

**Telangana begins SC-mandated inspections of private universities: P3****DGP Reviews Police Welfare Schemes: P3****Harish Urges Govt to Ensure Treatment, Compensation for Banswada Victims: P2****WEATHER**
MAX : 32.4.0°C
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MAX/MIN temp. 33/23°C**Over 50 Police, Protesters Injured During CJP March; 100+ Detained**

More than 50 police personnel and over 50 protesters were injured on Monday after a clash between Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) supporters and security personnel during the "Chalo Sansad" march in the New Delhi district. The clash erupted after CJP protesters allegedly pelted stones at the security personnel, prompting a lathi-charge, police sources said. Over 100 protesters were detained and were moved to different police stations in Delhi.

Several videos showing police caning protesters in response to the attack and preventing them from attempting to march towards Parliament surfaced on social media. Police sources said they were verifying the authenticity of all the videos and that appropriate legal action

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Police block thousands of 'cockroach' protesters marching on India's parliament



Police use batons to disperse Cockroach Janta Party supporters as they attempt to march towards India's Parliament.

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Thousands of supporters of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), a youth-led protest movement seeking education and employment reforms, defied a police ban and tried to

march on parliament to demand India's education minister resign.

Police wielding canes used tear gas to disperse crowds in central Delhi. Several demonstrators said they were injured in the cane charges. Police did not comment. Some

in the crowd threw stones, reports said. The march followed weeks of protests over alleged exam paper leaks and accusations of a wider education system crisis. The movement has broadened into one of the

most visible expressions of public dissent against Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recent years. It gathered fresh momentum over the weekend after police forcibly moved activist Sonam Wangchuk into hospital

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CJP Meets Nadda, Minister Seeks Time on Key Demands

Government opens dialogue as protesters march towards Parliament, with Nadda assuring internal discussions on CJP's demands, including Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation.

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A two-member delegation of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Monday met Union Health Minister JP Nadda, who initiated the dialogue on behalf of the government as protesters led by the outfit stormed into central Delhi and tried to march to Parliament. The CJP said Nadda has assured them that he would hold internal talks and has requested some time to align with the government leadership on the CJP's demands, including the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged examination irregularities.

Official sources confirmed that the CJP representatives met Nadda, who initiated the government outreach towards the protesters. They said talks within the government on the CJP protest were underway and there is a pos-



sibility of the government issuing a formal statement. CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das said he, along with CJP's national spokesperson Ashutosh Ranka, met the health minister at his residence for about 10 minutes.

"After waiting for more than 2 hours, @Ashutosh-Ranka and I just met J.P. Nadda ji at his residence for 10 minutes. While we submitted a written letter with our demands, he has assured us that he will meanwhile speak internally. We are in that process. There is news of mass detention etc," Das said in a post on 'X'.

This comes as thousands

of protesters gathered near Parliament

Street here and tried to march towards Parliament to demand accountability over alleged examination irregularities and the resignation of Education Minister Pradhan, braving baton-charge by security personnel. Ranka said Nadda has requested some time to align with their leadership on the CJP's "following demands: Immediate release of Sonam Wangchuk, Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation, 1Cr compensation for all NEET aspirants who committed suicide".

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SC Asks UP Govt to Consider SIT Probe Into Ram Temple Donation

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The Supreme Court on Monday asked the Uttar Pradesh government to apprise it about the possibility of setting up an SIT to probe the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya and cautioned the litigants not to politicise the issue. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana asked Solicitor General

Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Uttar Pradesh government, to take instructions on whether the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which had examined the entire issue before registration of the FIR, could be entrusted with the responsibility to probe the case instead of the local police.

"Just a word of caution. Please don't politicise the issue. The courts are not a place for politics. It is a simple case of commission of crime. We are

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Lok Sabha Disrupted as Opposition Protests Rock Monsoon Session

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The first day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament witnessed repeated disruptions in the Lok Sabha as opposition members protested over the alleged NEET paper leak and claims of donation theft linked to the Ram Temple. Raising slogans and displaying placards, the opposition demanded immediate action against those responsible, forcing the House to

As soon as the House met at 11 am, opposition members started raising slogans forcing Speaker Om Birla to adjourn the proceeding till 12 noon as the Question Hour was being taken up

be adjourned several times. As soon as the Lok Sabha convened at 11 a.m., protests erupted during Question Hour. Speaker Om Birla expressed displeasure after some members raised slo-

gans even while obituary references for six former Members of Parliament were being read. Calling it an inappropriate precedent, he urged members to maintain the dignity of the House before adjourning proceedings until noon. When the House re-assembled at 12 p.m., the protests continued unabated, leading to another adjournment until 12:30 p.m. Before the House was suspended, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal introduced a Bill to re-

place an ordinance increasing the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 34 to 38, including the Chief Justice of India. The disruptions persisted when the House met again at 12:30 p.m. Despite repeated appeals by the Chair, presided over by Dilip Saikia, opposition members continued their demonstrations, preventing the scheduled Zero Hour from taking place. As order could not be re-

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'Most Anti-Youth PM': Rahul Hits Govt Over Protest Crackdown

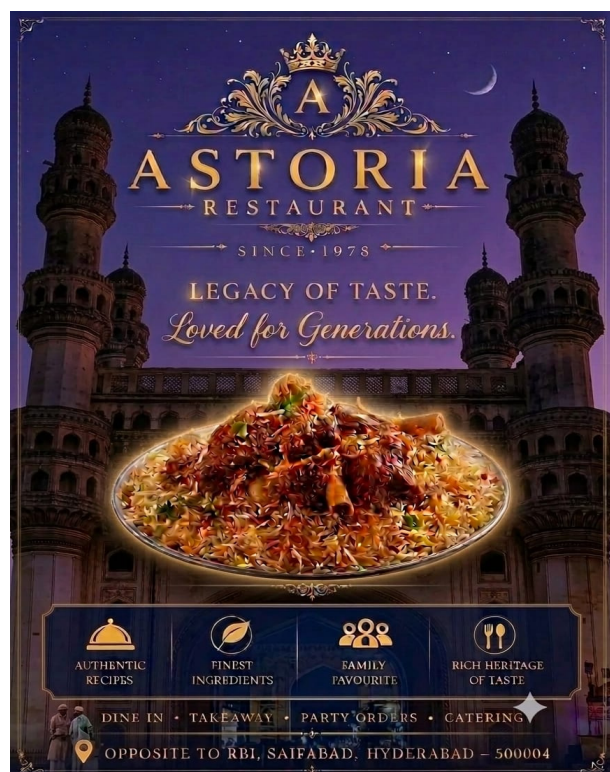
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Opposition parties on Monday launched a blistering attack on the government over the police action against the CJP-led protest during the 'Chalo Sansad' march on the NEET paper leak issue, with Congress leader Rahul Gandhi dubbing Prime Minister Narendra Modi as the "most anti-youth" PM in the country's history. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) accused the Delhi Police of using excessive force against protesters to prevent them from reaching Parliament, alleging that several students were injured and activist Sonam Wangchuk's wife, Gitanjali J Angmo, was pushed around. Delhi Police, however, denied that Angmo was assaulted, saying the reports were "completely false and misleading". "No individuals were subjected to targeted assault," it said. Opposition parties protested over the NEET paper leak issue in Parliament and demanded a discussion, stalling proceedings on the open-



ing day of the Monsoon session. Taking to X, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said, "Prime Minister Modi is the 'most anti-youth' Prime Minister in India's history. He's so 'anti-youth' that he can't even take the resignation of a failed Education Minister, Dharmendra Pradhan."

"152 paper leaks. 7.5 crore students victimised. And not a single guilty person punished. Who got the punishment? The hardworking youth." He also attached a video message with his post in which he criticised the government and the police and termed the demands of protesters as "legitimate". Gandhi said peaceful protest is an "inviolable and fundamental right. The video also showed pictures of protesting students being beaten up by the cops."



OBC March to MP Assembly Halted; Police Use Water Cannons on Protesters

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OBC Mahasabha activists on Monday attempted to march towards the Madhya Pradesh assembly here on the first day of the monsoon session for the implementation of full 27 per cent quota, only to be stopped by the police, who used water cannon to disperse protesters. Police intercepted the demonstrators at Roshanpura Square after they attempted to proceed towards the House. Water cannon was used after some protesters climbed over police barricades, of-



ficials said.

The OBC Mahasabha has demanded immediate implementation of full 27 per cent reservation for OBCs and withdrawal of the 13 per cent quota currently on hold, completion of pending recruitment processes, and protection of the community's consti-

tutional rights. Opposition leader Umang Singhra accused the BJP government of attempting to create divisions among communities. "The government should provide 27 per cent reservation to OBCs," he said. Lokendra Gurjar, a member of the OBC Ma-

hasabha's national core committee, termed the assembly march a "historic chapter" in the community's fight for self-respect, constitutional rights and social justice. Alleging that the government responded to a peaceful protest by deploying a water cannon instead of addressing the community's concerns, Gurjar said the agitation would intensify if the demands were not met. The Madhya Pradesh government had increased the Other Backward Classes (OBC) quota from 14 per cent to 27 per cent in 2018.

