

**KTR warns of youth and farmers' movement against Congress: P8****Students Brave Heavy Rain to Protest Jantar Mantar Crackdown in Hyderabad: P8****Harish Rao accuses Congress of failing Devadula irrigation promises: P2**

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MEA Summons Russian Envoy Over Indians Killed in Vessel Attack

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday summoned Russian Charge d'Affaires Vladimir Ladanov over the attack on commercial vessel MV Golden Leo, which resulted in the death of four Indian nationals, and conveyed India's "grave concerns and unequivocal condemnation" of the incident. In a statement, the MEA said that the Russian diplomat was summoned to the ministry and was informed that attacks targeting commercial shipping undermine the safety, security and stability of international maritime commerce.

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Delhi HC Allows Sonam Wangchuk's Shift to Medanta Hospital

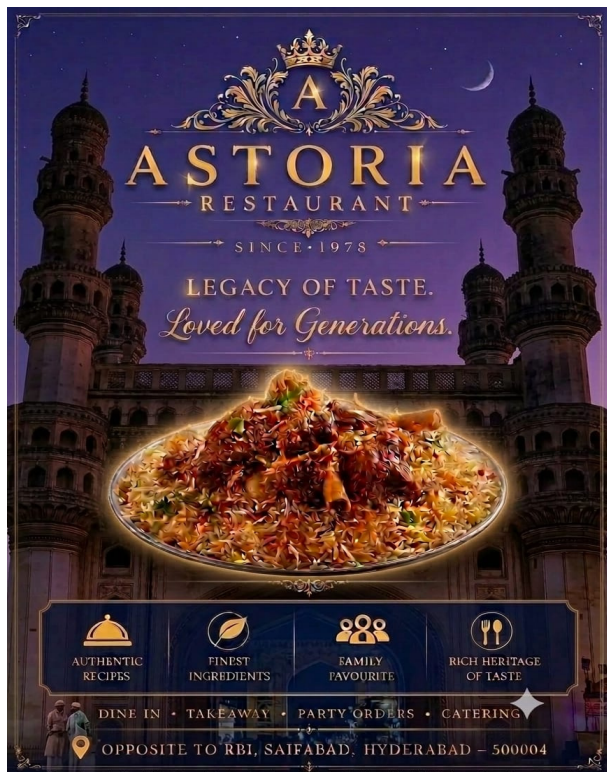
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The Delhi High Court on Tuesday ordered immediate shifting of activist Sonam Wangchuk, who has been on an indefinite fast since June 28 over alleged examination irregularities, from Safdarjung Hospital here to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. A bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia passed the order on an appeal by the activist's wife, Gitanjali Angmo, against a Sunday order of the high court re-

fusing to interfere with his ongoing treatment at the central government hospital and direct his transfer to Medanta Hospital.

The court asked the director of Medanta Hospital to form a team of doctors with requisite expertise to constantly monitor Wangchuk. It said the doctors shall administer medication according to the accepted medical norms and protocol, "to which the husband of the appellant shall abide". Wangchuk ought to be shifted to a hospital of his choice,

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Rahul, Priyanka Gandhi Moved From Protest Outside PM Modi's House

Congress workers, led by Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi, marched to PM Modi's residence to protest the paper leak issue on Tuesday.

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One of the most dramatic days in post-Independence Indian politics unfolded in New Delhi on Tuesday when Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi led a Congress protest against paper leaks and the "attack" on students to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence, only to be dragged away hours later. Seeking to pile on the pressure on the Centre a day after the Cockroach Janta Party-led march to Parliament, Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge and Priyanka Gandhi Vadra gathered outside the Congress President's house at 10, Rajaji Marg on Tuesday afternoon and marched to the PM's residence at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, just over a kilometre away. In an unprecedented development, Union Minister Jitendra Singh later visited the protest site and spoke to Rahul Gandhi, but the protest was broken up hours later and Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and others were detained



and taken away in buses.

Rahul Gandhi was surrounded by at least 10 police personnel as he sat on the road and refused to budge. He was eventually dragged away and was seen bleeding from his nose.

Speaking to reporters after the police action, the Congress MP, who was lying on the road, declared, "Democracy in India is happening right now."

Rahul Gandhi was taken to the Chhatrasal Stadium while Priyanka Gandhi Vadra was moved to the Mandir Marg Police station. Former Congress president Sonia Gandhi visited Priyanka Gandhi Vadra at the police station, and both Gandhi siblings were released around 9

pm.

