

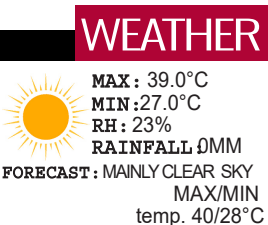


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Uravakonda Gavimath Pontiff Passes Away

Sri Chennabasava Rajendra Mahaswamy (98), the eighth pontiff of the historic Uravakonda Gavimath Sansthan in Anantapur district, passed away while undergoing treatment at a hospital in Balari, Karnataka, on Saturday.

Established in the 18th century, the Uravakonda Gavimath has a network of about 770 branches across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka. The institution runs several educational establishments and supports poor students through its branches.

Sri Chennabasava Rajendra Mahaswamy was appointed as the seer of the Tumakuru Mutt in 1960.

He became the seventh Uttaradhikari of the Uravakonda Gavimath in 1984 and assumed charge as Peethadhipathi in 1996.

Revanth Links SIR Work To Nominated Posts

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday warned party leaders that a lack of participation in the ongoing SIR exercise would affect their prospects for nominated posts and party positions. During a virtual meeting attended by deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, PCC president B. Mahesh Goud, AICC state in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC secretary Sachin Sawant, MPs, legislators and constituency in-



charges, the Chief Minister directed leaders to ensure that voters meet the August 3 deadline for submission of Enumeration Forms. "Some leaders are merely staying in Hyderabad, instead of engaging actively on the ground. Do not hover around the Gandhi Bhavan seeking chairman posts or party positions. Appointments

will not be granted to such individuals. Leaders should not visit Gandhi Bhavan until August 3," he said. The Chief Minister said 489 SIR-related meetings had been held across 119 constituencies and called for immediate attention to segments lagging behind. He directed district in-charge ministers to conduct reviews and said they would be held accountable for progress. "In-charge ministers must focus on supervising the SIR process. They bear the ultimate responsibility. MPs must

conduct regular reviews, even while attending Parliament sessions. Strict action will be taken against MPs who fail to perform their assigned tasks. Those designated as SIR in-charges for the party must ensure complete coordination," he said. He cautioned against relying solely on Booth Level Officer (BLO) reports and stressed on the role of Booth Level Agents (BLAs). He said the top 100 BLAs would get an opportunity to meet Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

Police Break Up 17-day Tribal Protest Against Ken-Betwa Link Project in MP

NEW DELHI
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Police on Sunday broke up a 17-day protest against the Ken-Betwa Link and other development projects in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatarpur district by dispersing protesters and shifting movement leader Amit Bhatnagar, who has been on fast for 11 days, to hospital after his health "worsened". Police justified the early morning ac-



tion, citing a serious safety risk to the demonstrators from the rising level of the Barana river as the protest was being staged beneath an under-construction

bridge and partly in the river. Protesters alleged that Bhatnagar and others were detained during the police action, a claim denied by the administra-

tion. The protest, mainly by tribal women, had been underway since July 3 on the banks of the Barana river near Kupa village. Protesters had also staged jal satyagraha, chita (funeral pyre) satyagraha and a symbolic faansi satyagraha. The Ken-Betwa Link Project, the country's first river interlinking project under the National Perspective Plan, aims to transfer surplus water from the Ken to the Betwa river to provide irrigation

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No Interim Relief for Sonam Wangchuk's Hospital Transfer Plea

NEW DELHI
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The Delhi High Court on Sunday refused to interfere with activist Sonam Wangchuk's treatment at Safdarjung Hospital here. Justice Mini Pushkarna said no interim order was required at this stage on a petition by Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, seeking permission to shift him to a private facility. The petition will be heard next on July 24. In a special hear-

ing held on Sunday, Justice Pushkarna said Safdarjung doctors were closely monitoring the fasting activist, and it could not be said that any force was being used against him in violation of his bodily integrity.

The judge also said the government's removal of Wangchuk from Jantar Mantar to Safdarjung Hospital cannot be called arbitrary. Justice Pushkarna further observed that Wangchuk's wife, his brother, and his brother-

in-law have been given round-the-clock access to him. She issued notice to the Centre, Safdarjung Hospital, and the city police on Angmo's plea seeking his transfer to a private facility. Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Chetan Sharma submitted that there should be no reason for any "doubt" in the matter. He said Wangchuk is being taken care of by the doctors at Safdarjung Hospital, but he has to co-

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Rahul, Kharge Seek Probe Into Alleged Ayodhya Ram Temple Donation Scam

NEW DELHI
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Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Mallikarjun Kharge have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi demanding a probe into the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ayodhya Ram temple, saying lakhs of devotees who donated their hard-earned money with faith are feeling "betrayed by the theft". The opposition leaders in both houses of Parliament said the prime minister's silence on the issue was unacceptable,

and urged him to ensure accountability and restitution.

"Our joint letter to PM Modi demanding an independent and comprehensive investigation into the financial affairs of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust. Lakhs of devotees who donated their hard-earned money with faith, devotion and trust are feeling betrayed by the theft," Kharge said in a post on X on Sunday, while sharing the letter dated July 18. The alleged theft of donations offered at the

Ram temple surfaced in the first week of June and has so far led to the arrest of eight people and the resignation of two senior functionaries from the Trust.

On June 25, police registered an FIR in the case on a complaint by the Trust and arrested eight men. In their letter, both Gandhi and Kharge told the prime minister that he announced the Trust's formation in Parliament on the Supreme Court's directions, but its members were solely appointed by his government.

J&K: 10 Dead, Several Missing as Flash Floods Batter Poonch-Rajouri



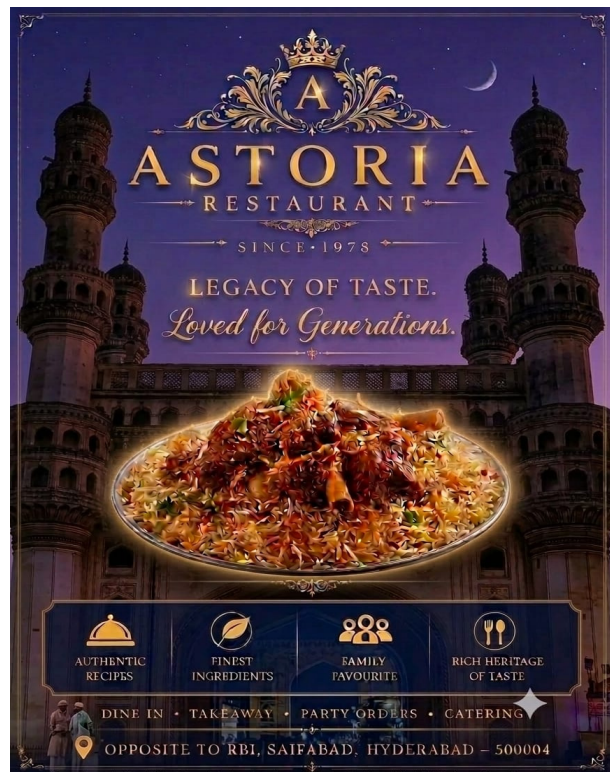
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At least ten people were killed and six others remain missing after torrential rains triggered devastating flash floods, cloudburst-like conditions and massive landslides across Jammu and Kashmir's twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri on Sunday, as extreme weather battered large parts of the Union Territory, disrupting road connectivity, damaging infrastructure and prompting authorities to suspend major pilgrimage movements in the interest of public safety.

The worst tragedy unfolded in the Lower Murrah area of Surankote in

Poonch district, where incessant overnight rainfall unleashed flash floods and landslides that buried residential houses under debris, trapping several families. According to officials, ten people lost their lives in the disaster. Eight of them have been identified as Noor Safia (59), wife of Mohammad Latief; Sajad Ahmed (16), son of Mohammad Latief; Haq Nawaz Ahmed (10), son of Mohammad Latief; Shahnawaz Ahmed (10), son of Mohammad Latief; Khalida Kouser (25), wife of Yasar Iqbal; Sofian (2), son of Yasar Iqbal; Bano Bi (60), wife of Mohammad Hussain; and Mohammad Akram (7), son of Mohammad Liaquat.

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Shah to Move Bill Protecting Vande Mataram

NEW DELHI
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Union home minister Amit Shah is set to introduce the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, in the Rajya Sabha on Monday, seeking to extend legal protection to the national song "Vande Mataram". The proposed amendment aims to accord the national song the same statutory safeguards as the National Anthem, "Jana Gana Mana". The Bill has been cleared by the Union Cabinet and has



been listed in the Rajya Sabha for consideration and passage.

Once enacted, the legislation will amend the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, to make insulting "Vande Mataram" a punishable offence, placing it on par with the National

Anthem. Under the provisions, a person found guilty of intentionally insulting or obstructing the singing of the national song could face imprisonment of up to three years, a fine, or both. The 1971 Act currently provides protection to the National Flag, the Constitution of India and the National Anthem against acts of intentional disrespect. The amendment expands its scope to include "Vande Mataram".

On July 9, the Union home ministry directed all states and Union Territo-

ries to play "Vande Mataram" before the National Anthem at official functions.

Earlier this year, the government announced a nationwide campaign to mark 150 years of "Vande Mataram", recognising its role in the freedom movement. Government ministries, educational institutions and public bodies have been encouraged to organise cultural programmes, discussions and events highlighting the song's contribution to the independence struggle.

