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Congress Invite Mamata to Event, Asks To Admit Quitting Party As Mistake

West Bengal Congress president Subhankar Sarkar on Tuesday invited TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee to the party's July 21 programme in Kolkata, saying she should acknowledge that leaving the Congress nearly three decades ago was a "mistake".

Speaking to reporters after reviewing preparations for the 'Martyrs' Day' programme at Shahid Minar, Sarkar said Banerjee should recognise the historical significance of the July 21, 1993 movement instead of "attempting to rewrite its legacy".

"If Mamata Banerjee really has the courage, she should not distort history. She should admit that she took a wrong political decision in the past. She is welcome to come to our programme at Shahid Minar and pay tribute to the martyrs," he said.

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"Are You Muslim?" Indian Man Stabbed 15 Times In US Mall

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A routine day at a shopping mall in Utah turned into a horrifying act of violence after a kiosk employee was allegedly attacked because of his religion.

According to court documents, 48-year-old Peter Michael Larsen told investigators he deliberately targeted the victim because he was Muslim and that he "intends to kill Muslims".

The incident took place on Monday inside Valley Fair Mall in West Valley City. Police say Larsen approached the worker,



later identified by friends as Sohail, struck up a conversation and asked about his religion before launching the attack.

Authorities have charged Larsen with attempted murder and prohibited dangerous weapon conduct. He is being held at the Salt Lake County jail.

Luna Nunez, who works at a nearby jewellery store told ABC Salt Lake City that Larsen first asked Sohail where he was from.

"He [Larsen] asked, 'where are you from', and he told him, 'I'm from India, my name's Sohail,' Larsen said 'are you Muslim', and Sohail said yes, and he just began stabbing him."

Utah Islamic Center Imam Shuaib Din told the Salt Lake Tribune that Larsen had also asked Sohail for a bottle of water. As Sohail turned to get it, the suspect allegedly pulled out a knife and attacked him.

A GoFundMe campaign

started by Nunez says Sohail was stabbed 15 times. He has undergone multiple surgeries and remains in critical condition.

Before police reached the scene, several bystanders tackled Larsen and held him down, preventing the attack from continuing.

Investigators said Larsen poses "a substantial danger to the public" because of his "violent actions... ideologies and pre-planned mass casualty events".

Larsen was later treated for injuries he suffered while being restrained before being taken into custody.

2 Killed After E-Scooter Charging Sparks Noida Building Fire

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A fire broke out in a multi-storeyed building in a Noida village on Wednesday, killing two people, police said. The fire was later brought under control and around 50 tenants, residing in the building in Mamura village in Sector 66, were

evacuated safely, officials said. Police said two residents -- a man and a woman -- who were rushed to the hospital were declared dead by doctors. According to Joint Commissioner of Police Rajiv Mishra, the ground-plus-four building had around 10 to 12 rooms on each floor that were being used as res-

idential flats. The landlord has been arrested. The fire appears to have been sparked by an electric two-wheeler being charged inside the building. It spread to nearby petrol powered two-wheelers parked in the premises, Mishra said. Seven fire tenders and a hydraulic platform were rushed to the spot imme-

diately after the blaze was reported and most residents were safely evacuated. "Two persons, who already had health-related issues, fell ill after inhaling smoke and were shifted to the district hospital by ambulance," Mishra told reporters. An FIR has been registered at Phase-3 police station against the building owner

Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant Files Released on Dark Web

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Ransomware group World Leaks has posted on the dark web a huge cache of files related to India's largest nuclear plant, including purported blueprints of parts of its facilities and supplier details — information it labelled as coming from Reliance Group. The Kudankulam Nuclear Power Plant, located in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, is the largest of



India's seven nuclear plants and central to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious plans to expand the country's atomic energy capacity.

Indian businessman Anil Ambani's Reliance Group,

one of the plant's contractors, told Reuters in a statement that there had been a "partial breach" of its data on a server hosted by third-party Indian data centre service provider Yotta, and that the government has been informed about the incident. Reliance did not disclose what data had been breached. The data breach could pose a "serious" risk to the safety of the plant, says Nickolas Roth, a sen-

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Delhi HC to Hear Plea on Sonam Wangchuk's Health on Thursday

NEW DELHI
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The Delhi High Court on Wednesday agreed to hear on Thursday a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking urgent medical treatment and life-saving intervention for climate activist Sonam Wangchuk, whose indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar entered its 18th day. Taking note of the urgency surrounding his deteriorating health, a Bench of



Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia deferred the hearing by a day due to the Delhi High Court Bar Association's ongoing abstention from work. The petition seeks directions to the Union government and the Delhi

government to ensure immediate medical treatment for Wangchuk, initiate dialogue with him on the issues raised during the protest, and take all necessary steps to safeguard his life. According to the plea, Wangchuk has lost around 8.25-8.5 kg since beginning the fast and is suffering repeated episodes of low blood sugar, dizziness, severe muscle loss and extreme weakness.

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Centre Launches Seafarer-First Mission Amid West Asia Maritime Crisis



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Amid escalating maritime security tensions in West Asia, the Centre has launched a comprehensive "Seafarer-First" emergency response to safeguard Indian seafarers operating in the conflict-hit region, directing authorities to monitor every Indian sailor sailing through the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz and Gulf of Oman, irrespective of the flag under which their vessel operates. Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal chaired a high-level inter-ministerial review meeting on Tuesday and instructed the Directorate General of Shipping (DGS) to establish a comprehensive vessel-by-vessel operational

dashboard that will provide real-time information on Indian crew members aboard ships operating in the region.

According to an official statement, the dashboard will track vessel position, ownership, cargo, crew strength, crew welfare, threat assessment, intended voyage, next port of call and the availability of emergency support facilities. "There can be no compromise whatsoever on the safety and security of Indian seafarers," Sonowal said, directing officials to ensure that every Indian seafarer in the affected region is individually accounted for.

The minister also ordered the appointment of dedicated liaison officers for every affected Indian seafarer. These officers will

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Shabad Six-Murder Case: Mystery Over Family Killings

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Police are investigating all possible angles to ascertain the motive behind the murder of six people in Shabad, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, allegedly committed by Parvathi Raj Kumar, who is later believed to have died by suicide. According to the reports, Raj Kumar had allegedly been harassing a minor girl for nearly a year. After learning about the allegations, his wife, Saritha, confronted him, leading to frequent quar-



rels between the couple. Saritha had reportedly planned to convene a meeting with the elders to resolve the issue. Fearing over the family issues, she had sent her elder son to stay with her uncle in

Moinabad. However, Raj Kumar allegedly convinced her that he had changed, after which she brought the child back home.

A POCSO case was later registered against Raj

Kumar at the Shabad Police Station.

He subsequently obtained anticipatory bail. After securing the bail, Raj Kumar carried out the murders. Based on a selfie video allegedly recorded by him, it is believed that he targeted the minor girl's family because he felt they had cheated him.

However, police are still trying to determine why he allegedly killed his wife and two children while sparing the minor girl's differently abled sibling.

Harish Rao accuses Telangana government of delaying Employees Health Scheme

BRS leader T Harish Rao accused the Telangana government of delaying the Employees Health Scheme despite collecting premiums from employees and pensioners. He demanded immediate issuance of health cards, refund of deductions and implementation of pending employee welfare promises.

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BRS Deputy Leader and former Minister T. Harish Rao has strongly criticised the Congress government for delaying the implementation of the Employees Health Scheme (EHS), accusing it of collecting premiums from government employees, teachers and pensioners without making the scheme operational. He demanded that the government immediately issue health cards, launch the scheme without further delay and refund the deductions collected over the past two months.

In a statement issued on Wednesday, Harish Rao said the Congress gov-



ernment had repeatedly postponed the launch of the EHS despite making public commitments. According to him, the scheme was initially scheduled to be introduced on June 2 but was later deferred to July 15. Even after the revised date, he alleged that the government had neither issued operational guidelines nor finalised agreements with empanelled network hospitals, leaving beneficiaries without

access to promised healthcare services. Harish Rao said deducting 1.5 per cent from the salaries of employees and pensions of retirees before implementing the scheme amounted to misleading lakhs of beneficiaries. He questioned the rationale behind collecting contributions for a programme that was yet to become functional and called for the immediate reimbursement of the amounts deducted.

The former Minister further accused the Congress government of failing to honour the commitments made to government employees in its Abhaya Hastham election manifesto even after nearly 30 months in office. He alleged that

several key promises remained pending, including the implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release of six Dearness Allowances (DAs), abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), and settlement of pension arrears.

Drawing a comparison with the previous BRS government led by K. Chandrashekhar Rao, Harish Rao claimed that the earlier administration had implemented two PRCs, granted a 73 per cent fitment, enhanced pension benefits and provided cashless medical treatment through wellness centres and empanelled hospitals. He added that the BRS government had also prepared plans

for a stronger Employees Health Scheme with only a one per cent employee contribution.

Harish Rao also alleged that the Congress government had failed to release funds under the police security scheme, neglected the health card programme for journalists, commissioned reports portraying government employees as overpaid, and recently threatened retired engineers. Warning that patience among employees was running out, he said the BRS would launch a statewide agitation if the government continued to ignore employee welfare and failed to fulfil its promises.