In a statement after being released, Rahul Gandhi urged the Prime Minister to initiate education reforms at the earliest and thanked people for supporting protests against the paper leaks. Before the protesters were dispersed, sources had said Gandhi had intended to continue the sit-in overnight. He had also made an appeal for people to join him outside the PM's residence.

"An attack on students is an attack on every Indian family. PM Modi believes he can get away without answers, without consequences. He cannot. Not this time. I ask every patriotic Indian who believes our students deserve justice - join us in dharna in

front of the Prime Minister's residence. The voice of India's students will not be ignored," he said in a post.

After the meeting between Singh, who is the Minister of State in the PMO, and Gandhi, Congress leaders said the talks were inconclusive.

"They wanted us to withdraw the protest and we did not agree because our demands were not met. We want Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to resign and a discussion in Parliament on the paper leaks. More MPs, more Congress workers and more common people will join our protest," said Congress MP Syed Naseer Hussain.

Singh later alleged Gandhi had assured him the Congress would call off the protest if the government agreed to discuss all issues related to NEET and paper leaks in Parliament, and then went back on his word.

"When this information was conveyed to Shri Rahul Gandhi, he said that he would not agree to this

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Delhi Police File FIR Against Protestors; CJP Alleges Brutality

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Even as the Delhi Police filed FIRs against CJP protesters for indulging in stone pelting during Monday's protest, activist Abhijeet Dipke on Tuesday alleged police brutality against protesting students, claiming that police personnel lathi-charged protesters and assaulted women during the demonstration, while questioning the government over the

The issue is not about the strength of the protest. The issue is whether the government has a heart or not. And this is not the only protest where they have shown such brutality, said Dipke

detention of the protesters. Speaking to ANI about the protest, Dipke said, "Today, the Police staged lathi charge in the morning. They have filled their hearts with blood." Asked about reports of

his detention, Dipke said, "Police were attacking Geetanjali ma'am. Later, they tried to charge me with a lathi. A male police officer pulled Geetanjali ma'am's hair. I was not there. But they tried their best." On the police arrangements at the protest site, Dipke said, "Are they putting up another barricade? Are they talking to the DCP? Ask him." "The issue is not about the strength of the protest. The issue is whether the

government has a heart or not.

And this is not the only protest where they have shown such brutality. All the protests in this country have shown such brutality.

They are breaking the heads of 12-year-old children. They are killing more than 20 children. They are killing more children to save them. The government should be ashamed," he said.

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Police Seal Borders as Farmers Approach Delhi Protesting US Trade Deal

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Around a thousand Punjab farmers on their way to Delhi to take part in the Kisan Mahapanchayat to protest against the proposed India-US trade deal were stopped at the Shambhu border on Tuesday as Haryana Police erected barricades and placed cement blocks at the entry point to the neighbouring state. Later in the day, Haryana Agriculture Minister Shyam Singh Rana and Ambala Deputy Commissioner Ajay Singh Tomer met the Punjab farmers, received



a memorandum from them and promised to fulfil their demands.

The farmers said they will chart their next course of action soon. A day-long Kisan Mahapanchayat is being organised at Kisan Ghat in Delhi under the banner of "Desh

Bachao Morcha" on Tuesday, to protest against the proposed India-US trade deal. Farmer leaders had earlier said that participants from several places, including from Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh, would take part in the Ma-

hapanchayat.

As part of the plan, around a thousand farmers from Punjab, carrying flags of their respective organisations, arrived at the Shambhu border on Tuesday to proceed towards Delhi in buses. The farmers' convoy had spent Monday night at the sarai (pilgrims' inn) of Gurdwara Sri Fatehgarh Sahib and departed in the morning. From the gurdwara, they reached Madhopur near Sirhind on GT Road, and then proceeded towards Shambhu, where they were stopped from proceeding further.

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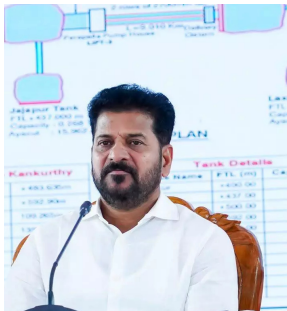
Revanth Orders Plots for Displaced Farmers

Distribute Plots to Farmers Who Lost Lands to Industrial Corridor Within a Week, Says CM Revanth reddy

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to distribute plots within a week to farmers who had lost their land to the Vikarabad industrial corridor. He expressed anger over the delay in allotting plots to the affected farmers and instructed officials to complete the process without further delay. The government has acquired 1,084 acres out of the planned 1,200 acres in Lagacharla, Polepalli and Hakimpet villages for the proposed industrial corridor and education hub.

