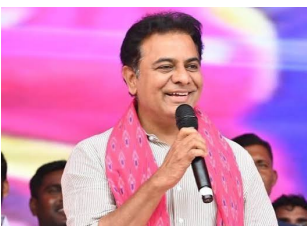


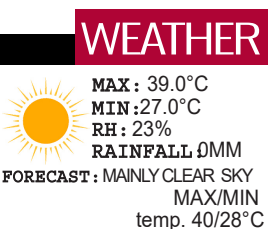


Harish Rao blames Revanth over Supreme Court setback on Polavaram: P3



KTR Wants TG to Pump Godavari Water, Disputes NDSA Report on Barrage: P8

Kishan Reddy launches Singreni Bharosa Yatra, says Tadicherla-2 coal block is future of SCCL: P8



Anthropic Pushes Australia to Ease Copyright Rules as Investment Plans Grow

Anthropic's chief executive Dario Amodei has lobbied Australian officials for "copyright reform" as the artificial intelligence giant seeks to make a major investment in the country, official briefing notes released Monday show. Amodei met Australia's Treasurer Jim Chalmers in April to discuss plans to enter the Australian market, including building data centres. According to briefing notes released under freedom of information law, Amodei had requested the meeting to discuss barriers to AI training in Australia, "particularly copyright reform". Australia's centre-left Labor government is under pressure from musicians, screenwriters and artists to reject proposals they say seek to let AI models use copyrighted works for free.

▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4

"20% Too Much, We Will Be Fair": Iran On Trump's Hormuz Fee Demand

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Iran has hit back at US President Donald Trump's plan to charge 20 per cent on all cargo passing through the Strait of Hormuz, with its foreign minister arguing that Iran, not the US, has always been the true guardian of the waterway. Writing on X, Iranian Foreign Minister Seyed Abbas Araghchi said, "POTUS is absolutely right. Whoever provides secure and safe passage of commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz should be compensated for this service. Iran has always been the GUARD-



IAN of the Strait and will remain so FOREVER." He then took aim at the size of Trump's proposed fee, adding, "20 per cent is of course too much. We will be fair." Araghchi's comments followed a post by Trump on his Truth Social platform, in which he laid out his plan for the strait. "The USA will

be, from this point forward, known as 'THE GUARDIAN OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT,' but as such, and as a matter of FAIRNESS, will be reimbursed, at the rate of 20 per cent on all cargo shipped, for any and all costs necessary to do the job of providing safety and security to this very volatile section of the World. The process and formation will begin immediately," he wrote. Trump also said the strait remains open while describing the US move as reinstating a blockade aimed specifically at Iran. The US Army announced that it will "resume blockading maritime traffic entering and exiting Iranian ports on July 14.

Revanth Leaves for Delhi To Push for Metro, RRR and Airport Funds

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy left for Delhi on Monday night. He is expected to meet Union ministers to pursue pending issues concerning Telangana, particularly major infrastructure and irrigation projects. CM Revanth will meet ministers K, Ram Mohan Naidu (civil aviation), Manohar Lal Khattar (urban affairs)



and Nitin Gadkari (road transport and highways) on Tuesday. Revanth will take up the issue of expediting work on the airports in Warangal, Adilabad and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts with Naidu, faster approvals for Hyderabad Metro Rail

(HMR) phase-1 funding to complete takeover from L&T and Phase-3 expansion with Khattar, faster approvals for Regional Ring Road and key road infrastructure projects with Gadkari. The Chief Minister is also expected seek early approval of the Centre's financial share and statutory clearances for the HMR Phase-II. Particular emphasis is expected to be placed on the proposed

connectivity to the Shamshabad airport and the planned corridors linking the upcoming Future City. Revanth Reddy has also sought appointment with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil. Sources said irrigation is expected to be one of the key focus areas of the meetings, with Revanth Reddy likely to press for early clearances for pending projects in the Godavari and Krishna

▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy A Revanth Reddy has directed the members of Lok Sabha from Telangana to seek the approval from the Centre for the establishment of the Indian Institute of Management in the state, in addition to taking forward the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-2 expansion, for which the Centre's support is needed.

With the Parliament sessions commencing on the July 20, Revanth Reddy briefed the Telangana MPs on the issues pending with the Centre through a PowerPoint presentation at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan on Monday, July 13.

Addressing the MPs, Revanth Reddy has advised them to work on the broader interests of Telangana as their primary objective. He called upon them to move forward unitedly, transcending political lines, for the sake of the state's development.

He specifically urged Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MPs Etela Rajender



and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy to pay special attention to the issue of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-2 expansion.

Informing that 95% of land acquisition for the northern section of the Regional Ring Road (RRR) has been completed and there was a need to proceed with land acquisition for the southern section, he said the Union Cabinet's approval was still pending to commence the works. He urged the MPs to take a special interest in this issue as well.

The chief minister urged them to focus specifically on securing the necessary approvals from the Centre for irrigation projects and infrastructure development. The chief minister informed that the first phase of the Musi Riverfront development Project has

reached the tendering stage, and that a letter of approval from the Centre was required to undertake those works under the Urban Challenge Fund. The Lok Sabha MPs were advised to meet Union Minister of Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar to make a formal request regarding the pending issue. He also shared the details with the MPs regarding the recent discussions held in Karnataka under the leadership of Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil with the chief ministers of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, concerning the inter-state river water issues.

He said that while Telangana was entitled to receive 15.09 Thousand Million Cubic Feet (TMC) of water from the Tungabhadra project, the actual inflow didn't exceed 5 TMC.

Shahbad Killings: Wanted Accused Raj Kumar Found Dead in Kothur

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The body of P Raj Kumar wanted in the killings of six people in Shahbad was found near real-estate venture in Panjerla village Kothur on Monday. Sources said Raj Kumar killed himself by consuming pesticide. Panjerla was native of Raj Kumar's paternal uncle. Raj Kumar was last seen on the railway tracks at Timmapur railway station. After committing the mur-



ders, Raj Kumar called his parents and informed them about the incident and since then he switched off his mobile phone. Raj Kumar was released on bail granted in

connection with a POCSO case registered against him on May 15.

In the FIR, the minor girl's mother alleged that Raj Kumar was harassing her daughter for the last one year and even threatened to kill everyone in the family if the girl refused to accept his love proposal.- The Future City police earlier announced Rs.2 lakh reward for credible information leading to the arrest of accused Raj Kumar in the case.

Uddhav Backs Exam Protest, Urges Sonam Wangchuk to End Fast

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Monday backed the protest of Cockroach Janta Party and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk over alleged irregularities in competitive exams, saying parties should support the agitation without bringing in their political affiliations. Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, should also back the agi-



tation, Thackeray said at a press conference here, while appealing to Wangchuk to withdraw his hunger strike, saying his life was precious. The Cockroach Janta

Party's (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi over alleged examination irregularities has been underway for 24 days now. It has been demanding Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and Rs 1 crore compensation for the families of students who died by suicide since the NEET paper leak in May this year. A re-exam was held last month.

▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4

Ram Mandir Donation Theft: Judicial Custody of 8 Accused Extended Till Jul 27

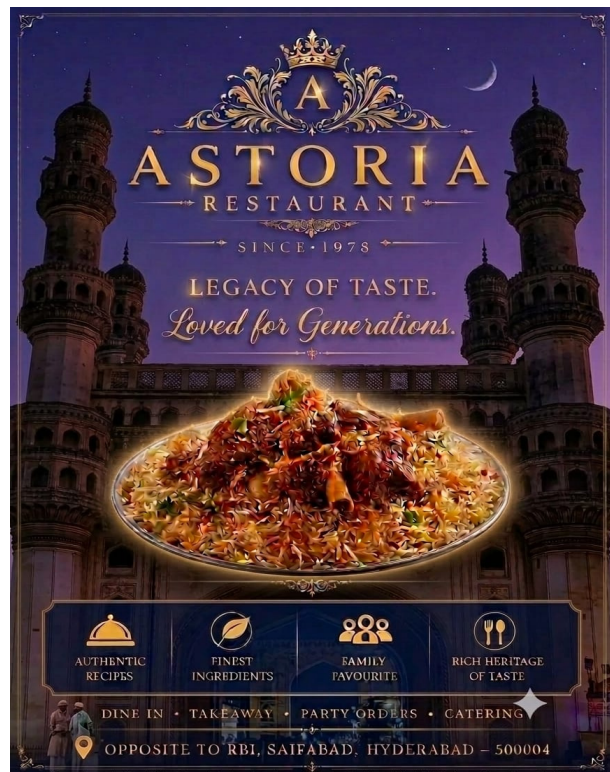
NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A special anti-corruption court in Faizabad has extended the judicial custody of eight accused in the alleged Ram temple donation theft case by 14 days after the previous term ended Monday. The accused were produced before the court of Additional District Judge Pratibha Narayan through video conferencing, and sent to judicial custody till July 27. The prosecution had on Friday sought po-

lice remand of two accused -- Ramashankar Yadav alias Tinnu Yadav and Subhash Srivastav. The court will decide on the matter Tuesday (July 14).