Harish Rao Blames Congress for Telangana Irrigation Water Crisis

Former minister T Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government had created drought-like conditions by refusing to lift Godavari water through the Kannepalli pump house. He accused the government of neglecting farmers and demanded immediate operation of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday accused the Congress government of creating drought-like conditions in Telangana by refusing to lift irrigation water from the Kannepalli pump house under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS). Addressing farmers and BRS workers at Ranganayaka Sagar after a 15-km padayatra from Annapurna Sagar, he alleged that the government had allowed 75 TMC ft of Godavari water to flow downstream, benefiting Andhra Pradesh instead of Telangana farmers. Referring to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's



remarks that he could "use the blood of BRS leaders" to cultivate crops if they questioned the government's failure to lift Godavari water, Harish Rao said he was prepared to donate his blood

if the Chief Minister agreed to operate the Kaleshwaram pump houses and provide irrigation water to farmers. The former minister claimed that the Congress government was delib-

erately avoiding the use of the Kaleshwaram project to portray it as a failure, despite it being a flagship irrigation initiative conceived by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He highlighted that projects such as Ananthagiri Reservoir, Ranganayaka Sagar, Kondapochamma Sagar, and Mallanna Sagar had brought lakhs of acres under irrigation during the BRS regime. Harish Rao warned that continued neglect of the irrigation system would not only affect agriculture but also threaten drinking water supply to Hyderabad and water availability for the NTPC thermal power plant, as Mallanna Sagar would remain un-

filled. He said farmers were being forced to spend large sums on drilling borewells and desilting open wells due to the lack of irrigation water. He further alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil key promises, including Rythu Bharosa, Rythu Bheema, loan waiver, adequate urea supply, 24-hour power, and irrigation support. Calling on people to support the BRS once again, Harish Rao said only the return of K. Chandrashekar Rao's leadership could resolve the State's irrigation and farmers' issues. Thousands of farmers and BRS workers participated in the rally.

Srinivas Goud Calls for Unity to Protect Mahabubnagar Irrigation Rights

Srinivas Goud urges unity to protect Mahabubnagar irrigation rights, complete Palamuru project, and secure farmers' water needs.

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Former Minister Srinivas Goud urged people and leaders of the undivided Mahabubnagar district to work together to safeguard the region's interests at a JAC round-table meeting on pending irrigation projects. He said the previous BRS government transformed agriculture by completing major projects, filling irrigation tanks, and increasing the cultivated area from two lakh acres to nearly ten lakh acres. He highlighted that through Mission Bhagiratha, regular drinking water supply was provided to households across villages, tribal hamlets, and urban areas by up-



grading pumping systems and bringing Krishna river water to the district. Goud expressed concern over the reduced water availability at the Jurala project and stressed the urgent need to complete the Palamuru project. He said filling the 60 TMC reservoirs during the flood season would benefit farmers, and completing the remaining works could provide irrigation to 12.32 lakh acres. He demanded that necessary

funds be allocated in the upcoming budget. He also alleged that Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh were attempting to obstruct Telangana's irrigation share through unauthorized projects. He called for legal action against such measures, including the expansion of the Almati dam, and urged the government to prioritize Mahabubnagar's water rights and development.

KCR Created Assets, But Revanth Is Only Creating Controversies: Dasoju Sravan

"Revanth Reddy's Words Lack Dignity, Destroying Congress and Hurting Telangana Sentiments" — MLC Dasoju Sravan Launches Scathing Attack on CM

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

MLC Dr. Dasoju Sravan launched a strong political attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, alleging that the Chief Minister's statements and actions do not reflect the dignity, responsibility, and restraint expected from a constitutional office. Sravan said that a person holding the CM's position should set an example through respectful language and responsible conduct. Addressing the media, Sravan stated that Revanth Reddy should respect Telangana's history, the sacrifices of the statehood movement, cultural icons, poets, and senior political leaders instead of making personal remarks. He questioned the criticism directed at former Chief Minister KCR, saying that KCR's contrib-



ution to the Telangana movement and his role in the development of the state cannot be ignored. Sravan alleged that the Congress government was using respected Telangana poets and cultural figures for political purposes. He said personalities like Gaddar and Ande Sri deserve genuine respect through meaningful actions rather than symbolic announcements. He criticised the government's approach towards honouring Telangana's cultural identity. The MLC also targeted the Congress government on employment issues, questioning the claim of

providing 70,000 jobs. He demanded a public debate on the matter and alleged that the actual number of jobs provided was much lower. Sravan raised concerns over recruitment issues, including GO 29, Group-1 examinations, and decisions that he claimed affected unemployed youth and backward communities. Speaking about development, Sravan defended the previous BRS government, stating that investments, infrastructure growth, improved electricity supply, and agricultural progress were the result of policies introduced during KCR's ten-

ure. He accused the present government of failing to maintain the same pace of development and alleged that industries were facing uncertainty. Sravan also questioned the government's financial management, alleging that loans were being raised without sufficient asset creation. He said that criticism and personal attacks against KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao would not help attract investments or improve Telangana's economy. Concluding his remarks, Sravan urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to focus on governance, maintain the dignity of the CM's office, and avoid political statements that could hurt public sentiments. He said Telangana's progress should remain the priority rather than personal attacks and political disputes.

Government Ensures Drinking Water Amid Rainfall Deficit and Heat

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Minister Ponnampabha- kar stated that the government is taking proactive measures to ensure there is no shortage of drinking water despite the rainfall deficit and rising temperatures linked to conditions in the Pacific Ocean. Speaking after a review meeting chaired by In-charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, he said the administration is giving top priority to providing safe drinking water



and minimizing hardships for the public. The minister emphasized that while the government is making every possible effort, public cooperation is equally important. He urged farmers to collec-

tively adopt Aaru-tadi crops, which require limited irrigation, during periods of deficient rainfall. He also stressed the need to conserve water and focus on recharging groundwater resources for long-term sustainability. Ponnampabha- kar noted that the government has consistently supported farmers during both drought and abundant rainfall. Since last April, awareness programs have been conducted to educate farmers about weather conditions and the impor-

stance of planning cultivation based on expected rainfall patterns. He advised farmers intending to sow crops to carefully assess future rainfall prospects before making decisions. The minister added that the government is addressing drinking water supply and irrigation infrastructure without political bias. Regular review meetings are being held, and a special officer has been appointed to monitor the situation across the undivided district.

Former Minister Jagadish Reddy Felicitated on Birthday

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Former Government Whip and ex-Aleru MLA Gongidi Sunitha, along with former Aleru Municipal Chairman Vaspari Shankaraiah and BRS leaders, visited former Telangana Minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy at his Hyderabad residence to extend birthday wishes. The leaders felicitated Jagadish Reddy with a traditional shawl and bouquet, wishing him good health, happiness, and many



more years of dedicated public service. They praised his commitment to public welfare and his role in Telangana's development, expressing confidence that he would continue serving the people with the same dedication and leadership. The

meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere, where leaders exchanged greetings and discussed public welfare and party organizational matters. Several BRS leaders, party workers, and supporters attended the birthday felicitation ceremony.

Reconstructed Mahankali Temple Inaugurated in Secunderabad Cantonment

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The newly reconstructed Mahankali Devi Temple at Mudfort Sick Village in Sriram Nagar, Cantonment Third Ward, was inaugurated amid religious fervor and traditional rituals, attracting a large number of devotees and local leaders. The ceremony marked a significant milestone for the community, with prayers offered for prosperity, peace, and timely monsoon rains. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampanna Pratap attended the event as the chief guest. After performing special pujas and offering prayers to Goddess Mahankali, he expressed hope that the Goddess would bless the region with abundant rainfall, prosperity, and happiness. He said temples not only enhance the spiritual atmosphere of a locality but also provide mental peace and strengthen community harmony. A major highlight of the event was the



felicitation of Dr. Santosh Velu Guruswamy, who played a key role in supporting and coordinating the temple's reconstruction. He participated in the special rituals and was honored with a traditional shawl in recognition of his contribution. Pratap also congratulated the donors, devotees, and volunteers whose financial support and dedicated efforts helped complete the reconstruction. Temple committee members Yadagiri, Krishna, M. Raju, Hanumanthu, and Venkat actively coordinated the inaugural celebrations, ensuring the smooth conduct of the ceremonies as devotees gathered to seek the blessings of Goddess Mahankali.

WMNC 2026 Delegates Tour Almond House's Mega Manufacturing Hub

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

More than 350 delegates from India's sweets and namkeen industry visited Almond House's newly established manufacturing facility at Banda Thimapur, Siddipet, during the World Mithai & Namkeen Convention (WMNC) Purchasing 2026. Recognised as Telangana's largest sweets manufacturing facility, the two-lakh-square-foot integrated hub offered delegates a firsthand look at every stage of production, from processing and quality control to packaging, storage and dispatch. The visit marked a significant milestone in Almond House's 35-year journey. Designed as a fully inte-



grated production centre, the facility brings all manufacturing operations under one roof, enhancing efficiency, product consistency and quality assurance. Equipped with modern production systems, dedicated manufacturing zones and stringent hygiene protocols, the plant reflects the company's commitment to food safety, freshness, purity and premium quality. Built to support Almond

House's expanding retail presence, festive demand, institutional business and corporate orders, the facility also provides capacity for future growth and product innovation. It embodies the vision of Founder Nagarjuna Muppala and the leadership of CEO Chaitanya Muppala in strengthening manufacturing while preserving the brand's traditional recipes and craftsmanship. The delegates, including

manufacturers, retailers, distributors, suppliers and industry professionals from across the country, appreciated the facility's scale, advanced infrastructure and disciplined manufacturing practices. Welcoming the visitors, Colonel Bhaskar Sengupta, Vice President – Operations, Almond House, said the integrated hub reinforces the company's focus on quality, hygiene, food safety and operational excellence while supporting long-term growth. He added that the positive feedback from industry leaders reaffirmed Almond House's commitment to innovation, consistency and delivering premium sweets and savouries to customers across India.

Telangana Expands Free Geriatric Care Services in Govt Hospitals



The Telangana Government is rapidly expanding free geriatric (elderly) healthcare services across government hospitals to provide comprehensive medical care for senior citizens. As part of the initiative, dedicated geriatric wards have been established in government hospitals with separate facilities for men and women, comprising 10 to 20 beds. The special wards provide outpatient (OP) services, physiotherapy, treatment for age-related chronic diseases, and referral services to super-specialty hospitals whenever advanced medical care is required. In addition to premier institutions such as Gandhi Hospital and Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) in Hyderabad, similar geriatric care facilities are being strengthened in government hospitals across all districts of the State. The Medical and Health Department is continuously monitoring the implementation of these specialised services under the guidance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, with the objective of ensuring quality, accessible and dignified healthcare for Telangana's elderly population.