The Chief Minister expressed dissatisfaction over the slow pace of work at the education hub coming up at Hakimpet in Dudyal mandal of Vikarabad district, and directed officials to speed up work. He warned that action would be taken against officials found negligent in executing the projects and said he would not hesitate to suspend those who failed to perform their



duties. The Chief Minister, who visited Hakimpet also reviewed the development works in his home Kodangal Assembly constituency with legislators T. Ram Mohan Reddy of Parigi and B. Manohar Reddy of Tandur, senior officials of various departments and district officials. He inspected the progress of the Young India Integrated Residential School (YIIRS) being constructed in education hub.

Revanth Reddy directed officials to submit monthly progress reports on every project being taken up at the education hub. He said he would review the reports every month and would stay at the project site for a day every month to monitor the implementation. He

instructed officials to ensure that the pace of construction was accelerated. The Chief Minister had announced the establishment of the education hub on 250 acres and allocated Rs 876 crore for the project. The allocation includes Rs 200 crore for the YIIRS, Rs 200 crore for a veterinary hospital and college, Rs 15 crore for an engineering college and Rs 6 crore for a degree college. The education hub will also have a medical college, nursing college, paramedical college, physiotherapy college and hostels for students.

During the review, officials briefed the Chief Minister on the progress of the Makthal-Naray-anpet-Kodangal lift irrigation project. Revanth Reddy directed officials to ensure there was no further delay in land acquisition for the project. He said the government was ready to sanction funds and provide surveyors for the land acquisition process.

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PM Modi Assures Strict Action on NEET Paper Leak

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday assured that those responsible for the alleged NEET paper leak would face the strictest possible punishment and urged National Democratic Alliance (NDA) lawmakers to reach out to students and reassure them that their interests would be protected. Addressing the NDA Parliamentary Party's 'Mangal Milan' meeting, Modi emphasised that preventing examination paper leaks was a national responsibility and called for collective efforts to build a foolproof examination system, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said after the meeting.

Quoting the Prime Minister, Rijiju said the government acted swiftly after reports of the NEET paper leak surfaced, leading to arrests and prompt action against those allegedly involved. He added that the re-examination was conducted without delay to ensure students' futures were not adversely affected. "The Prime Minister



ter called for the strictest possible punishment for those responsible for the NEET paper leak and stressed that preventing such incidents is a national responsibility," Rijiju said.

According to people familiar with the discussions, Modi also asked NDA MPs to engage with young people and reassure them that the government remained committed to protecting their interests. He said those arrested in connection with the paper leak would face the harshest legal action while urging lawmakers to counter what he described as opposition "conspiracies" aimed at misleading students. The Prime Minister also appealed to NDA partners to remain united in ensuring the smooth functioning of Parliament and urged opposition parties to cooperate.

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Harish Rao accuses Congress of failing Devadula irrigation promises

BRS leader T Harish Rao accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its promise of supplying irrigation water through the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme. He demanded immediate operation of all pumps, compensation for farmers and warned of statewide protests if action was delayed.

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BRS deputy floor leader and former Irrigation Minister T Harish Rao went all guns blazing against the Congress government for misleading farmers by promising irrigation water through the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme, encouraging cultivation and then refusing to supply water. Demanding that all 10 pumps be operated without delay and all 22 balancing reservoirs be filled, he urged the government to honour its assurances and provide irrigation to the ayacut. He demanded that the government either ensure immediate irrigation or compensate farmers for crop losses while providing input subsidy. He

warned that the BRS would launch joint protests with farmers from the erstwhile Warangal, Nalgonda and Karimnagar districts if the government failed to act. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, Harish Rao said that on July 12, the BRS questioned the government over the delay in operating the Devadula pumps. A day later, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramka, along with Ministers N Uttam Kumar Reddy and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, visited the project and announced that all 10 pumps would be operated, 38 tmcft of water would be lifted and 22 reservoirs would be filled. Trusting these assurances, farmers trans-



planted paddy, he said. "Now the government has backed out of its promise. Water is neither being lifted nor supplied, forcing farmers onto the streets," he said, referring to protests across Shayampet, Bhimadevarapalli, Elkathurthi and other parts of the erstwhile Warangal district. Harish Rao questioned why the government was not operating all the pumps of the Devadula project despite sufficient water availability in the Godavari River and adequate storage at the