Govt Aims to Make Schools Akin to Corporate Institutions: Sridhar Babu

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Reaffirming the Telangana government's commitment to strengthening public education, IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu on Wednesday said government schools would be developed on par with corporate educational institutions by providing quality infrastructure, modern learning facilities and opportunities that nurture innovation.

The Minister was speaking after inaugurating the Foundation for Democratic Reforms (FDR) Science Centre at the ZP Girls' High School in Alwal, Medchal-Malkajgiri district. He said the State government was giving top priority to the education and healthcare sectors, while simultaneously



promoting scientific temper, creativity and innovation among students.

Sridhar Babu said the government was creating a vibrant ecosystem that encourages young minds to think creatively and transform innovative ideas into products with practical applications that benefit society. He highlighted that premier innovation platforms such as T-Hub, T-Works and WE-Hub are playing a key role in supporting aspiring innovators, entrepreneurs and students by

providing mentorship, infrastructure and opportunities to develop their ideas.

Emphasising that the future belongs to those equipped with innovation and skills, the Minister urged students to cultivate a scientific mindset by asking questions, exploring new concepts and finding solutions to real-life challenges. He said curiosity and critical thinking are essential qualities that would help students excel in an increasingly technology-driven world.

India-UK Trade Pact: Export Consignments Flagged-off to UK from Hyderabad

The Department of Commerce organised the flag-off ceremony of export consignments to mark the entry into force of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA)

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The union government on Wednesday flagged off the first UK-bound export consignments from here, marking the launch of the India-UK trade pact. India and the UK on Wednesday operationalised a free trade agreement under which a host of domestic goods will enter the British market at zero duty. The Department of Commerce organised the flag-off ceremony of export consignments to mark the entry into force of the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA).

Telangana Special Secretary, Krishna Aditya, inaugurated the ceremony in the presence of National Turmeric Board Director Bhavani Sri, and Sampath



Kumar, Additional Director General of Foreign Trade (Telangana), and other dignitaries, PIB said in a post on 'X'. "#Telangana is poised to gain significantly from the India-UK CETA. With strengths in pharmaceuticals, chemicals, food processing and electronics, the State is well placed to expand its footprint in the UK market. Today's export flag-offs mark the beginning of many new

opportunities," it said. Bhavani Sri said the flag-off of export consignments to the UK reflects India's growing global trade partnerships. As the India-UK CETA comes into force, exporters from Telangana-from food processing to manufacturing-are set to access new markets and expand their global presence, she said. Sampath Kumar stated that the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and

Trade Agreement has significantly reduced tariffs on a wide range of products, with several items now attracting zero tariffs.

He described the agreement as a major opportunity and a "game changer" for Indian exporters, enabling them to enhance exports and strengthen their presence in the United Kingdom market, the PIB . For Telangana, the India-UK CETA opens new opportunities in textiles, pharmaceuticals, agri-products, aerospace, defence and advanced manufacturing. The agreement will help exporters strengthen global value chains and expand their presence in the UK market, said Siddharth Viswanathan, Head of Trade and Investment, UK High Commission, Telangana.

₹1.92 Crore Stormwater Drain Work Inspected in Hafeezpet

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, along with senior leader Raghunath Reddy, inspected the ongoing ₹1.92 crore stormwater drain project from Bachukunta Lake outlet to NH-65 in Muralidhar Society Colony, Hafeezpet Division.

During the inspection, Gandhi said the project aims to provide a per-



manent solution to the long-pending flooding problem in the colony. He directed officials to com-

plete the works on a priority basis, considering the monsoon season and the heavy water flow from

Bachukunta Lake. He instructed officials to ensure high-quality construction, avoid delays, and complete the project at the earliest so that flooding does not recur. Gandhi reiterated his commitment to strengthening civic infrastructure and improving public amenities across Hafeezpet Division and the Serilingampally constituency. Local residents and officials participated in the inspection.

Zero Tolerance on Food Adulteration, Fake Medicines

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Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha on Wednesday said the State Government will adopt a zero-tolerance policy against adulterated food and spurious medicines to safeguard public health. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Secretariat, he said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has prioritised food safety and directed officials to strengthen the Food Safety system across the State. Officials briefed the



Minister on challenges, including staff shortages, limited laboratory capacity, and delays in legal proceedings. They proposed integrating the Food Safety Department and the Drugs Control Administration to improve inspections, testing, enforcement, and legal action. The Minister directed the Health Department to prepare a

comprehensive action plan, strengthen manpower, modernise food testing laboratories, and establish regional labs where needed. He also called for strict action against those involved in manufacturing, storing, or selling adulterated food and counterfeit medicines while ensuring genuine food businesses are not harassed.

Madhapur Mehfil Introduces Live Kitchen Screens After Food Safety Inspection



Mehfil Restaurant in Madhapur has introduced live kitchen screens to boost transparency and rebuild customer confidence following a recent Food Safety inspection. The restaurant has installed CCTV cameras in its kitchen and storage areas, enabling customers to watch the live food preparation process on LED screens inside the dining hall. During the June 27 inspection, officials found hygiene violations, including an unhygienic kitchen and improper food handling. The restaurant scored 68 out of 102 in the hygiene assessment and was issued an improvement notice. Food Safety officials said inspections across Cyberabad will continue to ensure restaurants comply with hygiene and food safety standards.

Dasoju Sravan accuses Congress of hurting Telangana's IT sector

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan accused the Congress government of neglecting Telangana's IT sector, alleging that the State was losing jobs and investments under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's leadership. He held the Chief Minister responsible for the loss of around 20,000 IT jobs after Cognizant shifted its proposed expansion from Hyderabad to Visakhapatnam.

Demanding accountability, he asked Chief



Minister Revanth Reddy to release a white paper detailing the investments actually secured following his overseas tours, particularly the Davos visit. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here, Sravan said Hyderabad's reputation as a leading IT hub was eroding under

Congress rule, despite the sector's rapid expansion during the previous BRS government. He said IT exports rose from Rs. 50,000 crore in 2014 to over Rs. 2 lakh crore by 2023, while employment increased from three lakh to nine lakh under BRS rule.

However, he alleged that the Congress government had reversed the growth and cited the government's own admission in the Assembly that the State had lost 7,000 IT jobs. He further claimed that nearly 1.2 lakh IT jobs

had been lost under the present regime. Sravan sought an explanation for the delay in implementing the promised job calendar and accused the government of failing to create an investor-friendly environment. Stating that over 18 lakh private-sector jobs were created through TS-iPASS during the BRS regime, he alleged that the Congress government was damaging Telangana's investment climate and jeopardising the State's future employment prospects.

Temporary Power Shutdown in Mator

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Power supply in Mator village was temporarily suspended from 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday to facilitate ongoing works at the newly established electrical substation, according to officials of the electricity department. The shutdown is part of infrastructure development measures aimed at strengthening the village's power distribution system and ensuring a more stable and reliable electricity supply for consumers in the future. Officials said engineers, linemen and technical personnel are carrying out the substation works



while adhering to all prescribed safety protocols to ensure the project is completed without any untoward incidents. The upgrade is expected to improve the efficiency of the local electricity network, reduce the chances of power interruptions and meet the growing demand for electricity in the area. The electricity de-

partment appealed to residents of Mator village to extend their full cooperation during the temporary outage and avoid inconvenience by planning their activities accordingly. Officials assured the public that every effort is being made to complete the works at the earliest and restore electricity supply as soon as possible. Expressing regret over the inconvenience caused, the department thanked residents for their patience and understanding, stating that the temporary shutdown is essential for providing better, safer and more dependable power services in the long run.

Karkana Nagaraju Extends Birthday Wishes to Bandi Ramesh



Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge, TPCC Vice-President, and Kamma Corporation Chairman Bandi Ramesh celebrated his birthday in a grand manner at N.K.N.R. Function Hall in Kukatpally on Wednesday, with party leaders, trade union representatives, and supporters extending their greetings. On the occasion, Kukatpally Constituency INTUC President and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Workers Union Working President Karkana Nagaraju met Bandi Ramesh and conveyed his heartfelt birthday wishes. As a mark of respect, Nagaraju felicitated him with a shawl and presented a floral garland during the celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, Karkana Nagaraju lauded Bandi Ramesh's commitment to public service and expressed hope that he would continue to scale greater heights in public life.

Nearly 50 pc of Telangana voters yet to submit SIR enumeration forms with nine days left

With only nine days left for Telangana's Special Intensive Revision enumeration drive, only 49.28 per cent of voters have submitted and digitised their forms. Medchal-Malkajgiri, Hyderabad and Rangareddy recorded the lowest response, raising concerns over timely completion of the exercise.

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With only nine days left for the house-to-house enumeration drive to conclude in Telangana, nearly 50 percent enumeration forms are yet to be submitted by the voters back to the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). This is raising concerns over whether or not the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls exercise will complete on time. While the enumeration forms distribution stood at 99.99 percent in the State, only 49.28 percent electors submitted their forms and the number of forms were digitised as of Tuesday. According to the statis-



tics released by the Chief Electoral Officer Telangana, only 18.73 percent Medchal-Malkajgiri voters returned their forms to BLOs and same are digitised. This is lowest among all districts in the State. While all 47,36,669 Hyderabad voters have been handed over their enumeration forms, only 22.22 percent filled up their forms and returned

them to their respective BLOs. Similar trend is observed in Rangareddy district, where 33.43 percent out of 29,76,920 voters submitted their forms and they are digitised. At 79.86, Yadadri Bhongiri registered the highest percentage of voters submitting their forms, which were digitised, followed by Nalgonda district where forms submission and

digitisation stood at 73.11 percent. As per the SIR schedule released by the Election Commission of India, the house-to-house enumeration exercise will complete on July 24 and draft electoral rolls will be published on July 31. Claims and objections, if any, on the draft rolls can be submitted Between July 31 and August 30. The electoral registration officers (EROs) will issue notices, conduct hearings and verification, decide on enumeration forms, and dispose of claims and objections between July 31 and September 28. The final electoral rolls will be published on October 1.