BRS Leaders Extend Advance Birthday Wishes to Budida Bikshamaiah Goud



Former Aleru MLA and senior BRS leader Budida Bikshamaiah Goud, who celebrates his birthday on July 20, received an out-pouring of advance birthday wishes from BRS leaders, elected representatives, party workers, supporters, and well-wishers from across Telangana. People from different parts of the State, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, and the Aleru Assembly constituency conveyed their greetings through personal visits, phone calls, and social media. They wished him good health, happiness, a long life, and continued success in his political career and public service. Representatives of Thalka Group from Mator village in Motakondur mandal also extended their warm greetings, appreciating Budida Bikshamaiah Goud's dedication to the welfare of the people and expressing hope that he would continue serving society with the same commitment.

BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar warns of SC move over Dalit land row in Asifabad

BRS State General Secretary RS Praveen Kumar has warned that the party would approach the Supreme Court if Dalit farmers in Sirpur mandal were denied their right to cultivate lands held for decades.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar has warned that the party would approach the Supreme Court if the government attempted to take away lands that had been cultivated by Dalit farmers for nearly 50 years.

Praveen Kumar made the statement after visiting Dorpalli and Kommuguda villages in Sirpur (T) mandal, where forest officials had reportedly stopped Dalit farmers from cultivating their lands. He met with members of weaker sections and expressed his support for their struggle to protect their agricultural lands.

Speaking on the issue, the BRS leader said it was unfair and cruel to prevent farmers from cultivating



lands for which they had received official land titles issued during the previous government led by former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao. He stated that agriculture was not merely a livelihood but a fundamental right connected to the right to life under Articles 21 and 19 of the Indian Constitution.

Praveen Kumar criticised the forest officials for allegedly attempting to interfere with lands that had

already been verified and certified by revenue authorities.

He claimed that any action against farmers who possessed valid land documents would amount to an unconstitutional act.

He further warned that legal action would be initiated against officials if they continued to harass farmers from weaker sections. He said the BRS would stand firmly with the affected families and support them until the

land dispute was resolved.

The BRS leader also expressed his determination to protect the interests of Dalit farmers, stating that they were prepared to fight for their land rights if authorities continued their efforts to prevent cultivation.

He later contacted officials over the phone and urged them to take immediate steps to resolve the issue.

Praveen Kumar assured the farmers that the BRS would continue to support them in their efforts to safeguard their lands and ensure justice. He reiterated that farmers who had cultivated these lands for decades should not be deprived of their rights and that the party would pursue all available legal options, including approaching the Supreme Court if necessary.

CPM Demands Enquiry and Action Against Chengomul SI Sri Bharat Reddy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM), along with CITU and other affiliated organisations, staged a protest in Pargi constituency of Vikarabad district, demanding an impartial enquiry and immediate action against Chengomul Sub-Inspector (SI) Sri Bharat Reddy. A delegation of CPM leaders submitted a memorandum to the concerned authorities, alleging that false cases had been registered against workers, farmers, and activists participating in democratic protests. The delegation urged the government to conduct a fair enquiry into the functioning of the Chengomul SI and take appropriate action if any irregularities are found. The protesters



also demanded: Withdrawal of cases allegedly filed against protesters. Protection of the democratic rights of workers, farmers, and local residents. A fair and transparent investigation into the allegations raised against the SI. Immediate steps to ensure justice and prevent the misuse of police powers. CPM leaders warned that they would intensify their agitation if the authorities failed to respond positively to their demands.

Telangana Rakshana Sena Flag Hoisting Held in Chandanagar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

As part of the Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) statewide Flag Festival called by State President Kalvakuntla Kavitha, a flag-hoisting programme was organised at PJR Stadium in Chandanagar Division under the Serilingampally constituency. The party flag was hoisted by Serilingam-



pally Assembly In-charge Vasili Chandrasekhara Prasad, who attended the event as the chief guest. He said the party would soon organise similar flag-hoisting programmes in all divisions of the constituency to strengthen its

presence among the public. He also stated that many youth and women are showing interest in joining the party and that more memberships are expected in the coming days. Senior leaders Sheikh Aslam, Vishnu Chary, Murugesan, Dayanand Mudiraj, Lakshmi, Madhavi, Sandeep, Praveen, Srinivas, along with party leaders and workers, participated in the programme.

LIG Indiramma Housing Scheme Under CURE to Be Launched Today

The Telangana government will launch the Indiramma LIG Housing Scheme under CURE on Monday, with plans to build one lakh houses for low-income families in Hyderabad and other urban areas.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Sunday announced that the state government will construct one lakh houses within Hyderabad city limits under the upcoming Indiramma Low-Income Group (LIG) Housing Scheme. The scheme is scheduled to be launched on Monday, marking a major step towards providing affordable housing for poor families living in urban areas.

The minister said that the first phase of the programme will begin with the construction of 500 houses in each constituency. The government aims to expand the initiative gradually and provide permanent housing facilities to eligible low-income families across Hyderabad and other



urban regions. According to Ponguleti, previous housing programmes mainly focused on rural areas, but the present government has decided to address the housing needs of poor families living in cities.

He said the government is committed to fulfilling the dream of owning a house for economically weaker sections in urban areas. The application procedure, eligibility conditions, and detailed guidelines of the Indiramma LIG Housing Scheme are expected to be released on Monday. Applicants will have to

submit their applications through their respective constituencies. The minister revealed that the government has identified valuable land parcels in prime locations across the city for constructing houses for the poor. Land areas ranging from one to five acres have been acquired based on local requirements and availability.

Highlighting the government's approach, Ponguleti said housing projects would be developed near the existing residential areas of poor families instead of shifting them to distant locations. This move is aimed at ensuring that people do not lose access to their workplaces, children's schools, and daily livelihood opportunities. The housing projects will include multi-storeyed buildings of up to 10 floors with modern facilities and basic amenities.

Karka Nagaraj Appointed AIAYS Telangana State General Secretary

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Karka Nagaraj, a resident of Moosapet in Kukatpalli constituency, has been officially appointed as the Telangana State General Secretary of the All India Ambedkar Youth Association (AIAYS). The appointment was announced during the organization's 30th Core Committee meeting held at its Lakdikapul office in Hyderabad. The appointment letter was presented by National Coordinator S. Varun Kumar in the presence of Telangana State President Kadaram



Vinay Kumar. Expressing his gratitude, Nagaraj thanked the national and state leadership for recognizing his 25 years of service to the organization and entrusting him with the responsibility. He pledged to work with dedication to strengthen AIAYS across Telangana while promoting the ideals and vision

of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The meeting also resolved to dissolve the Greater Hyderabad Committee, reorganize it into three regional units, and celebrate AIAYS' Golden Jubilee in September with a grand public meeting, senior leaders' felicitation, and a statewide membership drive.

OBC Leaders Demand 50% Sub-Quota for OBC Women in Women's Reservation Bill

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

OBC Employees Association General Secretary Tapallli Pandu called for a 50% sub-quota for OBC women within the Women's Reservation Bill, stressing that women from Backward Classes must receive fair and adequate representation in legislative bodies. He made the demand while unveiling the wall poster for the BC National Convention at BC Bhavan in



Sangareddy. The convention will be held on August 7 in Bengaluru under the leadership of Jajula Srinivas Goud. Pandu urged the BC community to participate in large numbers and

make the convention a success. He said the event would strengthen the movement for BC rights from the grassroots to the national level and help build a united platform for social justice.

Congress leader set ablaze by rowdy sheeter in Warangal dies

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A Congress leader who was allegedly set ablaze by a rowdy sheeter in Warangal on Saturday night died on Sunday.

According to sources, the deceased, Adupa Mahesh (42) of NTR Nagar Colony, who had earlier served as the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation's 14th division Congress president in the past, arrived at the colony with burn injuries at around 11.30 pm.

Some locals who spotted him started filming him and asked for details. He stated that one Jannu Madhu of NTR Nagar had summoned him on Saturday night to a secluded spot near the local Kotilingala temple, where they consumed alcohol.

Later, the rowdy-sheeter, Pathri Kumar, who was also present there, reportedly accused Mahesh of complaining against him to Wardhannapet MLA KR Nagaraj. Before Mahesh could answer, Kumar snatched his phone away, doused him with petrol and set him on fire.

Mahesh told the locals that he would not survive as he suffered severe burns in the petrol attack and lamented that his own party people had deceived him. He appealed to the Congress party and



the State government to support his family, noting that he had worked hard for the Congress party for 26 years.

He further asked the MLA and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to intervene in the case; identify those who supported Kumar and ensure severe punishment to him.

He said he worked hard for the Congress party to come to power but the government and police have let a rowdy sheeter accused in a murder case to move freely in the society.

The locals later shifted him to MGM Hospital for treatment. He died at Jangana on the way to NIMS Hospital in Hyderabad on Sunday afternoon for advanced medical treatment as his condition turned critical due to over 50 per cent burns he suffered in the petrol attack.

The accused Kumar was said to have been sentenced to life imprisonment in a murder case and was recently released on bail.

'Gift a Smile' Event Empowers 500 Women with Skill Training Certificates

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Santosh chowdary

A 'Gift a Smile' programme was organised at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday by the Telangana Mahila Sangham (TMS) to commemorate the 50th birthday of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, which falls on the 24th of this month. As part of the event, certificates were distributed to around 500 women who successfully completed free training programmes in tailoring and beautician courses. Addressing the gathering, former Minister Satyavathi Rathod said



skill development plays a crucial role in helping women achieve financial independence and build a secure future. She emphasised that learning vocational skills enables women to earn livelihoods without depending on others. Rathod recalled that during the BRS government led by K. Chandrashekhara Rao, several

welfare schemes were introduced with women as primary beneficiaries. She listed initiatives including Kalyana Lakshmi, Arogya Lakshmi, ration cards, double-bedroom housing, Dalit Bandhu, Bathukamma sarees, KCR Kits, KCR Nutrition Kits, Aasara pensions, and Kanti Velugu, stating that these programmes signifi-

cantly supported women across the state. She also claimed that women enjoyed greater confidence and safety during the previous BRS regime, citing the introduction of 'She Teams' as an important step towards ensuring women's security. She alleged that women currently face increased concerns over safety. Former ZP Chairperson Tula Uma encouraged women to become self-reliant and take advantage of opportunities in education, employment, and politics. She urged them to work towards achieving greater success in all fields.