According to the prosecution, statements made by the two during the probe have led to fresh leads, making their police custody necessary to verify facts and recover evidence linked to the alleged diversion of temple donations. Tinnu Yadav, a former driver of Champat

▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4



15 Indians Killed in Vietnam Mishap Flown Home

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The mortal remains of all the 15 Indians who died in the Vietnam tourist boat tragedy were being flown into the Mumbai airport by Vietnamese flight VN979 on Monday night. According to AP Bhavan authorities, civil aviation minister Ram Mohan Naidu in consultation with the Indian embassy in Vietnam have made arrangements for transshipment of the mortal remains from Vietnam.



Officials said it might take five to six hours for completion of customs, medical and documentation formalities at the Mumbai airport before passage to the respective destina-

tions. The governments of Tamil Nadu and Kerala have engaged a private agency, John Pinto International, Mumbai, to ensure seamless handling of the mortal remains.

The Andhra Pradesh government has made similar arrangements and the handling agency would transport the mortal remains of the three victims to Hyderabad at a consolidated cost of `43,000 per body, including air transportation. The three coffins are tentatively scheduled to depart from Mumbai airport by an Indigo flight 6E6362 at 5.45am July 14 and reach Hyderabad at 7.20am Tuesday, subject to completion of formalities. APTDC's general manager Chandana Nan-

charaiah is proceeding to Mumbai to oversee payments and transshipment arrangements and district collectors have been requested to keep the bereaved families informed about the revised schedules.

The AP Bhavan has been monitoring the entire operation round the clock and remains in constant touch with the civil aviation ministry, Indian embassy, the Mumbai airport authorities, the handling agency and state governments.

Assam Rifles Jawan Killed, Four Injured in Nagaland IED Blast

An Assam Rifles jawan was killed and four others were injured in a suspected improvised explosive device (IED) blast in Chumoukedima district of Nagaland on Monday, a Defence official said. The explosion reportedly targeted an Assam Rifles vehicles during an operational movement, PRO Defence Col Amit Shukla said. Security forces have launched a search operation in the area, while the injured personnel have been shifted for medical treatment. Further investigation is underway, he said.

Telangana to fill 22 reservoirs under Devadula project: Bhatti

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said Telangana will operate all 10 pumps under the Devadula Project to fill 22 reservoirs while keeping the Medigadda barrage gates open. The government also released Rs. 146 crore to speed up pending irrigation works.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday clarified that the Telangana government would not lift water from the Medigadda barrage until the damaged pillars are fully repaired. He said the barrage gates would remain open to allow floodwaters to pass safely while restoration works continue. Bhatti Vikramarka, accompanied by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, inspected the J. Chokka Rao Devadula Lift Irrigation Project in Mulugu district. Addressing the media, he said the

government's immediate priority is to ensure irrigation and drinking water supply by fully utilising the Devadula Project. With the State facing drought-like conditions due to the El Niño effect, the government has decided to operate all 10 pumps of the Devadula Project continuously. The move is aimed at supplying water to nearly 12 districts in the Godavari basin and filling 22 reservoirs under the Devadula scheme. To speed up pending works, the government has sanctioned Rs.146 crore for the project. Bhatti said both the Devadula and Seetharama projects would be completed on a war footing to



provide irrigation benefits to the erstwhile Warangal and Khammam districts. He also announced that the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella Project would be taken up to harness Godavari waters for Adilabad and Karimnagar districts. Meanwhile, the Ministers cancelled their scheduled visit to the Seetharama Project in Kothagudem. Reacting to the decision, former BRS MLA Rega Kantha Rao alleged that

the Ministers avoided the visit because they could not answer questions raised by the BRS regarding the project's progress. He claimed that the Congress government had earlier approached the courts to stall the Seetharama and Sitamma Sagar projects, which were initiated during the previous BRS government and were nearly 95 percent complete. Kantha Rao, who had appealed to BRS workers to

gather at the project site and submit representations to the Ministers, was placed under house arrest along with several party leaders in Manuguru, Pinapaka and surrounding areas. Former Minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar also criticised the Congress government, alleging that it was spreading misinformation about the Kaleshwaram Project to divert attention from the Polavaram submergence issue. He claimed the government had failed to review or implement measures to protect the Bhadrachalam region, where nearly 184 square kilometres covering 36 villages could face submergence due to Polavaram backwaters.

BRS to hold ‘Yuva Sangrama Sadassu’ at Saroornagar Stadium on July 18

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will organise a ‘Yuva Sangrama Sadassu’ at Saroornagar Stadium on July 18 to press the Congress government to fulfil the promises made to unemployed youth in its pre-election Youth Declaration. The party appealed to unemployed youth from across the State to participate in the “Chalo Saroornagar” programme, which will be attended by BRS working president KT Rama Rao. Unveiling the event poster at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday, BRS deputy leader and former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav said the ruling Congress failed to honour its commitments on jobs and youth welfare, despite completing over two-and-a-half years in office. He accused the Congress of coming to power on promises of employment



but failing to issue job notifications. Stating that the Congress deceived unemployed youth, farmers and women, he said the youth meeting would intensify pressure on the government. BRS deputy leader and former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy said the meeting was intended to remind the Congress of the assurances made by Priyanka Gandhi before the Assembly elections. She said thousands of vacancies remained unfilled, including around 20,000 vacancies each in the Police and Education departments. “Instead of recruitments, youth de-

manding recruitment notifications were being arrested,” she added. MLA D Sudheer Reddy alleged that the government neglected both students and unemployed youth by delaying fee reimbursement and recruitment. MLC Shambhupur Raju also accused the Congress of failing to implement its promises and ignoring long-pending government vacancies. He said the July 18 meeting would serve as a platform to demand immediate recruitment and implementation of commitments made to Telangana’s youth.

Activists Hold GHMC Accountable for Illegal Buildings, Fire Risks in Goshamahal

Activists Hold GHMC Accountable for Illegal Buildings, Fire Risks in Goshamahal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Society for Crusade Against Corruption has alleged that rampant illegal constructions, unauthorised cellars and poor enforcement by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) in Circle-30, Goshamahal, have increased the risk of fire accidents and endangered public safety. In a statement issued on Sunday, the organisation claimed that several buildings, particularly at House No. 5-6-388, Nagari Market, behind Khan Market in Begum Bazaar, were being constructed in violation of sanctioned building plans. It alleged that despite repeated complaints, GHMC officials had failed to take effective action against the violations. According to the organisation, builders are routinely obtaining permissions only for stilt parking and two upper floors, but allegedly proceeding to construct il-



legal cellars and additional fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth floors without authorisation. It said such practices have become common in the locality, putting residents at serious risk. The organisation warned that the recent spate of fire accidents in Hyderabad has exposed the dangers posed by illegal cellars and unauthorised constructions, where inadequate access, poor venti-

lation and violations of fire safety norms could hamper emergency response and increase the possibility of loss of life. It also pointed out that residents of the area are already grappling with chronic civic problems, including inadequate water supply, poor drainage, traffic congestion and a severe shortage of parking spaces. Illegal constructions, it said, have further aggravated these

issues while creating additional safety hazards. The Society for Crusade Against Corruption urged GHMC Commissioner to conduct a personal inspection of the buildings in Circle-30, Goshamahal, to verify whether approved building permissions, mandatory setbacks, fire safety regulations and other statutory norms have been complied with. The organisation further demanded a thorough inquiry into the alleged lapses in enforcement by local GHMC officials and sought strict action against those found responsible for permitting or ignoring illegal constructions. Stressing that public safety should remain the foremost priority, the organisation said timely action against unauthorised buildings and accountability of officials were essential to prevent future tragedies, safeguard innocent lives and restore public confidence in the civic administration.

Collector Reviews SIR Process, Directs BLOs to Expedite Enumeration Work

MEDCHAL
Wakeup telangana

Medchal-Malkajgiri District Collector Manu Choudary instructed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to speed up the distribution, collection, and digitisation of Enumeration Forms under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The Collector, along with Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar, reviewed the SIR process



at the Subhash Nagar Ward Office in Qutbullapur constituency on Monday. He directed BLOs to discharge their responsibilities diligently while distributing and collecting the forms, assist voters in

filling them correctly, and clear their doubts during the process. Emphasising the need for timely completion of the revision exercise, the Collector instructed officials to digitise the completed forms

without delay and submit details of unavailable voters to the concerned supervisors. He also advised BLOs on achieving their daily targets efficiently. Later, Manu Choudary inspected the ongoing enumeration and digitisation process at Kompally, where he interacted with voters, addressed their queries, and explained the procedure for filling the Enumeration Forms correctly.

