishek (27), Basappa Devappa

Kanakanavar (38), Manjunath (33), and driver Sanjeev (33). The three injured have been identified as Shivaraj (22), Sachin (26), and Channabasu (28). All are from Dharwad district. Based on a complaint filed by Shivaraj, Yellapur police have registered a case under Sections 281, 125(B), and 106(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, against the deceased driver.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Nightingale Of South...

Known as the "Nightingale of South India", Janaki recorded more than 48,000 songs for films, albums, television and radio in about 20 Indian languages, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali during a career spanning over six decades. She won the National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer four times. She announced her retirement from singing in 2016 but returned to record a song for the Tamil film Pannaadi in 2018.

Though Telugu was her mother tongue, Janaki sang solos, duets, chorus numbers and title tracks in around 20 Indian languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Konkani, Odia,

Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali. She also recorded songs in English, Japanese, German and Sinhala. Janaki learnt the basics of music from nadaswaram exponent Paidiswamy and gave her first stage performance at the age of nine. She began her playback singing career at 19 with the Tamil film Vidhiyin Vilayattu, released in 1957.

Among the thousands of songs she recorded, the largest number were in Kannada, followed by Malayalam. Her honours included an honorary doctorate from the University of Mysore and the Tamil Nadu government's Kalaimamani award. Janaki was selected for the Padma Bhushan, India's third-highest civilian honour, in 2013 but declined to accept it. Born on April 23, 1938, at Pallapatla in Repalle taluk

of present-day Andhra Pradesh, Janaki was the daughter of Sistla Sreeramamurthy, an Ayurvedic doctor and teacher.

Govt Admits E20.....

Police said Rajkumar carried out the killings as part of a premeditated plan. He allegedly murdered all six victims within about an hour. He first attacked the girl's grandmother Chityala Rukamma, 65, and mother Chityala Lakshmi, 45, at their house, then abducted the minor girl and killed her near Nagarkunta pond. Later, he returned home and murdered his wife Sarita and their two children. After the murders, Rajkumar reportedly called his father, confessed to the killings, switched off his phone and fled. Police said there is specu-

lation he may have died by suicide, but his body has not been found. Shabad police, forensic experts, the Clues Team and sniffer dogs examined all three crime scenes. Commissioner Tarun Joshi said Rajkumar had been counselled twice before the murders and that eight special police teams have been formed to trace him. Angered by the killings, relatives and local residents staged a protest and blocked the Shabad National Highway, causing traffic disruptions for several hours. They alleged police negligence, demanded ₹1 crore compensation for the minor girl's disabled sister and sought an encounter of the accused. Heavy police deployment has been made in Devtalguda and Shabad to prevent further tension. The bodies of the

girl, her mother and grandmother were shifted to Chevella Government Hospital for postmortem, while those of Sarita and her two children were sent to Osmania General Hospital.

CM Revanth Rules...

Tracing the sequence of events, he recalled that defects in Medigadda were flagged in May 2020 but ignored by the previous BRS government until the barrage suffered a major failure in October 2023. The NDSA's preliminary report in November 2023 identified deficiencies in planning, design and maintenance. Its final report concluded that Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla were unfit for storing water. Quoting the report, Revanth said Block-7 damage rendered Me-

digadda unsuitable for diversion, Annaram had severe structural damage, and Sundilla was unsafe. The NDSA recommended comprehensive rehabilitation designs and stipulated that all works be undertaken only with its approval or that of the Central Water Commission.

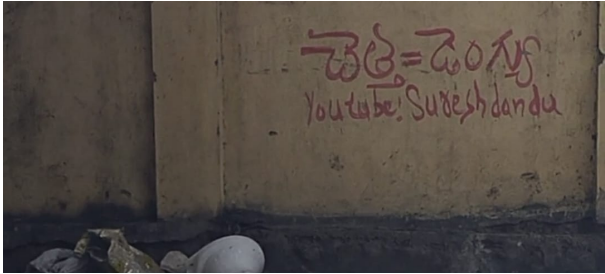
He referred to the Union government's constitution of a Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) on June 30, 2026, to supervise rehabilitation of the three barrages. The committee will review proposals, oversee investigations and monitor quality control, and is expected to submit its report by August-end. Revanth reiterated that the state government would strictly abide by the recommendations .

CRIME

Telangana HC Orders 2BHK Houses for 71 Evicted Bhimraobada Families at Kollur

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The Telangana High Court has directed the state government to allot permanent 2BHK houses to 71 families evicted from Bhimraobada slum in Nampally, bringing closure to an 18-year legal dispute. Justice Suddala Chalapathi Rao, while disposing of a writ petition filed in 2008, ordered that the rehabilitation be completed within two months under the supervision of the district collector. The court directed that houses be allotted at the Kollur 2BHK Housing Colony in Sangareddy district through a transparent lottery in the presence of counsel for both sides. The petition was filed by K. Bharathi and 70 others



challenging GO Ms. No. 251 dated March 24, 2008, under which the slum was de-notified and residents were to be relocated under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The petitioners contended that the eviction was arbitrary and carried out without due process. They stated that their families had lived in the slum for over six decades and had been issued D-form pattas after it was notified as a slum in 1991. They alleged that au-