Harish Urges Govt to Ensure Treatment, Compensation for Banswada Victims

BRS deputy floor leader and former Health Minister T Harish Rao Demands High-Level Probe into Banswada Hospital Infections

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Senior BRS leader and former Health Minister T. Harish Rao on Monday accused the Congress government of criminal negligence over the condition of women who fell critically ill after undergoing Caesarean sections at the Government Mother and Child Hospital in Banswada. He demanded a high-level inquiry, strict action against those responsible, adequate compensation for the affected families, and quality medical care until the women recover. After visiting five post-partum women undergoing treatment at Nizam’s Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), Harish Rao said 10 women who underwent Caesarean de-



liveries on July 13 developed serious infections. They were initially shifted to Nizamabad before being referred to NIMS. According to him, five women—Fatima, Ruksana, Jyothi, Lakshmi Priya and Sunitha—remain under treatment, with three in intensive care requiring dialysis after developing

severe kidney and lung infections and a significant drop in white blood cell count. Harish Rao criticised the government for its response, alleging that no Minister, MLA or senior Health Department official had visited the patients or ordered a comprehensive inquiry even 10 days after the in-

cident. He further alleged that Caesarean surgeries continued in the same operation theatre despite patients developing symptoms such as fever, vomiting and diarrhoea after earlier procedures. Citing allegations made by the patients’ families, Harish Rao said poor maintenance of the operation theatre, medical negligence and the alleged use of expired medicines may have contributed to the infections. He also claimed that some newborns reportedly developed infections through breastfeeding and were shifted to Niloufer Hospital for treatment. Accusing the Congress government of neglecting public healthcare, Harish Rao alleged that government hospitals were suf-

fering from poor maintenance and shortages of medicines and diagnostic facilities. He also claimed institutional deliveries in government hospitals had declined since the change in government and criticised the discontinuation of welfare measures such as KCR Kits, nutrition kits and nutritious food under the Aarogya Lakshmi scheme. Separately, Harish Rao visited a minor girl from Khammam receiving treatment at NIMS following an alleged sexual assault. He demanded ₹25 lakh compensation, alleging the government acted only after the BRS raised the issue and citing doctors’ concerns that the victim may remain wheelchair-bound due to paralysis.

Telangana Government Launches First Phase of 1 Lakh Indiramma Houses in Hyderabad

3.5 lakh new houses will be taken up this financial year across the state

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The Telangana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has launched the first phase of 1 lakh Indiramma houses for homeless poor families in the HY-DRAA (Hyderabad Core Urban Region) limits. The programme was inaugurated at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat in the presence of Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Ponnam Prabhakar, Mohammed Azharuddin, MLAs, MLCs and officials. A brochure explaining the application process, eligibility and guidelines was also released. PAC Chairman



Arekapudi Gandhi participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the government aims to provide dignified housing for every eligible poor family. He said 3.5 lakh new houses will be taken up this financial year across the state, including 1 lakh houses in urban areas, in addition to 4.5 lakh houses already sanctioned, benefiting over 8 lakh families. He

stated that in Serilingampally constituency, 1,080 LIG (Low Income Group) flats are being constructed in nine towers at Gachibowli and Anjaiah Nagar. Beneficiaries will be selected through a transparent online process, and ownership documents will be issued in the name of women to strengthen their social and economic security.

El Nino: Officials Draft Contingency Plan To Mitigate Impact In Adilabad

The meeting, held at Utnoor, was chaired by K. Ilambarithi, the special officer overseeing El Niño preparedness in the region.

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Public representatives and district officials on Monday reviewed an alternative action plan to mitigate the impact of the El Niño phenomenon on agriculture, drinking water, power supply and livestock in the erstwhile Adilabad district. The meeting, held at Utnoor, was chaired by K. Ilambarithi, the special officer overseeing El Niño preparedness in the region. MLAs, district collectors and heads of department from Adilabad, Nirmal, Mancherial and Komaram Bheem Asifabad districts presented contingency plans. Ilambarithi described El Niño as a natural calamity requiring coordinated action and directed all



departments to implement contingency measures effectively. He emphasised the need to create farm ponds, promote rainwater harvesting and ensure preparedness to safeguard agriculture, drinking water supplies and livestock. "The impact of El Niño will not only affect people but also livestock. We have to protect both through effective planning," he said, adding that the action plans prepared for

the erstwhile Adilabad district would be submitted to the Chief Minister. Mancherial MLA Prem-sagar Rao said paddy farms would be the worst affected due to inadequate water storage in the SRSP and Kadam irrigation projects. He urged officials to discourage further paddy transplantation and encourage farmers to take up alternative crops such as pulses to minimise losses. Khanapur MLA

Vedma Bojju alleged that some forest officials were preventing podu cultivators from sowing cotton in lands they had been cultivating for years. Such actions would adversely affect tribal farmers and warned that available water in irrigation projects would be sufficient for only two months, potentially leading to drinking water shortages. District collectors Rajarshi Shah (Adilabad), Bhavesh Mishra (Nirmal) and MK Hari-tha (Komaram Bheem Asifabad), ITDA project officer Manda Makarand, additional collectors and senior officials from various departments attended the meeting. Mayors and municipal chairpersons from Mancherial, Kyathhanpalli and Chennur were also present.

CEO Shobha Rani Participates in National Workshop on Rural Governance

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Shobha Rani, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zilla Praja Parishad (ZPP), Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, participated in a National-Level Orientation Workshop on Rural Governance held at Rajendranagar, Hyderabad. The workshop, organized jointly by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR), Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), National Institute of Rural



Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRDPR), and Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), brought together CEOs of Zilla Praja Parishads from

18 States to discuss best practices and innovations in rural governance. During the interactive sessions, CEO Shobha Rani highlighted key issues concerning pending 15th Finance Commission (2024–25) grants and the progress of Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) works in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. She also shared the district's successful initiatives under the National Rural Livelihoods Mission (NRLM), including the promotion of

drone technology and Millet Cafés to encourage women-led self-employment and sustainable rural livelihoods. On the occasion, the CEO presented the sacred prasadam of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, Yadadri, to Sri Sushil Kumar Lohani, IAS, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, and Ms. Sowjanya, IAS, Joint Director, LBSNAA, as a gesture of respect and goodwill.

Manhole Damage Causes CC Road to Sink Opposite Capol Bone Setting Centre; Motorists Face Risk

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A damaged manhole and the sinking of the surrounding CC road opposite Capol Bone Setting Centre in Tarnaka have become a major safety concern for motorists and local residents. The road surface around the manhole has reportedly caved in, resulting in wide cracks and an uneven stretch that makes it difficult for cars, two-wheelers, auto-rickshaws, and emergency vehicles



to pass safely. Residents fear that the damaged portion could deteriorate further if immediate repairs are not undertaken. Local commuters stated that the

sunken road has become particularly hazardous during peak traffic hours and at night, increasing the risk of accidents. Two-wheeler riders, senior citizens, and pedestrians are especially vulnerable while navigating the damaged stretch. Residents have appealed to the GHMC Engineering Department to inspect the site immediately, repair the damaged manhole, restore the CC road, and ensure that public safety is not compromised.

Applications Invited for Guest Faculty Posts at Quthbullapur Govt Degree College

Applications have been invited for the recruitment of Guest Faculty in various subjects at Government Degree College, Quthbullapur, for the academic year 2026–27, according to In-charge Principal Prof. Bandi Raju. Guest Faculty vacancies are available in Telugu, English, Economics, Computer Science, and other subjects. Candidates who have secured 55% marks in the relevant Postgraduate (PG) degree are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to applicants possessing NET, SET, or Ph.D. qualifications. Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications along with the required certificates at the Government Degree College, Quthbullapur, on or before 5:00 PM on July 21, 2026. The date of the interview will be communicated to shortlisted candidates over the phone, the In-charge Principal said.

Applications Invited for Guest Faculty Posts at Kukatpally Govt Degree College

The Principal of Government Degree College (GDC), Kukatpally, Dr. N. Chandana, has invited applications for the recruitment of Guest Faculty for the academic year 2026–27. Guest Faculty positions are available in English, Telugu, Mathematics, Computer Science, Commerce, and other subjects. Candidates with 55% marks in the relevant Postgraduate (PG) degree are eligible to apply. For SC/ST candidates, the minimum requirement is 50% marks. Preference will be given to candidates possessing SET, NET, Ph.D. qualifications, and prior teaching experience. Interested candidates should submit their applications.

WMNC 2026 Delegates Tour Almond House’s Mega Manufacturing Hub

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More than 350 delegates from India’s sweets and namkeen industry visited Almond House’s newly established manufacturing facility at Banda Thimampur, 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.

All Departments Must Work on War Footing to Tackle El Niño: Minister Damodar

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister and In-charge Minister for the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district Damodar Rajanarsimha directed all departments to work on a war footing to minimise the impact of El Niño and protect the public from drought-related hardships. Reviewing the preparedness of Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Jogulamba Gadwal and Narayanpet districts at the Mahabubnagar Collectorate, the Minister instructed all departments to submit department-wise contingency action plans by July 31. Officials informed him that the region has recorded around 40% deficit rainfall. The Minister stressed that drinking water, agriculture, power supply, public health and employment should receive top priority. He directed officials to repair non-functional hand pumps and borewells, promote groundwater recharge, encourage low-water crops, expand MGNREGS works,



and ensure uninterrupted power supply. He also instructed the Health Department to maintain adequate stocks of medicines and emergency supplies and intensify measures to prevent dengue, malaria, diarrhoea and other seasonal diseases. The Minister asked officials to appoint special officers for every mandal to closely monitor the situation and remain prepared for both drought and possible heavy rains or flash floods. He assured that the State Government would provide additional funds wherever required and appealed to the public and farmers to cooperate with the Government in overcoming the challenges posed by El Niño.

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 outpouring 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.

Telangana begins SC-mandated inspections of private universities

A Telangana government-appointed committee, led by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education, is inspecting all private universities in the state as per Supreme Court directives.

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A committee appointed by the Telangana government to inspect private universities in compliance with the Supreme Court order is visiting and thoroughly inspecting every private university in the state.

The committee, chaired by the Commissioner of Collegiate Education (CCE), comprises the Secretary of the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE) as the Convener; the Registrar of JNTU as the Member-Convener; and the Registrar of Palamuru University, the Chief Finance and Accounts Officer of Osmania University, and the Assistant Director (Academic-C) from the Department of Technical Education as members. The state government has also authorised the committee to



appoint a subject expert if deemed necessary. This committee is visiting and thoroughly inspecting every private university in the state, focusing on the nine specific aspects mandated by the Supreme Court.