Sammakka Barrage. While the Ministers promised to operate all 10 pumps, only five were operational as of Monday, he said. He accused the government of creating an artificial drought through administrative failure rather than climatic conditions. "This is not an El Nino drought; it is a Congress-made drought," he said, stating that although 105 TMCft of Godavari water flowed downstream through the Devadula system, the government lifted only about 1.9 TMCft despite having the capacity to lift nearly 12 TMCft during the period. The former Irrigation Minister said the BRS government completed the Sammakka Barrage and all three phases of

the Devadula scheme to irrigate 3.17 lakh acres. Despite having the infrastructure, pumps and water, the present government had failed to utilise the system, he alleged. He also pointed to conflicting statements, with the Ministers assuring irrigation for over three lakh acres and the Warangal Collector reportedly advising farmers not to take up transplantation due to inadequate water availability. "Whom should farmers believe?" he asked. Harish Rao stated that the sluices under the Ramappa reservoir had been closed even after farmers commenced cultivation, and irrigation was denied despite abundant flows in the Godavari River.

Congress Ready For Debate On BRS Misrule

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TPCC chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress was ready for a debate on the BRS government's ten-year rule versus the two-and-a-half years of people's governance under the Revanth Reddy administration. Former minister K.T. Rama Rao was shedding crocodile tears over jobs after doing nothing about unemployment, and former minister T. Harish Rao, who handled the irrigation portfolio, was now lamenting about the drought-like situation, he said. During the BRS regime, only the family members of then Chief Minister



K. Chandrashekar Rao got jobs, while the Congress government had provided 70,000 jobs under its people-centric governance, Goud told mediapersons at Congress Bhavan here. He was speaking along with Congress MLAs P. Sudarshan Reddy and R. Bhupathi Reddy after taking part in various programmes here on Tuesday. Goud said that the Congress government had fulfilled the majority of its election promises.

He said the BRS regime had wasted over ₹1 lakh crore on the Kaleshwaram project. Chandrashekar Rao, who had taken all the decisions himself, was now claiming he had nothing to do with them, Goud noted. Many unemployed youth lost their lives during the BRS regime and people were no longer believing false propaganda, he said. "The people have not forgotten the misrule of the BRS government," he said.

Revanth Promise on Dharmareddy Canal Fulfilled; Water Released

The canal starts from Musi at Sangem and end at the irrigation tank of Pedda Kaparthy in Chityal mandal, passing through 66km.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy fulfilled a major assurance made during his Musi River Rejuvenation Sankalpa Padayatra by restoring the long-neglected Dharmareddy Canal and releasing irrigation water into it on Tuesday, bringing relief to thousands of farmers in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. The restoration of the canal was one of the key promises made by the Chief Minister during his padayatra from Sangem to Bhimalingam in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on November 8, 2024. The canal restoration work had remained pending for several decades despite repeated demands from local farmers and public representatives. Honouring



that commitment, the Telangana government sanctioned Rs. 129 crore for the comprehensive restoration of the Dharmareddy Canal. The works were completed on a priority basis, enabling the release of irrigation water within a short period. The Dharmareddy Canal originates from the Musi River at Sangem and stretches for 66 kilometres before terminating at the irrigation tank in Pedda Kaparthy village of Chityal mandal. The restored canal is ex-

pected to significantly improve irrigation facilities for agricultural lands in Valigonda and Ramannapet mandals, benefiting thousands of farming families. Marking the occasion, Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham formally released water into the canal at the Zero Point in Valigonda on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Veeresham said that bringing irrigation water through the Dharmareddy Canal had been a long-cherished

dream of the people of Bhongir and Nakrekal Assembly constituencies. He credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for honouring the promise made during the Musi River Rejuvenation Padayatra and ensuring the timely completion of the restoration works. He stated that the Congress government had demonstrated its commitment by transforming a decades-old promise into reality. The revival of the canal is expected to strengthen irrigation infrastructure, improve agricultural productivity, and provide a reliable source of water to farmers across the region, marking a significant milestone in the state's efforts to rejuvenate irrigation systems and support rural livelihoods.