thorities demolished their houses on January 2, 2007, and shifted them to Afzal Sagar without proper rehabilitation. During the hearing, the court considered the report of an advocate commissioner appointed to inspect the site, which noted that the slum had been demolished and residents had raised grievances during the visit. Initially defending its action, the state later informed the court that it was willing to provide permanent housing and offered multiple 2BHK

options. The petitioners opted for allotment at Kollur. Recording the consensus, the court directed the government to allot a separate 2BHK flat with an undivided share of land to each petitioner, preferably in a single block, and to ensure provision of basic amenities such as drinking water, drainage and lifts. The court permitted legal heirs of deceased petitioners to apply within 30 days for allotment and directed authorities to process such claims without requiring separate litigation. It also allowed similarly placed persons not party to the petition to apply with proof of eligibility. <https://www.deccanchronicle.com/southern->

HC sets 3-month deadline for 404 RTI cases

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The Telangana High Court has directed the State Information Commission to dispose of 404 pending second appeals and complaints filed by an RTI activist within three months, stressing the need for timely access to information. Justice Surepalli Nanda issued the direction while disposing of a writ petition filed by Vaddam Shyam, secretary of the Jana Telangana Rights Society. The court also directed the Commission to comply with its earlier order dated September 18,

2025, by issuing fresh notices with complete case-wise details before taking up the matters. Counsel for the petitioner, Mahesh Mamindla, submitted that 404 second appeals and complaints under the Right to Information Act, 2005, had remained pending due to repeated delays. He also challenged a notice issued by the Commission proposing to list all cases on a single day without specifying case numbers or the concerned public authorities. The court noted that it had earlier directed the Commission to issue fresh notices with full particulars and

hear the matters in batches. However, the petitioner alleged that no such notices were issued despite representations and an RTI application seeking compliance. Counsel for the Commission informed the court that the cases could not be taken up as the state information commissioner had been on leave for nearly six months and resumed office only on June 27, 2026. The Commission assured that fresh notices would be issued and all pending cases would be disposed of within three months.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

Fire Breaks Out at Tata Showroom in Madhapur

A major fire broke out at a Tata showroom in Madhapur on Saturday morning, causing panic in the area. The blaze spread rapidly, damaging property and materials inside the showroom. On receiving information, fire department personnel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after carrying out firefighting operations. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far. Police and fire officials are investigating the incident, and further details are awaited.

Investigation monitoring cell to speed up Pocco cases: Sajjanar

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The 'investigation monitoring cell,' established by Hyderabad city police department, which is constantly working to add technology in its case investigations, will help speed up vital cases, especially those related to Pocco Act and cases against women and children, said city police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar on Saturday. Sajjanar said the monitoring cell will help take every case forward in the most armed way due to close observation of the

case from the initial investigation level. With proper collection of evidence without loopholes, it will make sure the accused are convicted and punished severely in the courts, he said. Sajjanar said as a part of this, the investigation monitoring cell has initiated positive changes in the investigation process of cases. As the field level investigation is closely monitored by this special unit, the quality of the investigation along with the conviction rate in the courts is gradually increasing, he pointed out. The cell has played a vital role in the

convictions of several key cases, among them is the recent case of a boy's murder in Sanathnagar police station limits, in which the accused was sentenced to death by the court, Sajjanar said. The commissioner admitted stating in the past, due to lack of time or technical know-how, there were minor errors in the investigation of some cases that allowed the accused to escape from the courts easily. Composed of experienced police officers and legal experts, the department stands as a compass for the investigating officers in the field.

Parents Urged to Lead by Example on Road Safety

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The Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a Parents' Traffic Awareness Programme under the "Arrive Alive" initiative at Sree Narayana Vidya Bhavan, Greenfields Colony, Alwal, urging parents to become role models in promoting road safety and preventing traffic violations among children. The programme, titled "Parents Are the First Traffic Teachers," was organized as per the directions of Commissioner of



Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and Deputy Commissioner of Police K. Rahul Reddy, IPS. It focused on strengthening parents' role in shaping responsible road behaviour from an early age. Addressing the gathering, ACP Traffic G. Shankar Raju highlighted that chil-

dren closely observe and imitate their parents' behaviour. He stressed that parents who consistently follow traffic rules help instill lifelong road safety habits in their children. Parents were educated about the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, underage driving,

triple riding, and using mobile phones while driving. They were advised to always wear helmets and seat belts, maintain lane discipline, obey traffic signals, and strictly comply with traffic regulations. A key focus of the programme was preventing minor driving. Parents were urged not to allow children below the legal age to ride or drive motor vehicles without a valid driving licence, emphasizing that road safety begins at home.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029. There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Air India Among the World's Top 5 Most On-Time Global Airlines