Special Prayers Mark Auspicious Ardra Nakshatra Monday at R. Itikyal Temples

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Devotees in R. Itikyal village of Regode Mandal offered special prayers with great devotion on the auspicious occasion of Ardra Nakshatra coinciding with Monday, a day considered highly sacred for the worship of Lord Shiva. Special religious rituals, including pujas and prayers, were conducted at the Hanuman Temple and Sri Sri Shantappa Maharaj Temple,



where a large number of villagers participated with faith and reverence, seeking divine blessings for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of all. Speaking on the occasion, Temple

Priest Matham Kashinath Swamy said that Ardra Nakshatra is considered one of the most sacred occasions dedicated to Lord Shiva. He explained that offering prayers, performing Abhishekam, and chanting the Lord's name on this auspicious day are believed to bring spiritual merit and invoke the blessings of Lord Shiva. He urged devotees to follow the path of righteousness and actively participate in spiritual and charitable activities.

Former Osmania University Registrar Prof. Dr. Pappula Laxminarayana Passes Away



Former Osmania University Registrar, eminent educationist, and senior Professor of Mechanical Engineering Prof. Dr. Pappula Laxminarayana passed away in Hyderabad on Sunday, leaving the academic fraternity in deep mourning. A native of Siripuram village, Lingalaghanpur Mandal, Jangaon district, Prof. Laxminarayana completed his B.E., M.E., and Ph.D. from Osmania University and began his academic career as a Lecturer in 1991. During his distinguished career spanning over three decades, he served as Professor, Registrar, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dean of Students' Affairs, Head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Vice-Principal, and Special Officer of the Osmania University Alumni Association. He also served as a Member of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCH).

Activists Demand Comprehensive Welfare for Telangana Statehood Fighters

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Telangana Joint Action Committee (JAC) Convener and Telangana Activists Forum State Media Convener Dommati Kiran Kumar Rao, along with forum leaders Keerthi Srinivas, Surender Reddy, Garika Sudhakar, Bangaru Mallesh, and Veera Chary, urged the Telangana Government to introduce comprehensive social security measures for genuine Telangana statehood activists. They stressed that activists who played a key role in the movement should be identified through a transparent and credible process rather than on political considerations. The delegation submitted a memorandum during a meeting of the



High-Level Committee constituted to identify Telangana movement activists and recommend welfare measures. The meeting was chaired by K. Keshava Rao and attended by committee members Prof. M. K. Chandaram, Addanki Dayakar, S. Ramulu Naik, and Mothe Shobhan

Reddy. The forum leaders stated that merely issuing identity cards to activists would not adequately address their long-standing concerns. They called on the government to formulate a comprehensive welfare policy covering education, healthcare, financial assistance, and livelihood support for activists and their families. They pointed out that many individuals who actively participated in the Telangana statehood movement had sacrificed their education, employment opportunities, and financial stability while striving for the formation of the state. Several families, they said, continue to face economic hardships even years after the achievement of Telangana.

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.

Harish Rao blames Revanth over Supreme Court setback on Polavaram

Former Minister T Harish Rao blamed Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for the Supreme Court's rejection of Telangana's petition on the Polavaram project, water sharing and Banakacherla. He alleged procedural lapses and demanded transparency on meetings related to irrigation issues.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS senior leader and former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao on Monday accused the Telangana government of deliberately weakening its legal challenge against the Andhra Pradesh government's proposed Godavari-Nallamalla Sagar project, alleging that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was acting in the interests of his political mentor and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Speaking to reporters in Sangareddy, Harish Rao questioned the manner in which the Telangana government handled the case in the Supreme Court after the Apex Court rejected the State's writ petition citing procedural defects. He criticised the



government for filing what he described as a "defective petition" and demanded an explanation from the Chief Minister, the Advocate General, and the government's legal team. "How could such a defective petition be filed? What were the Advocate General and other government lawyers doing? Such a petition could not have been filed without the Chief Minister's approval," Harish Rao alleged. He pointed out that Andhra Pradesh had com-

pleted the tender process for the Godavari-Nallamalla Sagar project on December 11, 2025, while Telangana filed its writ petition only on December 16, 2025. According to him, despite the matter remaining before the Supreme Court for nearly seven months, the State government failed to submit a comprehensive and legally sound petition to safeguard Telangana's interests. The former minister alleged that the Congress government had failed to learn from its earlier legal setbacks and had neglected to present a strong case before the Apex Court. He claimed the government's handling of the issue raised serious concerns about its commitment to protecting Telangana's water rights. Harish Rao also targeted

the appointment of Adityanath, a former Chief Secretary of Andhra Pradesh, as an advisor to the Telangana government. He alleged that the appointment was made at the insistence of Chandrababu Naidu and questioned the government's intentions in engaging an official closely associated with Andhra Pradesh. Demanding greater transparency, Harish Rao urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to disclose the details of his recent meeting with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Karnataka Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar. He also sought the release of the conclusions reached during the recent meeting of irrigation officials held in New Delhi regarding the inter-state water project.

BRS seeks extension of SIR exercise

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has renewed its demand for an extension of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, alleging serious lapses in the implementation of the exercise and warning that lakhs of eligible voters could be excluded from the final electoral rolls. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, BRS SIR Coordination Committee member and MLC L. Ramana said the party had constituted a nine-member committee under the directions of BRS president K. Chandrashekhar Rao and working president K.T. Rama Rao to closely monitor the revision process across Te-

langana. He alleged that voter mapping had not been conducted properly and claimed that only about 37 percent of the required forms had been filled so far. In view of the slow progress, the party decided to submit another representation to the Election Commission, seeking an extension of the SIR exercise. Former MLC Karne Prabhakar said the BRS had already submitted representations to the Election Commission and would once again meet officials with fresh recommendations. He alleged that the Commission was inadequately prepared to conduct the exercise effectively. He stressed that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) should carry out door-to-door verification in coordi-

nation with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to ensure that no eligible voter was left out. He also called for greater transparency, district-level reviews of complaints, and strict action against officials found negligent. BRS leader Y. Satish Reddy claimed that the SIR process had achieved only 13 percent progress in Hyderabad. He expressed concern that nearly 50 to 60 lakh voters could receive notices due to procedural shortcomings. Satish Reddy warned that the deletion of even a single genuine voter's name would weaken the democratic process and urged the State government and the Election Commission to ensure that every eligible citizen retained the right to vote.

Revanth Reddy found on electoral rolls of two Assembly constituencies

Electoral roll data shows Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy listed as a voter in both Kodangal and Achampet Assembly constituencies. The records also contain a spelling discrepancy in his name, while the prescribed process allows correction of such entries.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's name appears in the electoral rolls of two different Assembly constituencies falling under separate Parliamentary constituencies, according to official electoral roll records, raising questions over compliance with provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1950. The electoral rolls list Revanth Reddy as a voter in Kodangal Assembly constituency under the Mahabubnagar Parliamentary constituency. His name also appears in the Achampet Assembly constituency, which falls under the Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency. Significantly, the Elector's Photo Identity Card (EPIC) number, TES0274035, is identical in both entries, indicating that the records pertain to the same individual. Under the Representation of the People Act, 1950, a person is not entitled to be registered in the electoral rolls of more than one constituency. While duplicate entries



can occur due to migration or administrative oversight, the Election Commission provides a mechanism for correcting such records. The electoral rolls also reveal a discrepancy in the spelling of the Chief Minister's name. In both constituencies, it is entered as "Anumula Revant Reddy", son of Narasimha Reddy, instead of the correct spelling, "Anumula Revanth Reddy." The Achampet electoral record mentions House No. 3-48, corresponding to his residential address in Kondareddypally village of Vangoor mandal, while the Kodangal entry records House No. 1-209. As per Election Commission procedures, spelling mistakes or other personal details in the electoral rolls can be corrected by submitting Form 8 to the concerned

Electoral Registration Officer (ERO). Similarly, if a voter's name appears in more than one Assembly constituency, the duplicate entry can be removed by submitting Form 7 to the ERO of the constituency where the voter does not ordinarily reside, ensuring that the name remains on only one electoral roll. The issue assumes significance in the wake of recent discussions on electoral roll accuracy and voter registration. It also recalls a recent case involving actor Prakash Raj, against whom a Bengaluru court reportedly issued a non-bailable arrest warrant after allegations that he was enrolled as a voter in multiple States, including Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. According to media reports, Prakash Raj was subsequently granted bail, and legal proceedings in the matter are continuing. The latest revelation is likely to trigger political debate, particularly amid ongoing scrutiny of electoral rolls and voter registration processes in Telangana.