ERO Narayan Amit Inspects SIR Form Distribution & Digitisation Drive in Serilingampally

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

Serilingampally ERO and Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted surprise inspections of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme across several colonies in the Serilingampally Assembly constituency. During the inspection, officials reviewed door-to-door enumeration form distribution, digitisation of collected applications, and public awareness activities to ensure eligible voters are enrolled without errors. Narayan Amit directed officials to com-



plete the digitisation process accurately and on time. The inspection covered Papireddy Nagar, Serilingampally, Anjayya Nagar, Prem Nagar, New Hafeezpet, Adarsh Nagar, and Gulmohar Park colonies, where field-level verification of the SIR programme was carried out.

SC-ST Panel Chief Reviews Facilities at IIIT Basar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana SC and ST Commission chairman Bakki Venkataiah on Wednesday visited the IIIT Basar campus in Nirmal district and reviewed facilities and conditions for students. During the visit, he instructed authorities, led by vice chancellor A. Govardhan, to ensure quality food and safe drinking water, and



not to compromise on standards in education and student welfare. He said the administration must create an environment conducive for students to excel in their studies. Commission members

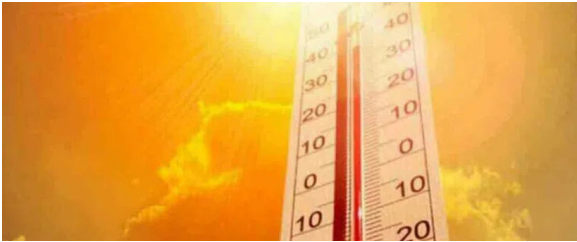
Kusram Neela Devi and Rambabu Naik, district collector Bhavesh Mishra, ASP Saikiran, DSP Ramaiah and SC and ST cell convener Ajay Kumar were present.

Hot and humid weather to persist in Telangana for another 24 hours: IMD

The IMD has forecast hot and humid conditions in parts of Telangana over the next 24 hours, with strong surface winds of up to 40 kmph likely across the State. Tirumalagiri Sagar in Nalgonda recorded the highest temperature at 38.6°C.

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Hot and humid weather is expected to persist across Telangana for the next 24 hours, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, forecasting uncomfortable conditions in several districts along with strong surface winds across the State. According to the IMD, isolated pockets of Bhadradi Kothagudem, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar and Nagarkurnool districts are likely to experience hot and humid conditions. In addition, strong surface winds with speeds ranging between 30 and 40 kmph are expected at isolated places across all districts of Telangana. The latest weather observations from the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS) showed that Tirumalagiri Sagar in Nalgonda district recorded the highest maximum temperature in the State at 38.6 degrees Celsius. The reading reflects the



continued spell of above-normal daytime temperatures affecting several parts of Telangana. In the Greater Hyderabad region, including Cyberabad and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts, the highest temperature was recorded at ESS Quthbullapur, where the mercury touched 37 degrees Celsius. Other parts of the Hyderabad metropolitan region also experienced warm and humid conditions throughout the day. Neighbouring districts such as Rangareddy, Chevella and Sangareddy registered daytime temperatures ranging between 35 degrees Celsius and 37 degrees Celsius, adding to the discomfort caused by high humidity levels. The IMD's weather data for the 24-hour period ending at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday indicated that

Hayatnagar recorded the highest maximum temperature in the Hyderabad region at 37.2 degrees Celsius. It was followed by Begumpet at 36.7 degrees Celsius, Hakimpet at 36.5 degrees Celsius, and Patancheru at 36 degrees Celsius. Meteorologists have advised people, especially children, senior citizens and those working outdoors, to take precautions against heat stress by staying hydrated, avoiding prolonged exposure to direct sunlight during peak afternoon hours, and wearing light, breathable clothing. With hot and humid conditions expected to continue and gusty winds forecast across the State, residents are advised to remain alert and follow weather updates issued by the IMD and local authorities.

Government to Launch Indiramma LIG Housing Scheme in CUR Area from July 20

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The Telangana Government is set to launch the Indiramma Low Income Group (LIG) Housing Scheme in the CUR (Core Urban Region) area from July 20, marking a significant step towards providing permanent housing for the urban poor. Revenue, Housing, Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that the government has approved the phased construction of one lakh Indiramma LIG



houses in the CUR region during the 2026-27 financial year, in line with the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Chairing a review meeting with Housing Department officials at the Secretariat on Tuesday, the Minister said that detailed guidelines regarding applications, eligibility criteria, tender

process, implementation strategy, and other operational procedures will be announced on July 20 along with Hyderabad and Rangareddy District In-charge Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, and Hyderabad District Minister Mohammed Azharuddin.

Neelam Padma Urges Voter Verification

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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkataswamy participated in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Help Desk programme organised in Ward No. 3 of Aleru, urging citizens to protect their voting rights by verifying and updating their electoral details. She encouraged eligible voters to make use of the SIR Help



Desk to correct any errors in the voter list and ensure their names are accurately recorded. Stressing the importance of democratic participation, she said every eligible citizen should take advantage of the ongoing revision process and co-

operate with election officials. The programme was attended by BLA Jhansi, BLOs K. Lokesh, Shanti Reddy, and Shravan, along with Neelam Venkataswamy, Vijayalakshmi, Komala, Yadagiri, local residents, and volunteers.

MHSRB Releases Merit List for 500 Specialist Posts

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The Medical and Health Services Recruitment Board (MHSRB) has released the provisional merit list for 500 Civil Assistant Surgeon (Specialist) posts in government hospitals under the Directorate of Secondary Health Care (Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad), marking another major step in the State's ongoing recruitment drive to strengthen public healthcare. The provisional merit list includes 174 posts in General Surgery, 166 in General Medicine, 89 in Orthopaedics, and 71 in Radiology. These appointments form part of the Telangana Government's larger initiative to fill 1,616 Assistant Civil Surgeon (Specialist) vacancies across government hospitals to improve specialist healthcare services. The latest recruitment follows the successful completion of appointments for 692 specialist posts in Anaesthesia, Gynaecology, Paediatrics, and Orthopaedics. Appointment orders for those selected candidates were recently distributed by Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha.



According to the MHSRB, certificate verification for candidates shortlisted in the provisional merit list will be conducted from July 17 to July 20 at the Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare (IIHFW), Hyderabad. July 21 has been designated as a reserve day for candidates who are unable to attend verification on their allotted date. Candidates have been instructed to report with all original educational and supporting certificates, along with two sets of photocopies, for the verification process. The Board has advised candidates to carefully check the provisional merit list, verification schedule, and detailed recruitment instructions available on its official website. Following successful certificate verification, the recruitment process will move to the next stage before final appointments are issued.

JAMPANA PRATAP DEMANDS SWIFT RESOLUTION TO 'CONFUSING' SIR PROCESS IN CANTONMENT CONSTITUENCY

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As the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program continues to roll out across various wards of the Secunderabad Cantonment constituency, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap has urged election officials to expedite the process while calling for better voter education to clear growing public confusion. On Wednesday, Jampana Pratap actively participated in the ongoing SIR awareness campaign, visiting several

residential localities including New Bowenpally, Chinna Thokatta, and Nakkala Basti. He was accompanied by a large group of local leaders and residents, including Mukesh, Laxman, and Kondal Yadav, who joined him in evaluating the progress of the house-to-house enumeration drives. Extending the Deadline: A Welcome Move Speaking during his visit to the bastis, Jampana Pratap welcomed the government's decision to extend the SIR process deadline to July 24th. "The extension of the SIR deadline is a

highly positive and necessary development," Pratap stated. "It gives Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and citizens a critical window to ensure no eligible voter is left out. However, the onus is now on the administration and officials to streamline and complete the SIR process at the earliest." Addressing Voter Confusion on the Ground Despite the extension, Jampana Pratap highlighted a significant hurdle in the implementation of the drive: widespread public confusion. He noted that many residents find the current SIR

process highly complicated and difficult to comprehend. To address this, the former Cantonment Board Vice President emphasized that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) must play a more proactive, educational role. Rather than just collecting forms, Pratap insisted that BLOs should take the time to thoroughly explain the nuances of the SIR process to voters, ensuring they understand what is required of them and why their participation is critical.