According to a statement by the Chief Minister's Office, the Supreme Court has turned its attention to the underlying motives behind the proliferation of private universities and the actual objectives of the institutions or individuals establishing them. It is also examining the edu-

cational qualifications of the faculty teaching at these universities. After reviewing numerous complaints brought to its notice during the hearing of the Ayesha Jain vs. Union of India case, the Supreme Court ordered inspections of private universities across the country.

Noting the arbitrary manner in which private universities often operate, the Court directed state governments to thoroughly inspect every aspect, from the intent behind their establishment to the quality of education provided, and to submit affidavits detailing comprehensive information.

In accordance with Supreme Court directives, an inspection team is examining specific aspects of private universities across the state and preparing a comprehensive affidavit based on the findings. The state government intends to submit

this affidavit to the Supreme Court. Following the submission, the state government will take further action in accordance with the Court's orders. Additionally, the inspection team will thoroughly examine these nine points, along with other relevant matters, and prepare a report, said the release.

The Supreme Court has ordered a comprehensive inspection regarding nine specific aspects concerning private universities.

The inspection is to determine the rationale for establishing the university: the reasons and objectives for its establishment. The panel will ascertain whether a feasibility study was conducted prior to the establishment of the university and whether any policy considerations were undertaken before its establishment.

DGP Reviews Police Welfare Schemes

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Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand on Monday reaffirmed that the welfare of police personnel and their families would remain a top priority, while reviewing various welfare initiatives during a meeting with senior police officials and representatives of the Telangana Police Association.

The DGP assessed existing welfare schemes, including merit scholarships for children of police personnel, financial assistance for medical treatment, accident insurance, and other support measures. Stressing that welfare programmes should serve the interests of police families, Anand said they must never be transformed into commercial ventures. He directed that revenue generated through police canteens and departmental complexes should be utilised exclusively for welfare activities such as education, scholarships, marriage assistance, and other employee support programmes. He emphasised that welfare funds must be



managed efficiently and transparently to ensure maximum benefit for personnel. To improve accountability, Anand instructed officials to develop a comprehensive digital welfare management system. The integrated online platform will record beneficiary details, fund mobilisation, and the delivery of welfare services, enabling greater transparency and streamlined administration. The DGP also ordered that rental rates for departmental complexes be fixed through a transparent mechanism.

He announced the availability of low-interest loans under various welfare schemes, including plot purchase loans at 9 per cent interest, housing loans at 6.75

per cent, personal loans of up to ₹5 lakh at 11 per cent interest, marriage loans up to ₹6 lakh, and education loans up to ₹30 lakh. The education loan scheme will also cover overseas studies, providing greater opportunities for the children of police personnel pursuing higher education. The meeting was attended by DG (Intelligence and Operations) Mahesh M. Bhagwat, ADG Sanjay Jain, IG Shahnawaz Qasim, IG Gajjarao Bhupal, Police Welfare Secretary Uday Kumar Reddy, Finance Advisor Shatrath Kumar, and representatives of the Telangana Police Association, who discussed measures to strengthen welfare initiatives across the department. I prefer this response

TRS Chief Kavitha Alleges Irregularities in Telangana School Policy

Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief Kavitha alleges tender irregularities, opposes Integrated Schools policy, demands protection of village schools, improved student welfare, and transparency in education reforms.

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Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha accused the Telangana government of attempting to privatize public education through its proposed Integrated Schools policy and alleged irregularities in the awarding of construction contracts under the Young India Integrated Schools initiative. Addressing the media, Kavitha claimed the government was planning to reduce nearly 27,000 government schools to around 4,000 under the recommendations of the Education Commission, a move she said would weaken public education and encourage the growth of private schools in villages. She alleged that more than half of the contracts for 72 proposed Inte-



grated Schools were awarded to Megha and KMV companies despite bids reportedly being 5% higher than the estimated cost, resulting in an additional financial burden of over ₹600 crore. She questioned the government's plan to spend nearly ₹11,000 crore on the project, arguing that completing the schools within two and a half years was unrealistic. Kavitha further claimed that locating Integrated Schools at revenue division headquarters would require transporting students by bus, raising concerns that

transportation contracts could also benefit private companies. She demanded that the Chief Minister explain the alleged tender irregularities.

The TRS chief also criticized delays in supplying school uniforms and the non-implementation of the promised breakfast scheme. She said the government allocates only ₹6 per egg under the midday meal programme despite market prices being around ₹8 and urged the government to provide eggs five days a week instead of three.

Warning against the closure of village schools, Kavitha said such a move would particularly affect girl students and questioned the future of existing teachers. She asserted that Telangana Rakshana Sena would oppose any attempt to privatize public education.

Grand Birthday Celebrations Held for Former MLA Budida Bikshamaiah Goud by BRS Leaders in Aleru

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The birthday of former Aleru MLA Sri Budida Bikshamaiah Goud was celebrated in a grand manner by BRS Party leaders, public representatives, women leaders, party workers, and supporters across the Aleru Assembly constituency on Sunday. As part of the celebrations, a cake-cutting ceremony was organized at the BRS Party office, where hundreds of party leaders and supporters gathered to convey their birthday greetings. The town wore a festive look with BRS party



flags, flex banners, and decorative arrangements put up at various locations. Leaders from different mandals, including BRS Mandal Presidents, General Secretaries, women leaders, elected representatives, youth leaders, and well-wishers, participated enthusiastically in the celebrations and wished Sri Budida Bikshamaiah Goud good

health, a long life, and continued success in public service. Although the birthday celebrations were organized on a grand scale, Sri Budida Bikshamaiah Goud did not attend the programme, as he was reportedly at the Ganagapur Temple to offer special prayers and seek divine blessings as part of his annual birthday tradition.

Telangana Earns National Recognition in Maternal & Child Healthcare; Centre Sanctions ₹200 Crore Incentive

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The Government of India has recognised Telangana as one of the best-performing States in maternal and child healthcare and sanctioned an additional incentive grant of ₹200 crore, according to a press note released by Health & Family Welfare Commissioner Dr. Sangeeta Satyanarayana on Monday. Dr. Satyanarayana said the incentive funds will be utilised to further strengthen maternal and child health-

care services in government hospitals across the State. The initiative includes the expansion of Newborn Care Units (SNCUs), modernisation of labour rooms and operation theatres in line with national quality standards, and establishment of Midwifery-Led Care Units, Kangaroo Mother Care (KMC) wards, and Lactation Management Units in selected hospitals. She said advanced monitoring systems for mothers and unborn babies will also be introduced in high-delivery hospitals. Government

health institutions will be upgraded to meet Indian Public Health Standards (IPHS) and strengthened to obtain National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certification by improving infrastructure and healthcare services. Dr. Sangeeta Satyanarayana stated that the additional Central assistance will help further reduce maternal and neonatal mortality while ensuring high-quality maternal and child healthcare services in every government hospital across Telangana.

Dr. Keerthana Yadav Receives Prestigious IMA National Community Service Award

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Telangana's young doctor Dr. N. Keerthana Yadav has been honoured with the prestigious Indian Medical Association (IMA) National Community Service Award, bringing pride to the state. Only 25 doctors from across India were selected for the award, with one doctor chosen from each state. Dr. Keerthana Yadav was selected to represent Telangana. She received the



award from Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and MP Mayank Nayak during a national event. Currently serving as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anaes-

thesiology at Osmania Medical College, Dr. Keerthana is also the founder of the Dr. Nari Charitable Trust. She is widely recognised for organising free medical

camp, CPR training programmes, women's empowerment initiatives, youth health awareness campaigns, and healthcare services for middle-class families.

The national recognition for her outstanding community service is a matter of pride for Telangana's medical fraternity. Receiving this prestigious honour at a young age has made Dr. Keerthana Yadav an inspiration to aspiring doctors and healthcare professionals.

Jagadish Reddy Alleges Government Failed to Prevent Looming Water Crisis

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Speaking at the Nalgonda district BRS party office, former Minister and MLA Jagadish Reddy alleged that the state government had failed to respond sincerely to the worsening water situation. He claimed that reservoir water would be exhausted within the next 15 days and accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of lacking the vision to utilize Godavari river water, which he said was being wasted into the sea. Jagadish Reddy asserted



that during the previous BRS government, water was supplied to ayacut under the Nagarjuna Sagar project even in drought years. He alleged that the present government had failed to provide Mission Bhagiratha drinking water and uninterrupted power supply, while claiming that drought-like conditions had returned across the

state. He also accused the government of remaining silent as Andhra Pradesh allegedly drew large quantities of water from the Nagarjuna Sagar project.

Criticizing the administration's district review meetings as mere political drama, he alleged that farmers were being misled despite shortages of seeds, fertilizers, and irrigation support. Targeting Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, Jagadish Reddy accused him of spreading misinformation about the Kaleshwaram project and challenged

him to a public debate, saying he would present technical evidence to prove the project's viability.

He further claimed that the Sundilla and Annaram barrages remained usable and alleged that the government had allowed significant quantities of Godavari water to flow into the sea instead of utilizing it for irrigation and drinking water needs. Jagadish Reddy demanded Uttam Kumar Reddy's resignation, accusing the government of failing both farmers and the people.

NTA rejects OMR discrepancy claims by five re-NEET candidates

The NTA on Monday rejected claims by five re-NEET candidates alleging discrepancies in their OMR answer sheets, saying the images circulated by them or on their behalf had been digitally altered, regenerated using AI or manipulated by adding responses that were not present on the original sheets.