Additional Collector Directs Officials to Ensure Prompt Disposal of Prajavani Petitions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed directed officials to examine and resolve petitions received during the Prajavani grievance redressal programme without delay. At the programme held at the District Collectorate on Monday, the Additional Collector, along with DRO Malathi and Additional Collector Vijayender Reddy, received 78 petitions from applicants across the district. Addressing officials, Faizan



Ahmed said people approach the administration with the hope that their grievances will be resolved and stressed that it is the responsibility of every department to uphold that trust. He instructed officials to process petitions promptly and avoid unnecessary delays in their scrutiny. He

further directed departments to clearly communicate the reasons for rejecting any application to the concerned applicant and ensure that action taken reports on all petitions are updated online without delay. District-level officers from various departments attended the programme.

CPM State Committee Member Battupalli Anuradha Calls for Massive Participation in Maha Dharna

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

CPM State Committee Member Battupalli Anuradha appealed to unemployed youth to participate in large numbers in the CPM Maha Dharna to be held at Indira Park, Hyderabad, on July 15, demanding the immediate filling of vacant posts in Central and State Government departments. Speaking to unemployed youth at the District Library in Bhongir, Anuradha criticized both the Central BJP Gov-



ernment and the Telangana State Government for failing to address the growing unemployment crisis. She demanded that the Centre fulfil its promise of creating two crore jobs annually and immediately fill over 10 lakh vacant posts in various Central Government departments. She alleged that despite nearly 79 years of

Independence, employment opportunities for educated youth continue to decline while unemployment is increasing at an alarming rate. She accused governments of making political promises to youth without providing meaningful employment, thereby pushing their future into uncertainty. Anuradha also criticized the Telangana Congress Government, stating that despite being in power for nearly two and a half years, it has failed to resolve the unemployment problem.

Minister Vivek Venkataswamy Visits Burugula Family in Palvancha



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Labour, Mines and Employment Minister Dr. Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy visited the residence of Burugula Vijayabhaskar Rao, a Senior Assistant at Kothagudem Thermal Power Station (KTPS), during his tour of Palvancha on Sunday. The courtesy visit highlighted the long-standing bond between the two families and drew appreciation from local residents. The Minister attended a tea gathering hosted by Vijayabhaskar Rao and his family, where he was accorded a warm welcome. Family members felicitated Dr. Vivek Venkataswamy with a traditional shawl as a mark of respect and affection. The Minister spent time interacting with the family, enquired about their well-being, and shared pleasant conversations in a cordial atmosphere. The visit reflected the enduring friendship and close relationship shared

by the families of Dr. Vivek Venkataswamy and Burugula Vijayabhaskar Rao over several years. Despite his official engagements, the Minister made time to personally visit the family, a gesture that was widely appreciated by those present. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Vivek Venkataswamy thanked the family for their warm hospitality and said that personal relationships and mutual respect strengthen social harmony. He expressed gratitude for the affection shown by the family and noted that the love and support of people inspire him to continue serving society with greater commitment. Family members thanked the Minister for accepting their invitation and visiting their home. They praised his simplicity, humility, and approachable nature, stating that despite holding a key ministerial portfolio, he continues to maintain close personal relationships and treats everyone with warmth and respect.

₹3.22 Crore Financial Assistance Distributed to 322 Beneficiaries Under Kalyana Lakshmi & Shaadi Mubarak

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi distributed ₹3.22 crore in financial assistance to 322 beneficiaries under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes at the MLA Camp Office in Miyapur. The beneficiaries belonged to Kondapur, Gachibowli, Serilingampally, Madhapur, Miyapur, Hafeezpet, Chandanagar, and Bharathi Nagar (Part)



divisions. The cheques were distributed in the presence of Yadav Cooperative Corporation Chairman Raghunath

Yadav, former corporators Hameed Patel and Uppalapati Srikanth, and senior leader Raghunath Reddy. Speaking on the occasion,

Gandhi said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is committed to the welfare of poor families. He said the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes provide vital financial support for the marriages of daughters from economically weaker sections and urged all eligible families to avail themselves of the benefits. Several public representatives, party leaders, and beneficiaries attended the programme.

KTR meets families of Telangana martyr Kishtaiah, late Sarpanch during Karimnagar-Sircilla tour

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday visited the family of Telangana movement martyr late constable Kishtaiah in Karimnagar, paid floral tributes to his portrait and reaffirmed the party's commitment to stand by the family. He also handed over a cheque towards the postgraduate medical education of Kishtaiah's daughter, Priyanka, as part of the financial assistance announced by BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao.

On the occasion, Rama Rao interacted with Kishtiaiah's wife



Padmavathi and other family members, blessed his newborn grandson, Vedanth Raghava Kishtiaiah, and presented clothes, gifts, a specially designed 'K'

locket and a KCR Kit. Former Ministers T Jeevan Reddy and Gangula Kamalakara, MLAs Padi Kaushik Reddy and K Sanjay, and other BRS leaders accompanied him. During his tour of Sircilla constituency earlier, the BRS working president visited Chippalapalli village in Mustabad mandal to console the family of late Sarpanch Mashetti Lachaiah, who recently died following an illness. After paying floral tributes to Lachaiah's portrait, he consoled the family members and assured them of the party's continued support. Senior BRS leaders were present during the visit. Indian entertainment news

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."

Trump, Netanyahu, Meloni Among 13 World Leaders Featured On Iran's Revenge List

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei's first public address after his father's funeral comes with a "revenge list", naming 13 world leaders after the death of the country's late supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The online "revenge list", published late on Saturday by Ham-shahri, a national Iranian daily newspaper, names 13 foreign leaders whom it portrays as targets following Khamenei's death. This publication coincided with the first public message from his son and successor, Mojtaba Khamenei, since his father's six-day funeral procession last week. The graphic layout depicts US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with sniper-style crosshair tar-



gets superimposed on their foreheads. Beneath them are 11 other leaders shown wearing orange prison uniforms, including British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, US Central Command Commander Brad Cooper, US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, Israel Defense

Forces Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, and Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar. In his statement, Mojtaba Khamenei said, "Vengeance is the will of our nation and must inevitably be carried out." He added, "These criminals, whose names appear on a list, will take to their graves the wish of a peaceful death in their beds." Despite the release of the graphic, there was no indication that the list had been officially endorsed by Tehran. Furthermore, Mojtaba Khamenei did not identify the spe-

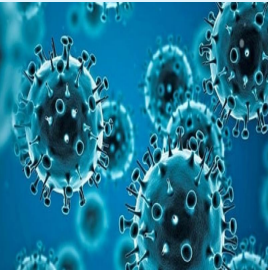
cific individuals he believed were responsible for his father's demise. The successor has not been seen in public since before the outbreak of hostilities and was reported to have suffered injuries in the same strike that killed Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on 28 February. This publication emerged as several US media outlets reported this week that Iran had planned to assassinate Trump. According to CNN, US officials had been monitoring what it described as a "steady drumbeat" of intelligence about possible threats to Trump. Citing unnamed sources familiar with the intelligence, the broadcaster reported that Israel had shared intelligence with Washington regarding a "specific" assassination plot targeting the US president.

Long Covid May Involve Injury to Dopamine-producing Neurons in Brain: Study

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A new study has put forth the strongest evidence to date that long COVID, in which neurological symptoms of COVID-19 such as brain fog and fatigue persist beyond the acute infection period, could be associated with an injury to dopamine-releasing neurons in the brain. The finding, published in the journal eBioMedicine, may explain symptoms such as lack of motivation due to fatigue, slowed movement, and memory difficulties, and could open the door to new treatment strategies, researchers said.

Researchers, led by those at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Canada, used positron emission tomography (PET) brain imaging to measure a well-established marker of dopamine neuron integrity in 24 people with long COVID and 43 healthy individuals.



Compared to healthy individuals, people with long COVID showed significantly lower levels of the imaging marker, indicating a reduced dopamine nerve endings density, across all major regions of the striatum -- the brain structure that plays a central role in motivation, movement and thinking.

Lower levels of the markers in the ventral striatum were specifically associated with a greater loss of motivation, while marker reductions in the dorsal putamen were associated with a slowed movement speed, and a marker loss in the caudate putamen was linked to memory difficulties. The study represents a notable shift

in how long COVID may be understood and treated, the researchers said. Previous studies predominantly focused on brain inflammation and immune changes that occur during long COVID, with almost no clinical trials targeting the dopamine-releasing neurons, they added.

"These results indicate that long COVID is, at least in part, a disorder of the brain's dopamine system," senior author Dr Jeffrey Meyer, senior scientist at the Brain Health Imaging Centre, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, said. "This suggests that repurposing medications that augment the function of dopamine-releasing neurons, including dopamine precursors and inhibitors of dopamine metabolism, could be a promising approach," Dr Meyer said. The authors wrote: "Loss of dopamine nerve terminals may be contributing to symptom correlates of apathy, motor slowing.