Tummalapally Jagadeeshwar Assumes Charge as Chief Engineer (PR-I)

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Senior Panchayat Raj engineer Sri Tummalapally Jagadeeshwar on Wednesday assumed charge as Chief Engineer (PR-I) at the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, Erramanzil, Hyderabad, following his promotion by the Telangana Government. Previously serving as the Superintending Engineer of the Medak Region, Jagadeeshwar was elevated to the top post as part of the government's initiative



to fill vacancies created by the retirement of senior officials. He took charge in the presence of Engineer-in-Chief Sri P. Joga Reddy. The assumption of office was marked by a warm felicitation ceremony attended by Chief Engineers, Superintending

Engineers, Executive Engineers, Deputy Executive Engineers, Assistant Executive Engineers, and department staff, who honoured the newly appointed Chief Engineer with shawls and bouquets. Among those who personally congratulated him were Deputy Executive

Engineer Sri Lenkepally Kurumaiah of the Panchayat Raj Division, Andole, and retired Deputy Executive Engineer Sri Rama Rao. Engineers and colleagues from various districts across Telangana also extended their best wishes. Congratulatory messages poured in from contractors, public representatives, political leaders, relatives, friends, and well-wishers through phone calls and social media, recognising Jagadeeshwar's dedicated service and professional excellence.

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.

UN Warns Of Cracks In Global Immunisation System

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Global infant vaccination levels improved slightly last year, the UN said Wednesday, but warned that drastic funding cuts, conflicts and misinformation were deepening dangerous coverage gaps and allowing outbreaks to surge. In 2025, 90 percent of infants globally, or nearly 116 million, received at least one dose of the vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DTP), while 85 percent completed the full three-dose series, according to data published by the World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF, the United Nations' health and children's agencies.

On the surface, those numbers look promising, with both indicators up one percentage point from



2024 and up four points since 2021. But they remained one point below the levels in 2019 -- before the Covid pandemic wreaked havoc on global vaccination programmes. This means "millions of vulnerable children are still being left unprotected due to conflict, displacement, and poverty", UNICEF chief Catherine Russell said in a statement.

"No child should suffer from a disease that a simple vaccine can prevent," she insisted. According to the data, an estimated 13.5 million so-called zero-dose children did not receive a single shot in their first year during 2025. That was 750,000 fewer than in 2024, and around one million fewer than in 2023.

The UN agencies warned that a growing number of children, mainly in poorer countries, start on the vaccine schedule but do not complete it.

Globally, the data showed that an estimated 7.3 mil-

lion infants had received their first DTP dose in the first months of life, but did not go on to receive their first measles dose, usually given at between nine and 12 months.

While there can be many reasons for such dropouts, "we think that this is clearly related in some settings to false information, misinformation that is provided around measles vaccination", the WHO's vaccines director Kate O'Brien told reporters, adding that this was of "very significant concern".

Dropouts have contributed to measles coverage stalling at 84 percent of children globally receiving their first measles dose, and just 77 percent receiving the second dose -- far short of the 95 percent needed to avert the spread of the highly contagious disease.

Sule Seeks 33% Women's Quota, Rejects Delimitation Link

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Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) working president and Baramati MP Supriya Sule on Wednesday asserted that the INDIA bloc has never linked the proposed delimitation exercise with women's reservation, insisting that the Centre should implement the long-pending 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament. Addressing a press conference, Sule said neither the NCP (SP) nor the INDIA alliance had held discussions with anyone regarding the proposed delimitation exercise and that the Opposition would formulate its position only after the Centre introduced a formal bill in Parliament.

"We have neither held discussions with anyone regarding delimitation, nor has anyone approached us about it. We will formulate our stance



once the bill is introduced," she said. Sule stressed that the INDIA bloc's consistent demand has been the implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament, rejecting suggestions that the alliance had sought to link the issue with delimitation. "The INDIA alliance never demanded delimitation. We have demanded that the 33 per cent reservation for women should be implemented," she said.

She added that any decision on the proposed legislation would be taken collectively after consultations within the INDIA bloc. "We will discuss any upcoming bill in detail within the INDIA alliance. Earlier,

parties such as the DMK, Samajwadi Party and ourselves had also raised concerns over the 50 per cent quota issue. We cannot comment until we see the legislation," she said. Sule said the Opposition had earlier written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking a joint meeting with all INDIA bloc constituents instead of separate consultations on the proposed legislation.

"During the previous Budget Session, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju invited parties individually. We met Amit Shah and Kiren Rijiju, but under Mallikarjun Kharge's leadership, we wrote to the Home Minister requesting that all INDIA bloc parties be invited together," she said. Her remarks came amid renewed political debate over the proposed Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, which seeks to expand the strength of the Lok Sabha.

Punjab Farmers Stage Motorcycle March Against India-US Trade Deal

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Farmers took out a motorcycle march on Wednesday here to protest against the proposed India-US trade deal, alleging it would adversely impact the country's farming sector. The march was taken out on a call given by different farming bodies under the banner of 'Desh Bachao Morcha' in Punjab. The march was taken out by the Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee (Piddi Group). Led by the outfit's district president Paramjit Singh Bhulla and district general secretary Kuldip Singh Begowal, the march commenced after an 'ardas' (prayer) at Gurdwara Pull Pukhta Sahib near Tanda and passed through Tanda, Dasuya and Miani.

The protesters later reached the office of Dasuya Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) Kan-



waljit Singh and submitted a memorandum addressed to the prime minister, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the proposed India-US trade agreement. In the memorandum, the protesters alleged that the proposed trade pact would adversely affect farmers, agricultural labourers, livestock rearers, small traders and micro industries.

They claimed the agreement would allow cheaper agricultural imports into India, affecting domestic farm incomes and the country's agricultural economy. Addressing a gathering, Bhulla alleged that the proposed trade agreement would

be detrimental to farmers, particularly small and marginal cultivators, by exposing them to competition from cheaper imported agricultural produce. The protesting farmers claimed that the agreement would prove to be a "death decree" for farmers, asserting that it would not be acceptable under any circumstances.

Demanding immediate intervention by the Centre, they urged it to abandon the proposed trade pact and safeguard the interests of farmers and the common people. "The India-US Free Trade Agreement should be terminated with imme-

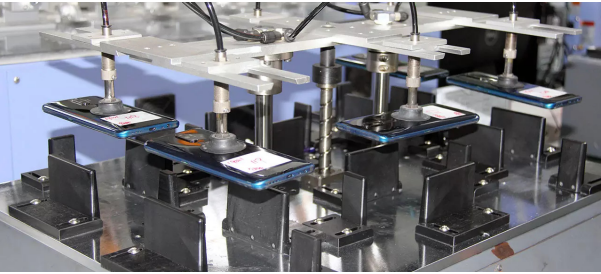
diated effect and the interests of the country's farmers and ordinary citizens must be protected," they said. They warned that if the government failed to address its demand, it would launch a nationwide mass movement through democratic and constitutional means.

Bhulla also criticised the Punjab government's land pooling policy, alleging that it would divert fertile agricultural land for residential and commercial projects, reduce cultivable land and adversely affect the livelihood of farming families. He further claimed the policy would primarily benefit large builders and real estate companies. The protesters raised slogans against the Centre and the Punjab government and urged farmers, agricultural labourers and the youth to unite over issues concerning the farming sector.

Cabinet Approves Rs 62,500 Cr For Mobile Phone PLI Scheme 2.0

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Union Cabinet has approved Rs 62,500 crore for the second edition of the mobile phone production-linked incentives scheme, IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Wednesday. "Cabinet has approved mobile PLI," Vaishnaw said. According to a presentation shared by the minister, the Cabinet has approved Rs 62,500 crore for the



scheme. Smartphones have emerged as India's top exported commodity in CY 2025. The country exported smartphones worth Rs 2.62 lakh crore, with iPhone maker Apple dominating the segment.

Following a push to mobile phone production, India has emerged as the second-largest mobile manufacturer in the world. The mobile phone production in the country more than doubled to Rs. 5.5

lakh crores in FY 2024-25, from Rs. 2.14 lakh crores in FY 2019-20. The mobile phone exports have increased around eight-fold from Rs 0.27 lakh crores in FY 2019-20 to Rs 2 lakh crores in FY 2024-25. From being an importer of mobile phones back in 2014, India has now become a net exporter, with more than 300 mobile manufacturing units being operational in the country.

NGT Steps In Over Illegal Mining Allegations Near Temple in UP's Ghaziabad

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The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has constituted a joint committee to ascertain allegations of illegal mining being carried out under the guise of de-silting a pond near the ancient Siddha Peeth Devi Temple in Dasna village of Ghaziabad in Uttar Pradesh. The green body was hearing a plea alleging illegal mining at the instance of respondent no. 6, the Nagar Palika Parishad of Dasna; and respondent no. 7, a private entity.

In an order dated July 10, a bench of NGT Chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava and expert member Afroz Ahmad noted the allegations that the illegal activity was being carried out using heavy



machinery. It noted the claim that while the executive officer of the municipality had filed a report in May 2026 stating that de-silting work was complete, deep digging was still in progress. "The OA (Original Application) raises substantial issues relating to compliance with environmental norms," the bench said.

It appointed a joint committee comprising representatives from the

Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), the member secretary of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board (UPPCB), the secretary of the Directorate of Geology and Mining (Uttar Pradesh), and the district magistrate (DM) of Ghaziabad. The tribunal designated the DM as the nodal agency for coordination. It said,

"The joint committee will visit the site, ascertain the extent of desilting work which has been done by the respondent 7 (private entity) and also find out the correctness of the allegation made in the OA and the person responsible for carrying out the said de-silting work in excess of the limit by indulging in illegal mining and the official who had extended the cooperation and help in that process."