Haribowli Temple Committee Invites KTR for Bonalu Celebrations

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Representatives of the Historic Sri Akkanna Mardanna Mahankali Mandiram, Haribowli, called on BRS Working President and former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) at his Nandi Hills residence and formally invited him to participate in the 78th Annual Ashada Masa Bonalu celebrations scheduled to be held on August 9 at the temple. During the meeting, the



temple committee members presented the official invitation card for the annual Bonalu festivities and requested KTR to visit the temple and seek the blessings of Goddess Mahankali during the celebrations. The committee highlighted the cul-

tural and spiritual significance of the historic temple, which attracts thousands of devotees every year during the Bonalu festival. KTR received the invitation warmly and interacted with the committee members, who expressed

hope that his presence would add to the grandeur of the celebrations. The delegation was led by Temple Committee President D. Prabhakar. Those present included Secretary K. Dattatreya, Treasurer A. Satish, Organising Secretary S.P. Kranthi Kumar, Vice-Presidents Jagmohan Kapoor and M. Vinod Kumar, along with committee members Saikiran Pawar, Ravinder Chary, L. Arun Kumar, and several other representatives.

TPRMEA State President A. Satyanarayana Reddy's Birthday Celebrated Grandly at ZPP Yadadri Bhuvanagiri

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The birthday of Telangana Panchayat Raj Ministerial Employees Association (TPRMEA) State President A. Satyanarayana Reddy was celebrated with enthusiasm at the Zilla Praja Parishad (ZPP) office in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. The programme was organized under the leadership of Gaddam Gyanaprakash Reddy, State Council Member, TPRMEA, and Superintendent (Administration), ZPP. Employees cut a cake, offered floral greetings, and conveyed birthday wishes, appreciating Satyanarayana Reddy's contribution to the welfare of Panchayat Raj Ministerial employees. Deputy CEO Chilukuri Srinivas, District President Paduri Srikanth Reddy, District General Secretary Ambati



Shivakumar, supervisors Dasari Krishna, Kota Sridhar and Edla Srinivas Reddy, district executive members, ZPP staff, Class-IV employees and association members participated in the celebrations. Thalkagroup from Matoor village also extended greetings, wishing him good health, long life and continued success in strengthening the employees' association.

Battupalli Anuradha Demands Immediate Enforcement Without Linking It to Census or Delimitation

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Demanding the immediate implementation of the 33% Women's Reservation Act, 2023 during the ongoing Parliament session, the All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) and the Progressive Organisation of Women (POW) organized a protest demonstration at Ambekar Chowrasta in Bhongir district headquarters on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, POW State Secretary Rachakonda Sita and AIDWA District Secretary Battupalli Anuradha urged the Central Government to implement the Women's Reservation Act without any further delay. They stressed that the



legislation should come into force during the current Parliament session itself to ensure equal political representation for women. The leaders strongly opposed the Centre's decision to link the implementation of women's reservation with the national census and the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies, stating that such conditions would only postpone justice to women. They demanded that 33% reservation for women be

implemented immediately without any preconditions. They further called upon the Central Government to remove the 15-year sunset clause incorporated in the Women's Reservation Act, 2023, and ensure permanent and meaningful political representation for women. Equal participation of women in legislative bodies, they said, is essential for strengthening democracy, promoting inclusive governance, and achieving gender equality.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Inspects Ellamma Cheruvu Development Works in Alwyn Colony

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the ongoing Ellamma Cheruvu beautification and drainage diversion works in Alwyn Colony Division, being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹2.74 crore. During the inspection, Gandhi said local residents had complained about foul smell caused by contaminated drainage water entering the lake. Officials found several manholes in the drainage diversion pipeline blocked with garbage, causing sewage to



overflow into the lake. Municipal staff and JCB machines were immediately deployed to clear the blockages and restore smooth water flow. Gandhi personally supervised the works for nearly seven hours and directed officials to com-

plete the remaining drainage diversion works at the earliest without compromising on quality. He assured residents that a permanent solution would be provided to stop sewage from entering the lake. He also said the lake development

project includes strengthening the bund, UGD diversion pipeline, repairs to the surplus weir, fencing, walking track and beautification works. The aim is to protect Ellamma Cheruvu from pollution and encroachments while creating a clean and pleasant environment for nearby residents. Local residents and members of the Joint Action Committee (JAC) thanked Arekapudi Gandhi for his personal intervention and expressed confidence that the long-pending drainage problem would soon be permanently resolved.