Korutla Deserves Jobs, Not Family Rule: TRS

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Korutla has suffered for years because of political betrayal and family rule. Former MLA Vidyasagar Rao, his son and current MLA Dr. Sanjay, along with KTR, allegedly attempted to purchase the Muthyampet Sugar Factory. Their actions prevented the factory from reopening, depriving thousands of farmers of support and denying employment to local youth. Had the factory been revived, nearly 4,000 young people would have se-



cured jobs instead of thousands migrating to Gulf countries in search of work.

The Congress government also failed to honour its promise. Revanth Reddy had declared that the Muthyampet Sugar

Factory would be reopened within 100 days of coming to power, but the promise remains unfulfilled. Similarly, the promised hospital for beedi workers has been ignored.

Kavitha worked tirelessly for the victory of Vidyasagar Rao and other BRS candidates across her parliamentary constituency. Yet, leaders from seven Assembly segments allegedly conspired against her under KTR's leadership, attempting to sideline her. The injustice she faced came from within her own party.

Despite suspension from the BRS, Kavitha continues to fight for Telangana through the Telangana Rakshana Sena. Her struggles have already contributed to achievements like the establishment of the Medical Board at Singareni. If she receives the people's support in Korutla, she is committed to ensuring a hospital for beedi workers, reopening the Muthyampet Sugar Factory, creating jobs, and ending the long-standing family dominance that has held the constituency back.

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

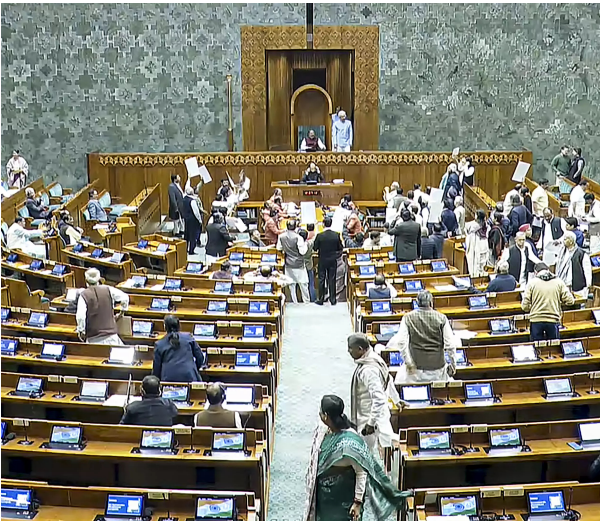
Born to landless Indian farmers, Sunil Pooniya thought a job at sea would be his ticket out of poverty, instead his first voyage saw him diving into the ocean to escape a deadly attack driven by the Iran war. For hundreds of thousands of Indians, merchant shipping jobs are a lucrative proposition despite 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.

Opposition Walks Out of All-Party Meet Over Invite to Rebel TMC MPs

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The entire opposition on Sunday staged a symbolic walk out from the all-party meeting convened here ahead of Parliament's Monsoon Session to protest against the invitation extended to rebel TMC MPs. The opposition also protested against Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla's decisions on the rebel TMC lawmakers, allowing them separate seats in the House and merger of the rebel Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs with the Shiv Sena led by Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde. "Opposition decided to walk out of all-party meeting to protest the Speaker's decision on rebel MPs of TMC, Shiv Sena (UBT)," Congress leader Pramod Tiwari



told reporters at Parliament House complex where the meeting is underway. CPM leader John Brittas said the invitation to rebel TMC MPs to the all-party meet was a "miscarriage of justice". The opposition members returned to the meeting venue after a brief period and participated the proceeding. Parliamentary Affairs

Minister Kiren Rijiju had on Saturday invited leader of the breakaway Trinamool Congress (TMC) group Sudip Bandyopadhyay to the customary all-party meeting ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, noting that he and 19 other MPs "have joined the National Citizens Party of India (NCPI)". Lok Sabha

Speaker Om Birla had on Saturday approved separate seating for the 20 rebel TMC lawmakers, who have claimed to have joined a little-known party, NCPI. The TMC rebel group of 20 MPs will be seated separately, away from the parent party, sources had said. No final decision has been taken on the demand of the rebel TMC MPs to be recognised as part of the NCPI, and the matter is still under consideration, they had said. The TMC had demanded the disqualification of the rebel MPs. The all-party meeting is held before every session of Parliament to discuss the government's legislative agenda and seek cooperation from political parties for the smooth conduct of proceedings.

West Bengal CID Arrests Woman With Huge Arms Cache

NEW DELHI
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A woman was arrested by the West Bengal Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in the North 24 Parganas district on Sunday for allegedly possessing a large cache of illegal arms and ammunition. The accused, identified as Puja Biswas, is suspected to have links with an interstate weapons smuggling racket operating from Bihar's Munger, a region notorious for illegal arms manufacturing. Acting on specific intelligence, CID officials intercepted Biswas while she was travelling in a vehicle from Naihati to Habra. During the search, officers recovered several firearms, around 200 rounds of ammunition, 12 magazines, ₹12,000 in cash, and two mobile phones. They also found a train ticket to Jamalpur in Bihar, strengthening sus-



picious that the weapons had been transported from Bihar into West Bengal. Police investigations revealed that Biswas had been residing in a rented house in the Habra area. She was also found to have a previous criminal record, having earlier been arrested in connection with a case registered at Dattapukur police station. According to preliminary findings, the accused had allegedly procured the illegal weapons from Munger and intended to distribute them in the Habra region. Investigators believe she entered West Bengal by

train, got down at Naihati, and was travelling towards Habra when she was arrested. The CID suspects that Biswas is part of a larger interstate arms smuggling network and has launched an investigation to identify other members involved in the racket. Officials are examining the seized mobile phones and other evidence to trace the supply chain and uncover the wider network. The arrest is considered a significant step in curbing the illegal flow of arms between Bihar and West Bengal and preventing their circulation among criminal elements.

Two US Troops Dead, One Missing in Jordan After Iranian Attacks

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The US military on Saturday announced its first troop deaths due to direct Iranian fire since the opening days of the war, with two killed and another missing in an attack on a base in Jordan after days of intensifying exchanges of fire. Friday's drone and missile attack sent four other service members to hospitals, the military said. The dead were not identified. Since the war began, 16 US service members have been killed and over 430 wounded. Minutes before the announcement, Iran's supreme leader warned of "unforgettable lessons" if the US keeps attacking the Islamic Republic. The remarks read out on state TV and attributed to Mojtaba Khamenei, still unseen since the war began, also called President Donald Trump's signature "worthless and invalid." An Iranian negotiator said Tehran was suspending its commitments to the interim deal signed about a month ago and aimed at permanently ending the fighting.



Tehran's declarations snapped another fragile thread as the war shows no end in sight. Now Khamenei warns of "lessons" not only from Iran but also its armed proxies in the region, calling them the "Axis of Resistance." The US issued a global travel alert over the rising tensions. The battle has focused on control of the Strait of Hormuz, the waterway that previously carried a fifth of the world's crude oil. The widening strikes now threaten civilians and infrastructure, including desalination plants for drinking water, while the global economy again is on alert. The U.S. has violated its commitments under the deal and now Iran is "no longer implementing them," Kazem Gharibabadi, Iran's deputy foreign

minister, told state TV. There was no new word on mediation efforts. The previous recorded death of a US service member was that of a helicopter pilot who crashed in the Arabian Sea earlier this month. Early in the war, an Iranian drone strike on a command center in Kuwait killed six soldiers. One soldier died after an attack on a base in Saudi Arabia. Six were killed when a refuelling aircraft crashed in Iraq. On Saturday, the most significant damage from Iranian strikes occurred in Kuwait, where a water desalination plant and an oil facility were hit, according to the Kuwait authorities and the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation. Both declined to provide locations. It was the second attack against a desalination plant in two days

in the tiny desert nation that depends on desalination for 90% of its drinking water. The strikes injured several people at the oil facility and caused a fire at the desalination plant, forcing several power generation units offline. Several firefighters and a worker were injured while battling two other blazes sparked by Iranian strikes, according to the Kuwait Fire Force. Kuwait briefly closed its airspace due to missile threats, and Kuwait Airways said it was rescheduling most flights to and from the capital. Meanwhile, Iraq said it shot down attack drones over the city of Irbil. Jordan's state-run Petra news agency said the kingdom's air defense systems had downed Iranian missiles, while air sirens sounded multiple times in Bahrain throughout the day and in Saudi Arabia in the morning, according to their governments. The secretary general of the six-nation Gulf Cooperation Council, Jassem Mohamed al-Budaiwi, accused Iran of war crimes for strikes on infrastructure and civilian facilities.