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Reuters reviewed the documents, which were dated from 2016 to mid-2025, but could not verify their authenticity. In addition to some blueprints and supplier details, they purportedly show meeting and inspection records, equipment reviews and insurance policies. The 19,000 files appeared to be the most sensitive of a total 858,000 Reliance files on the World Leaks website. One of the conglomerate's subsidiaries, Reliance Infrastructure, won a contract in 2018 to design and build infrastructure for the plant's Unit 3 and Unit 4. Both units, still under construction, are due to be operational by 2027 and are slated to provide a combined 2,000 megawatts of ca-

capacity.

World Leaks, a well-known ransomware group that has previously targeted Nike and India's Tata Group, did not respond to Reuters queries on the Reliance data breach. The group typically posts stolen corporate data on its website after companies decline to pay the ransom demanded. Its website can only be accessed with a specialised browser.

Delhi HC to Hear.....

Citing a newspaper report published on July 14, the petitioner argued that Wangchuk's condition has deteriorated to the extent that his life could be at serious risk if the hunger strike continues. The urgency application submitted before the High Court states that the

matter concerns the life of a public activist and that immediate judicial intervention is necessary to prevent irreparable harm.

Wangchuk joined the agitation launched by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on June 28, demanding accountability over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination and the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The organisation has alleged that repeated examination glitches have shattered students' faith in the country's competitive examination system. It has also unveiled a five-point examination reform charter seeking greater transparency and accountability in national entrance tests.

The CJP has announced a peaceful march to Parliament on July 20, the

opening day of the Monsoon Session, urging students, parents and citizens across the country to participate. In an appeal posted on social media, Wangchuk said Parliament was the appropriate forum to raise the concerns of students and called on people from across India to join the march.

Centre Launches....

According to an official statement, the dashboard will track vessel position, ownership, cargo, crew strength, crew welfare, threat assessment, intended voyage, next port of call and the availability of emergency support facilities. "There can be no compromise whatsoever on the safety and security of Indian seafarers," Sonowal said, directing officials to ensure

that every Indian seafarer in the affected region is individually accounted for.

The minister also ordered the appointment of dedicated liaison officers for every affected Indian seafarer. These officers will act as a single point of contact for families, coordinating medical updates, travel documentation, repatriation, financial assistance through the Seafarers Welfare Fund, pending wages, contractual entitlements and compensation. The review meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of External Affairs, the Indian Navy, the Directorate General of Shipping, the Ministries of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Chemicals and Fertilisers, along with representatives of Indian missions in Iran and

Oman.

Congress Invite.....

Sarkar asserted that the July 21, 1993 movement was organised under the banner of the Youth Congress and that its association with the Congress could not be erased. "The movement of July 21, 1993 was held under the Youth Congress flag. That is a part of history, and there is no scope to deny it. A political leader who respects his or her own political past earns greater respect," he said. The Congress leader said Banerjee's participation in the programme, coupled with an acknowledgement that quitting the Congress was a political error, would be a significant gesture.

CRIME

Traffic Awareness Programme at St. Andrew's High School Promotes Road Safety

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A comprehensive traffic awareness programme was organised at St. Andrew's High School, Bowenpally, on Tuesday as part of the "Arrive Alive" road safety initiative launched by the Malkajgiri Traffic Police. The programme aimed to educate students on responsible road behaviour and the importance of following traffic rules from a young age.

The awareness session was conducted under the guidance of Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic-I) K. Rahul Reddy. Addressing the students, ACP (Traffic), Trimulgherry Division, G. Shankar Raju highlighted the growing need for road safety awareness and



urged students to become responsible citizens by strictly adhering to traffic regulations.

During the programme, students were sensitised about the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, underage driving, triple riding, and using mobile phones while driving. They were advised to always wear helmets while riding two-wheelers, use seat belts in cars, obey traffic signals, maintain lane discipline,

and follow all road safety rules to prevent accidents.

Special emphasis was placed on the legal and safety implications of underage driving. Students were urged not to ride or drive motor vehicles until they attain the prescribed age and obtain a valid driving licence. They were also encouraged to spread awareness among their family members and friends about safe driving practices.

The interactive session

witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, who raised several questions on traffic regulations and road safety measures. Traffic police officials clarified their doubts and encouraged them to act as ambassadors of road safety in their communities.

The programme was attended by ACP G. Shankar Raju, Principal Anjana Joseph, Vice Principal Vasudha, Events Coordinator Esther, General Manager M. Srikanth, CSO Ayoob Khan, Transport Manager Selvaraj, faculty members, staff, and students of St. Andrew's High School, Bowenpally. Participants appreciated the initiative and described the awareness programme as informative, engaging, and essential for promoting a safer road culture among young citizens.

Vaishali Nagar Railway Underpass to Remain Closed for 20 Days

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The Vaishali Nagar Railway Underpass will remain closed for 20 days from July 16 as the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) takes up road widening and storm-water drain construction works. The underpass is being upgraded to address its narrow width and recurring waterlogging during heavy rains. During the closure, the Cybera-



bad Police have announced traffic diversions and advised commuters to use alternate routes via Hafeezpet ROB, Kondapur-Allwyn Junction, Hi-Tension Road, Raghavendra Nagar Col-

ony, and Pipeline Road. Motorists are requested to plan their journeys in advance and follow the notified diversion routes to avoid traffic congestion.

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.

Man Hacked to Death Near Rameshwaram Cafe in Madhapur

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A 30-year-old man, identified as Chinna-palli Bhaskar, was hacked to death outside Rameshwaram Cafe in Ayyappa Society, Madhapur, on Wednesday. According to police, Bhaskar, a cook at Sri Cinema Hotel, had allegedly been stalking and ha-



assing two sisters from Warangal despite earlier police counselling. Following the dispute, the sisters' father Raju and his brother-in-law Kuma-

raswamy allegedly attacked Bhaskar with knives and sticks. Bhaskar died at the scene, while the two accused later surrendered at the Madhapur Police Station. Police shifted the body to Osmania General Hospital for post-mortem and registered a murder case. Further investigation is underway.

Cyberabad Police, SCSC Launch 'Suraksha Kavach Club' in Schools

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The Cyberabad Police, in association with the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) and Sankalp, launched the Suraksha Kavach Club for over 20 SSC schools in the Lingampally region to promote student-led safety awareness. The initiative focuses on physical safety, psychological safety, cyber safety, and road safety, encouraging students to



become safety ambassadors in their schools. Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, urged students to be responsible digital citizens

and highlighted issues such as cybercrime, excessive mobile phone use, online gaming, road safety, and healthy lifestyle choices. During the programme, DCP

K. Srujana, IPS, created awareness on child safety and Good Touch-Bad Touch, while SCSC representatives stressed responsible digital behaviour and student leadership. Shri Sharadha Vidya Mandir, Miyapur, was recognised for its Sugar-Free Campus and other health initiatives. The event concluded with a pledge to build safer, healthier, and more responsible school communities.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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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.



Heritage Gives Us Our Roots, Innovation Keeps Us Moving Forward

As Cathay Pacific marks 80 years, Regional General Manager Rakesh Raicar reflects on the airline's journey, why India remains central to its growth strategy, and how investing in customer experience, technology and people will define its next chapter.

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As Cathay Pacific celebrates its 80th anniversary, the airline is looking ahead with a strategy that combines its legacy with fresh investments in customer experience, technology and network expansion. For Rakesh Raicar, Regional General Manager, South Asia, Middle East and Africa (SAMEA), the milestone is about understanding what has consistently driven the airline's success. "The biggest lesson for me is that we have never achieved anything alone. We have grown alongside Hong Kong, we have grown alongside our customers, and we have grown alongside our people," Raicar says. He



points to the anniversary theme, '80 Years and Together', as a reflection of that philosophy. "Our success has always been built together on relationships and shared ambition." While aviation continues to evolve through technology and changing traveller expectations, he believes the fundamentals remain unchanged. "Technology will definitely evolve and customer expectations will continue to change. But the importance of connecting people and building these

meaningful relationships will not change. That's why we continue to invest in our products, services and digital capabilities while keeping people at the heart of everything we do." The anniversary has also brought back memories through the return of Cathay Pacific's vintage 'lettuce leaf' livery, a design Raicar associates with his own early years at the airline. "I joined during that time, and that livery brings back wonderful memories for many cus-

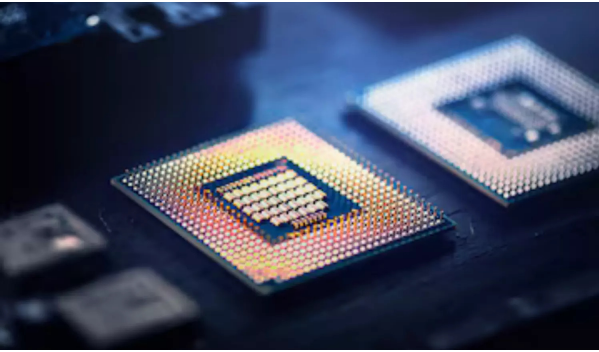
tomers, aviation enthusiasts and even our own people," he says. At the same time, he believes the airline's anniversary art livery represents the company it has become today. "It reflects a much more contemporary, modern side of Cathay and Hong Kong. It says we are creative, progressive, and connected to the world. Heritage gives us our roots, but innovation is what keeps us moving forward." That balance between tradition and change is also reflected in Cathay Pacific's investment of more than HK\$100 billion in enhancing customer experience. While much of the attention has focused on new aircraft cabins and premium products, Raicar says the larger objective is to improve every stage of

travel. "When people hear about our investment, they often think about aircraft or seats. Those are important, but the bigger change is really the overall experience," he says, adding, "Whether you are booking a trip, spending time in one of our lounges or flying long haul, everything should feel more intuitive, more comfortable and more personalised. Ultimately, we are investing in making every part of the journey better." Having spent over three decades with Cathay Pacific across multiple international markets, Raicar has witnessed a significant shift in customer expectations. While safety, reliability, and service remain non-negotiable, travellers today demand far more from an airline.