Congress turning Indiramma Housing Scheme into fraud: BRS leader Krishank



BRS spokesperson Manne Krishank slammed the Congress government for allegedly cheating people by promising free houses to the poor under the Indiramma Housing Scheme before the Assembly elections and now forcing beneficiaries to spend lakhs of rupees. He alleged that apart from collecting Rs 10,000 for applications, the government was asking beneficiaries to contribute Rs 6 lakh for LIG (low-income group) housing in Hyderabad. He demanded that the government immediately fulfill its promise to construct 6,000 Indiramma houses in the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituency, made during the by-election campaign. In a statement, Krishank questioned the government's intent, asking whether the scheme was meant to provide welfare or run a real estate business. He said making poor families pay lakhs of rupees after promising free houses amounted to a betrayal of public trust. He also alleged that the Telangana Congress was ruining the legacy of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, after whom the scheme was named. Pointing out that the government had already presented its third State Budget, he questioned when the promised houses would actually be completed, with only one regular State Budget and one Vote-on-Account Budget remaining before the next Assembly elections.

CMC Issues
Notice to Food
Safety Violator



Food safety teams of the Cyberabad municipal corporation found food safety violations at the Big Basket Warehouse (Innovative retail concepts Pvt Ltd), Jay-aBheri in Kompally on Tuesday. Officials found the food handlers were working without gloves and hairnets and non-food articles were stored alongside food items in certain locations. It was also found that the onion, ginger and garlic storage area was untidy and medical fitness records of food handlers were unavailable. An improvement notice is issued to the establishment to rectify the deficiencies and strengthen food safety practices.

El Nino Leaves Paddy Farmers In
Mancherial, Nirmal In Distress

The state government is discouraging paddy cultivation during the current kharif season in view of scanty rainfall and the anticipated impact of El Nino.

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Paddy farmers in Mancherial and Nirmal districts are facing uncertainty due to prolonged dry spells and poor water availability, while agriculture experts have advised them to shift to pulses and other alternative crops. This is to minimise the impact of El Nino. Many farmers under the Kadam ayacut are still waiting for rains to begin transplantation, while those who have already planted paddy are struggling to irrigate their crop. The state government is discouraging paddy cultivation during the current kharif season in view of scanty rainfall and the anticipated impact of El Nino. Agriculture scientists have advised farmers to diversify their cultivation to pulses and other less water-intensive crops



to reduce crop losses and investment risks. Water availability has emerged as a major concern in the Khanapur Assembly constituency, where there is little prospect of irrigation releases from the Sriram Sagar Project. Farmers in Jannaram, Dandepalli, Kadam and Luxettipet mandals are also facing uncertainty as water levels in the Kadam project have fallen sharply. Officials indicated that the available water may have to be reserved for drinking purposes. Agriculture experts said paddy transplanted at this stage is unlikely to produce optimum yields and advised

farmers to avoid fresh paddy cultivation. They said pulses and other alternative crops would be more suitable under the prevailing conditions. Farmer Rajeshwar of Dandepalli said many cultivators were waiting for rainfall to begin transplantation and were worried after learning that water availability in the Kadam project had declined significantly. Experts pointed out that long-duration paddy varieties require about 150 days of continuous water supply, making cultivation difficult under the present conditions. They also noted that paddy seed-

lings, which are ideally transplanted within 20 to 25 days of raising nurseries, are now 40 to 50 days old, which could affect productivity even if transplanted. According to irrigation officials, the Komaram Bheem project has a full storage capacity of 10.399 tmc-ft. The reservoir currently holds 4.878 tmc-ft of water at a level of 235.85 metres, which they said is sufficient to meet drinking water needs for about 174 days. Khanapur MLA Vedma Bojju said water levels in the Kadam project were declining rapidly and the available storage was sufficient for only about 60 days of drinking water supply. The reservoir at present holds only 0.5 tmc-ft against its capacity of 3.49 tmc-ft, leaving irrigation officials unable to release water for paddy cultivation under its ayacut.

Urban Planners Flag Major Gaps
in the New Draft CURE Bill

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Urban planners have cited major shortcomings that could limit the impact of the Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill of 2026, a draft of which has been put up for public suggestions. The urban governance organisation Janaagraha, in a presentation on Tuesday, said that the Bill scored only 28 per cent in its assessment of strong metropolitan governance systems. While this is slightly higher than the 23 per cent score of the current GHMC Act, 1955, it still remains below the 38 per cent achieved by Greater Bengaluru Governance Act, 2024. The Telangana government recently released the draft CURE Bill for consultation until July 24. The proposed legislation seeks to replace the GHMC Act, and introduces measures related to metropolitan governance, service delivery, climate resilience, gender inclu-