Make Ram Temple Trust Public, Akhara Urges SC

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Nirmohi Akhara has moved the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre to reconstitute the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, which manages the Ram temple in Ayodhya, as a public trust. The apex court is scheduled to hear on July 20 a batch of pleas seeking a fair and time-bound probe into alleged embezzlement of donations at the temple. In its application, the Akhara contended that the existing structure and composition of the trust as a "private trust" was incon-



sistent with the spirit of the Supreme Court's November 9, 2019 verdict in the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid land dispute case. The application has been filed in the disposed matter in which the court delivered the 2019 verdict that cleared the way for construction of the Ram temple and directed the Centre to allot a five-acre plot to the Sunni Waqf Board for a mosque. Filed

through Mahant Raja Ramchandracharya Ateet Guru Raghunath Das, the plea sought directions to the Centre "to suitably recast the scheme and reconstitute the trust as a public trust and include therein structural safeguards for appropriate oversight of the decisions of the board of trustees by the seers of Ramanandi Bairagi Sampradaya with supervisory powers over the decisions of the board." It also sought guidelines for the appointment of trustees and prayed that "all rituals, sewa, bhog, puja and religious ceremonies in the Ram temple

be conducted strictly according to the Ramanandi Sampradaya and the long-established customs and usages historically followed by the Nirmohi Akhara before the acquisition of the disputed site." The application further sought directions for the "restoration of the original deities of Shri Ram Lalla Virajman attached on January 5, 1950, and February 16, 1982, to the sanctum sanctorum, holding that the Trust had no authority in law to substitute or replace the original idols or in the alternative to restore the said deities to the applicant who can ensure that they are duly

NTA Warns Against Fake AI-Generated NEET OMR Sheets

NEW DELHI
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The National Testing Agency (NTA) has issued an advisory to NEET-UG 2026 candidates and their parents, warning them not to submit fake or AI-generated OMR sheets when raising complaints about score discrepancies. The warning comes after the NTA reviewed several complaints regarding differences between candidates' expected and

declared NEET 2026 scores. During the verification process, the agency found that many of the OMR sheets submitted with complaints appeared to be fake or created using artificial intelligence (AI). "NTA is closely monitoring and scrutinising all complaints. In the wake of many OMR sheets submitted for scrutiny turning out to be fake/AI-generated, students and parents are advised to submit only original OMRs for scru-

tiny. Any fake/AI-generated OMR may invite legal action against the complainant," the agency said in an advisory. The results for the medical entrance were announced on July 16, with 11.21 lakh candidates qualifying the exam. The NTA cancelled the May 3 exam on May 12 amid allegations of a paper leak; the CBI is investigating the matter, and the exam was re-conducted on June 21. Fol-

lowing the controversy over the paper leak and alleged irregularities in the exam process, the Centre announced that the exam will now be conducted as a computer-based test (CBT) instead of pen-and-paper mode. Detailed deliberations have been ongoing for several years between the education and health ministries on whether to conduct NEET-UG in pen-and-paper or online mode.

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Police Break Up 17....-

The project has faced opposition from sections of project-affected families and environmental groups over issues relating to displacement, rehabilitation and its impact on forests and wildlife, including parts of the Panna Tiger Reserve. One of the protesters, Divya Ahirwar, alleged that police personnel reached the site in large numbers around 5 am and detained Bhatnagar and others before he could address the media regarding the alleged corruption of Rs 400 crore in the project. She said the protesters had been demanding compliance with legal and constitutional provisions in implementing the project. "The administration would be responsible

if any harm came to Bhatnagar or any of the protesters," Ahirwar added. Additional Superintendent of Police Aditya Patle told PTI that protesters were taken in buses to their native villages. "Those from Panna district were sent there, while those from Chhatarpur and nearby areas were dropped at their respective villages," he added. Patle denied that any protester had been arrested or detained. He said Bhatnagar's health had deteriorated because of his prolonged hunger strike, and he was admitted to the hospital for medical treatment. The officer said the protest site was beneath an under-construction bridge and partly in the Barana River, where rising water levels posed a serious safety risk. He said the protesters, who were largely from

neighbouring Panna district, should have staged their agitation there if their grievances were related to that district. Meanwhile, the leader of the Opposition in the Madhya Pradesh assembly, Umang Singhar, criticised the police action and expressed concern over Bhatnagar's hospitalisation.

Skyroot's Vikram.....

Additional Solicitor General (ASG) Chetan Sharma submitted that there should be no reason for any "doubt" in the matter. He said Wangchuk is being taken care of by the doctors at Safdarjung Hospital, but he has to cooperate. "Needless to state that Sonam Wangchuk will cooperate with doctors in administering medical intervention if

necessary, if he so chooses," the court responded. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for the petitioner, said that they wanted Wangchuk to be shifted to Medanta Hospital. Emphasising that Wangchuk was not in any detention, Sibal asked if an individual can be denied admission in a hospital of his choice. On Saturday, Wangchuk was taken forcibly to Safdarjung Hospital by the Delhi Police on the 21st day of his hunger strike. J&K: 10 Dead,

Rescue teams comprising personnel from the J&K Police, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), civil administration, Army and local volunteers continued a relentless search operation to trace six per-

sons who are still missing and are feared to have been swept away by floodwaters or trapped beneath the debris. Authorities said rescue and relief operations were being conducted on a war footing despite challenging weather conditions. The widespread spell of heavy rain caused extensive damage across Poonch and Rajouri districts, with houses, vehicles, roads, bridges and other public infrastructure suffering significant losses. Several villages witnessed overflowing streams and swollen nallahs, while vulnerable slopes experienced fresh landslides. Officials urged residents living in low-lying and landslide-prone areas to remain indoors, avoid riverbanks and water channels, and strictly follow safety advisories issued by

the administration. Delhi Fortified After..... Meanwhile, turnout at Jantar Mantra increased through the day, with organisers claiming around 20,000 people had gathered ahead of the proposed march. The crowd included students, professionals, parents and other groups. Several political leaders and public figures, including Manish Sisodia, Mahua Moitra, Brinda Karat, Farooq Abdullah, Shabana Azmi and Prakash Raj, visited the protest site. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke urged supporters to remain at the site and maintain non-violence. The organisation issued guidelines asking participants to avoid political flags, cooperate with police and follow peaceful.

CRIME

Telangana High Court Dismisses Plea for 7-Acre Malkajgiri Land, Imposes ₹50,000 Fine on Petitioners

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The Telangana High Court has dismissed a writ petition filed by Sardar Shanta Bai and two others seeking mutation of revenue records in their favour for 7.28 acres of land in Survey No. 16/1 at Am-muguda in Malkajgiri mandal, Medchal-Mal-kajgiri district. The court held that the petitioners had no legal right to re-claim ownership after the property had been trans-ferred through registered general power of attorney (GPA) holders and devel-oped into an approved residential layout. Justice E.V. Venugopal, while rejecting the chal-lenge to the tahsildar's en-dorsement dated November 12, 2020, ob-served that the petition was devoid of merit and amounted to an abuse of



the judicial process. The court imposed costs of `50,000 on the petitioners for wasting judicial time and directed them to de-posit the amount with the Telangana High Court Ad-vocates' Welfare Associa-tion within two months. The receipt of payment is to be submitted before the Registrar (Judicial-I). The petitioners contended that the land originally be-longed to late R. Sardar Patel, who had purchased it under an unregistered sale deed in 1985, which was later regularised. They sought mutation of the revenue records through a MeeSeva appli-

cation filed in 2016 and argued that the authorities had failed to provide copies of the approved layout despite repeated requests under the Right to Information Act. They claimed that the govern-ment's actions violated their constitutional rights. Opposing the petition, the revenue department sub-mitted that the petitioners and others had executed a registered GPA in 1985, followed by another reg-istered GPA in 1993, au-thorising the transfer and development of the prop-erty. Acting through the GPA holders, the land was converted into an ap-proved residential layout. Of the total extent, 6.18 acres were sold as res-idential plots while the re-maining 1.1 acres were earmarked as open space under the sanctioned lay-out. The state informed the

court that the open space has been maintained by the GHMC as a football ground under a layout ap-proved by the erstwhile Kapra municipality in 2002. Revenue authorities also maintained that the land was recorded as gov-ernment property and that the petitioners possessed neither assignment rights nor any legally enforce-able claim over it. After examining the records, Justice Venugo-pal held that the peti-tioners could not seek mutation of the land after it had been conveyed through their own GPA holders and developed into a residential layout. The court observed that the petitioners had re-peatedly approached revenue authorities and invoked the writ jurisdic-tion despite lacking any subsisting legal interest in the property.

Cyberabad Police Book 237 Drunk Drivers in Weekend Special Drive

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Cyberabad Traffic Police booked 237 motorists during a special weekend Drunk and Drive enforcement drive across the Cyberabad Commissionerate. Among those caught were 205 two-wheeler riders, 28 car drivers and 4 auto drivers. Based on Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), 219 drivers recorded 36–200 mg/100 ml, 5 drivers recorded 201–300 mg/100 ml, and 13 drivers recorded 301–550 mg/100 ml. Police said all offenders will be produced before the court. They warned that causing a fatal accident while driving under the influence of alcohol can attract charges under Section



105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, with punishment of up to 10 years imprisonment and a fine. Traffic police also said that 309 drunk driving cases were disposed of by courts between July 13 and July 18, with penalties including fines, imprisonment and community service. The details were shared by ADCP Traffic (Admin) G. Na-render.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadna-gar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprison-ment for abducting and sex-ually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh com-pensation to the victim. Po-lice said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the vic-tim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a tem-ple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to re-peated sexual assault de-spite knowing she was underage.

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

A 19-year-old youth al-legedly died by suicide at his residence in BJR Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Kapra, on Sunday night. Accord-ing to the police, the de-ceased, Lingala Ganesh, was alone at home after his parents had gone to their native village in Ya-dadri 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 Ra-mulu, was informed by his elder son that Ganesh had allegedly hanged himself.

HC Fines Retired Teacher Rs 1 Lakh for Abusing Court Process

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The Telangana High Court has imposed costs of ₹1 lakh on a retired government school teacher for suppressing material facts and misus-ing the judicial process. Justice E.V. Venugopal dismissed a writ petition filed by P. Srinivas, a re-tired school assistant, and directed him to pay the amount to the Govern-ment Girls' School for the

Blind, Malakpet, within one month. The petitioner, who had earlier served as headmaster of a Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School in Nirmal district, sought action against a fellow teacher alleging violations of service rules and dereliction of duty based on incidents said to have occurred in 2016. Counsel for the petitioner argued that disciplinary proceedings should have been initiated. However, the government pleader

informed the court that an inquiry had already been initiated and sought time to complete the process. After examining the record, the court noted that the petitioner had raised the complaints only in 2022 and 2023, several years after his retirement in 2017, and had remained silent during his service. The court also ob-served that cross-com-plaints existed between the petitioner and the re-spondent.