No Truth In Reports On India Rejected Trade Agreement With US: Piyush Goyal

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday dismissed reports suggesting that India had refused to move ahead with a trade agreement with the United States, calling them "completely false, baseless and misleading." He reaffirmed that both countries remain fully engaged in negotiations aimed at concluding a balanced and commercially meaningful trade pact. Goyal's clarification came after media reports claimed that India had rejected a quick interim trade agreement with Washington and was holding out for more favourable terms. A Reuters report, citing officials and analysts, suggested that New Delhi was reluctant to compromise on sensitive sectors, particularly agriculture, and



had opted against a fast-tracked deal. Rejecting these claims, Goyal said India and the US continue to work closely toward an agreement that benefits businesses, farmers, workers and consumers in both countries. Referring to his meeting with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer last month, the minister said both sides had reaffirmed their commitment to achieving a balanced trade agreement. "Our teams remain fully engaged in achieving this objective," Goyal said in a post on X, emphasizing that negotiations are progressing

in a structured and constructive manner. Echoing the minister's remarks, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal also denied that there were any hurdles in the ongoing negotiations. He stated that India sees no challenges in concluding the trade agreement and both sides are prepared to sign the pact when the timing is appropriate. "We don't see any challenge in India-US trade deal negotiations. The discussions are moving forward within an agreed framework and engagement between the two sides has been regular," Agarwal told reporters. The Commerce Secretary highlighted the steady pace of negotiations, noting that the Indian delegation visited the US in May, followed by a visit by the American team to India in June. He added that discussions have continued under

the agreed framework and are progressing positively. On the broader trade environment, Agarwal said developments related to tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) are also being addressed through ongoing consultations. India, he said, remains an active participant in these discussions alongside other countries. Agarwal stressed that the groundwork for the proposed India-US trade framework has largely been completed and that trade between the two countries continues to remain robust despite global economic uncertainties. He said the framework agreement is ready, negotiations are advancing smoothly, and both nations are awaiting the appropriate time to formally sign the deal.

10 Indians Rescued, One Missing After Vessel Attacked Off Oman

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India said on Sunday that 11 of its nationals were on a vessel that was struck in waters east of Oman as Iran and the United States traded fresh fire. "Of the 11 Indian nationals on board, 10 have been rescued so far, while one Indian national is reportedly missing," the Indian foreign ministry said in a statement. Search-and-rescue operations were un-

derway after the commercial vessel, GFS Galaxy, was attacked off the coast of Oman early on Sunday, the ministry statement said. US Central Command said the vessel had been disabled by fire and damage to its engine room, accusing Tehran of attacking the ship. British maritime agency UKMTO said the crew had abandoned the vessel and were on a lifeboat, adding that the incident occurred around 17

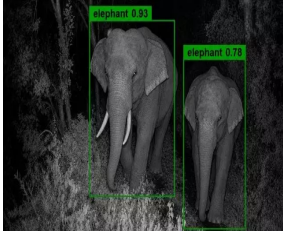
kilometres (10 miles) east of Oman. The attack came as Tehran announced it was closing the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday and launched missiles and drones at its Gulf neighbours in retaliation for new US strikes. The Indian foreign ministry said the attacks on commercial shipping in the region were "deeply worrisome". "The targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in the re-

gion must end," it said. "... free and unimpeded navigation... through the international waterways in the region, in keeping with international law, must be restored at the earliest." The fresh tensions threatened an interim agreement aimed at ending the Middle East war that began on February 28 with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, including one that killed former supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

Chhattisgarh's Udanti-Sitanadi Becomes India's First Tiger Reserve To Deploy AI Smart Surveillance

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The state forest department has launched a pilot project deploying an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based smart surveillance system in the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve (USTR) in Chhattisgarh as a significant technological initiative in wildlife conservation and forest protection. Under the project, P2P (Point to Point) modules and trolley-mounted cameras installed on towers approximately 70-80 ft high will be used to conduct real-time monitoring



of wildlife movements and illegal activities in remote and inaccessible forest areas of the reserve. The trial of the pilot project was successfully done on Monday, a forest officer said. The USTR is the first tiger reserve in the country where the AI-based smart surveillance system was deployed for conservation of the wildlife and protection of the

forest, the deputy director of the USTR Varun Kumar Jain told this newspaper. "The project is being initially implemented in strategically important ranges adjoining the Odisha border, namely Kulhadighat Range, Indagon Range, Risagaon Range, South Udanti Range, and Payalikhanda North Udanti Range. These areas comprise dense forests and rugged plateaus and serve as critical movement corridors for elephants and other wildlife species. They are also considered vulnerable to narcotics trafficking, illegal wildlife

trade, timber smuggling and encroachment", Mr. Jain said. The AI-enabled cameras will automatically identify key wildlife species such as Asian elephants, tigers, leopards, and sloth bears. In addition, the system will detect human activities involving poachers, illegal intruders, timber smugglers, and encroachers. The significant feature of the system is that the surveillance units are fully portable and can be deployed at any location as required. Whenever a wild animal or a suspicious person is detected, the system.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Uddhav Backs.....

The BJP's protest began on June 20, while educator and activist Wangchuk joined the agitation on June 28 and has been on an indefinite hunger strike since then. Wangchuk's health has deteriorated, with doctors on Sunday reporting a drop in his blood pressure and a total weight loss of 7.8 kg since the fast began.

The outfit has announced a march to Parliament on July 20, the opening day of the Monsoon Session. Thackeray said parties should back the BJP protest "without any political flag". Even Rahul Gandhi should support the agitation, the former Maharashtra chief minister said. There was nothing lowly in asking Union Education Minister

Pradhan to resign, the Sena (UBT) leader said. On July 20, when the BJP undertakes a protest march to Parliament in New Delhi, the Sena (UBT) will also stage a protest in Maharashtra to extend support to the cause, he said.

The Sena (UBT) MPs will raise this issue during the monsoon session, Thackeray said.

He also appealed to Wangchuk to withdraw his hunger strike, saying his life is precious to the country, as the government doesn't seem to care about the protest.

Thackeray also said he will go to Nagpur on July 18 for the 'Ram Raksha' protest, which he launched earlier this month against the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

Ram Mandir.....

Tinnu Yadav, a former driver of Champat Rai, was reportedly in charge of the keys of donation boxes, while Srivastava, a former bank employee, was involved in overseeing the donation-counting process.

Police have already interrogated four accused -- Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra and Karunesh Pandey -- in separate police remands and claimed to have gathered key evidence related to the alleged donation theft. The eight accused named in the SIT report, which formed the basis for their arrest, include Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey, Ramashankar Mishra, Subhash Srivastava and

Ram Shankar Yadav alias Tinnu. All accused were produced before Special Judge, Anti-Corruption Court, Rajat Verma, on June 29 and were remanded in judicial custody for two weeks after police did not seek their custody, special prosecution officer Umesh Dubey had said.

Anthropic Pushes.....

In the United States, Anthropic has argued AI training is covered as "fair use" of material, which does not require rightsholders' consent. The Australian officials disputed this in the briefing note, saying the matter was "not settled".

In Australia, AI companies require permission from copyright holders through a voluntary licence. Anthropic was told Australia

would not introduce a text and data mining exception in its copyright law, and was in talks with a range of stakeholders over the issue.

Anthropic "purport there is a 'long tail' of smaller rights holders which impedes efforts to identify and purchase licensing rights", the officials wrote.

Anthropic did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the Australian meeting.

Revanth Leaves.....

Revanth Reddy has also sought appointment with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil. Sources said irrigation is expected to be one of the key focus areas of the meetings, with Revanth Reddy likely to press for early clearances for pending projects in the Godavari and

Krishna river basins, release of Central funds and discussions on inter-state river water disputes.

Separately, Revanth Reddy is likely to meet senior Congress leaders to discuss organisational matters and the filling of long-pending nominated posts in state-run corporations. The two-year tenure of 37 chairpersons ended last week. Discussions are likely to focus on which incumbents should be given another term, who should be replaced, and which senior leaders and party functionaries who have worked for the Congress should be accommodated in the fresh round of appointments.

Sources said Revanth Reddy was also expected to submit the final list of recommended names to the party leadership for approval.