India Clears \$13 Billion Semiconductor Push

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India approved a new semiconductor programme on Wednesday, offering more than \$13 billion in financial assistance to accelerate local chip production, as it seeks to become a global electronics powerhouse. India's Union Cabinet approved the "Semicon 2.0" initiative, expanding on a drive launched five years ago to reduce reliance on imports and attract investment in one of the world's most strategically important industries. It comes as countries race to secure semiconductor supply chains following pandemic-era disruptions and growing geopolitical tensions that exposed vulnerabilities in global chip production. The programme will focus on strengthening the local semiconductor ecosystem,



encouraging domestic production of key materials and attracting global manufacturers to establish fabrication plants in India. The plan recognised the need for "sustained and long-term support" to the industry and aimed to place India "on the semiconductor map of the world", the cabinet said in a statement, without providing more details on how the money will be used. An earlier semiconductor incentive scheme "Semicon 1.0", which was unveiled in 2021, offered support covering up to

half the cost of setting up chip projects. The incentives helped launch 12 manufacturing projects across fabrication, packaging and related segments, with at least three already entering commercial production. Among them is a semiconductor assembly and test facility established by US memory giant Micron Technology. India's chip market has grown from about \$38 billion in 2023 to an estimated \$45 billion-\$50 billion in 2024-25. The government is targeting a market size of \$100 billion-\$110 billion by 2030.

Sensex jumps over 550 points, Nifty rebounds in early trade

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Indian benchmark equity indices bounced back sharply in early trade on Wednesday after witnessing a significant decline in the previous session. The recovery was led by strong buying in banking and financial stocks, while softer-than-expected US inflation data boosted investor confidence by strengthen-

ing hopes of a less aggressive monetary policy from the US Federal Reserve. The 30-share BSE Sensex surged 553 points to 77,603.57 during early trading, while the NSE Nifty 50 climbed 148.15 points to 24,198.40, recovering a large part of Tuesday's losses. Among the top gainers on the Sensex were Bajaj Finance, Axis Bank, State Bank of India, Eternal, Inter-Globe Aviation, and UL-

traTech Cement, which witnessed strong buying interest. However, technology stocks remained under pressure, with Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Tech Mahindra, and Power Grid trading in the red. Global market sentiment remained positive following encouraging inflation data from the United States. US consumer price inflation for June came in



at 3.5 percent, lower than the market expectation of 3.8 percent, reinforcing expectations that the Federal Reserve may slow the pace of monetary tightening or

consider rate cuts in the coming months. According to Rajesh Palviya, Head of Research at Axis Direct, US equity markets closed higher overnight, with the S&P

500 gaining 0.38 percent and the Nasdaq rising 0.90 percent, supported by optimism over easing inflationary pressures. Asian markets also reflected positive sentiment. South Korea's Kospi jumped 7.66 percent, while Japan's Nikkei 225 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng traded in positive territory. China's Shanghai SSE Composite was the only major Asian index trad-

ing lower. Meanwhile, global crude oil prices remained volatile. Brent crude traded around USD 85.63 per barrel, despite easing concerns after US President Donald Trump withdrew the proposed 20 percent transit fee through the Strait of Hormuz, a move that helped reduce fears of supply disruptions. Despite the market rebound, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) continued to

remain net sellers, offloading equities worth ₹739.69 crore on Tuesday. Market experts believe easing US inflation and improving global cues have provided short-term support to equities. However, investors are expected to remain cautious amid geopolitical uncertainties and upcoming domestic and global economic data releases.

Gold Rebounds After 3-Day Decline



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Gold prices snapped a three-day losing streak on Wednesday, July 15, 2026, registering sharp gains in domestic retail markets even as global headwinds and MCX futures faced downward pressure. Retail silver prices, meanwhile, held steady. In India's retail market, on Wednesday safe-haven buying pushed physical gold prices higher across all major purities: 24-Carat Gold: Advanced by ₹770, settling at ₹1,43,570 per 10 grams. 22-Carat Gold: Rose by ₹700 to trade at ₹1,31,600 per 10 grams. 18-Carat Gold: Logged a gain of ₹570, bringing the price to ₹1,07,670 per 10 grams. Sovereign Gold: A standard eight-gram sovereign

climbed to ₹1,05,440. While retail prices ticked upward today, the broader market sentiment remains fragile. Domestically, gold futures traded lower on the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), mirroring weakness in international benchmarks. MCX Gold August Futures: Slipped 0.47% (down ₹669) to trade at ₹1,41,588 per 10 grams during morning hours. Global Spot Gold: Erased early morning gains to trade down 0.65% at \$4,026.44 per ounce. US Gold Futures (August): Declined 0.9% to \$4,032.87 per ounce. Today's correction comes after Tuesday's session, where a softer-than-expected US consumer inflation print briefly propelled bullion to a historic record high of \$4,100.49 per ounce.

Ladakh Steps Into Global Spotlight as First Apricot Consignment to Dubai Takes Off

The agreement envisions the export of more than 1,000 metric tonnes of fresh apricots during the current harvest season—a staggering rise from the mere 1,500 kilograms exported over the past two years.

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In a significant development, Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena on Wednesday flagged off the first major export consignment of Ladakh's premium apricots—5 metric tonnes of the famed high-altitude fruit—destined for the United Arab Emirates. This moment marks the beginning of Ladakh's largest-ever fresh apricot export programme, a bold leap that positions the region as a global supplier of organic, premium-quality produce while significantly boosting farmers' incomes, officials in Leh said. They asserted that Ladakh has entered a defining moment in its economic and cultural journey with a series of landmark initiatives that promise to reshape its horticulture sector, uplift farming communities, and elevate its traditional crafts on the world stage. This export push is anchored in a strategic MoU signed in April 2026 be-



tween the Ladakh Administration and Lulu Retail, facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), a statutory body under the Government of India responsible for promoting and developing the export of agricultural and processed food products. The agreement envisions the export of more than 1,000 metric tonnes of fresh apricots during the current harvest season—a staggering rise from the mere 1,500 kilograms exported over the past two years. "Such an exponential scale-up stands as one of the most transformative milestones in Ladakh's horticultural history," a statement issued in Leh said. Rec-

ognising the delicate nature of apricots, which must be stored and transported at temperatures between 0°C and 4°C, the Ladakh Administration—with support from Container Corporation of India Ltd (CONCOR)—implemented a robust cold-chain logistics system to ensure that the fruits retain their freshness from orchard to international shelves. At the heart of this initiative are Ladakh's indigenous apricot varieties—Raktsey Karpo and Halman—celebrated globally for their exceptional sweetness, rich flavour, high nutritional value, and completely organic cultivation. Grown under Ladakh's pristine high-altitude conditions and abundant sunshine,

these apricots are widely regarded among the finest in the world. Their rising international demand underscores Ladakh's potential to emerge as a premium horticulture hub. Speaking at the flag-off ceremony, Lt. Governor Saxena described the moment as the dawn of a new era for Ladakh's farmers and horticulture sector. He emphasised that the initiative would connect local growers directly with global markets, ensuring fair and remunerative prices while dramatically improving livelihoods. Traditionally, farmers faced immense challenges in harvesting, sorting, grading, cleaning, packaging, and marketing their produce—often leading to heavy post-harvest losses. Under the new arrangement with Lulu Retail, farmers will simply hand over their orchards at harvest time, after which the company will manage the entire value chain, from plucking and processing to packaging and export.

Sotefin Bharat SME IPO From July 16



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Kolkata based Sotefin Bharat a subsidiary of Switzerland based Sotefin SA, a turnkey provider of robotic & automated parking solutions, announced Rs 89.76 crore initial public offering with shares to be listed on the BSE SME platform. The public issue of equity shares with a face value of Rs 10 each and a price band of Rs 178 - Rs 187 per equity share opens on July 16 and closes on July 20, 2026. Sotefin Bharat incorporated in 2012, is engaged in the business of providing mechanized and automated parking solutions. The Company operates across India with support from Swiss promoter Sotefin SA, Switzerland, a global innovator in automated parking systems since 1956. The net proceeds from the IPO will

be utilized for funding capital expenditure requirements for setting up a manufacturing facility in Kolkata, West Bengal, funding capital expenditure requirements for the proposed new office premises, funding working capital requirements of the Company and for general corporate purposes. Arup Choudhuri, managing director, Sotefin Bharat said, "Since our inception Sotefin Bharat has consistently focused on delivering innovative automated parking solutions backed by engineering excellence and technological innovation. Our upcoming IPO marks an important milestone in our growth journey, enabling us to expand our manufacturing capabilities, strengthen our technology offerings, and enhance our execution capacity."