₹37.85 Lakh Siphoned Off From Jangaon Collectorate, 3 Officials Suspended

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Another misappropria-tion of public funds has surfaced at the Jangaon Collectorate in Telan-gana, days after the dis-trict administration uncovered the ₹46.50-lakh "Diksoochi" books procurement scam. Dur-ing the in-depth scrutiny of accounts following the Diksoochi scam, officials detected a new irregular-ity involving ₹37.85 lakh, prompting a multi-agency investigation. Three collectorate em-

ployees have been placed under suspension. De-partmental proceedings have been initiated against them. According to a report submitted by the Physi-cal Verification-cum-Records Scrutiny Committee, an amount of ₹37,85,050 has been di-verted from a private bank account operated by the Collectorate, by-passing both the Govern-ment Treasury and the Public Financial Man-agement System (PFMS). The committee found that fake invoices

had been generated in the names of several firms reportedly controlled by a single individual for the purchase of furniture, computers, and other of-fice equipment. Investi-gation revealed that the entire amount had been transferred to the benefi-ciaries' accounts on a sin-gle day in February 2026. Physical verification conducted by the com-mittee found that none of the items mentioned in the bills existed in the Collectorate. Further, of-ficials found no stock

registers, supply certifi-cates, or other records supporting the purchases, leading investigators to suspect misappropriation of government funds. Based on a complaint filed by the district ad-ministration, Jangaon Town Police have reg-istered a case under Crime No. 387/2026 in-volving the relevant pro-visions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, along with applica-ble sections of the Infor-mation Technology Act. Investigation is under-way.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest ap-pointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across ag-riculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recal-ibrating the govern-ment's operating system. Joint sec-retaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the draw-ing 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 Har-dik 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 in-formation and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

lated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi govern-ment has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, fa-vouring officers who deliver, move files effi-ciently, 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 flag-ship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as po-litical 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 gov-ernance or just smoother optics will de-pend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuf-fle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The dif-ference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuf-fle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

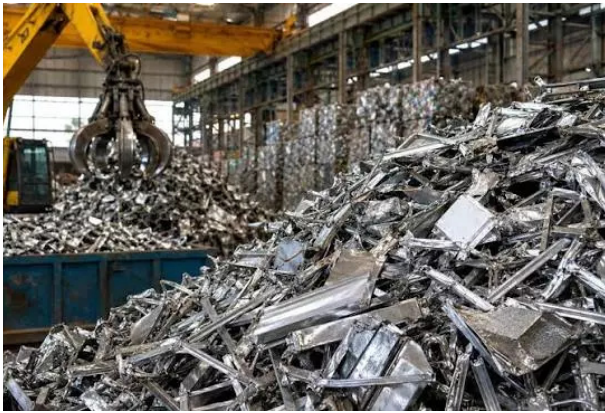
deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand indus-try, and push Bihar to-ward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The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



Aluminium Industry Seeks Raising Import Duty To 7.5 pc On Low-grade Scrap

NEW DELHI
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The Aluminium Association of India has urged the finance ministry to take stronger steps to protect the domestic aluminium industry from growing import challenges and changing global trade conditions. The association has raised concerns over declining export opportunities due to high US tariffs, increasing protectionism in Mexico, Indonesia’s expanding aluminium capacity, alleged Russian dumping, and a rise in imports of low-quality scrap and aluminium products from Gulf and Asean nations. In a representation submitted to the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC),



the association stated that India needs stronger safeguards similar to those adopted by major economies to protect their aluminium sectors. Several countries are increasing import duties and introducing trade measures to attract investments, expand domestic production, and reduce dependence on foreign supplies. The association highlighted that global markets are increasingly

focusing on the use of high-quality aluminium scrap. Therefore, it said India must establish strict quality standards to prevent the entry of poor-quality and potentially hazardous scrap into the country. It requested the government to notify the final Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) guidelines on “Aluminium & Aluminium Alloy Scrap - Requirements & Conditions of Delivery”

without any changes. According to the industry body, the BIS standards will classify aluminium scrap into different grades based on aluminium content, ranging from above 95 per cent to below 60 per cent. This grading system would improve transparency, ensure better recycling practices, and prevent India from becoming a dumping destination for unsuitable global scrap. The association also recommended increasing the import duty on low-grade aluminium scrap, particularly Grades 3 to 7, to 7.5 per cent. It believes that a higher duty structure would discourage imports of inferior-quality scrap and support domestic manufacturers and recyclers. The association pointed out that countries such as the United States, Mexico, and Canada have implemented stronger protective measures, with import duties ranging from 15 per cent to 50 per cent. It suggested that India should also strengthen its trade policies to safeguard local industries. The aluminium sector believes that a balanced customs duty framework combined with immediate implementation of BIS standards will support quality-driven recycling, encourage investment, and strengthen domestic value creation. The association said these measures are necessary to ensure fair competition and secure the long-term growth of India’s aluminium industry.

BNI Hyderabad Makes Global History with Twin Chapter Launch

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BNI Hyderabad created a global milestone by becoming the first region in BNI’s history to simultaneously launch two new chapters — BNI Alpha and BNI Affinity — at a grand Twin Chapter Launch held at Trident, Hyderabad. The landmark event witnessed the participation of 102 founding members and 80 visitors, marking one of the biggest chapter launches in BNI Hyderabad’s journey. The achievement reflects the growing trust of entrepreneurs in BNI’s structured networking model, which enables businesses to grow through meaningful relationships and quality referrals. Even before the official launch, members of the two chapters had already exchanged over 500 business referrals, dem-



onstrating the power of BNI’s core philosophy, “Givers Gain,” and the spirit of collaboration among entrepreneurs. The event was attended by BNI Hyderabad leadership, including Executive Director Sanjana Shah, Area Director Satish Kumar, Senior Launch Director Kawaljit Sabharwal, Launch Director Sanggittha Segu, and Launch Ambassador Archana Kalvala, along with senior members from across the region. Sanjana Shah said the milestone represents the strength and entrepreneurial spirit of Hyderabad’s business community and reinforces BNI Hyderabad’s commitment to

creating opportunities for sustainable business growth. With the launch of BNI Alpha and BNI Affinity as its 66th and 67th chapters, BNI Hyderabad further strengthens its position as one of the world’s most dynamic BNI regions. With over 3,500 members, it continues to set benchmarks in business networking, leadership, and collaboration. BNI is the world’s largest business referral organization, with over 3.56 lakh members across 76 countries. Its “Givers Gain” philosophy helps entrepreneurs build trusted relationships and generate business opportunities.

Deloitte Forecasts 6.5-6.8 pc GDP Expansion In Current Fiscal

NEW DELHI
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Deloitte India on Sunday projected India’s economy to grow at 6.5-6.8 per cent in the current fiscal, with growth expected to strengthen in the second half of the year supported by festive demand, monetary easing, and a gradual stabilisation in global conditions. In its latest edition of Economic Outlook report, Deloitte said that India entered 2026 in a Goldilocks phase, with

macroeconomic fundamentals appearing unusually well balanced, but geopolitical developments altered the global landscape with tensions in the Middle East disrupting critical shipping routes, triggering volatility in commodity prices and weakening investor sentiment. Commenting on the report, Deloitte India economist, Rumki Majumdar said that the global environment has become considerably more uncertain.

“While recent geopolitical developments and the central bank’s policy measures may help cushion some of these risks, weather-related uncertainties, particularly the impact of El Nino on agricultural output and food prices, remain an important downside risk,” Majumdar said. “Deloitte, however, expects India’s economy to grow between 6.5 per cent and 6.8 per cent in FY2026-27. Growth is likely to remain moderate



in the first half before strengthening in the second half, supported by festive demand, monetary easing, and a gradual stabilisation in global conditions,” she said. With

the geopolitical uncertainty across the globe, it resulted in a wider trade deficit, sustained capital outflows, and a sharp depreciation of the rupee against the US dollar

within a matter of weeks. The Reserve Bank of India even had last month lowered India’s GDP growth estimates for current fiscal to 6.6 per cent, from 6.9 per cent estimated earlier. GDP grew 7.7 per cent in the previous (2025-26) fiscal. Despite near-term headwinds, Deloitte remained optimistic about India’s medium-term growth prospects. One of the strongest reasons is India’s accelerated pursuit of free trade agreements (FTAs)

with large and strategically important markets, the report said. “As the FTAs deepen, India’s priority must be to convert market access into lasting competitiveness. Greater import resilience should not translate into permanent import dependence. Trade policy must therefore be complemented by industrial policy, world-class infrastructure, stronger domestic supplier ecosystems, easier compliance, and continued investment

in innovation and skills to raise domestic value addition over time,” Majumdar said. As per the report, inflation remains one of the key risks to the growth outlook as higher prices of crude oil, fertilisers, essential minerals, and edible oils, together with a weaker rupee, are gradually feeding into domestic prices. “A weak monsoon could further raise inflationary pressure in the coming months as food prices respond first,” the report said.

Shaurya Vijay Yatra 2026: Rajnath Singh Flags Off Jawa-Yezdi Ride to Honour Kargil Heroes



NEW DELHI
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Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh flagged off the ‘Shaurya Vijay Yatra 2026’ from the National War Memorial in New Delhi to commemorate Kargil Vijay Diwas. The 13-day motorcycle expedition, organised by Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles, will cover 1,900 km with 28 riders, including serving and retired defence personnel and families of Kargil martyrs, travelling to the Kargil War Memorial in Dras, Ladakh. Carrying the motto ‘One Ride, One Nation, One Salute’, the expedition aims to honour the courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment of Indian soldiers who secured victory in the 1999 Kargil War. The riders will pass through important war memorials at Chandimandir, Rezang La, and Leh before reaching Dras on

26 July 2026. The expedition will also carry sacred soil from the National War Memorial to Kargil, symbolising the connection between generations of Indian soldiers who served the nation. During the journey, riders will felicitate Veer Naris and pay tribute to the families of fallen heroes. The flag-off ceremony was attended by Chief of Defence Staff General N. S. Raja Subramani, Chief of Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth, senior military officials, veterans, and NCC cadets. Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles began the tribute ride in 2021 to spread awareness about the inspiring stories of India’s brave soldiers. This year’s ride will feature Jawa 350, Jawa 42, Jawa 42 FJ, and Yezdi Adventure and Scrambler motorcycles, celebrating the values of bravery, duty, and patriotism.