Ranks #4 worldwide in Cirium's June 2026 On-Time Performance Report

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Air India has been ranked the 4th most on-time airline in the world in June 2026 by aviation analytics firm Cirium, underscoring the airline's continued focus on operational reliability and schedule integrity. According to Cirium's June 2026 On-Time Performance report, Air India recorded an on-time arrival rate of 86.85% across 15,135 flights tracked during the month. The airline also posted an on-time departure rate of 86.23% and a completion factor of 99.7%, meaning virtually all scheduled flights operated as planned. The ranking reflects Air India's sustained invest-



ments in operational resilience, improved network planning, and enhanced execution across its domestic and international operations. As a hub-and-spoke network carrier operating a large number of domestic and international connections through India's two largest airports, Delhi and Mumbai, Air India manages significant operational complexity. The airline's operations can be impacted by congestion and

air traffic control restrictions at these busy airports, which often have a cascading effect across the network. Over time, Air India has introduced a range of measures to strengthen schedule reliability and deliver a more consistent travel experience for its customers. These include improving departure punctuality, streamlining aircraft turnaround processes, enhancing real-time network monitoring,

and enabling faster operational decision-making across the airline. The airline has also focused on building greater operational resilience through robust contingency planning, enhanced cross-functional coordination, and maintaining the operational flexibility needed to respond effectively to unforeseen disruptions such as weather events, airspace restrictions, airport congestion, or technical issues. These efforts help minimise the impact of disruptions, support network stability, and ensure customers reach their destinations with greater reliability. Air India's improving operational performance complements its broader transformation efforts un-

derway, encompassing fleet modernisation, customer experience enhancements, digital innovation, and the strengthening of global connectivity through its growing hub-and-spoke network. Ongoing fleet modernization efforts As part of its transformation, Air India is undertaking one of the world's largest fleet renewal programmes, having placed orders for 600 new Airbus and Boeing aircraft, while simultaneously modernising its existing fleet. The airline has inducted three new Boeing 787-9 aircraft over the last six months, with additional Boeing 787-9s and Airbus A350-1000s scheduled to join the fleet later in 2026.

India Exempts GIFT City Units from Foreign Vessel Licensing

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The Central government has exempted units operating in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) from the licensing requirement for chartering foreign vessels used in export-import cargo movement and international trade operations. The decision, announced by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways on Friday, is aimed at simplifying regulations and strengthening India's maritime services ecosystem. Under the new policy, businesses based in GIFT City will no longer need to obtain licences to charter foreign-flagged vessels for overseas shipping activities. The government said the move would reduce regulatory hurdles, improve ease of doing business, and encourage greater participation in global shipping

and logistics. The exemption is expected to boost maritime leasing, ship financing, and ship ownership activities within GIFT City, which has been developed as India's premier international financial services hub. By creating a more business-friendly regulatory environment, the government hopes to attract global shipping companies, financial institutions, and investors to establish operations in the financial centre. Located in Gujarat, GIFT City has been promoted by the Centre as a world-class financial hub capable of competing with established international financial centres such as Singapore and Dubai. The city offers a range of tax incentives, regulatory relaxations, and a dedicated ecosystem for financial and related services, making it an attractive destination for domestic and international businesses.

The latest exemption aligns with the government's broader strategy to position India as a major global maritime and financial services destination. Officials believe the policy will facilitate international shipping operations, improve access to foreign vessels, and strengthen India's presence in the global maritime industry. The announcement comes amid growing corporate interest in GIFT City. According to a Reuters report published in May, several leading companies, including Bharti Airtel, U.S.-based Genpact, and German auto parts manufacturer ZF Friedrichshafen, have either established or are in the process of setting up treasury operations in the financial hub. With regulatory reforms and business-friendly policies, GIFT City continues to attract investments across sectors.

Volkswagen Brings Tayron Life SUV At Rs 41.99 Lakh

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German automobile manufacturer Volkswagen has expanded its premium SUV portfolio in India with the launch of the new Tayron Life, a more affordable variant of its flagship Tayron SUV. Priced at ₹41.99 lakh (ex-showroom, Delhi), the Tayron Life sits below the top-spec Tayron R-Line, which is priced at ₹46.99 lakh, offering customers a

feature-rich premium SUV at a lower price point. The Tayron Life becomes Volkswagen's second locally assembled model introduced in India this year, reinforcing the company's focus on expanding its premium offerings while making globally successful products more accessible to Indian buyers. Designed as a premium five-seater SUV, the Tayron Life targets customers seeking a combi-

nation of spacious interiors, advanced technology, everyday practicality, and strong performance. Powering the Tayron Life is a 2.0-litre TSI turbo-petrol engine paired with a 7-speed DSG automatic transmission and Volkswagen's 4Motion all-wheel-drive system. The engine produces 204 PS of power and 320 Nm of peak torque, promising a refined yet powerful driving experience suitable for both city commutes and



highway journeys. The inclusion of the all-wheel-drive system also enhances traction and stability across varying road

conditions. Speaking on the launch, Nitin Kohli, Brand Director, Volkswagen Passenger Cars India, said the Tay-

ron Life reflects the company's commitment to bringing globally acclaimed products to Indian customers. He noted that the new variant strengthens Volkswagen's premium SUV portfolio by delivering an attractive mix of performance, comfort, space, and driving confidence. The SUV comes equipped with a wide range of premium features. The cabin houses a 12.9-inch touchscreen in-

tainment system with wireless Android Auto and Apple CarPlay, alongside a 10.24-inch fully digital instrument cluster. Other highlights include a leather-wrapped multi-function steering wheel with paddle shifters, ventilated and heated front seats, a panoramic sunroof, and premium interior finishes designed to enhance occupant comfort. Safety remains a key focus for the Tayron Life. The SUV is equipped with

nine airbags and Level 2 Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) featuring 14 driver-assistance technologies. Additional safety equipment includes electronic stability control (ESC), disc brakes on all four wheels, hill start assist, hill descent control, tyre pressure monitoring system (TPMS), and ISOFIX child-seat mounts for the outer rear seats and the front passenger seat.