CRIME

Telangana HC Directs CID Probe Into 74-Acre Land Encroachment in Injapur Village

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Monday ordered a Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe into the alleged encroachment of more than 74 acres of government land in Survey No 126 of Injapur of Rangareddy district, that was notified as a lake. The court also directed the revenue department to take action against officials whose laxity led to the encroachment. The court directed the CID to conduct the inquiry in three months into the involvement of all officials concerned as well as private individuals in relation to encroachment of the land. Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka issued the order



while disposing of a writ petition filed by Chandra Mohan Reddy Somi Reddy, who sought action on his representation alleging illegal occupation of government land, fraudulent land transactions and official inaction. Further, Justice Bheemapaka directed the principal secretary, revenue, to take immediate action against persons responsible for not preventing the encroachments, particularly the officers at mandal level such as the tahsildar and the grama palana of-

ficer, the first-level government servants responsible to prevent and recover encroached land, and file a comprehensive report within four weeks. The court expressed dismay at how the revenue officials had ignored the encroachments in the entire extent of land with multistorey buildings coming up, when revenue records and the Rangareddy district collector's own counter affidavit confirmed that Survey No. 126, measuring 74.16 acres was recorded as

"sarkari" land and notified as "Jilavarkhan Cheruvu" a water body. The court faulted the authorities for failing to explain the legal basis for such occupations or identify the authorities responsible for permitting them. The judge said it was nothing but revenue authorities sailing with the miscreants or encroachers by ignoring their statutory duty of protecting public or government land. The bench expressed serious concern that the authorities had failed to provide any details regarding alienation, assignment, transfer or lawful authorisation for the occupation of government land by various institutions, residential colonies, roads, buildings and other structures.

Chain Snatcher Arrested in Miyapur; Stolen Gold Ornaments Recovered

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Bachupally Police arrested a 23-year-old chain snatcher for allegedly robbing a woman of her gold ornaments near Miyapur X Road on July 9 and recovered the stolen property. According to police, the victim, Oddiraju Bharathi (63), and her husband had returned from Hanamkonda after attending a family function. At around 8:30 pm, while they were waiting for an Ola auto near the Miyapur bus stop, an unidentified man approached Bharathi from behind, snatched her mangalsutra and chandraharam, and fled. Based on the complaint,



police registered a case and arrested the accused, Kukkala Narendra (23), a native of Kalapuram Basti, Narasapuram, West Godavari district. Police recovered a gold Chandraharam weighing 25.5 grams and two mangalsutras with a partially broken gold chain weighing 14.7 grams from the accused. Further investigation is in progress.

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.

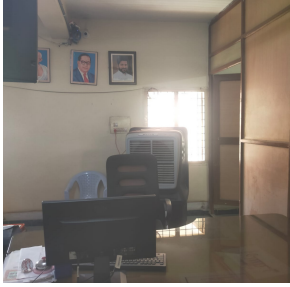
19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

A 19-year-old youth allegedly died by suicide at his residence in BJR Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Kapra, on Sunday night. According to the police, the deceased, Lingala Ganesh, was alone at home after his parents had gone to their native village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, while his siblings were staying at a relative's house. When Ganesh did not respond to phone calls during the night, the family assumed he was asleep. On Monday morning, the victim's father, Lingala Ramulu, was informed by his elder son that Ganesh had allegedly hanged himself.

Absence of Permanent Sub-Registrar Delays Registration Services in Kapra

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The continued absence of a permanent Sub-Registrar at the Kapra Sub-Registrar's Office has led to delays in registration services, causing inconvenience to the public. The office has reportedly been functioning under an In-Charge Sub-Registrar for several months following the leave of the previous officer. Residents and document writers alleged that the increasing number of property reg-



istrations has resulted in a backlog of pending files, with applicants forced to make repeated visits for routine registration work. They claimed that delays in document verification and processing have affected the timely delivery

of services. Local residents said representations have been submitted to the District Collector and senior officials seeking the appointment of a regular Sub-Registrar, but no action has been taken so far. They urged the State Government and the Department of Stamps and Registration to immediately appoint a permanent Sub-Registrar to improve administrative efficiency, clear pending registrations, and ensure transparent and timely public services.

Senior Police Officials Supervise Security Arrangements for 104th Bonala Utsav

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Senior police officials conducted a comprehensive inspection and supervised security arrangements for the 104th Bonala Utsav of Sri Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma and Mata Mahankali Temple, assuring full cooperation for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the annual religious celebrations. Leading the supervision, DCP Raghavendra Reddy, along with Additional DCP Krishna Goud, ACP Tirupati, CI Ramulu (Kulchampur Police Station)



and CI Balakrishna (Tapachabutra Police Station), reviewed crowd management, traffic regulation, law and order, and other security measures around the temple premises. The senior officers interacted with members of the temple management and Bonalu festival commit-

tee, assuring them that adequate police personnel would be deployed to ensure the safety and convenience of devotees expected to participate in large numbers. They also appealed to devotees and the public to cooperate with the police by following traffic diversions and security guidelines during

the festivities. The temple committee members expressed gratitude to the Hyderabad Police for their proactive support and coordination in making the traditional Bonalu celebrations successful. Among those present were Pooja Committee President Katta Lingam, General Secretary Alley Ram Kumar, Advisors Gudaboyina Siva Ratnam, Senapati Chandrasekhar, Katta Narsing Rao, Gudumani Ashok Kumar, and Gandla Niranjan Babu, along with other committee members and devotees.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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



Sitharaman Urges Public Sector Banks To Woo Nris, Launch Innovative Forex Deposit Products

“They expressed confidence that ECB mobilisations would gather stronger traction during the third quarter (October-December 2026) of the current fiscal year”: Reports

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has directed public sector banks (PSBs) to intensify their engagement with non-resident Indians (NRIs) and introduce innovative foreign currency deposit products to attract higher forex inflows into the country. The move follows the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent measures aimed at strengthening India's external sector and enhancing foreign currency resources. Chairing a review meeting with the managing directors and chief executives of public sector banks on Monday, Sitharaman reviewed the pro-



gress of initiatives linked to foreign currency mobilisation. She urged banks to make full use of the opportunities created by the RBI's latest policy measures, particularly those relating to Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits, External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs), and Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCBs). According to the Finance Ministry, the min-

ister called upon banks to proactively reach out to the global Indian diaspora, expand customer engagement through innovative deposit schemes, and sustain the momentum of foreign currency mobilisation during the remaining tenure of the RBI's special measures. The ministry said bank chiefs informed the meeting that PSBs are currently offering attractive returns on FCNR(B) deposits, including five-

year tenure deposits. The RBI's decision to temporarily suspend the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits has further enhanced their appeal among overseas Indians. The CEOs of public sector banks reported encouraging responses from NRIs residing in key international markets, including Singapore, Hong Kong, the Gulf region, the United Kingdom, the United States and several other countries. They stated that the improved interest rates and supportive regulatory framework have generated significant interest among overseas depositors. Bank executives also presented their plans to further accelerate for-

eign currency deposit mobilisation over the coming months. They expressed confidence that External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) mobilisation would gain stronger momentum during the third quarter of the current financial year, covering the October to December 2026 period. Public sector banks informed the Finance Minister that they have adopted customised outreach strategies, including digital engagement platforms, to connect with NRIs across the globe. They also noted that FCNR(B) deposit mobilisation has shown a steady and accelerating trend due to the attractive returns currently being offered.

India's Russian crude imports hit record high in June: CREA

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India's imports of Russian crude oil climbed to a record high in June, even as Russia's overall oil export revenues declined amid softer global prices, according to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA). The report said India imported Russian crude worth EUR 4.5 billion during the month, a 34 per cent increase over May. Crude oil accounted for 83 per cent of India's total Russian fossil fuel imports, which stood at EUR 5.5 billion in June, making India the second-largest buyer of Russian hydrocarbons after China. The rise in purchases came alongside a 5.4 per cent month-on-month increase in India's overall crude oil imports, with Russian supplies to several major refineries wit-

nessing sharp growth. Imports of Russian crude at Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery surged 150 per cent from the previous month, while Indian Oil Corporation's Paradip refinery recorded a 126 per cent increase. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd's Kochi refinery increased imports by 83 per cent, and Nayara Energy's Vadinar refinery saw shipments rise 45 per cent, according to CREA. The stronger demand from India helped boost Russia's crude export volumes by 14 per cent in June. However, lower crude prices weighed on export earnings, with Russia's crude oil export revenues falling 8 per cent month-on-month to EUR 348 million per day. Overall, Russia's fossil fuel export revenues slipped 1 per cent to EUR 734 million per day despite a 7 per cent increase in export volumes during

the month, the report said. "India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in June 2026, importing a total of EUR 5.5 billion of Russian hydrocarbons. Crude oil constituted 83 per cent of India's purchases, totalling EUR 4.5 billion," CREA said, adding that oil products worth EUR 488 million and coal worth EUR 444 million made up the remainder of India's imports from Russia. The report also highlighted India's growing role in global trade of refined petroleum products processed from Russian crude. Refineries in India, Türkiye, Brunei and Georgia exported oil products worth EUR 814 million to countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia, including the European Union, Australia and the United States, during June.