'School Fees Are Just The Beginning': The Hidden Cost Of Educating Children

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For generations, Indian parents have believed that no sacrifice is too big when it comes to a child’s education. A new phone can wait. A vacation can be postponed. A bigger house can come later. But education? That has always been non-negotiable. What has changed is the price tag. Today, parents are discovering that paying school fees is only the beginning. Tuition classes, digital devices, transport, uniforms, extracurricular activities, competitive exam coaching and eventually college have turned education into one of the biggest financial commitments a family will ever make. Experts now warn that families who delay planning could end up paying a heavy price years later. The Numbers Tell A Story The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation’s (MoSPI) Comprehensive Modular Survey on Education 2025 paints a stark picture. The average annual



household expenditure per student was Rs 2,863 in government schools. In non-government schools, that figure jumped to Rs 25,002. Course fees accounted for the largest share of expenses. Families also spent heavily on textbooks, stationery, uniforms and transport. Urban households consistently spent more than rural households. The spending doesn’t stop there. Private coaching has become a regular part of education for many children. More than one in four students now receive coaching outside school. At the higher secondary

level, urban families spend nearly Rs 9,950 a year on coaching, compared to Rs 4,548 in rural areas. Since nearly 95 per cent of students rely primarily on their families to fund their education, rising costs are no longer just an education issue. They have become a household finance issue. Rozy Efzal, Director and Co-Founder of Invest4Edu, says parents often make one critical mistake. They assume education costs will rise at the same pace as general inflation. The assumption, she says, can be dangerously misleading.

MoSPI’s Consumer Price Index showed education inflation at 3.38 per cent year-on-year in November 2025. But parents rarely spend only on tuition. They also pay for coaching, transport, hostel accommodation, laptops, internet services, international exposure and professional courses. “The broad inflation number may not fully capture what families actually pay,” Efzal explains. Instead of relying on a single inflation figure, she recommends planning under multiple scenarios. Consider a professional degree costing Rs 20 lakh today. At an annual education inflation of 6 per cent, it could cost nearly Rs 48 lakh after 15 years. If costs rise by 8 per cent annually, the same course may require around Rs 63 lakh. At 10 per cent, parents could be looking at an education bill of almost Rs 84 lakh. These are planning scenarios, not official forecasts. But they underline one reality: delaying financial planning can become extremely expensive.

AWS Boosts Hyderabad Cloud Infrastructure Expansion

HYDERABAD
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Amazon Web Services (AWS) has begun expanding its data centre operations in Hyderabad, strengthening its commitment to India’s growing cloud and artificial intelligence (AI) ecosystem. The expansion is part of Amazon’s planned \$48 billion investment in India, including over \$21 billion for cloud infrastructure from 2026 to 2030. AWS recently conducted a groundbreaking ceremony for a new data centre in Hyderabad’s Bharat Future City in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy. The development aims to support India’s Digital India and AI Mission goals by increasing cloud capacity and enabling businesses, startups, and government organisations to access advanced cloud technologies, AI services, and secure digital infrastructure. Since launching its Hyderabad Region in 2022, AWS has invested more than \$1.3 billion in cloud infrastructure. The company plans to further expand data centre capacity in Hyderabad

and Mumbai, creating opportunities for innovation and digital growth. AWS is also focusing on developing local talent through its Amazon Data Centre Skilling Program. The initiative has trained 250 students in Telangana in critical data centre operations, with 110 graduates already hired into AWS Data Centre Operations roles. The latest cohort of 51 students graduated from Vardhaman Engineering College, Shamshabad. Beyond student training, AWS continues to recruit skilled professionals from diverse backgrounds, including defence and manufacturing sectors. Employees with experience in mission-critical operations are contributing to maintaining AWS’s global cloud infrastructure. The expansion highlights AWS’s long-term investment in Telangana’s digital ecosystem, supporting job creation, workforce development, and India’s ambition to become a global hub for cloud computing and AI innovation. The company’s growing presence in Hyderabad reflects the increasing demand for reliable, scalable, and sustainable digital infrastructure across the country.

Hamstech Creators Collect 2026 Sets a New Standard for Creative Education

Creativity, innovation and future-focused learning took centre stage at Hamstech Creators Collect 2026, as Hamstech College of Creative Education hosted one of Hyderabad's largest celebrations of creative talent. The grand showcase attracted over 10,000 visitors, bringing together 900+ graduating students, industry experts, recruiters, entrepreneurs, alumni, parents and creative enthusiasts for a spectacular display of imagination and excellence.

The event transformed the venue into a vibrant creative destination, featuring stunning fashion showcases, innovative interior design presentations, graphic design installations, photography exhibitions, live makeup demonstrations and culinary experiences. Each display reflected the dedication, skill and industry-ready capabilities developed by Hamstech students through practical learning, expert mentorship and professional exposure.

Adding prestige to the celebration was the presence of National Award-winning fashion designer Neeta Lulla and renowned celebrity photographer Avinash Gowarikar, along with a distinguished jury panel comprising leading professionals from fashion, design, photography, beauty and culinary fields. Their insights and encouragement provided valuable recognition and guidance to



the graduating creators. At the event, Hamstech announced a series of major initiatives marking a significant milestone in its 30-year journey. Recognising the changing landscape of creative industries, the institution introduced an AI-integrated curriculum designed to help students combine advanced technology with human creativity, pre-

paring them for emerging opportunities across design sectors. Hamstech also expanded its educational footprint through the launch of two new Schools of Design in partnership with Sanjay Ghodawat University, Kolhapur and SR University, Warangal. The initiative aims to make quality design education accessible to more aspiring

creators across India. Strengthening its commitment beyond graduation, Hamstech introduced its Lifetime Career Support initiative, ensuring continued guidance for alumni through employment opportunities, career growth and professional advancement. The institution also launched Hamstech Launchpad, an entrepreneurship ecosystem offering aspiring creative entrepreneurs support through business mentoring, branding assistance, marketing guidance, workspace access, retail opportunities and growth resources.

The celebration received further excitement with film actor Vishwak Sen attending as the Guest of Honour. He interacted with students and appreciated their creative achievements. The event also witnessed the grand launch of the song "He Is My Dosthi" from the upcoming film Cult, creating an unforgettable moment for thousands of attendees.

Speaking at the occasion, Hamstech CEO Ms. Ajita Yogesh highlighted the institution's vision of building a future-ready creative ecosystem where technology, entrepreneurship and lifelong opportunities come together. With industry leaders connecting with emerging talent, recruiters discovering new creators and visitors experiencing exceptional student work, Hamstech Creators Collect 2026 showcased the power of creative education.

Vijay Deverakonda Makes Fan Emotional at TG20 Cricket League Grand Finale



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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.

NBKA Karate Students Shine at Telangana Police Games, Win Bronze Medals

HYDERABAD
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Students of Nayak Budokan Karate Academy (NBKA) brought pride to Telangana by securing bronze medals at the state-level karate championships. B. Shivakumar and Suresh Naik delivered impressive performances at the 5th Telangana Police Games & Sports Meet-2026 Karate Championship, showcasing their talent, discipline, and determination.

The championship was held from July 7 to 9, 2026, at R.K. Mission School, Uppuguda Janda Grounds, Hyderabad. The event witnessed participation from hundreds of karate athletes across Telangana, creating a highly competitive platform for young martial artists. Despite strong competition, NBKA students displayed excellent skills, confidence, and technical ability to secure podium finishes.

During the prize distribution ceremony, Lieutenant Dr. B. Sundaral Naik, NCC (Army Wing) Officer, presented medals and certificates of appreciation to the winners. He praised the athletes and



highlighted the importance of karate in developing discipline, self-confidence, and courage among youth. He encouraged the medalists to continue their efforts and aim for national and international success. P. Ganesh Naik, President of Nayak Budokan Karate Academy, expressed happiness over the achievement and congratulated the students, coaches, and parents.

He stated that the success was the result of regular practice, dedication, and the guidance of experienced trainers. He motivated the students to continue working hard and bring more recognition to Telangana. Coaches, trainers, parents, and

sports supporters congratulated B. Shivakumar and Suresh Naik for their outstanding achievement. The medal winners thanked their coaches and parents for their constant encouragement and support. They expressed their determination to improve their performance in future competitions and aim for gold medals. The achievement of Nayak Budokan Karate Academy students has inspired the karate community in Telangana. Their success reflects the importance of discipline, commitment, and continuous effort in achieving excellence in sports. The academy continues to encourage young athletes to pursue karate and represent Telangana at higher levels.

Telangana Swimming Championship 2026: Young Champions Shine at Gachibowli



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The 11th Sub-Junior & Junior Inter District Swimming Championship 2026 was successfully conducted at the GMC Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli, on July 18-19, 2026, organised by the Telangana State Swimming Championship.

Young swimmers from across Telangana displayed outstanding skill, determination, and competitive spirit in the championship. Among the top performers, Ashwath Ayyalasomayajula and Vedha Ashritha Gottumukkala delivered remarkable performances, dominating their respective butterfly events and securing Gold Medals for

Ranga Reddy district. Ashwath showcased excellent race control, strong technique, and powerful strokes from the beginning. His confidence and aggressive approach helped him stay ahead of the competition. He claimed the Gold Medal in the 100m Butterfly Boys event with an impressive timing of 1:07.05, narrowly finishing ahead of teammate Arjun Sandeep Kaswan, who secured Silver with 1:07.06. Dara Prateek from Hyderabad took Bronze with 1:13.53.

Ashwath continued his winning form in the 50m Butterfly Boys event, securing another Gold Medal with a timing of 29.06 seconds. Arjun Sandeep Kaswan won Silver with 30.15 seconds, while Idhanth Saai of Hyderabad earned Bronze with 30.82 seconds.



Vedha Ashritha Gottumukkala produced an equally impressive performance in the girls' category. Displaying speed, endurance, and fearless swimming, she dominated both butterfly events. She won Gold in the 50m Butterfly Girls with a timing of 31.55 seconds, followed by Jona Shiju with 31.66 seconds and Meghana Abinash with 34.77 seconds.

Vedha also topped the podium in the 100m Butterfly Girls, clocking 1:12.72. Anjali Sarma secured Silver with 1:27.22, while Neha Vinod claimed Bronze with 1:49.82.

Other notable performances included Tejashree Vidyasagar, who won Gold in the 200m Freestyle Girls event with a timing of 2:29.03. Ava Adidya Sandana and Havisha Kopalle secured Silver and

Bronze respectively.