sion and livelihoods. Janaagraha's director of policy and insights Anita Kumar, speaking at the presentation, said the draft Bill got some core elements right. "Property taxes, which impact most of the urban residents, are fairer and more predictable. Every property getting single identity, and climate actions are written into law for the very first time. There is real intent in the Bill, and it deserves some credit." However, she said, the legislation did not go far enough in creating a modern, accountable and effective governance structure. The organisation recommended five key reforms, including clearer planning responsibilities among different agencies, greater accountability for the more than 15 new authorities and committees proposed under the Bill, adequate

staffing and funding for institutions, stronger powers for elected representatives, and mandatory implementation timelines for major reforms. It said that roads, drains, housing, land use and environmental systems were planned by different agencies, often without adequate coordination, and the Bill should clearly define the respective roles of the Metropolitan Planning Committee (MPC), HMDA and the CM-led Apex Governance Council. It also said that the Bill created more than 15 new authorities, committees, and cells, with each one needing a clear job, clear powers, the staff to run it, and someone answerable, so that they do not overlap, work at cross-purposes, or leave citizens unsure who is responsible. Anita Kumar called on the citizens to actively participate in shaping the legislation. She noted that the Bill presented an opportunity to build a city that is well-planned.

Telangana, Centre differ on
urea supply during Vanakalam

The Telangana government has sought additional urea allocation, citing a fertiliser shortage during Vanakalam. However, the Centre told Parliament that the State received more urea than its pro-rata requirement and had sufficient closing stocks, disputing the shortage claim

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The State and Central governments have presented contrasting claims on availability of urea in Telangana during the ongoing Vanakalam season. While the State government has reported a fertiliser shortage, the Centre has maintained that urea supply has been adequate. On July 8, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nagewara Rao wrote to Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilisers JP Nadda seeking additional urea allocation for July to offset the shortfall reported between April and June. The Minister maintained that the fertiliser demand had increased as sowing was completed in 55.52 lakh acres this season, compared to 52.04 lakh acres during the corresponding period last year. He said Telangana was facing a shortage of 45,000 tonnes of urea, 1.04 lakh tonnes of DAP and 2.53 lakh



tonnes of complex fertilisers. Rao also urged the Centre to allocate more than 90 per cent of the urea produced at Ramagundam Fertilizers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL) to Telangana. However, in a written reply to an unstarred question raised by Congress Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narender Reddy on Tuesday, the Central government said urea availability in Telangana had remained adequate during the ongoing Kharif (Vanakalam) season. Union Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilisers Anupriya Patel said that between April 1 and July 15, Telangana received 7.28 lakh metric tonnes of urea against

the pro-rata requirement of 6.73 lakh metric tonnes. The State also had a closing stock of 3.76 lakh metric tonnes as of July 15. No priority to Telangana The Congress MP also asked whether the Centre had a policy to give priority to Telangana in allocating urea produced at RFCL. In response, the Union Minister said allocating most of the production from a single fertiliser plant to one State could disrupt supplies in the event of plant shutdowns, maintenance, seasonal demand fluctuations or logistics issues. She added that before every cropping season, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare assesses fertiliser requirements in consultation with all States. Based on the month-wise and State-wise projections, the Department of Fertilisers allocates adequate quantities and issues a monthly supply plan to ensure timely availability.

Patancheru Congress In-charge Kata Srinivas
Unveils Poster for August 7 BC National Convention

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The poster for the BC National Convention, scheduled to be held on August 7 in Bengaluru, Karnataka, was unveiled by Patancheru Congress Party In-charge Kata Srinivas during a programme held in Sangareddy on Tuesday. The event was organized to mobilize support for the convention and encourage the Backward Classes (BC) community to participate in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, the leaders emphasized that the convention would serve as a significant platform to raise issues concerning the rights of Backward Classes, political representation, social justice, and the protection of constitutional values.



They appealed to members of the BC community from across the region to unite and make the August 7 convention a grand success. Prominent leaders who participated in the programme included Tatipalli Pandu, General Secretary of the Employees' Association; Sudhakar, Working President of Sangareddy District; Goraganti Ramesh Kumar, President of Sangareddy District BC Youth; Yadagiri, President of TGVP United District; Lade Balu,

President of the BC Welfare Association, Sangareddy Constituency; along with leaders of various caste associations, BC organizations, public representatives, and a large number of supporters. The speakers reiterated that the Bengaluru convention would strengthen the collective voice of the BC community and reinforce the demand for equitable opportunities, social justice, and meaningful participation in the democratic process.