Telangana Govt Gears Up for Grand Ashadha Bonalu Jatara with Massive Arrangements

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Santosh Chowdary

The Telangana government has completed extensive preparations for the Ashadha Bonalu Jatara, one of the state's most significant cultural and spiritual festivals, with Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar announcing that all departments have been placed on high alert to ensure smooth and safe celebrations from July 16 to August 13.

The Minister said the government has released Rs 15.05 crore for 3,427 temples under the old GHMC limits under the leadership of Endowments Minister Konda Surekha to facilitate the Bonalu festivities. He emphasized that the festival reflects Telangana's rich cultural heritage and that every effort is being made to provide devotees with a safe, convenient and spiritually fulfilling experience. Bonalu celebrations will commence on July 16 at

the historic Sri Jagadamba Mahankali Temple, Golconda. The Balkampet Yellamma Kalyanotsavam will be held from July 20 to 22, featuring the Kogamala Utsavam, Kalyanam and Rathotsavam. The famous Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Temple in Secunderabad will host Bonalu on August 2, followed by the traditional Rangam programme on August 3. The grand Lal Darwaza Simhavahini Mahankali Bonalu will take place on August 9,



with elaborate arrangements at all major temples across Hyderabad. Ponnamp Prabhakar said lakhs of devotees are expected to visit temples during the festivities, prompting coordinated

efforts by the Endowments Department, GHMC, Police, Roads and Buildings, Transco, Hyderabad Metro Water Supply and Sewerage Board, Civil Supplies, TGSRTC, Railways, In-

formation and Public Relations Department, Archaeology Department and other government agencies. Authorities have been directed to ensure queue management, drinking water, sanitation, uninterrupted power supply, road repairs, traffic regulation, medical facilities, security, special bus services, floral decorations and illumination at all temple locations. As part of the official celebrations, Ministers, public representatives

and senior officials will offer traditional silk robes on behalf of the State government at nearly 30 prominent temples, including Golconda Mahankali, Ujjaini Mahankali, Chilakalguda Katta Maisamma-Pochamma, Akkanna-Madanna Temple, Karwan Darbar Maisamma, Lal Darwaza Simhavahini Mahankali, Charminar Bhagyalakshmi Temple and Meeralam Mandi Mahankali Temple. A traditional fruit-cart procession will also be

organised following the Bonalu celebrations. Appealing to devotees to co-operate with the police and follow official guidelines, the Minister said the government is committed to conducting the festival peacefully. He also encouraged devotees from across Telangana to participate in the celebrations, noting that the State government is operating free bus services for women, making travel to Bonalu festivities easier and more accessible.

AIMIM Leads Voter Enumeration and Mapping Drive in Jalpally Division



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a proactive effort to support the ongoing electoral roll revision process, AIMIM leaders actively assisted residents in Division 64 of Jalpally Municipality by facilitating the filling of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Enumeration Forms and conducting voter mapping at the ground level. The initiative covered Booth Nos. 202 and 203 in Osman Nagar, where AIMIM Area President Samad Bin Abdullah Ghaitan and Area President Dr. Mustafa Ali Sufaiyani personally supervised the activities. Working alongside Booth Level Officers (BLOs), the leaders ensured that local residents received the necessary guidance and assistance in completing the enumeration forms accurately.

Apart from helping citizens with the documentation process, AIMIM workers were seen actively participating in voter mapping to verify electoral details and ensure that eligible voters were properly included in the electoral rolls. The exercise aimed to make the revision process more accessible while addressing the concerns of residents at the grassroots level. Local residents appreciated the support extended by the AIMIM team, which helped streamline the enumeration process and improve awareness about voter registration requirements. The party leaders reiterated their commitment to assisting the public during the electoral roll revision and ensuring that every eligible citizen is able to exercise their democratic right without difficulty.

FXCON 2026 Calls for Stronger, Future-Ready FFMC Sector

FXCON 2026 - Charts Roadmap for a Stronger, Digitally Enabled and Future-Ready FFMC Sector!

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Full Fledged Money Changers (FFMCs) from across India have called for a fair, competitive and digitally empowered business environment while welcoming the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest regulatory reforms at FXCON 2026 – The Brainstorming, held in Hyderabad. Organised by the Foreign Exchange Money Transfer Association (FEMTA), the convention brought together more than 80 delegates representing Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Delhi, Kerala and other States to deliberate on the future of the FFMC sector under the evolving regulatory framework. The participants appreciated the RBI's digital transformation initiatives, particularly the PRAVAAH platform, the Centralized Information Management System (CIMS) portal and the centralisation of regu-



latory reporting. They noted that the CIMS portal allows FFMCs to submit reports directly to the RBI without depending on Authorised Dealer (AD) Category-I banks, while PRAVAAH has simplified regulatory approvals through a single-window system. Members also welcomed the streamlined process for opening new branches and changing branch addresses, describing these measures as significant improvements in ease of doing business. However, the convention also highlighted concerns over the increasing compliance burden and operational challenges arising from the revised regulatory framework. Delegates

stressed the need for FFMCs to strengthen governance, reporting systems and internal compliance mechanisms to meet the RBI's evolving expectations. Participants also expressed concern over the growing dominance and alleged anti-competitive practices of certain AD Category-I and AD Category-II entities, urging regulators to ensure a level playing field for independent FFMCs. Former RBI Manager Sudhakar Rao Desai explained the revised regulatory directions and clarified practical compliance issues. Industry experts K.V. Ashok Kumar, K.L. Arun, Advocate Khushal Mal Lodha and CA Raghu Vamsi Krishna

delivered technical sessions on artificial intelligence, compliance, mergers, acquisitions and business expansion. FEMTA Secretary General Mukesh Gandhi emphasised the need for FFMCs to reorganise their businesses, strengthen accountability, ensure timely regulatory reporting and maintain accurate data under the new compliance regime. The convention unanimously resolved to submit a memorandum to the concerned regulators seeking practical reforms to ensure fair competition, protect independent FFMCs and support sustainable sectoral growth. FEMTA President B. Raja Reddy thanked delegates for their participation, while Mukesh Gandhi assured members that the association would strengthen nationwide coordination, policy advocacy and knowledge-sharing to build a resilient, digitally enabled and future-ready FFMC sector.

India's Russian crude imports hit record in Jun even as Moscow's oil revenues slip

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India's imports of Russian crude oil surged to a record high in June, rising 34 per cent from the previous month despite a decline in Russia's overall oil export revenues, according to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA). India bought Russian crude worth EUR 4.5 billion in June, accounting for 83 per cent of its total Russian fossil fuel imports of EUR 5.5 billion, making it the second-largest buyer of Russian hydrocarbons after China, the report said. The sharp increase came as India's overall crude imports rose 5.4 per cent month-on-month, with Russian supplies to key refineries posting steep gains. Deliveries to Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery jumped 150 per cent from May, while imports at Indian Oil Corp's Paradip refinery rose 126 per cent. BPCL's Kochi refinery and Nayara Energy's Vadinar refinery recorded increases of 83 per cent and 45 per cent, respectively, CREA said. The surge in Indian purchases helped lift Russia's crude export volumes by 14 per cent in June, even

as its crude oil export revenues fell 8 per cent month-on-month to EUR 348 million a day due to lower prices. Overall, Russian fossil fuel export revenues declined 1 per cent to EUR 734 million per day despite a 7 per cent rise in export volumes, the report added. "India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in June 2026, importing a total of EUR 5.5 billion of Russian hydrocarbons. Crude oil constituted 83 per cent of India's purchases, totalling EUR 4.5 billion. Oil products (EUR 488 million) and coal (EUR 444 million) constituted the remainder of their monthly Russian imports," CREA said. India continued to play a key role in global trade flows of refined fuels produced from Russian crude. Refineries in India, Türkiye, Brunei and Georgia exported oil products worth EUR 814 million to countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia in June, including the European Union, Australia and the United States. An estimated EUR 369 million of those exports were refined from Russian crude, it added. The report noted that despite the European Union's ban on imports of oil products made from Russian.

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
Wakeup telangana

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.

KTR Wants TG to Pump Godavari Water, Disputes NDSA Report on Barrage

He said water flow at Kannepalli would continue over the next 100 days and added that 200 to 300 tmc ft could be drawn by lifting two to three tmc ft daily

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday urged the Telangana government to immediately operate the motors at the Kannepalli pump house to draw Godavari water, alleging that the Congress government was wasting a crucial opportunity to secure irrigation and drinking water supplies.