NITI Aayog discusses SHANTI Act rollout to boost private nuclear power

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NITI Aayog on Saturday said it convened a stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the SHANTI Act, 2025, which allows private companies to own and operate nuclear energy plants. The Aayog, in a statement, said the consultation brought together key leaders, policymakers and experts from the government, research institutions and industry to deliberate on the operational framework of the landmark Act. According to the statement, deliberations focused on the SHANTI Act's draft rules, regulations and related FDI policy provisions, with the opening technical segment presenting the statutory compliance mechanisms under SHANTI Act, 2025 and highlighting how foreign capital can be attracted while safeguarding domestic interests. Stakeholders also examined the financial mechanisms and risk-mitigation frameworks needed to support the Act's implementation. The discussion also covered suitable insurance arrangements for long-term

projects, along with strategies to strengthen public awareness, community trust and broader acceptance of nuclear energy projects, it added. The statement said the focus was on the operationalization phase, with emphasis on strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities, ensuring operational readiness and building a skilled workforce to sustain the ecosystem. Stakeholders also discussed enhancing supply chain resilience and designing dedicated capacity-building programmes to support industrial scaling and develop a highly competent human resource base, it added. Stakeholders provided a range of views across all three critical areas, which will be useful in strengthening the implementation framework of the SHANTI Act, 2025. The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act, 2025, reflects the government's effort to modernise the laws governing the nuclear sector. It replaced the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the CLND Act, 2010.

India is a launchpad for global growth, PM Modi tells New Zealand CEOs

Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged New Zealand business leaders to invest in India, calling the country a "launchpad for global growth". He highlighted the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, strategic partnership and opportunities across manufacturing, infrastructure, clean energy, agriculture and technology

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India is not only a market but a launchpad for global growth, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday as he invited New Zealand's top business leaders to invest in diverse sectors of the Indian economy. In an interaction with a select group of CEOs and corporate leaders in Auckland, Modi said the landmark India-New Zealand free trade agreement – signed earlier this year – would add depth and dynamism to the bilateral economic ties and open new opportunities for market access, investment and talent mobility. PM Modi emphasised that the two nations' shared democratic values, diversity and commitment to sustainable development provide a robust foundation for an ambitious, forward-looking economic partnership. "In India, we have made reform, perform, and transform the basis of

governance. Today, India has policy stability, political stability, and continuity of growth," he said. "Therefore, our message to the world is: India is not only a market; India is a launchpad for global growth," Modi said. The prime minister made the remarks shortly after holding wide-ranging talks with his New Zealand counterpart Christopher Luxon that led to 18 key outcomes, including 10 agreements. Modi also made a mention of a decision to upgrade the bilateral ties between the two countries to the level of strategic partnership. "This is not just a diplomatic milestone; it is a new resolve for our shared future. This year, a free trade agreement was signed between

the two countries in a record time of nine months," he said. "This will open new opportunities for market access, investment, services, technology, and talent mobility for all of you. I am confident that by working with renewed vigour and enthusiasm, we will double bilateral trade by 2030," he added. In the bilateral talks, New Zealand committed to invest USD 20 billion in India over the next 15 years. "This is not just about investment, but also a commitment to participate in India's development journey," Modi told business leaders. "Today, India is the world's fastest-growing major economy. Our growing middle class, large-scale digital adoption, and infrastructure push make India a unique growth story," he said. The prime minister also highlighted some of the policy initiatives rolled out by his government to boost economic growth. "To promote manufactur-

ing in India, we have launched the production-linked Incentive scheme. Under this, approximately USD 20 billion of support is being provided in 14 sectors ranging from food processing to textiles," he said. "I invite all of you to be a part of this manufacturing momentum. Airports, regional connectivity, air cargo, and tourism are growing rapidly in India," he said. Modi also talked about potential collaboration between the two sides in the dairy, agriculture and food processing sectors. "New Zealand has vast expertise in horticulture, dairy science, and forestry. India has strengths in the consumer market, food parks, and agri-tech talent. Together, we can build farm-to-market value chains and global export platforms," Modi said. The prime minister also invited New Zealand investors and business houses to partner with India in infrastructure development, logistics,

Gold prices fall 1.47 per cent as Fed minutes weigh on sentiment

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Wakeup telangana

Gold prices dipped 1.47 per cent on a weekly basis as minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest policy meeting reinforced expectations of higher-for-longer interest rates. However, on Friday, MCX gold August futures were flat while MCX silver July futures inched up 0.01 per cent. At the last close, gold futures stand at Rs 1,43,480, while silver futures at Rs 2,22,680 per kg. The price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold was at Rs 1,43,368 on Friday down from Rs 1,45,512 seen on Monday market opening, according to data published by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association (IBJA). Renewed Middle East tensions kept risk premiums of precious metals but signals of a more restrictive US monetary policy stance checked a price surge. The United States launched fresh military strikes on Iran, prompting retaliatory attacks on US bases. President Donald Trump declared the ceasefire "effectively over" and warned of further military action, sanctions and