Thalapathy Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' Set for Grand Worldwide Release on July 23, 2026

The makers of 'Jana Nayagan', starring Tamil superstar and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Thalapathy Vijay, have officially announced that the much-awaited film will hit theatres worldwide on July 23, 2026. The announcement has generated immense excitement among fans, as the film is widely regarded as Vijay's final appearance as a leading actor before fully dedicating himself to public service.

Directed by acclaimed filmmaker H. Vinoth and produced by KVN Productions, Jana Nayagan is being positioned as one of the biggest cinematic events of the year. The film is expected to celebrate Vijay's remarkable journey in Indian cinema while serving as a fitting farewell to his illustrious acting career that has spanned over three decades.

The release date announcement has further heightened anticipation, with millions of fans across India and overseas preparing to witness what is expected to be an emotional and grand theatrical experience. Known for delivering blockbuster entertainers and commanding an enormous fan following, Vijay's final film is already being hailed as a landmark moment in Indian cinema.



Producer Venkat K. Narayana described the project as a historic occasion, saying that Jana Nayagan represents a once-in-a-generation cinematic event. He expressed pride in being associated

with Vijay's final film and thanked audiences for the unwavering love and support they have shown the actor throughout his career. "There are very few moments in cinema that truly feel historic, and Jana Nayagan is one such moment. As Thalapathy Vijay prepares for his final outing on the big screen, we are hon-

oured to be part of this incredible journey and to present this special film to audiences around the world," Narayana said.

He also reflected on Vijay's extraordinary transformation from one of India's most celebrated film stars to the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, describing it as a testament to the deep bond the actor shares with the people. According to the producer, the film is designed to honour that unique journey while delivering an unforgettable theatrical spectacle.

Jana Nayagan has been mounted on a grand scale with a highly accomplished creative team, promising top-notch storytelling, action, music and visual grandeur. While details about the film's plot remain under wraps, expectations continue to soar as fans eagerly await more updates.

With its official release now locked for July 23, 2026, Jana Nayagan is poised to become one of the biggest releases of the year, marking the end of an extraordinary cinematic era and celebrating Thalapathy Vijay's enduring legacy as one of Indian cinema's most influential and beloved stars.

Vijay Deverakonda Makes Fan Emotional at TG20 Cricket League Grand Finale



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda has once again proved why he enjoys an immense fan following, not just for his films but also for his humble personality. A heartwarming video of the actor interacting with an emotional fan has taken social media by storm, earning widespread appreciation from netizens.

The viral clip captures a touching moment where a young, die-hard fan breaks down in tears after finally meeting Vijay Deverakonda. Instead of rushing through the interaction, the actor patiently listens to the fan, speaks to him with warmth, and comforts him throughout the emotional exchange. His calm and compassionate demeanor has won hearts across the internet, with many cal-

ling it one of the most genuine celebrity-fan moments in recent times.

The video quickly spread across social media platforms, where fans praised Vijay for treating his admirer with kindness and respect. Many users commented that moments like these showcase the actor's grounded nature despite his massive stardom. Others remarked that some emotions cannot be described in words, highlighting the deep connection the actor shares with his fans.

Vijay Deverakonda is one of the biggest stars in Telugu cinema today and commands a loyal fan base across India and overseas. His approachable personality and frequent interactions with fans have contributed significantly to his popularity beyond the silver screen.

The emotional fan encounter happened shortly after Vijay attended the grand finale of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 Cricket League on July 12. Serving as the brand ambassador for the tournament, the actor inaugurated the final match by ringing the ceremonial opening bell at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad.

The championship clash saw Hyderabad E-Champions emerge victorious over Anvita Khammam Aces to lift the maiden TG20 League title. Vijay's presence added glamour to the event, drawing huge cheers from cricket lovers and his fans alike.

On the professional front, Vijay Deverakonda is gearing up for the release of his upcoming film Ranabaali, directed by Rahul Sankrityan.

Sunderland sign Belgian defender Thomas Meunier on two-year contract

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Belgium great Thomas Meunier has joined Premier League club Sunderland ahead of the upcoming 2026/27 season. The 34-year-old defender has signed a two-year deal, having been a free agent following his departure from Lille.

Meunier, with more than 550 senior club appearances and 83 international caps to his name, recently represented his country, Belgium, in the ongoing FIFA World Cup 2026. Born in Sainte-Ode, Meunier came through the lower leagues in his homeland before going on to firmly establish himself at Club Brugge, where he won the first honours of his professional career, winning the Belgian Pro League and Belgian Cup. A move to Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) in 2016 saw his stock rise further, enjoying a trophy-laden four-year spell in the French capital, which included three domestic



league and cup successes with the Parisians. He was transferred to Borussia Dortmund in 2020, where he continued to enhance his ever-growing reputation, before spells at Trabzonspor and, latterly, Lille. Meunier, who will link up with the Sunderland squad in early August, is excited about the prospect of representing Sunderland in both domestic and European competition this season. "I am hugely excited and honoured to join Sunderland. I'm very happy to be here and to begin this new chapter in my career. The Premier League is one of the most competitive and exciting leagues in the world, and it's a challenge

I've wanted to experience," he said in an official release by the club. "When I spoke with the club, I was impressed by the ambition, the project, and the desire to keep moving forward. Competing in Europe was also a big factor in my decision because, as a player, you always want to test yourself against the best teams and compete for trophies. I hope I can bring my experience to the squad, both on and off the pitch. I've been fortunate to play in some fantastic teams throughout my career, and now I'm looking forward to giving everything for this club, helping my team-mates and building a strong connection with the supporters," he added.

Harry Kane is England's greatest striker of all time, says Geoff Hurst

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

England's 1966 FIFA World Cup final hero Sir Geoff Hurst has declared Harry Kane the greatest striker in the history of the England men's national team, praising the captain's remarkable goal-scoring record, leadership and influence ahead of England's high-stakes FIFA World Cup 2026 semi-final against Argentina. Hurst, who remains the only England men's player to score a hat-trick in a FIFA World Cup final after his iconic performance against West Germany in 1966, said Kane has surpassed every forward to represent the Three Lions. Speaking at Wembley Stadium before England's last-four clash, Hurst said Kane's achievements have placed him above all previous England strikers. "It's going to be hard to beat the goals he's scored, so I'd say he's England's best," Hurst said. He highlighted Kane's



extraordinary consistency, noting that the Bayern Munich striker has maintained an exceptional scoring rate while delivering in the biggest matches. "His record now is just amazing for his appearances and the goals he's scoring and doing it in important games as we've seen in this tournament," Hurst said. Beyond his goals, Hurst praised Kane's leadership qualities, describing him as an inspirational captain who leads by example

both on and off the pitch. "His leadership is obvious, and that's important. He's talking to the players after a game, when they're in the huddle and so on. Of course, he's also a great example with his attitude, behaviour and the way he plays," he added. Kane has once again been central to England's FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign, scoring crucial goals during the knockout stages and becoming the country's all-time leading World Cup goalscorer.

During the tournament, he also surpassed 1966 World Cup-winning captain Bobby Moore to become England's most-capped captain, adding another milestone to his distinguished international career. England secured their place in the semi-finals after defeating Norway in extra time, with Kane playing a decisive role through his finishing, creative link-up play and leadership as manager Thomas Tuchel's side pursues the nation's first

FIFA World Cup title since 1966. Drawing comparisons with legendary captain Bobby Moore, Hurst said Kane possesses the same natural leadership qualities that made Moore one of England's greatest captains. "There are certain people in walks of life, whether it's business or football, that emerge from within a group of people who automatically see them as the boss, the captain," Hurst said. "In my time it was quite evidently Bobby Moore. I think Harry Kane is absolutely in that same mould, not just on the field but off the field with all the stuff they do together," he added. With England standing just one victory away from another World Cup final, Hurst believes Kane's goals, experience and leadership could prove decisive in ending the nation's six-decade wait for football's biggest prize.

BRICS Labour Ministers Meet in Hyderabad to Shape Future of Work

India Unveils 'BRICS CONNECT' to strengthen technical cooperation, knowledge exchange and capacity building among BRICS countries

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' meeting was successfully held in Hyderabad under India's BRICS Chairship 2026, bringing together Ministers, Heads of Delegation, representatives of BRICS member countries, workers' and employers' organizations, and knowledge partners to deliberate on key issues shaping the future of work. The meeting was convened under India's Chairship theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," and focused on advancing collective action in the areas of social protection, labour market formalization, women's workforce participation, skills development, and the use of digital technologies for in-



clusive and resilient labour markets
Welcoming delegations to Hyderabad, Union Minister of Labour and Employment, Dr. Man-sukh Mandaviya said India's Chairship has been guided by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approached with a 'people-centric' approach and in the spirit of 'Humanity First'. Highlighting India's own reform

journey, the Minister said India consolidated 29 outdated labour laws into four modern Labour Codes in November 2025, marking a landmark reform that creates a worker-centric ecosystem for India's 1.4 billion citizens.
The Minister noted that the e-Shram portal has enabled unique identification, de-duplication and seamless access to welfare

benefits for over 317 million registered unorganised workers. The National Career Service portal, he said, combines job-matching, skills mapping and counselling, with the flexible design of India's digital platforms allowing rapid expansion of services to new worker categories such as platform workers. India has also shared this technology with partner coun-

tries, including Mauritius, he added.
Dr. Mandaviya underlined India's consistent initiatives to strengthen international labour mobility by connecting its skilled, future-ready workforce with emerging global opportunities. He noted that India today hosts more than 2,100 Global Capability Centres employing 2.35 million professionals and generating nearly USD 98 billion in annual revenue. The Minister emphasised that BRICS shares a responsibility to shape a future of work that is productive and equitable. "This forum provides a unique opportunity for the Global South to shape solutions that are practical, inclusive and people-centric," he emphasised.