The National Testing Agency (NTA), which conducts the examination, said no error in the declared results had been established so far and warned that candidates using fabricated records could face cancellation of candidature, debarment and criminal proceedings. "Genuine examination documents carry bar-codes, booklet and answer-sheet numbers and, in scorecards, QR codes linked to authoritative server records. A fabricated image may deceive the eye, but it does not, and cannot, alter the record on those servers. "Forged OMRs or scorecards could attract action under the Public Examinations .

No decision to raise ethanol blending beyond E20: Centre

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The government has not yet decided to raise ethanol blending in petrol beyond the current 20 per cent level, Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Gas Suresh Gopi told the Rajya Sabha on Monday, adding that any future increase would follow further scientific study and consultation with industry. "So far, no decision has been taken by the government for increasing ethanol blending with petrol beyond 20 per cent," Gopi said in a written reply to a question. Any move higher would come "only after detailed scientific and technical studies and consultations with all relevant stakeholders, including automobile manufacturers, Oil Marketing Companies and re-



search institutions," he said. Gopi said India reached the 20 per cent blending target five years ahead of schedule, with average blending rising from about 1.53 per cent in 2013-14 to 20 per cent in the 2025-26 supply year, after more than two decades of phased rollout. Since 2014-15, he said, the programme has saved over 1.97 trillion rupees in foreign exchange, displaced nearly 316 lakh tonnes of crude oil, avoided about 952 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions, and generated more than Rs 1.66 lakh crore in additional farmer income. The minister said the

government had received no "widespread or substantiated complaints" from vehicle manufacturers, automobile associations or consumer groups over engine failure, fuel-pump problems, corrosion or water contamination linked to E20 fuel, though it had taken note of concerns raised in media and on social media and examined them scientifically. More than 20 crore two-wheelers and over 3 crore petrol cars – including many built before E20 certification – have run on E15-plus and E19-E20 fuel for over three-and-a-half and two-and-a-half years respectively "without any verified evidence of widespread engine failure or vehicle breakdown," Gopi said. He cited service data from one leading four-wheeler maker covering 2.84 crore

vehicles in 2025-26, including 1.5 crore non-E20-certified vehicles, that found no damage linked to the fuel, and said a leading two-wheeler maker reported similar findings. Any mileage loss in older, E10-designed vehicles is "generally marginal," at around 3-5 per cent, he said, while E20 offers higher octane and cleaner combustion. Manufacturers continue to honour warranties on vehicles using compliant E20 fuel, he added. On food security, Gopi said the 20 per cent blending target has not reduced food crop availability, as only surplus grains – determined after meeting Public Distribution System, National Food Security Act and buffer-stock requirements – are used for ethanol.

National Pharmacy Commission Bill 2026 to overhaul pharmacy education, licensing in India

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For the more than 35,000 active pharmacy students in Telangana and over five lakh across the country, the coming few months are crucial, as the pharmacy education sector is set for a major transformation, shifting towards a more modern, globally aligned, and accountability-driven professional framework. In the coming months, the nearly eight-decade-old Pharmacy Act of 1948 is set to be replaced by National Pharmacy Commission (NPC) Bill, 2026, which promises to implement the Pharmacy Education and Practice Regulations, 2026. Billed as a comprehensive legislative proposal, the new Regulations are expected to change how future pharmacists in the

country will be trained, licensed, and integrated into the healthcare system. The most significant change for students is the proposed National Exit Test (NEXT) that has to be mandatorily cleared by D. Pharm and B. Pharm graduates before they obtain a license to practice. Just like MBBS, the NEXT test is also being designed as a potential single-window gateway for entry into M. Pharm and other PG programs. To ensure uniform talent and competence across the pharmacy workforce, the new regulations will also extend to pharmacy graduates with foreign degrees to clear the same NEXT exam before practicing in India. Another major change the new Bill will introduce is moving away

from the practice of providing 'one-time approval' to pharmacy colleges. The new Pharmacy Regulation introduces a continuous, transparent system of institutional accreditation and public ratings. For pharmacy students, this will ensure standardized quality, as the Pharmacy Commission aims to unify faculty qualifications, infrastructure, and curriculum standards. The pharmacy education will also focus on clinical pharmacy, hospital exposure, and emergency preparedness. The Bill also replaces the Pharmacy Council of India with the new National Pharmacy Commission, operating through four specialized boards that handle education, institutional rating, ethics, and registration.

Over 50 Police, Protesters Injured During CJP March; 100+ Detained

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More than 50 police personnel and over 50 protesters were injured on Monday after a clash between Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) supporters and security personnel during the "Chalo Sansad" march in the New Delhi district. The clash erupted after CJP protesters allegedly pelted stones at the security personnel, prompting a lathi-charge, police sources said. Over 100 protesters were detained and were moved to different police stations in Delhi. Several videos showing police caning protesters in response to the attack and preventing them from attempting to march towards Parliament surfaced on social media. Police sources said they were verifying the authenticity of all the videos and that appropriate legal action would be taken based on the findings. The injured police personnel and protesters were shifted to hospitals for treatment, while security forces brought the situation under control. Tear gas was fired at several loca-



tions in the New Delhi district to disperse them and keep them away from the Parliament, the sources said. Police said legal action has been initiated against those involved in the violence, while security has been further intensified across key locations in the high-security district. The protesters, many of them students and youth, had assembled for the CJP's 'Chalo Sansad' march to press for accountability over alleged examination irregularities and demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The march coincided with the opening day of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, prompting one of the biggest security deployments in New and

Central Delhi. According to police sources, more than 100 protesters were detained from different locations, including Parliament Street, Patel Chowk, Constitution Club, Shastri Bhawan and adjoining areas, and shifted to different police stations and temporary detention centres across Delhi. Sources said the detainees would be released after verification and legal formalities. Thousands of protesters converged on central Delhi despite prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), which bars unlawful assemblies except at designated protest sites with prior permission. Police said protesters repeatedly attempted to breach multilayer barri-

cades erected around Parliament Street, Jantar Mantar and other sensitive locations, resulting in confrontations with security personnel. Security forces resorted to a lathi-charge near Parliament Street after groups of protesters allegedly tried to force their way through barricades while marching towards Parliament. The standoff continued on multiple approach roads till evening as protesters regrouped after being dispersed from different locations and attempted to advance towards Parliament through inner lanes and alternative routes. Large parts of New Delhi witnessed severe traffic congestion as security personnel sealed roads, diverted vehicles and restricted movement around Parliament, Central Vista, Connaught Place and adjoining areas. Several metro stations in the vicinity also witnessed restrictions on entry and exit as a precautionary measure. Earlier in the day, Delhi Police appealed to protesters to maintain peace, exercise restraint and cooperate with security personnel in maintaining law and order.

Pradhan meets Shah as CJP's 'Chalo Sansad'

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Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan met Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday, as thousands tried to march to Parliament as part of the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest call to demand the former's resignation over alleged examination irregularities. Officials said Pradhan met Shah at his office in the Parliament House



complex. It was not immediately known what transpired in the meeting. The CJP, led by its founder Abhijeet Dipke, has been protesting at Jantar Mantar since June 20, demanding Pradhan's res-

ignation over alleged irregularities in the NEET examination, reforms in the examination system and justice for the affected students. The outfit had given the call for the "Chalo Sansad" march on Monday, the opening day of Parliament's Monsoon session. Thousands converged at Jantar Mantar on Monday morning and tried to march towards Parliament, pushing through barricades and braving

police batons and tear gas. Security has been tightened across New Delhi district, with additional companies of paramilitary forces and police personnel from adjoining districts deployed to maintain law and order. The CJP said earlier in the day that the government had reached out to them for talks and two of its spokespersons would meet Union minister J P Nadda.

Four Indian seafarers killed in vessel attack off Ukraine coast

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Four Indian seafarers were among 10 people killed in an attack on a Guinea-Bissau-flagged merchant vessel off the coast of Ukraine, prompting strong condemnation from India and fresh calls to protect commercial shipping during conflicts. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha said Russia attacked a civilian vessel navigating Ukraine's maritime corridor on Sunday and that its crew included citizens of Syria and India. It is the first instance of Indian seafarers being killed in the Russia-Uk-

raine conflict. The Guinea-Bissau-flagged ship was hit by Russian cruise missiles, the Ukrainian Air Force said. The vessel, MV Golden Leo, had 17 crew members, including five Indian nationals, according to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). India condemned the attack and reiterated that targeting commercial shipping and endangering innocent civilian crew members is "deplorable and should be avoided". "On the evening of July 19, the vessel MV Golden Leo was attacked while departing the port of Odesa. At the time of the

incident, there were 17 crew members on board, including five Indian nationals," the MEA said on Monday. "As per information available, four Indian nationals have tragically lost their lives, while one is hospitalised in a critical condition," it said. The MEA said the Indian mission in Ukraine was closely monitoring the situation and was making every effort to extend all possible assistance to those affected. "We extend our deepest condolences to the families of the deceased Indian nationals and wish the injured Indian national a speedy and full recov-

ery," it said in a statement. Without directly naming Russia, the MEA said: "India condemns such attacks and reiterates that targeting commercial shipping and endangering innocent civilian crew members, or otherwise impeding freedom of navigation and commerce, is deplorable and should be avoided." Western media reports said the death toll in the attack had risen to 10. The incident came amid escalating hostilities between Ukraine and Russia. Ukrainian Foreign Minister Sybiha strongly condemned Russia over the attack.

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Police block.....