blockades. The stronger dollar backdrop also acted as a headwind for recovery of precious metals. Minutes from the Federal Reserve's latest policy meeting indicated that inflation remains more persistent than previously anticipated, with price pressures extending beyond energy and tariffs into broader segments of the economy, including transportation, airfares, and services, an analyst said. "The minutes reinforced the view that the Federal Reserve is likely to maintain a higher-for-longer interest rate stance, with policymakers noting that further policy tightening could be warranted if inflation fails to moderate," he added. Lower energy costs and softer job growth had previously led analysts to predict a gradual easing of inflationary pressures in coming months. Immediate resistance is placed at \$4,200–\$4,230 for COMEX Gold, followed by \$4,350–\$4,400, a market participant said. For MCX Gold, immediate resistance is placed at Rs 1,45,000–Rs 1,45,500, followed by the major support at Rs 1,41,000–Rs 1,40,000, he added.

Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj removed from OTT sparks political row

Diljit Dosanjh's *Satluj*, which chronicles the life of an activist in Punjab during the turbulent 1990s and has been taken off OTT, was at the centre of a furious debate on Monday, with political parties and the SGPC pushing for the film's release and the actor-singer asking people to watch it wherever and however they can.

The film, which was stuck with the censors for more than three years, was released uncut on ZEE5 on Friday and removed on Sunday evening. While Dosanjh said this was bound to happen and the film had already been downloaded by many, ZEE5 appealed to people not to support piracy.

The matter quickly gained political traction, with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Congress and the state's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) condemning the film's removal from the OTT platform and saying Punjab must confront its past. People should know what happened during those days in Punjab, said Kulwant Singh Manan, chief secretary of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

"The film should not have been removed from the platform. The government should ensure that people



see this film. What is wrong if reality is shown and the public comes to know what happened during those days in Punjab?" Manan told PTI over the phone.

The Honey Trehan-directed film, originally titled *Punjab '95*, features Dosanjh as human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, who was abducted in 1995 and was never seen again. The director and actor refused to release it with the 127 cuts suggested by the Central Board of Film Certification.

On Friday, the movie quietly arrived on ZEE5 without any cuts but with a different title and zero promotion, which Dosanjh said was because they did not want to spoil whatever

little chance the film had.

Criticising the film's removal, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said, "This is not mere censorship, it is an assault on our collective memory, truth and freedom of expression... Punjab deserves to confront its past with honesty, not suppression."

Senior Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira echoed him.

"I strongly condemn the removal of *Satluj*, enacted by Diljit Dosanjh, about police brutality in abducting and eliminating Prof Jaswant Singh Khalra, a human rights activist, in 1995," AAP leader and MP Malvinder Singh Kang said censorship becomes its most dangerous weapon when a nation be-

gins to fear its own history.

AAP's Baltej Pannu said, "The younger generation wants to know what happened in Punjab during 1978, 1984, the 1990s and other crucial periods. If they are denied books and documentaries, films become an important way of preserving historical truth." When asked to comment on the film's removal from OTT, Punjab BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillion said, "I am finding out the reason. We are taking up the matter."

In an expansive session on Instagram Live from the US, where he is on tour, Dosanjh expressed his anguish.

"I had a feeling on Friday that something like this would happen. This was already on my mind. It is not something to be shocked about (the ban). I thought it would be banned on Monday when the offices opened..."

"But I did not have any idea that it would happen on Sunday evening itself. We did not even promote the film, we released it just like that. If we had promoted it, it would not have lasted even two days. But I am satisfied that people have seen the film, it has reached them," Dosanjh said in Punjabi.

Preity Zinta Deepfakes: Bombay HC Orders Removal, Warns of Rights



MUMBAI
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The Bombay High Court on Wednesday ordered the removal of all deepfakes, morphed images, fake videos and other unauthorised online content featuring actor Priety Zinta, holding that misuse of such content affects a person's fundamental rights. As it gave relief to Zinta, a single bench of Justice Madhav Jamdar also reminded online platforms of their due diligence obligations under the Information Technology Rules.

The court also raised the issue of the role of intermediaries in tackling such content, as even their platform was being misused. "If the intermediaries start taking action, such type of offenders will stop. Otherwise, you are part of affecting fundamen-

tal rights of the citizens of this country," HC said. The bench ordered the immediate take-down of all such unauthorised and fake images and videos of Zinta uploaded on various platforms.

In her suit, Zinta had referred to videos, images and chatbot-style interactions depicting her through deepfakes and morphed visuals. The actor's counsel Venkatesh Dhond pointed to around 275 websites that contained AI-generated, morphed or superimposed images and videos using the actor's likeness. He submitted that such material violated her personality, publicity and moral rights. The court said that Zinta, who has been associated with the film industry for over 25 years, had built a valuable public identity through her career.

The unauthorised use

of her image, likeness and mannerisms in AI-generated content could damage her reputation and violate her rights, it said. "The plaintiff's personality rights, publicity rights and moral rights are violated by creation of such morphed and superimposed content," the court said. It added that these rights flow from the constitutional guarantee of free speech under Article 19 and the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21, which includes the right to live with dignity. The court held that a prima facie case had been made out and granted interim relief. A deepfake is synthetic media -- like an image, audio or video recording -- created using artificial intelligence (AI) to convincingly replace or alter a person's likeness or voice.