Voters Can Now Submit SIR Enumeration Forms Till August 3

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana. In a letter addressed to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer on Wednesday, the Commission said the revised schedule was issued following a request from the state election machinery. As per the revised programme, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conduct house-to-house verification till August 3, while rationalisation and rearrangement of polling stations will be completed on August 3. The draft electoral rolls will be published on August 10, and the period for filing claims and objections will remain open from August 10 to September 9. The process of issuing notices and disposing of claims and objections will continue till October 8, after which the final electoral rolls will be published on October 12. The Commission has directed the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer to inform all officials concerned and ensure wide publicity of the revised schedule through all available media. It also instructed that recognised political parties be informed in writing about the revised timetable.



Traffic Curbs Announced in Hyderabad for Jagannath Ratha Yatra

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Traffic Police has issued an advisory ahead of the Sri Jagannath Ratha Yatra scheduled on July 16, warning of traffic congestion and announcing diversions across key routes in the city. According to officials, a major procession organised by ISKCON will commence at 11 am from NTR Stadium near Indira Park and proceed via Dharna Chowk, Ashok Nagar, RTC Cross Roads, Narayanaguda, Himayathnagar, Liberty, Basheerbagh, Abids and Koti, before culminating at the Exhibition Grounds by 5 pm. Authorities said traffic along the procession route

will be regulated, stopped or diverted depending on the movement of devotees. Heavy congestion is expected at major junctions including RTC Cross Roads, Liberty, Basheerbagh and Abids. In addition, another Ratha Yatra will be taken out from Jagannath Temple at Banjara Hills Road No. 12 between 12 noon and 8 pm. Traffic restrictions will be enforced in and around Jubilee Hills, Film Nagar and Shaikpet areas. Vehicles coming from Masab Tank, Lakdikapul and Khairatabad towards Road No. 12, Film Nagar, Shaikpet and Road No. 45, Jubilee Hills are advised to proceed via Road No. 1 – Road No. 10 – Zaheer Nagar – NTR Bhavan – Jubilee Hills

Check Post to reach their destinations. Alternatively, commuters may proceed via Road No. 12 – ACB Office By-lane – MLA Colony – Omega Hospital – Apollo Junction. Vehicles coming from Shaikpet, Film Nagar, Jubilee Hills and Tolichowki towards Road No. 12 are advised to proceed via Jubilee Hills Check Post – Road No. 10 – Zaheer Nagar – Road No. 1, Banjara Hills. Vehicles coming from Madhapur, Hi-tech City, Road No. 45 and Road No. 36 towards Road No. 12 are advised to proceed via Jubilee Hills Check Post – NTR Bhavan – Road No. 10 – Zaheer Nagar – Road No. 1, Banjara Hills.

ECI extends Telangana SIR deadline, BLO house-to-house visits till August 3

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Wednesday revised the schedule for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. As per the revised schedule, the house-to-house visits by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will conclude on August 3. The draft electoral roll will be published on August 10, and claims and objections can be filed

between August 10 and September 9. The notice phase and disposal of claims and objections will be carried out between August 10 and October 8. The final electoral roll will be published on October 12. Meanwhile, with less than three weeks left for the house-to-house enumeration drive to conclude in Telangana, 45.16 per cent enumeration forms are yet to be submitted by the voters back to the Booth Level Of-



ficers (BLOs). This is raising concerns over whether the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls will be completed on time.
While the distribution of enumeration forms stood at 99.99 per cent in the State, 54.84 per cent electors submitted their

forms, which were digitised, as of Wednesday. According to statistics released by the Chief Electoral Officer Telangana, only 24.09 per cent of Medchal-Malkajgiri voters returned their forms to BLOs and the same were digitised. This was the lowest among all districts in the State. While all 47,36,669 Hyderabad voters have been handed over their enumeration forms, only 27.29 per cent filled up their forms and returned

them to their respective BLOs. Similar trend was observed in Rangareddy district, where 38.10 per cent out of 29,76,920 voters submitted their forms that were digitised. At 83.34 per cent, Yadadri Bhongir registered the highest percentage of voters submitting forms that were digitised, followed by Siddipet and Nalgonda districts where form submissions and digitisation stood at 77.35 and 77.30 per cent respectively.

GHMC increases sacred collection centres from 6 to 12

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has expanded its sacred collection centres from six to 12 under the Udvasana Programme (a farewell ritual for gods and goddesses and spiritual items). Earlier, devotees could donate at Saidabad, Tarnaka, Rajendranagar, Shamshabad, Khairatabad

and Gudimalkapur. Now it has expanded to Ameerpet, Moosarambagh, Attapur, Badangpet, Goshamahall and Musheerabad. Sacred Collection Drive will be held on Saturday, July 18, from 8:30 am to 11 am. Citizens can hand over old deity photographs, damaged frames, broken idols, worn-out pooja items, calendars and other sacred materials.

Revanth Reddy Unveils Vision for 'Future City' at Amazon Data Centre Groundbreaking

CM pitches Telangana as global investment hub, targets \$1 trillion economy by 2034; seeks expanded Amazon investments

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday said the establishment of an Amazon data centre will act as a major catalyst for investments and industrial growth in the proposed 'Future City'. Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony, the Chief Minister said the project would boost investor confidence and attract more global companies to the state. He recalled that the Telangana Rising Global Summit held in December 2025 saw participation from over 3,000 corporate representatives from 108 countries, including Fortune 500 companies. Revanth Reddy outlined the state's long-term economic vision, stating that Telangana aims to become a \$1 trillion economy by 2034 and a \$3 trillion economy by 2047 under the "Telangana Rising-2047" initiative. He added



that the state is working to increase its contribution to India's GDP from the current 5% to 10%. Emphasising the importance of investments and job creation, the Chief Minister said the government is committed to providing all necessary infrastructure, approvals and support for industries. He urged Amazon to invest ₹1 lakh crore in Telangana by 2034 and assured monthly review meetings to track progress on investments. Highlighting policy initiatives, he said the government has introduced sector-specific policies in industries, tourism, energy, healthcare and sports, and established the Young India Skill University to enhance employ-

ability. The Chief Minister noted that Hyderabad has emerged as a global city with world-class infrastructure, including the Outer Ring Road, IT and pharma hubs, and an international airport. He stressed the need to transform the city into a pollution-free urban centre by expanding metro rail, rejuvenating the Musi river and shifting industries out of core areas. He also announced plans to promote electric mobility by converting RTC buses and autos into electric vehicles, offering tax exemptions for EV registrations despite a projected annual revenue loss of ₹1,500 crore. Revanth Reddy said the state has adopted a 'CURE, PURE, RARE' development.

Musi Jan Andolan seeks rejection of Musi project environmental clearance

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Musi Jan Andolan, a city-based non-party people's platform, strongly criticised the Musi River Development Corporation Limited (MRDCL) and said the Musi Riverfront Development Project was being prioritised as a real estate-driven project. On Monday, Musi Jan Andolan (MJA) submitted a representation to the State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), urging it to recommend rejection of the Environmental Clearance for Phase 1-A and Phase

1-B of the project. It said the project prioritised a commercial, real estate-driven development model involving massive road infrastructure and beautification at an enormous and irreversible social and ecological cost. In a press release, Musi Jan Andolan members stated that more than one-third of the total project cost, or Rs 1,836.42 crore, was allocated for the construction of roads and bridges alone. They said the cost for each component concealed the scope and extent of hard engineering works such as toe walls,

revetments and retaining walls, which were budgeted at a combined total of Rs 1,887.39 crore. Regarding displacement due to the project, it said 15,255 families would be affected and noted that 1,400 permanent and temporary structures had been identified. However, the press release said the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report reduced this count to approximately 639 permanent and temporary structures without providing any explanation for the change.

Hyderabad Police Step Up Action against Unauthorized Number Plates

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Following surge in citizen complaints, the Hyderabad traffic police launched an intensified special enforcement drive against vehicles using fake, tampered or unauthorized registration number plates. These violations strictly contravene the Motor Vehicles Act and other relevant legal provisions. As part of this ongoing crackdown, five criminal cases were registered over the

past week against individuals using fraudulent registration plates to conceal vehicle identities, evade traffic enforcement and violate regulations. Multiple vehicles were identified and seized during the operation. The criminal cases were registered at Jubilee Hills, Malakpet, Begum Bazaar, Abids and Kacheguda police stations. Hyderabad Traffic Joint Commissioner of Police, D. Joel Davis said only government-approved high-secu-

rity registration plates (HSRP) are legally permitted. Any custom alterations, missing digits, or temporary stickers are strictly illegal. The Hyderabad traffic police reiterated its zero tolerance policy toward fraudulent vehicle registration practices. Citizens are strictly cautioned that using fake or manipulated registration plates will result in severe legal consequences, including criminal prosecution.

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