Reviewing water levels at the Lower Manair Dam, KTR said the Godavari would continue to receive adequate inflows for nearly 100 days, enabling the State to lift 200 to 300 TMC ft of water by pumping 2 to 3 TMC ft daily. He said



this would help fill the Sriramsagar Project and several other reservoirs across Telangana. Referring to technical assessments by retired irrigation engineers, KTR said water could be lifted when the river width reaches 93 metres, but despite the Godavari flowing at 97 metres, the government had failed to operate the Kannepalli pumps. He alleged that

supply to agriculture because it would have to procure paddy and pay farmers the announced bonus.

The BRS leader said there was sufficient scope to store water at the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, where grouting works had been completed in 2024. He maintained that water could also be supplied to major irrigation projects through the Mid Manair system if motors at three key locations were operated.

KTR also warned of a possible drinking water crisis in Hyderabad, stating that the Sripada Yellampalli Project currently had inadequate water storage. He added that

power generation at NTPC and the Jaipur Thermal Power Plant could also be impacted if water scarcity continued. Questioning the government's delay in lifting water from Annaram and Sundilla, KTR said both the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and retired engineers had indicated that water could be lifted at a limited level. He dismissed the NDSA report as "false," questioned how it was prepared within 48 hours, and alleged that it unfairly blamed former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao based on what he termed a BJP-backed report.

Hyderabad IT Corridor to Get Five Free Rest Cabins for Gig Workers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Amazon India have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish five free rest cabins for gig and delivery workers under Amazon's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. The rest cabins will be set up at Kondapur, Telapur, Patancheru, Bharathi



Nagar, and Chandanagar, and will be fully funded by Amazon India. The facilities will be open free of cost to delivery personnel and gig workers from all platforms, providing access to resting space, drinking water, refresh-

ments, and washroom facilities. The MoU was signed in the presence of Special Chief Secretary (MAUD) Jayesh Ranjan, CMC Commissioner G. Srijana, and the Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner. The initiative aims to improve the welfare of gig workers, who spend long hours delivering services across Hyderabad's busy IT corridor and surrounding residential areas.

Removing mangalsutra, Hyderabad woman pleads before SC in 15-yr-old case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A woman from Hyderabad, appearing before the Supreme Court in person, made an emotional plea to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant on Monday, July 13, telling the bench that 15 years of pendency in her case had left her family unable to afford food or education for her children. Video of the exchange, in which the woman is seen removing her jewellery as she spoke, went viral on social media.

Appearing without a lawyer, the woman told the bench, "Milord, milord, I am from Hyderabad... for 15 years, we have not been living a life. Our lives have been ruined. Our entire families have been destroyed. We are making this request together, milord."

CJI Kant initially told her the matter would be listed for hearing the following Monday before a special bench, and suggested she need not travel to appear in person. "You can attend online and you will be heard for as long as you wish," he said, adding that



she should not spend money on travelling. The woman, however, persisted, telling the court that her family's distress ran too deep to be conveyed online. "Humare bachchon ko khana tak nahin de paa rahe hain, education nahin de paa rahe hain (I am unable to feed my family or pay for their education)," she said, before invoking the mangalsutra – the sacred marital necklace worn by married Hindu women – telling the bench nothing was left around her neck, in an apparent gesture of desperation as she appeared to remove her jewellery before the court. CJI Kant reassured her that her matter would be taken up by a special bench the following week

and listed "on top of the board," ensuring she would get a hearing. The specific nature of the underlying case was not disclosed during the brief exchange. The moment comes days after the CJI constituted four special division benches to exclusively hear the Supreme Court's oldest pending civil and criminal matters, an administrative reform aimed at clearing nearly 800 long-pending cases through structured docket management. It could not be ascertained whether the woman's case falls under this newly created roster, though the 15-year timeline she cited matches the profile of matters the reform is intended to address.

Congress govt turns to Devadula amid BRS pressure

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Facing sustained pressure from the Opposition BRS over the alleged failure to utilise Godavari floodwaters, the Congress government on Monday moved to maximise operations at the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme by ordering round-the-clock pumping and releasing Rs. 146 crore for pending works. However, it remained firm in refusing to operate the Kannepalli pumps under the Kaleshwaram project, citing safety concerns raised by technical experts. After



inspecting the Devadula project, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy directed officials to run all pumps continuously whenever adequate flows were available in the Godavari River to fill

completion, the project is expected to irrigate nearly 5.6 lakh acres across several districts while strengthening drinking water supply in north Telangana. Officials informed the Ministers that seven pumps were currently operational and that all 10 pumps together could lift 0.23 TMCft of water per day. Even as it stepped up Devadula operations, the government dismissed the BRS' demand to activate the Kannepalli pumps through the Kaleshwaram system. Bhatti Vikramarka accused the previous BRS government of

ignoring engineering advice during the construction of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages, alleging that political decisions led to their failure. He said the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and the Central Water Commission had advised against impounding water in the three barrages until restoration works were completed. He maintained that since operating the Kannepalli pumps required storing water behind the barrages by closing the gates, it could endanger the structures.



Cyberabad Police on Monday, July 13, said they have busted a five-member gang involved in a series of motorcycle thefts across Telangana and neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, arresting three of its members and recovering 21 stolen bikes along with a car allegedly used to scout targets.

9966806010

whole sale & retail

9966228274

AL BUSHRA

PERFUME CENTER

ONLY CENTRE FOR FAMOUS AND PURE SANDAL AND ATTAR IN HYDERABAD

PROPRIETOR: MD AKRAM ALI

MACHLI KAMAN, CHARMINAR ROAD HYDERABAD

Kishan Reddy launches Singreni Bharosa Yatra, says Tadicherla-2 coal block is future of SCCL

Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy said the Centre allocated the Tadicherla-2 coal block to SCCL with Singareni's future in mind. He urged the Telangana government to clear Rs 54,000 crore in dues and highlighted the Centre's support for the coal company.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



As the Congress government and the BJP engaged in a war of words over claiming credit for the allocation of the Tadicherla-2 coal block to SCCL, Union Coal Minister G Kishan Reddy asserted that the Modi government allocated the block to the company out of its commitment to Telangana and with the future of Singareni in mind. Singareni workers, local residents, public representatives and various political parties had, for nearly 20 years, wanted the coal block to be allocated to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). It was the only coal block in the country allocated to a public sector coal company without an auction. In view of the declining revenues of Singareni, Tadicherla-2 would be a valuable coal block with the potential for coal production spanning 40 to 50

years. The workforce, which once stood at around 70,000, has now come down to nearly 40,000, while over 30,000 contract workers depend on Singareni for their livelihood. New coal blocks were essential to secure their future, he said. Kishan Reddy launched the 'Singareni Bharosa Yatra' here on Monday and addressed meetings of Singareni workers and intellectuals at Kothagudem and Manuguru. The Supreme Court cancelled the coal block allocations made by the UPA government led by Manmohan Singh following a massive coal scam worth around Rs 2.60 lakh crore. In 2014, the court directed that future coal block allocations be made through

auctions to public or private entities, he said. Nearly 11 years later, Tadicherla-2 was the only coal block to be directly allocated to Singareni without an auction. The Centre has already allocated the Naini coal block in Odisha to Singareni to meet the power needs of Telangana. This proves the Centre's support for Singareni. Both the previous BRS regime and the current Congress government acted negligently regarding the clearance of dues worth Rs 54,000 crore to Singareni. Out of this, the current government also owes a substantial amount, Kishan Reddy said. He demanded that the State government immediately release the funds due to Singareni rather than limiting itself to giving assurances. The funds due to Singareni were not charity from governments but hard-earned revenue generated through the sweat of its workers, he added.

Man held for stealing Rs 5.5 lakh from employer's car

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Sultan Bazar Police on Monday, July 13, arrested a 33-year-old individual who allegedly stole Rs 5.50 lakh from his employer's car. The accused, Kuthadi Hari Kumar, worked as a driver for the victim, who is a businessman. The theft occurred on July 9 at Bank Street in the Koti area, where the victim was allegedly shopping. Kumar stole the cash and fled to Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh.

Based on the victim's complaint, the Sultan Bazar Police registered a case under theft. Kumar was apprehended at Shadnagar Bus Stand. Investigation revealed that he had been suffering from financial constraints and resentment over perceived inadequate compensation from his employer. Police recovered Rs 5,04,900 of the stolen cash, two mobile phones purchased using the stolen money and the vehicle key.

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.

HYDRAA launches portal for online fire NOC applications

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Monday, July 13, launched an online system for Fire NOC (no objection certificate) services. Inaugurating the online service (click here), Commissioner AV Ranganath said with the new facility, applicants can submit their applications online, renew existing or new Fire NOCs and pay fees online, thus eliminating



the need to visit HYDRAA offices. After relevant documents are uploaded, HYDRAA officials will inspect on-site to verify if fire regulations

were duly followed. Once the approvals are granted, the authorisation documents will be uploaded online.