Hyderabad E-Champions to face Khammam Aces in TG20 final

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad E-Champions will take on Anvita Khammam Aces in the final of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 League cricket championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday night.

Anvita Khammam Aces handed Hyderabad E-Champions their first defeat of the tournament with a hard-fought 10-run win in Qualifier 1, ending the E-Champions' unbeaten run and sealing direct qualification for the final. Mickil Jaiswal's unbeaten 76 anchored the Aces' total of 200 for six, while the bowling unit, led by Sahendra Mallu, defended the total to seal the victory.

The Aces have drawn on strong all-round contributions throughout the season, with Himateja Kodimela among the tournament's top run-scorers, amassing 430 runs at an average of over 107, including an unbeaten century. Meanwhile, 16-year-old spinner Ved Reddy, who has been the find of the tournament, has led their bowling attack with 14 wickets.

CV Milind, captain of Anvita Khammam Aces, said, "We're expecting a great contest because both



teams have played exceptional cricket throughout the tournament. Hyderabad E-Champions are a complete side, but our focus is on staying calm under pressure, executing our roles and playing the brand of cricket that has brought us this far. Having Himateja back is a big boost for us, but this has never been about one player. If every individual contributes, we'll give ourselves the best chance of lifting the trophy."

After suffering their first defeat, Hyderabad E-Champions responded in emphatic fashion in Qualifier 2, registering a commanding eight-wicket win over EIPL & eleve Karimnagar Diamonds to book their place in the final, with skipper Abhirath

Reddy leading the way with a fluent 82. That performance has set up a rematch in the final, with the E-Champions eager to avenge their Qualifier 1 defeat.

The E-Champions' captain has powered his team's campaign, cementing his position as the tournament's leading run-scorer. He also became the first batter this season to cross the 500-run mark, while Ajay Dev Goud has spearheaded the bowling attack as the competition's leading wicket-taker with 19 wickets.

The champions will receive a cash prize of Rs 1 crore, while the runners-up will receive Rs 50 lakh. The third and fourth-placed teams will receive Rs 25 lakh each.

FIFA WC 2026: Argentina eye semi-final berth against Switzerland in quarter-final clash

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Argentina will aim to keep their FIFA World Cup 2026 title defence alive when they face Switzerland in a crucial quarter-final clash at Kansas City Stadium on Sunday. The defending champions have enjoyed an impressive campaign so far and are now just one victory away from reaching a second successive World Cup semi-final.

Led by captain Lionel Messi, Argentina topped Group J with three consecutive victories. Messi has been the team's standout performer, scoring six goals in the group stage before adding two more in the knockout rounds. His equaliser against Egypt proved decisive as Argentina came from behind to secure a dramatic 3-2 victory in the Round of 16.

However, Lionel Scaloni's side have not had an easy path. They needed an extra-time



own goal to edge past tournament debutants Cabo Verde in the Round of 32 before surviving a spirited challenge from Egypt. Despite the difficult knockout matches, Argentina's experience and resilience have kept their title defence on track.

Switzerland, mean-

while, have scripted one of their finest World Cup campaigns. Under coach Murat Yakin, the Swiss reached the quarter-finals for the first time since 1954 and have recorded back-to-back knockout victories for the first time in their World Cup history.

The Swiss defeated Al-

geria 2-0 in the Round of 32 before overcoming Colombia in a tense penalty shootout after a goalless draw in the Round of 16. Their disciplined defence and organized approach have made them one of the tournament's surprise packages.

Argentina will once again rely on Messi

alongside Julián Álvarez, Lautaro Martínez, Rodrigo De Paul and Alexis Mac Allister, while goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez is expected to play a key role at the back. Switzerland's hopes will rest on captain Granit Xhaka, defender Manuel Akanji, striker Breel Embolo and goalkeeper Gregor Kobel.

The quarter-final will kick off at 6:30 AM IST on Sunday at Kansas City Stadium. João Pinheiro will officiate the match.

In India, the match will be streamed live on Zee5 with a subscription, while television coverage will be available on Unite8 Sports 1, Unite8 Sports 1 HD, Unite8 Sports 2, and Unite8 Sports 2 HD. With a place in the semi-finals at stake, fans can expect a fiercely contested encounter between the reigning champions and an ambitious Swiss side looking to create history.

Revanth Called For Bloodshed Against Political Opponents: Harish

“The Chief Minister resorted to inflammatory language by speaking about spilling the blood of political opponents and beating them with belts”: Harish Rao

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister and senior BRS leader Harish Rao on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent remarks against political opponents, accusing him of promoting violence and demanding an unconditional public apology.

In a statement, Harish Rao described the Chief Minister's comments as "violent and unbecoming" of the constitutional office he holds. He alleged that Revanth Reddy's statements advocating bloodshed against political rivals reflected a

dangerous mindset. "There is no difference between Revanth Reddy's call for bloodshed and the mindset of a brutal murderer," Harish Rao said, adding that such remarks were unacceptable from a Chief Minister entrusted with maintaining law and order.