It gathered fresh momentum over the weekend after police forcibly moved activist Sonam Wangchuk into hospital on the 21st day of a hunger strike in support of the movement. His wife says his fast continues. On Monday, Wangchuk appealed to doctors to discharge him so he could join the march but was not allowed. The movement takes its name from a remark by India's chief justice, who drew criticism after comparing sections of unemployed young people to "cockroaches" during a court hearing. Although police had made clear protesters would not be given permission to march to parliament, tens of thousands of students, par-

ents, teachers and professionals gathered from early morning at Jantar Mantar, a 300-year-old observatory in central Delhi, and remained there despite heavy rain. It remains unclear whether the CJP will call off its protest or try to continue the sit-in. By late evening police had completely dismantled the protest site. The contrast between it and the security outside was striking. Young people draped in Indian flags queued for food, painted placards and posed for photographs, while rows of police and paramilitary personnel sealed every road to parliament around them. Volunteers handed out food and water, patriotic songs blared from loudspeakers and organisers repeatedly urged supporters not to

confront police if they were stopped. As the march began, protesters spilled onto the streets before being halted at successive barricades. Many sat on the road waving flags and shouting slogans. Others broke away in smaller groups, trying to reach parliament through narrow side streets. CJP Meets Nadda....., Ranka said it was only late Sunday night that the Deputy Commissioner of Police, New Delhi, reached out for opening a communication channel with the government. He said there were more serious discussions only from 6 am on Monday, and only at around 11:45 am, there was "an alignment on meeting Nadda ji". "We finally met Nadda ji 10 mins ago and he is

checking with the leadership internally wrt our demands. @DelhiPolice should immediately stop using brute force on peaceful protestors," Ranka wrote on 'X' at 2:48 PM. Protesters participating in the Cockroach Janta Party's Parliament march on Monday refused to disperse despite heavy police barricading, lathicharge and use of tear gas, and raised slogans demanding the resignation of Pradhan. The march, which witnessed participation of students and people from across Delhi, was stopped near Parliament Street, where police had put up multiple layers of barricades. Lok Sabha..... When the House reassembled at 12 p.m., the protests continued un-

abated, leading to another adjournment until 12:30 p.m. Before the House was suspended, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal introduced a Bill to replace an ordinance increasing the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 34 to 38, including the Chief Justice of India. The disruptions persisted when the House met again at 12:30 p.m. Despite repeated appeals by the Chair, presided over by Dilip Saikia, opposition members continued their demonstrations, preventing the scheduled Zero Hour from taking place. As order could not be restored, the proceedings were once again adjourned, this time until 1 p.m. The repeated interruptions marked a turbulent start to the Monsoon Session, highlighting

sharp political divisions between the government and the opposition over key national issues. SC Asks UP Govt..... The courts are not a place for politics. It is a simple case of commission of crime. We are (here) just to ensure a proper investigation," the CJI said. At the outset, Mehta said that in compliance with an earlier order, the state government has filed a status report. "Investigation is going on. Eight persons were arrested. I cannot divulge much," he said. Asked whether the SIT was probing the case, Mehta said, "The SIT was constituted to find out the truthfulness. Now it is being probed by the police. The SIT just found that there is a cognisable offence.

CRIME

HC came down heavily on HYDRAA Commissioner for his repeated contempt activities

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The Telangana High Court on Monday restrained the state government and HYDRAA from taking coercive steps in respect of the 26.03 acres of agricultural land in Bahadurguda in Rangareddy, reportedly part of a larger tract of nearly 650 acres proposed to be acquired by the state government for the Mumbai-Hyderabad bullet train project. Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy issued the interim order while hearing a lunch-motion writ petition filed by Jakkidi Yadi Reddy and three other landowners challenging HYDRAA's alleged ac-



tion of entering their land at Bahadurguda in Shamshabad mandal, and erecting fencing around it. The judge made it clear that the interim orders will continue till further hearing. The petitioners alleged that despite their long-standing ownership and possession, HYDRAA officials entered the land

on July 18 with bulldozers and excavators, demolished the gates and fenced the property, preventing them from accessing the land and carrying out agricultural operations. Senior counsel V. Raghunath, appearing for the petitioners, submitted that his clients had purchased the land through registered sale deeds

during 1989-90 and were cultivating various crops. He urged the court to restrain the agency from interfering with the petitioners' possession pending adjudication of the dispute. Advocate General A. Sudarshan Reddy submitted that the petitioners had failed to establish ownership by producing valid registered sale deeds, pa-hanis, title documents, e-passbooks or link documents. He argued that there were discrepancies in the petitioners' claim regarding the survey numbers, contending that while they claimed ownership over land in Survey No.s 3 and 5, the government had nearly 650 acres in Survey No.s 28 and 62.

Cyberabad Police Holds Border Crime Coordination Meeting to Strengthen Inter-District Policing

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Cyberabad Police conducted a Border Crime Coordination Meeting at Golconda Resort to strengthen coordination among neighbouring police commissionerates and districts for better crime prevention and law enforcement. The meeting was chaired by Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, and attended by senior police officers from Hyderabad, Future City, Sangareddy, Medak and other neighbouring police units. Commissioner Dr. Ramesh stressed that quick information sharing, joint operations and strong co-

ordination are essential to prevent criminals from escaping across district borders. He directed officials to make better use of CCTV networks, intelligence inputs and technology, while maintaining close surveillance on rowdy-sheeters, habitual offenders, interstate gangs and cyber criminals. The meeting also reviewed law and order, crime, traffic, cybercrime,

Special Operations Teams (SOT), Special Branch and other policing activities. Officials discussed joint checkpoints, coordinated patrols, CCTV expansion, missing persons, unidentified bodies, cybercrime, VIP security, festival arrangements, traffic management and disaster response to improve public safety across border areas.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

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

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

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

Gachibowli Double-Decker Flyover Project Progresses, Major Traffic Relief Expected by 2027

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Construction of the Gachibowli Double-Decker Flyover is progressing steadily, with nearly half of the pillar work completed at Triple IT Junction. The project aims to ease traffic congestion in Hyderabad's busy IT corridor. The ₹459-crore Triple IT Junction project will include three flyovers and one underpass, with completion targeted for May 2027. At Khajaguda Junction, a ₹220-crore project comprising one flyover and one underpass is expected to be completed by April 2027. The double-decker flyover will feature a 720-metre four-lane flyover connecting ISB Road and DLF on the first level, while the second level

will include a 948-metre flyover from DLF Road to Lingampally and a 1.2-km flyover from ISB Road towards Gachibowli. A 520-metre six-lane underpass will also be built at the Gachibowli-Lingampally junction. With a total investment of nearly ₹679 crore, the project is expected to significantly improve traffic flow and connectivity for thousands of commuters travelling through Gachibowli, Nanakramguda, Shaikpet and the surrounding IT hub.

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

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Another misappropriation of public funds has surfaced at the Jangaon Collectorate in Telangana, days after the district administration uncovered the ₹46.50-lakh "Diksoochi" books procurement scam. During the in-depth scrutiny of accounts following the Diksoochi scam, officials detected a new irregularity involving ₹37.85 lakh, prompting a multi-agency investigation. Three collectorate em-

ployees have been placed under suspension. Departmental proceedings have been initiated against them. According to a report submitted by the Physical Verification-cum-Records Scrutiny Committee, an amount of ₹37,85,050 has been diverted from a private bank account operated by the Collectorate, bypassing both the Government Treasury and the Public Financial Management 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 office equipment. Investigation revealed that the entire amount had been transferred to the beneficiaries' accounts on a single day in February 2026. Physical verification conducted by the committee found that none of the items mentioned in the bills existed in the Collectorate. Further, officials found no stock

registers, supply certificates, or other records supporting the purchases, leading investigators to suspect misappropriation of government funds. Based on a complaint filed by the district administration, Jangaon Town Police have registered a case under Crime No. 387/2026 involving the relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, along with applicable sections of the Information Technology Act. Investigation is underway.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

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

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



International Democracy Award 2026 Celebrates Global Champions of Rights and Democracy

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The International Human Rights Defenders Foundation (IHRDF) hosted the International Democracy Award 2026 at the Speaker Hall, Constitution Club of India, Rafi Marg, New Delhi, honoring exceptional individuals and organizations for their remarkable contributions to human rights, democracy, peace, justice, equality, and social progress.

The prestigious event witnessed the participation of eminent jurists, policymakers, diplomats, media professionals, social activists, human rights advocates, and public leaders from India and abroad, coming together to celebrate commitment towards democratic values and



humanitarian service. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Sh. Avinash Rai Khanna, National BJP Leader and Former Member of Parliament, who highlighted the importance of protecting democratic institutions, upholding constitutional values, and encouraging inclusive growth through col-

lective efforts. Guest of Honor Justice Sh. S. N. Shukla, Former Judge of the Allahabad High Court, emphasized the crucial role of the judiciary in safeguarding the rule of law, democracy, and citizens’ fundamental rights. Guest of Honor Sh. Sunil Kumar, Under Secretary, Ministry of

Finance, Government of India, spoke about the importance of transparency, accountability, and responsible governance in strengthening the foundation of democracy. The International Democracy Award 2026 recognized distinguished personalities and institutions for their outstand-

ing achievements in areas including human rights advocacy, peace-building, journalism, legal excellence, social justice, humanitarian work, and community development. The awardees were celebrated for their dedication to creating meaningful social impact and inspiring positive change.

During the event, IHRDF reaffirmed its mission to promote human dignity, equality, constitutional principles, and global cooperation by honoring individuals who work tirelessly for the betterment of society. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of awards, a vote of thanks, and a renewed commitment to advancing democracy, justice, human rights, and peace worldwide.

Demand Outpaces Supply: China's New AI Model Limits New Subscriptions

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The new, powerful Chinese artificial intelligence model Kimi K3, which has caused a stir in the U.S. tech industry, has suspended new subscriptions after a flood in demand overwhelmed capacity within days of the launch. The development highlighted challenges faced by Chinese AI models in serving a growing user base at home and abroad at a time the U.S.-China tech race is heating up.