In the 800m Freestyle Girls, Merupula Likhitha Goud delivered a strong performance to win Gold with 10:41.05, while Sri Pragna Bhattiprolu and Veda Koneru finished second and third.

The 800m Freestyle Boys event saw Stash Joseph Edakolathur claim Gold with an excellent timing of 9:20.44. Sri Manu Karthikeya Kolusu and M Mohan Durga secured Silver and Bronze respectively.

The championship highlighted the emerging swimming talent in Telangana, with young athletes demonstrating dedication, discipline, and the promise of a bright future in competitive swimming.

Bonalu celebrations begin at Golconda Fort with vibrant processions, rituals and heavy footfall

Golconda Fort's Bonalu festivities begin with thousands of devotees offering bonam at Sri Jagadambika Temple amid rituals, processions, rains and security arrangements

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The annual Bonalu festivities began at the Golconda Fort on Sunday, with thousands of devotees thronging the Sri Jagadambika Temple to offer bonam amid elaborate rituals, colourful processions and heightened security arrangements. The celebrations at Golconda mark the beginning of the month-long Bonalu festivities across Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

On Sunday morning, the imposing entrance of the historic fort was transformed into a sea of devotees. Thousands streamed through the gates, many leaving their footwear outside before walking barefoot up the hill to the temple. The partly cloudy skies offered some respite from the summer heat during the first half of the day, making the climb more comfortable for devotees.

Women dressed in traditional attire carrying decorated pots containing cooked rice, jaggery, curd



and neem leaves on their heads made a beeline to the temple to offer bonam to Goddess Jagadambika Mahankali. The rhythmic beats of dappu drums, energetic performances by Potharajus and vibrant folk artistes added to the festive atmosphere, while

devotees queued up from the early hours for darshan. "We have been coming here for the last 10 years. Every year we come early, but today we got delayed and reached around 10 a.m. We are now heading to the temple at the top to

offer prayers. If you come early, it usually takes about an hour to climb, but with the rush increasing, it will now take nearly two hours," said Subhadra, a devotee from Hydershakote. The weather changed dramatically around 3.30

p.m., as dark clouds gathered over the fort, followed by rainfall that briefly drenched the hill-top. Many devotees took shelter under the fort walls before resuming their pilgrimage once the rain subsided.

Drinking water facilities, medical camps, sanitation services, barricading, parking facilities and traffic diversions were put in place to facilitate the smooth conduct of the celebrations. Security was also stepped up across the fort premises with a large deployment of police personnel to manage crowds and ensure public safety. Among the unexpected visitors was Aditya from Mumbai, who was in Hyderabad for a business meeting. "My flight back to Mumbai is tonight, so I decided to visit a few places in the city. Although I couldn't make it to the top of the fort because of the crowd, I still got to experience the festive atmosphere. It is something many people outside Telangana are not aware of," he said.

Talasani Srinivas Yadav flags off BRS campaign vehicles for SIR awareness drive

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Under the leadership of former Corporation Chairman and BRS leader Ravula Sridhar Reddy, awareness and publicity campaign vehicles were launched in the Jubilee Hills assembly constituency to educate the public about the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process. The campaign vehicles were flagged off by former Minister and BRS Hyderabad District SIR In-charge, Talasani Srinivas Yadav. Speaking on the occa-



sion, Sridhar Reddy said the BRS party has already established help desks in all divisions of the Jubilee Hills constituency. He added that these campaign vehicles will travel to every locality in the constituency until August 3 to create awareness about the SIR

process. He also stated that local party Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and party leaders will extend all necessary assistance to the public throughout the campaign. Senior leaders from various divisions participated in the programme.

Hyderabad Muslims offer Salat al-Istisqa prayers seeking rain amid dry spell

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Muslims across Hyderabad offered "Salat al-Istisqa" prayers at various places on Sunday, seeking rainfall amid the prevailing dry conditions and drought-like situation in parts of the State. The special prayers were led by prominent religious personalities.

A large gathering was witnessed at Dargah Ujale Shah in Saidabad, where devotees participated in the prayers led by a prominent religious scholar. Following the prayers, people made special supplications seeking rainfall and relief from the prevailing water scarcity conditions. Earlier on Friday, Salat al-Istisqa prayers



were organised at Abbas Stadium, Barkas, by local residents, with a large number of people participating in the congregation. AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi announced that similar prayers would be held on July 26 at the Hockey Grounds, Masab Tank, and appealed to people to take part in the prayers. During previous dry spells, large congregations were held on the dried-up banks of Himayat Sagar, where people gathered to pray

for relief from water scarcity. In Islam, Salat al-Istisqa is a Sunnah prayer performed to seek rain from Allah during periods of drought or water scarcity. The prayer consists of two rak'ahs (units of prayer) and is generally conducted in open areas, reflecting humility and the community's dependence on divine mercy. Prophet Muhammad established this practice, emphasising sincere supplication and repentance to seek Allah's blessings for rainfall.

Jaggareddy Hits Back at KTR, Accuses Him of Insulting Telangana's Values

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TPCC Working President T. Jayaprakash Reddy (Jaggareddy) on Sunday launched a sharp attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of making irresponsible remarks against Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and

Priyanka Gandhi and questioning whether such statements reflected Telangana's culture. Addressing the media, Jaggareddy alleged that KTR, during the BRS public meeting at Saroor-nagar, made remarks amounting to a "death declaration" against Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi. He ques-

tioned KTR's intentions and said such comments were unbecoming of a political leader. Jaggareddy said the Gandhi family had always stood by its commitments, while accusing the KCR family of betraying the promises made to the people. "The Gandhi family keeps its word, whereas the KCR family deceives after

making promises," he remarked. He said Telangana was formed because of former Congress president Sonia Gandhi's decision and questioned how KTR could wish ill upon Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, the son and daughter of the leader who granted statehood to Telangana. "Is this Telangana's culture? The cul-

ture of Telangana is to bless those who help us, not to wish for their downfall," Jaggareddy said. Recalling the events surrounding Telangana's formation, he said K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) had once praised Sonia Gandhi for granting statehood and that KCR, KTR and Harish Rao had personally met.

Four escape with minor injuries in RTC bus crash

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A Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus from the Narayankhed depot rammed into a Malla Reddy University bus from behind near Isnapur on Saturday, July 18. According to local reports, four passengers suffered minor injuries. Videos of the incident

showed the front portion of the RTC bus severely damaged, with a window broken and one side completely crushed. Patancheru Police said the driver of the RTC bus was hired from a private company. They refused to elaborate on how the accident occurred and said no complaint has been received from either party.

Govt plans overhaul of irrigation debt to raise fresh loans

The Telangana government has begun restructuring loans raised by irrigation corporations and is exploring new revenue sources to reduce financial pressure. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said refinancing loans could save nearly Rs 250 crore annually without burdening farmers

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The Congress government has initiated the restructuring of loans obtained through various corporations for irrigation projects and is exploring new revenue streams. Officials have been instructed to prepare a comprehensive financial action plan within 10 days. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, who reviewed the financial status of irrigation corporations with senior officials on Sunday, said these measures were aimed at reducing the interest burden without placing any additional burden on farmers. The Minister asked officials to explore sustainable revenue models to reduce the corporations' dependence on budgetary

support. These include setting up solar power projects on vacant lands owned by the corporations, leasing unused land and examining the feasibility of renewable energy projects near reservoirs such as Nizam Sagar. He stressed that all proposals should undergo legal scrutiny before implementation and should not adversely affect farmers. He directed officials to compile details of all departmental lands and assets within 15 days to facilitate resource mobili-

sation. Officials informed him that refinancing existing loans, which currently carry interest rates of around 11 per cent, at lower rates could save nearly Rs 250 crore annually. The Minister instructed officials to prepare project-wise reports detailing loans, interest rates, repayment schedules, work progress and the funds required for completion, while prioritising projects that can be completed quickly with minimal investment. He also ordered the immediate completion of statutory audits for 2022-23 and all pending financial years and asked officials to expedite the appointment of auditors. He directed officials to ensure that compensation already released for land acquisition reaches farmers without delay.

Annual Jagannatha Ratha Yatra celebrated with devotion

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Devotees in large numbers turned up at Kopkapet on Sunday to participate in the annual Jagannatha Ratha Yatra organised by the Hare Krishna Movement (HKM). The decorated chariot carrying the deities of Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra was pulled with enthusiasm by devotees amid sankirtans and the distribution of prasadam throughout the procession. The Ratha Yatra commenced at Trilight, Golden Mile Layout



Road, and proceeded through the streets of Kopkapet, passing through Rajapushpa Atria and Golden Mile Road before culminating at the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower, Narsingi. Residents along the route offered coconuts, flowers, fruits and other sacred items as tokens of devotion. More than 500 devotees pulled the chariot in unison, supported by vol-

unteers and dedicated safety teams, HKM said in a press release. The programme concluded with kirtans and a special pravachan by Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa, president of HKM, Hyderabad, and regional president of The Akshaya Patra Foundation. Justice Suddala Chalapati Rao of the Telangana High Court, Prakash Goud, MLA, Rajendra Nagar, Sudarshan Reddy, Advocate General, Mungi Jaipal Reddy, TPCC spokesperson, Rajendranagar, and others were present.

IPS Trainee Accuses Colleague of Sexual Harassment

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A woman IPS trainee at the National Police Academy here has lodged a complaint with the Attapur police against a fellow trainee for allegedly sexually harassing her. The victim alleged in her complaint that fellow IPS trainee Uday Krishna Reddy, who is also undergoing training at the academy, has been stalking and harassing her, police said. The victim stated in her complaint that Uday Krishna Reddy



was constantly sending her obscene messages, mentally harassing her and abusing her. According to the police, the victim further stated that the accused had forcibly locked her in a room by grabbing her hair on

July 9 and reportedly threatened her with a knife despite her resistance. She also accused Uday Krishna Reddy of recording some of her private videos and sending them to her husband through WhatsApp on her mobile phone. Based on the victim's complaint, the Attapur police have registered a case against Uday Krishna Reddy and were seeking clearances to serve notice on the accused to record his statement.

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