The BRS leader alleged that instead of addressing concerns raised by farmers and retired irrigation engineers regarding the utilisation of the Kaleshwaram project pumps to lift Godavari river water through the Medigadda barrage, the Chief Minister resorted to inflammatory rhetoric. He claimed the govern-



ment's response showed a lack of seriousness in ensuring irrigation water for farmers.

Harish Rao further said the Chief Minister's comments reflected a disturbing attitude incompatible with constitutional values. He urged Revanth Reddy to issue an unconditional public apology to the people of Telangana and the farming community for his remarks. Accusing the Congress government of diverting

public attention from governance failures, Harish Rao alleged that it had become a routine practice to revive political controversies surrounding the Kaleshwaram project whenever the administration faced criticism.

He also linked the Chief Minister's remarks to the recent multiple murders in Shabad, alleging that the government was attempting to shift focus from its failure to maintain law and order.

Referring to the gruesome killings, Harish Rao claimed the accused had earlier secured bail in a POCSO case because stringent legal provisions were not invoked, allow-

ing him to remain free. He alleged that police negligence ultimately resulted in the brutal murder of a minor girl, her mother, grandmother and three young children.

The former minister further stated that despite the seriousness of the crime, the accused had not yet been arrested, calling it a complete failure of the Home Department and the state's law-and-order machinery, both of which are under the Chief Minister's direct supervision.

He demanded accountability from the government for both its alleged administrative failures and the Chief Minister's controversial remarks.

Pocharam Colony Residents Seek MP Funds for Civic Development

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of Chowdarguda, Karthikeya Enclave Colony under the Pocharam Division met Medchal BJP In-charge Yenugu Sudharshan Reddy and submitted a representation seeking the resolution of long-pending civic issues in their colony through the Member of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) funds of MP Etala Rajender. The delegation, led by Karthikeya Enclave Colony



President Satyanarayana and General Secretary Jaipal Reddy, requested Sudharshan Reddy to take up the matter with MP Etala Rajender and ensure that essential infrastructure and civic development works are sanctioned under the MP's development funds. They expressed hope that the

pending issues affecting the residents would be addressed at the earliest with the support of the BJP leadership. Among those who participated in the meeting were Bhupal Reddy, M.S. Rao, Sadgunachari, Srinivas Reddy, and Aravind, along with other residents of Karthikeya Enclave Colony.

VHR Holds Mouna Deeksha Over Theft Of Ayodhya Offerings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior Congress leader and Telangana government adviser V. Hanumantha Rao (VHR) on Saturday observed a mouna deeksha at Ramojipet in Ellanthakunta mandal, protesting the alleged irregularities in devotees' offerings at the Ayodhya Ram Temple and demanding a transparent investigation into the matter.

Addressing the gathering, VHR alleged that the reported irregularities had deeply hurt the sentiments of millions of devotees across the country. He said the Union government must take moral responsibility for the issue and ensure that those responsible are identified and punished. He called for complete transparency in the management of temple donations, stating



that devotees' faith should never be compromised. Extending support to the protest, Vemulawada MLA and Government Whip Adi Srinivas said people would not tolerate any irregularities committed in the name of Lord Rama. He remarked that crores of devotees had emotionally and financially contributed to the temple and were deeply disturbed by the allegations surrounding the handling of donations.

Recalling the inauguration of the Ayodhya Ram Temple in January 2024,

Adi Srinivas said it was unfortunate that such allegations had surfaced within just two-and-a-half years of the temple's opening. He urged the authorities to conduct a fair inquiry and bring those responsible to justice without delay.

Manakondur MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana also participated in the protest and said the alleged incident had hurt the religious sentiments of devotees. Criticising BJP leaders, he alleged that they had remained silent despite frequently invoking the name of Lord Rama. He further accused the Centre of attempting to suppress the issue and demanded that complete details of the temple's offerings and their utilisation be made public. He called for strict legal action against anyone found guilty after a thorough investigation.

NIT Warangal Taiwan University Explore Clean Energy Collaboration

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Professors from National Taiwan University (NTU) visited the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal to explore collaborative research in clean energy, with a focus on converting carbon dioxide (CO₂) and organic waste into sustainable fuels.

During the visit, Prof. Shu-Yuan Pan and Prof. Cheng-Chun He interacted with faculty members, researchers and students to discuss emerging technologies for cap-



turing carbon dioxide and transforming it into value-added fuels. They explained that carbon capture and utilisation technologies have the potential to significantly reduce industrial greenhouse gas emissions while creating cleaner and more sustainable energy sources.

The NTU professors also highlighted Taiwan's successful experience in converting food waste into biomethane, a renewable fuel that not only helps manage organic waste efficiently but also contributes to clean energy production. They said such integrated approaches can play a cru-

cial role in promoting circular economy practices and reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

As part of the collaboration, NIT Warangal organised a seven-day international workshop titled "CO₂ to Fuels" from July 3 to 9. The programme brought together nearly 50 participants, including faculty members, research scholars, students and industry representatives from different parts of the country. The workshop featured discussions on advanced carbon capture, carbon utilisation, renewable fuel production

and other clean energy technologies, encouraging knowledge exchange between academia and industry.

NIT Warangal Director Prof. Bidyadhar Subudhi underscored the importance of international academic partnerships in addressing global challenges such as climate change, environmental pollution and rising energy demand. He said collaborations between leading institutions can accelerate innovation and support the development of practical, sustainable energy solutions.