Chinese open-source, lower-cost advanced AI models, including DeepSeek’s latest V4, have been moving fast in gaining global attention. In early 2025, DeepSeek shook world markets and helped China to be recog-

nized as a serious competitor to the U.S. , where Chinese frontier AI models are largely open source, meaning they are made accessible for people to examine and build upon.

“Kimi K3 has received far more love than we expected,” Moonshot AI, which is Beijing-based, wrote in a X post late on Sunday. “Over the past 48 hours, demand has pushed close to the limits of our current capacity.” Moonshot said that it’s prioritizing existing subscribers and would be temporarily pausing new ones. “We’re adding capacity as fast as we can and will reopen new subscription spots in batches,” it added. The AI startup also posted a similar message on Chinese social media.

K3’s public rollout late last week, aiming at chal-

lenging more advanced AI models by Anthropic, OpenAI and others, has rattled U.S. rivals. At 2.8 trillion parameters, a measurement of an AI model’s capabilities, it’s deemed as the world’s largest open-source AI model. “New model releases generally trigger massive interest, which can strain existing compute infrastructure,” said Lian Jye Su, a chief analyst at the technology research and advisory group Omdia. “This does show Moonshot AI does not have sufficient compute chips to serve the current surge in demand.”Su said that the key reason was more likely due to Moonshot not fully anticipating the surge in K3’s popularity. K3 is “very demanding” in terms of compute requirements, he said, making compute.

\$ 17.4 Billion Raised Through FCNR (B) Deposits So Far Says RBI

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India has attracted \$17.4 billion through fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank), or FCNR(B), deposits under the Reserve Bank of India’s concessional swap facility, according to data released by the central bank. The facility, launched to boost foreign currency inflows and strengthen the country’s balance of payments position, has received strong

interest since it became operational on June 8, 2026.

Besides FCNR(B) deposits, the RBI’s special window has also attracted \$1.97 billion through Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings (OFCB) and \$1.34 billion through External Commercial Borrowings (ECB). Overall, the three routes have helped mobilise nearly \$20.7 billion in foreign currency inflows. The RBI had announced a series of

measures on June 5, 2026, offering concessional swaps for eligible FCNR(B) deposits, OFCBs and ECB inflows. The facility for FCNR(B) deposits will remain available until September 30, 2026, while the window for OFCBs and ECBs will continue until December 31, 2026. Under the scheme, Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) can earn attractive returns on FCNR(B) deposits over three to five years. However, private sector bank



executives believe the final inflows may fall below earlier market expectations due to taxation issues faced by NRIs in

several countries.HDFC Bank Managing Director and CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan said that the scheme’s potential was

initially overestimated because tax rules in countries outside the Middle East and Singapore make borrowing and investing through FCNR(B) deposits less attractive. He expects inflows to be closer to \$50-55 billion rather than the earlier projection of \$60-80 billion. Jagdishan also highlighted liquidity challenges in West Asia due to geopolitical tensions, with some regional central banks encouraging banks to maintain higher liquid-

ity buffers and limiting leverage. These factors have affected the ability of banks to raise funds.Public sector banks, however, remain optimistic that deposit mobilisation will accelerate before the RBI’s September deadline. Several lenders are expanding their overseas outreach to attract NRI deposits.Punjab National Bank has raised \$425 million against its \$2.5 billion target, while Union Bank of India has mobilised \$106 million

against a \$2 billion goal. Indian Bank has collected \$140 million, and Central Bank of India has raised \$8.8 million. Private lenders such as RBL Bank and Canara Bank have also reported inflows of \$150 million and \$80 million, respectively.

Through the concessional swap mechanism, banks can exchange eligible foreign currency funds with the RBI on favourable terms, lowering exchange-rate risks and reducing the cost of attracting overseas

IndiGo Selects Honeywell Systems for 810 New Airbus Jets

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IndiGo makes historic selection of Honeywell Aerospace avionics and APUs to equip 810 new Airbus aircraft in fleet expansion Landmark agreement represents Honeywell Aerospace’s largest-ever commercial equipage and service deal with India’s largest airline FARNBOROUGH, England, July 20, 2026 – Honeywell Aerospace (Nasdaq: HONA) today announced that IndiGo, India’s largest airline and one of the fastest-growing carriers globally, has selected Honeywell Aerospace’s flagship avionics and power systems for its record-breaking order of 810 new Airbus A320neo family aircraft. This agreement represents the largest new-aircraft-selectable equipment win in Honeywell Aerospace history, accelerating the company’s expansion.

Alongside the new equipment, Honeywell Aerospace will deliver comprehensive aftermarket support to ensure long-term reliability and efficiency. Honeywell Aerospace has supported IndiGo’s operations since 2015 across its current fleet of more than 400 air-

craft. With this selection, Honeywell Aerospace’s systems will play a pivotal role in shaping IndiGo’s next-generation fleet, reinforcing IndiGo’s industry leadership and strengthening Honeywell Aerospace’s presence in one of the world’s fastest-growing commercial aviation markets.

Under this agreement, Honeywell Aerospace will supply: 131-9A auxiliary power units, designed to deliver reliable onboard power while supporting efficient aircraft operation Advanced weather radar systems that help pilots identify and avoid adverse weather conditions Traffic collision avoidance systems that provide pilots with enhanced situational awareness and help improve flight safety Flight management systems that enable efficient route planning and flying A comprehensive aftermarket program designed to help optimize fleet performance throughout the operational life of the aircraft, to help maximize aircraft availability and streamline maintenance planning across the fleet. These systems will equip IndiGo’s future fleet with industry-leading safety, situational awareness, fuel efficiency and operational

West Asia, El Niño Risks May Keep Markets Volatile: PL Capital

West Asia Tensions, El Niño Risks May Drive Market Volatility; PL Capital Raises NIFTY Target to 27,019

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PL Capital, in its latest India Strategy Report titled “West Asia Crisis, El Niño Can Play a Spoil Sport”, said India’s long-term growth outlook remains strong despite near-term challenges from geopolitical uncertainty, weather disruptions and inflationary pressures. The brokerage highlighted that easing crude oil prices, steady domestic demand and attractive valuations continue to provide support to Indian equities.

The report noted that the NIFTY index has gained around 7.3% over the past two months and is up nearly 8% from its 52-week low, supported by lower crude prices, temporary easing of West Asia tensions and resilient economic activity. Credit growth has accelerated to 17%, reflecting strong demand across retail, services, agriculture and industrial sectors.

Based on improving macroeconomic conditions and valuations, PL Capital



has raised its one-year NIFTY target to 27,019 from its earlier estimate of 26,449. The brokerage values the index at a 10% discount to its 15-year average price-to-earnings multiple for FY28 earnings. Despite the recent market rally, NIFTY continues to trade below historical valuation averages. However, PL Capital cautioned that earnings growth expectations remain under pressure. The brokerage has lowered its FY27 and FY28 NIFTY earnings estimates by 0.9% and 0.4%, respectively, and warned that further downgrades could occur if geopolitical tensions or weather-related challenges impact consumption and corporate profitability.

Corporate earnings in the first quarter of FY27 have remained broadly stable, with profit after tax excluding oil and gas com-

panies expected to grow 14% year-on-year. Strong performance in banking, NBFCs, consumer durables, hospitals, metals, renewable energy and engineering services has supported overall earnings. Wedding and festival demand has remained healthy, while strong summer sales have boosted categories such as air conditioners and beverages.

The report identified rising input costs as a key concern. Higher food prices, crude oil fluctuations and logistics disruptions could increase inflationary pressure in the second half of FY27. The possibility of a stronger El Niño event could further impact rainfall patterns and agricultural output.

Monsoon progress remains a major factor for the economy. While rainfall deficiency has im-

proved, uneven distribution continues to pose risks. Lower sowing in crops such as oilseeds, pulses and cotton could affect farm output and food inflation if the trend continues.

PL Capital expects sectors such as Banking, NBFCs, Capital Goods, Defence, Telecom, Jewellery, Hospitals and Consumer Durables to perform well due to strong domestic demand and investment trends. However, the brokerage remains cautious on Auto, Consumer, IT Services, Cement, Chemicals, and Oil & Gas sectors.

Amnish Aggarwal, Co-Head of Institutional Equities at PL Capital, said India’s economy has demonstrated resilience despite global uncertainty, but investors should remain cautious about inflation, geopolitical developments and weather risks. He added that a stock-specific approach will remain important for investors amid continuing market volatility.

IT Returns In AP Show 9% Growth

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The Income Tax department has reported strong growth in the filer base, returns filed, and direct tax collections in Andhra Pradesh, reflecting the state’s expanding compliance and revenue strength. This was stated on Monday by Suresh Battini, principal chief commissioner of Income Tax (AP & TG), Hyderabad. “The growth in collections and filer base demonstrates the effectiveness of outreach and compliance measures,” he told the media here.

According to official figures, the number of filers in AP rose from 25.99 lakh in 2023-24 to 28.70 lakh in 2024-25, representing a growth of 10.42 per cent. The number of returns filed also increased from 24.77 lakh to 26.98 lakh the same period, reflecting an 8.92 per cent rise. This steady expansion highlights the widening tax net and improved participation of individuals and businesses in the formal economy.

Direct tax collections have mirrored this upward trend. Andhra Pradesh recorded gross collections of ₹32,772.93 crores in

2025-26, with refunds amounting to ₹10,230.61 crore, resulting in net collections of ₹22,542.32 crores. In the current financial year up to July 17, gross collections stood at ₹9,043.54 crore, with refunds of ₹2,436.01 crore, leaving net collections at ₹6,607.53 crore.

This represents a robust growth rate of 17 per cent compared to the previous year, indicating stronger compliance and higher revenue mobilisation.

Category-wise, corporate tax and income tax collections have shown resilience. In 2023-24, AP recorded corporate tax collections of ₹7,616.58 crore and income tax collections of ₹25,790.65 crore. The following year, corporate tax collections rose modestly to ₹7,768.59 crore, while income tax collections stood at ₹25,350.48 crore. By 2025-26, corporate tax collections had climbed to ₹8,312.20 crore, while income tax collections were reported at ₹24,459.10 crore.