Newly appointed Rangareddy DCC Secretary Sirisha Sattur paid courtesy visits to Sherlingampally MLA Arkapudi Gandhi, TPCC General Secretary Jagadeeshwar Goud, and DCC President Challa Narasimha Reddy, seeking their blessings. She expressed gratitude to the party leadership and reaffirmed her commitment to strengthening the Congress and serving the people.

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ECI launches online facility for SIR enumeration form submission

The Election Commission has enabled eligible voters to submit SIR enumeration forms online using their registered mobile number or EPIC authentication.

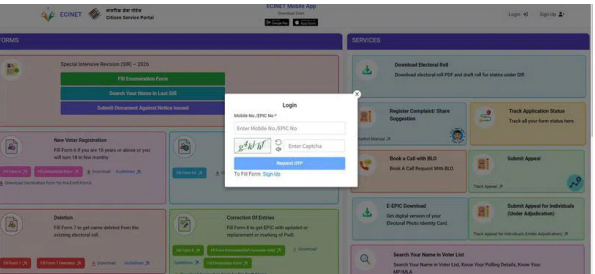
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As the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is underway in Telangana, the Election Commission of India (ECI) has enabled an online facility that allows eligible voters to submit their enumeration forms without waiting for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to provide a printed copy.

The initiative is aimed at making the voter verification process quicker, more convenient, and accessible for electors across the State. Eligible voters can complete and submit their enumeration forms through the ECI's official Voters' Service Portal.

To use the facility, electors need to visit the ECI portal and log in using either their registered mobile number or Elector Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number. After entering the login credentials, users must authenticate themselves by entering the One-Time Password (OTP) sent to their registered mobile number.

Once logged in, electors should select the "Fill Enumeration Form" option available on the por-



tal. The online submission facility is currently available for voters whose names in the electoral roll match the details recorded in their Aadhaar card.

After selecting the option, voters are required to verify and fill in the details displayed on the webpage. They should carefully check the information and make necessary corrections, if required, before proceeding with the submission.

Once the details are completed, the system redirects the user to the e-sign authentication page. Another OTP is sent to the registered mobile number to complete the electronic signature process. After successful OTP verification, the enumeration form is digitally signed and uploaded to the Election Commission's database.

Election officials have appealed to all eligible electors who have linked

their mobile numbers with their voter records and whose names match in both the electoral roll and Aadhaar database to take advantage of this online facility. The digital process reduces dependence on physical distribution of forms by Booth Level Officers and enables voters to complete the exercise from the comfort of their homes.

The Election Commission said the online submission system is part of its efforts to simplify the Special Intensive Revision process, improve voter convenience, and ensure the electoral rolls remain accurate and up to date. Electors are encouraged to submit their enumeration forms at the earliest to avoid any last-minute inconvenience and help facilitate the smooth completion of the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise.

BJP Announces 'Singareni Bharosa' Yatra

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The BJP on Saturday announced the 'Singareni Bharosa' Yatra to reach out to coal mine workers, raise alleged irregularities in the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and strengthen its presence in the coal belt region. In a statement, the party said Union minister for coal and mines G. Kishan Reddy and BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao, along with other leaders, would tour coal belt areas in four districts, covering Kothagudem, Manuguru, Bhupalpally and

Tadicherla on June 13 and 14.

The yatra is aimed at interacting directly with coal workers and contract staff. The BJP said the programme also follows the Centre's recent allocation of the Tadicherla-II coal block to SCCL, which it described as a step expected to boost revenue and generate employment.

A previous yatra planned by BJP legislators, led by Assembly floor leader A. Maheshwar Reddy, had led to political tension after it was stopped by police at the Srirampur open-cast and SRP-3 mines.

Goshamahal traffic cops seize bike with fake plate at Afzalgunj

The Goshamahal Traffic Police spotted a bike fitted with a fake registration plate driven by a youth during a special enforcement drive at Afzalgunj T-junction on Friday.

The rider, identified as Shaik Rasool Ali (26), told police he had purchased the motorcycle through a Facebook marketplace listing from an unknown person for Rs 20,000 six months ago.

Unable to produce ownership documents, he and the seized vehicle were handed over to Afzalgunj Police Station for further investigation into the vehicle's origin and possible criminal links.

Parameshwar Reddy Inaugurates SV Mandi Biryani in Uppal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Uppal Assembly Constituency Congress Party In-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy inaugurated SV Mandi Biryani on Uppal Main Road on Friday. Attending the opening ceremony as the chief guest, he extended his best wishes to the management and appreciated the initiative taken by local youth in establishing a new business venture. Speaking on the occasion, Parameshwar Reddy encouraged young people to pursue self-em-



ployment opportunities and become job creators through entrepreneurship. He said such ventures not only strengthen individual livelihoods but also contribute to local economic growth and employment generation. The inaugural programme was attended by the restaurant management, including Neela

Venkatesh, Mamilla Sai and Mamilla Chander, along with Eega Anjaneyulu Mudiraj, Salla Prabhakar Reddy, Prem, Sukka Jeevan, Rangula Shekhar Mudiraj, Bazaar Naveen Goud, Bitkar Shiva and several other Congress leaders, supporters and local residents.