Suresh said,” With Andhra Pradesh continuing to expand its tax base, the state’s contribution to national revenue is expected to strengthen further in the coming years.”

‘Jana Nayagan’ set for grand global release amid massive fan frenzy

The re-edited version of Jana Nayagan, described as the final film of actor-turned-politician C. Joseph Vijay before he assumed a larger political role in Tamil Nadu, is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on July 23, according to its production house KVN Productions. The film has generated massive anticipation among fans, with bookings opened across nearly 8,000 screens in 30 countries and multiple Indian states. More than 3,500 shows are expected to be screened in Tamil Nadu alone, with the number likely to rise due to overwhelming demand. The film has a runtime of 3 hours and 3 minutes. Theatre owners have reported unprecedented interest in ticket sales, with several venues struggling to meet demand. Industry sources said the film has the potential to become a major box-office success and could even enter the Rs 1,000 crore club. Advance bookings witnessed a strong response, with tracked sales crossing Rs 10.60 crore within hours of opening. In Tamil Nadu, pre-sales began on July 19 and saw record-break-



ing numbers. Several theatres reported rapid sell-outs, including Kamala Cinemas in Chennai, which sold over 10,000 tickets within minutes, and Mayajaal Multiplex, which sold out 48 shows in less than an hour. The release follows months of delays involving certification issues, legal challenges

and a reported leak. However, theatre owners believe such controversies will not affect audience turnout, as fans continue to prefer watching the film on the big screen. KVN Productions head Venkat K Narayana confirmed that the theatrical version will feature several changes from the earlier

cut submitted to the Censor Board. The seven-month delay allowed the team to add new footage, songs and other modifications. The official title card has also been updated to refer to Vijay as the “Honourable Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu,” reflecting his political journey. The Central Board of Film Certification had earlier ordered cuts, including removal of certain references and replacement footage. The film will release in multiple languages, with altered titles in Hindi, Telugu and Kannada due to trademark considerations. Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan features an ensemble cast including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, Mamitha Baiju, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj and Narain. The film’s technical crew includes composer Anirudh Ravichander, cinematographer Sathyan Sooryan and editor Praadeep E. Ragav. As Vijay’s final cinematic appearance before focusing fully on politics, the film has become a major cultural event for his supporters. KVN Productions summed up the anticipation with the message: “Tested by fire. Forged by time. Built for history.”

Rasha Thadani Says Kurchi Madathapetti Powers Her Photoshoots

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Young actress Rasha Thadani, who is all set to make her Tollywood debut with the upcoming film Srinivasa Mangapuram, has opened up about her admiration for one of Telugu cinema’s biggest musical sensations, “Kurchi Madathapetti” from Mahesh Babu’s Guntur Kaaram. The actress revealed that she is a huge fan of the chart-buster track and often chooses it to create an energetic atmosphere during her professional commitments. Speaking about the song, Rasha shared that she absolutely loves its vibe and considers it a perfect mood booster. She explained that whenever she attends photoshoots, she prefers listening to high-energy tracks like “Kurchi Madathapetti” because the song instantly fills her with enthusiasm and keeps her motivated. According to her, the powerful beats and lively composition help her feel more confident and energetic while working. Rasha’s appreciation for the song also caught the attention of her co-star Jayakrishna, who was seen blushing while listening to her praise for the track. The moment became even more special as the



song is associated with his uncle, superstar Mahesh Babu, making her compliment a memorable one for him. Released as part of Guntur Kaaram, “Kurchi Madathapetti” went on to become a massive sensation among music lovers. The song achieved a remarkable milestone by crossing 700 million views on YouTube, becoming one of the few Telugu songs to reach such a record. It joined the elite list of tracks like “Butta Bomma” and “Ramuloo Ramulaa” from Ala Vaikunthapuramuloo that achieved similar levels of popularity. The song’s success can be credited to Thaman S’s energetic musical composition, Mahesh Babu and Sreeleela’s dynamic dance per-

formances, and its widespread popularity across social media platforms. From Instagram reels to YouTube shorts and fan-made videos, the track became a viral sensation and continued to dominate playlists long after its release. Interestingly, while Guntur Kaaram received mixed responses at the box office, its music emerged as a major highlight of the film. “Kurchi Madathapetti” proved that a powerful song can achieve a life of its own beyond the movie’s commercial outcome. With its catchy rhythm, energetic choreography, and massive fan following, the track has established itself as one of the most memorable Telugu songs of recent years.

Anjana Gunukula Wins International Gold in France

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Anjana Gunukula of JOE's Gymnastics Academy brought pride to India by winning the gold medal in the Ribbon apparatus event at the 4th Little Star International Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition held in Cannes, France, from July 3 to 6, 2026. In recognition of her outstanding achievement, she was felicitated at L.B. Stadium by Deputy Director of the Sports Authority of Telangana, G. Ravinder, and General Secretary of the Te-



langana Gymnastics Association, A. Someshwar. Her coach, Alica Joe, was also honoured for her dedicated guidance and support. The achievement highlights the

growing success of Telangana's young gymnasts on the international stage and reflects the high standards of training at JOE's Gymnastics Academy.

Spain's World Cup Triumph Sparks Wave of Celebration

NEW DELHI
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Spain's dramatic 1-0 extra-time win over Argentina in the FIFA World Cup 2026 final has triggered reactions far beyond the pitch, with celebrities from across the world celebrating Spain's second world title. Match-winner Ferran Torres, whose strike sealed the trophy, said the goal belonged to millions of people and reflected that destiny had written Spain's path to the title. Head coach Luis de la Fuente described his players as a family and role models for Spanish sport and youth, while Argentina's Lionel Scaloni said he felt sadness but took comfort in knowing his team had left everything on the field. He added that Spain had simply been the better side. The two coaches were seen sharing a long embrace at midfield after the whistle. For Lionel Messi, playing what may be his last World Cup, the ending was starkly different from 2022, with visible emotion on the pitch as Argentina's title defence ended. Spain's biggest tennis stars were quick to react on social media. Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz and retired great



Rafael Nadal were among the notable names from the sports world who congratulated Spain on the victory, posting jubilant messages celebrating the "campeones del mundo." Other Spanish sporting figures joined in too — basketball legend Pau Gasol posted his own celebration of the title, while Argentine basketball great Manu Ginobili offered congratulations to Spain while praising his own country's "epic" campaign and thanking the players for their effort. Even NFL quarterback Caleb Williams weighed in with a

simple, sympathetic nod to Messi's loss. Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez led the political reaction, posting that the country was "world champions" and thanking the national team for the achievement. King Felipe VI and Queen Letizia, who attended the final together with their daughters Princess Leonor and Infanta Sofia, celebrated from the VIP box at MetLife Stadium and shared the first moments of celebration with the players, exchanging hugs after the win. It marked the first time the Spanish royal family had

attended a World Cup final together as a group. The match itself doubled as a magnet for celebrities. FIFA invited roughly 130 celebrities to the final, making it the largest gathering of famous faces assembled for the tournament. Some of them are Spanish actor Javier Bardem, former La Roja stars Iker Casillas, Xavi Hernández, David Villa and Fernando Llorente, alongside Alejandra Silva and her husband Richard Gere, and María Valverde with conductor Gustavo Dudamel.

Medchal Malkajgiri Clinches Overall Title

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The 11th Sub-Junior & Junior Inter District Swimming Championship 2026 concluded successfully at GMC Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli, on July 18-19. Medchal Malkajgiri emerged as the overall champions with a dominant tally of 472 points, winning 54 gold, 50 silver, and 26 bronze medals. Ranga Reddy secured second place with 293 points, earning 34 gold, 25 silver, and 24 bronze medals. Outstanding performances came from swimmers including T.S. Tejas, Jordan Dominic Franklin, Merupula Likhitha Goud, and Jona Shiju, who claimed multiple titles in freestyle events. The



championship witnessed impressive performances across junior and sub-junior categories, highlighting the growing depth of swimming talent in Telangana. During the closing ceremony, Chandra Shekar Reddy, President of the Telangana Swimming Association,

and G. Umesh, Secretary of the Telangana Swimming Association, presented the Overall Championship Trophy to the Medchal Malkajgiri team. Coaches and officials also joined the winning contingent to celebrate their remarkable achievement.

Hyderabad focusses on water conservation, power outages amid El Niño

The meeting focussed on preventing water wastage, ways to quickly restore electricity in the event of outages, and intensifying awareness campaigns.

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Hyderabad district officials have been instructed to take strict measures to minimise the impact of El Niño and ensure uninterrupted essential services, particularly drinking water supply and electricity. The directions were issued during a district-level review meeting chaired by Transport Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar at Praja Bhavan on Monday, July 20.

The meeting focused on preparing strategies to handle the expected challenges arising from the rainfall deficit, prevent water wastage, maintain power stability and strengthen public awareness campaigns. Telangana is currently facing a 42 per cent rainfall deficit, raising concerns over water availability and groundwater depletion.

During the meeting, officials were asked to identify vulnerable areas across Hyderabad and create awareness among residents about rainwater



harvesting pits, ground-water conservation and responsible water usage. The minister stressed the need for coordinated efforts among departments to address possible shortages and ensure public welfare.

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) Managing Director Ashok Reddy reviewed the water storage and availability situation in major reservoirs, including Singur, Manjira, Osman Sagar, Himayat Sagar, Nagarjuna Sagar and the Sripada Yellampalli Project. He informed officials that contingency plans had been prepared to transfer

water from surplus areas to regions facing shortages. The plans also include repairing borewells and pipelines, improving supply networks and taking preventive measures to maintain a steady drinking water supply across the city. Officials assured that necessary steps were being taken to avoid disruptions during the summer and drought-like conditions.

Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) Chairman and Managing Director Jitesh Patil highlighted the importance of reducing electricity consumption during peak

periods. He appealed to consumers to limit power usage between 4.30 am and 6.30 am and between 4.30 pm and 6.30 pm to help maintain grid stability.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner RV Karnam informed the meeting that comprehensive arrangements were in place for drinking water management, sanitation, urban flood control, traffic regulation and public health. Special drives were being conducted to prevent mosquito-borne diseases such as dengue and malaria, while disaster response teams were kept ready for emer-

gencies.

Groundwater Department officials said groundwater levels were being monitored across mandals and a District Groundwater Task Force had been formed to strengthen conservation efforts. Measures under the WALTA Act, regulation of groundwater extraction and promotion of rainwater harvesting were also being intensified.

District Medical and Health Officer Dr P Srinivas said disease surveillance had been increased in coordination with GHMC. Civil Supplies officials confirmed that sufficient stocks of essential commodities were maintained to ensure smooth public distribution.

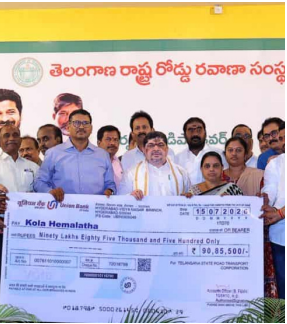
Hyderabad Collector Dr Priyanka Ala said suggestions from ministers, legislators and officials would be incorporated into a comprehensive District Contingency Action Plan to address the challenges posed by El Niño and protect public services.

Shankar Goud’s family gets Rs 90.85 lakh aid, son to get RTC job

HYDERABAD
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Financial assistance of Rs 90.85 lakh was handed over to the family of Shankar Goud, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) driver who self-immolated in April this year.

Fifty-year-old Goud took his life on April 23, after talks between RTC workers and the Congress government failed over a range of demands, including wage revision, improved welfare measures, issues related to electric bus procurement and operations, the merger of RTC employees with the



state government, and the conduct of union elections.

Transport Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar presented a cheque of Rs 90,85,500 to Shankar’s wife Hemalatha, son Hemanth and daughter Shalini at a programme held at RTC Kala Bhavan in Hyderabad. TGSRTC Managing Di-

rector Y Nagi Reddy was also present.

The assistance was voluntarily contributed by TGSRTC employees under the ‘Cheyutha’ welfare initiative.

“The TGSRTC will provide employment for Shankar Goud’s son, Hemanth, and the family had been sanctioned a house,” Ponnamm said.

He also announced that the process of merging RTC with the government would begin after the trade union elections are completed, in line with a decision by a committee comprising four ministers and senior officials.

Uday Krishna Reddy claims victim was in a relationship with him

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The case of sexual harassment and assault by a trainee Indian Police Service (IPS) officer perpetrated on a female trainee IPS officer has only become murkier, with both the sides leveling allegation against each other.

In a latest development in the case, a letter purportedly written by trainee IPS officer M Uday Krishna Reddy surfaced, in which he wrote that he was taking the extreme step because of four persons including the woman who levelled sexual harassment and assault allegations against him.

In the undated letter titled “suicide note,” Reddy accused the victim (complainant) of manipulating him after being in a rela-



tionship with him during the training period. He claimed that even after her marriage to another person, their relationship continued.

He also claimed that the woman knocked his door after sending him WhatsApp messages, after which he opened the door of his room to let the woman enter.

Reddy claimed that the woman (complainant) entered the room and kept fighting with him, and that in his defense he reacted in a certain way, the video proof of which he claimed he has. He also

alleged that the woman entered his room with “an intense sexual urge,” and that she was the one who kissed and hugged him without his consent.

He claimed that he recorded that incident and sent to her husband, in addition to all the evidences of her entering his room many times during the training, for which his WhatsApp chats were an evidence.

“But she manipulated everything and told I assaulted her...which is not true. She only came to my room,” Reddy alleged.

He further alleged that the Suma, Venkateshwara-nand, her friends Baswaja Naik, and Kailash Kalra had instigated her against him, and held them solely responsible for his suicide- which didn’t happen.

Attapur Police bust major drug racket, Six arrested with 8kg ganja

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The Hyderabad City Police busted a ganja distribution racket and arrested six people with 8.41 kg of the drug near Hanuman Temple on Bhopal Nagar Road, said a press release on Monday, July 20.

The raid was conducted

by Attapur police in coordination with Rajendranagar Special Operation Team (SOT). A sealing machine, mobile phones and a motorcycle were also seized.

The arrested have been identified as – Mohammed Faizan Bakshi (19), Syed Sadiq (40), Ali Ahmed (55), Riyaz

Ahmed Khan (22), Mohammed Jaffar (21) and Tausif Baig (22).

Another accused, believed to be the supplier from Maharashtra, is absconding.

The accused were produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody. A case under NDPS Act has been registered.



SFI activists held during NEET hunger strike

HYDERABAD
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Members of the Students Federation of India (SFI) who were holding a 24-hour hunger strike in Hyderabad against the alleged NEET UG paper leak were detained by the Chikkadpally Police on Monday, July 20.

The hunger strike, led by SFI state president S Rajinikanth and secretary T Nagaraju, was held in sol-

idity with an ongoing protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi. The students demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and the abolition of the National Testing Agency (NTA).

Videos shared on social media showed police forcibly detaining the students, who were raising slogans demanding the minister’s resignation.

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AIMIM MLAs stand for Vande Mataram at govt event after March row

The appearance of AIMIM leaders standing for Vande Mataram has come after several AIMIM MLAs and MLCs had walked out of the Telangana Assembly on March 16 while the national song was being played.

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Several All India Majlis e Ittehad Ul Muslimeen (AIMIM) legislators were seen joining in a rendition of Vande Mataram at a Telangana government event in Hyderabad on Monday, July 20, a departure from the party’s walkout from the national song during the Assembly session in March this year.

Nampally MLA Majid Hussain and Malakpet MLA Ahmed Balala bin Abdullah Balala, Charminar MLA Zulfeqar were among those seen participating in the rendition of the national song at the launch of the Indiramma Housing Towers scheme, held at G-29 in the Dr BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, according to visuals circulating on social media.

The event itself was a state government function to roll out low-income group housing under the Core Urban Region Econ-

omy, or CURE, initiative. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Ponnamm Prabhakar, Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Mohammed Azharuddin jointly launched the scheme and released its brochure, outlining eligibility criteria and the application process for beneficiaries.

MLAs, MLCs, district collectors and other officials attended the programme. The government plans to construct one lakh LIG houses under the scheme, with an initial phase of 500 houses in each Assembly constituency within Hyderabad’s core urban limits.

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AIMIM leaders standing for Vande Mataram has come after several AIMIM MLAs and MLCs had walked out of the Telangana Assembly on March 16 while the national song was being played before and after Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla’s customary address. The move elicited harsh criticism from Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders such as Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar and the State BJP President, N Ramchander Rao, who later moved an appeal to the Governor to have AIMIM MLAs suspended.

Traffic diversions announced on July 21-22

HYDERABAD
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The Hyderabad Traffic Police announced traffic diversions on July 21 and 22, in view of the Balkampet Yellamma Kalyanam and Rathotsavam to be held at the Balkampet Yellamma Temple. Commuters are advised to avoid roads leading to the temple and use the alternate routes.

Vehicles coming from Greenlands, Matha Temple and Satyam Theatre towards Balkampet Yellamma Temple, Fateh Nagar Flyover and Fateh Nagar will be diverted at

SR Nagar T-Junction towards SR Nagar Community Hall – Abhilasha Towers – BK Guda X Road – Sriram Nagar X Road – Sanath Nagar/Fateh Nagar Road. Traffic from Fateh Nagar Flyover heading towards Balkampet Temple will not be allowed.

Vehicles will be diverted at New Bridge (Hyderabad Kitchen Mart) via the Railway Under Bridge (RUB) towards Kattamaisamma Temple, Begumpet. Vehicles travelling from Greenlands – Bakul Apartments – Food World towards Balkampet will be diverted.

Speeding auto mows down elderly man in Kukatpally

A 60-year-old man died on the spot after being mowed down by a speeding autorickshaw in Kukatpally on Monday morning, July 20.

The accident, caught on a closed circuit television camera (CCTV), occurred in the Hydernagar when the victim, Narsimha, was crossing the road. Narsimha died on the spot and the body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for a postmortem.

In a video shared on social media, Narsimha is seen crossing the road on a zebra crossing. An autorickshaw sped towards the man, and before he could move, the auto driver mowed him down.

Trade unions support Telangana gig workers’ July 22 strike

HYDERABAD
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Trade unions reaffirmed that gig and platform workers across Telangana will participate in the July 22 statewide strike – Breakdown Flash Strike and launch an indefinite strike after August 8 if the government continues to ignore their demands.

The protest is called by the Telangana App-Based Drivers Forum (TADF). The announcement was made at the CITU City Office in Musheerabad on Monday, July 20. The union leaders have demanded a fair minimum



base fare, the immediate notification of the gig and platform workers rules, the constitution of a welfare board and the implementation of minimum fares under the Motor Vehicle Aggregator Guidelines, 2025. Telangana Gig and Platform Workers Union (TGPWU) founding president Shaik Sa-lauddin that they are left

with no option but to protest. “We sincerely apologise to customers for the inconvenience.

However, app-based cab drivers, auto drivers, goods transport drivers and delivery workers have been left with no other option. Since platform companies and the government have failed to resolve our long-pending demands, we are compelled to observe the statewide Breakdown Flash Strike on July 22. Our fight is for fair fares, decent livelihoods and justice for all gig and platform workers,” he said.