Speed Up SIR Process; Ensure Every Eligible Citizen Gets
Voting Rights: Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has called upon Congress Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and ensure that every eligible citizen is enrolled as a voter. Addressing a meeting with BLAs, Congress mandal presidents, public representatives and party



leaders from Andole, Municipally, Pulkal, Choutkur, Regode, Raikode, Vattapally and Alladurg mandals at his residence in Sangareddy, the Minister stressed that there should be no laxity in the SIR process.

He instructed BLAs to assist voters in filling Enumeration Forms, identify eligible citizens who are yet to be enrolled, and provide all necessary support for voter registration. He also reviewed booth-wise progress, sought feedback from BLAs on field-level issues, and directed them to coordinate closely with Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to ensure timely digitisation of completed enumeration forms.

Jagannatha Rath Yatra
Concludes at Sri Radhe
Krishna Atma Raman Mandir



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The Sri Jagannatha Rath Yatra Festival concluded successfully at Sri Sri Radhe Krishna Atma Raman Mandir in Lal Darwaza, with a large number of devotees participating in the grand annual procession and religious celebrations. The festivities began with Aarti at 8:30 a.m., followed by the Rath Yatra at 10:00 a.m. The sacred chariot carrying Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva, and Devi Subhadra passed through Lal Darwaza, Balagunj, Gowlipura Market, Sudha Talkies, and Lal

Darwaza X Road before returning to the temple amid devotional chants and enthusiastic participation from devotees. The celebrations concluded with Maha Aarti and the offering of Chhappan Bhog at 1:00 p.m., followed by distribution of Maha Prasadam (lunch) to all devotees. Temple committee members expressed gratitude to devotees, families, and volunteers for making the festival a success and said the event strengthened faith, devotion, and community harmony while preserving the rich spiritual traditions associated with the annual Rath Yatra.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Donates 10
Bicycles to School Girls on 25th Charter Day

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Marking the 25th Charter Day of the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri, the club organized a bicycle distribution programme under the leadership of Club President for 2026-27, Sri Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy. As part of the initiative, 10 bicycles worth ₹70,000 were distributed to girl students of Zilla Parishad High School, Gundala, through the generous support of Dr. Empalla Bucchi Reddy, Founder of Capol Bone Setting Centre, Oushapur. The bicycles were presented by Rotary District 3150 Governor Uday Sudhir Pilani, who appreciated the club's commit-



ment to community service. Addressing the gathering, he said Rotary's humanitarian activities have positively impacted society and urged members to continue expanding their service in the fields of education, healthcare, and social. The programme was attended by Assistant Governor Pakiru Kondal Reddy, Kakatiya

Region Social Media Chairman Gaddam Gyanaprakash Reddy, former presidents Shetty Balayya Yadav, Manchikanti Venkatesham, Kokkalakonda Nimmayya and Karipe Nursing Rao, Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu, Treasurer Pendem Venugopal, President-Elect Raghu Venkata Suresh Kumar, Kodali Chanti, former President of Rotary Club of Gajwel, executive members Diddi Satyam, Tatipalli Ravinder, KJSV Prakash, Mohammed Shafi-yoddin and Itikala Devender Chary, along with Headmaster Kalasikam Upender Rao, teacher Gugulothu Sirisha, students, parents and other dignitaries.

Waterlogging in Cantonment Roads Sparks Safety Concerns

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Severe waterlogging on major roads in the Secunderabad Cantonment has raised fresh concerns over commuter safety, with former Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap urging authorities to take immediate corrective measures. Following recent rainfall, knee-deep water accumulated near Asian Paints Colony on the busy stretch connecting Diamond Point Crossroads and Tadbund Crossroads,



severely disrupting traffic and exposing motorists to danger. Inspecting the inundated road, Jampana Pratap highlighted a near-fatal incident in which a motorcyclist slipped into the stagnant water and narrowly escaped being hit

by an oncoming Army truck. He said the incident underscored the urgent need to improve the area's drainage infrastructure. Pratap attributed the recurring waterlogging to the absence of proper stormwater drainage outlets and inad-

quate maintenance of existing drainage channels. He expressed concern that even light showers continue to flood key roads, putting the lives of commuters at risk. Calling for immediate intervention, the former Vice Chairman urged SCB officials to adopt preventive measures instead of responding only after accidents occur. He stressed the need for regular desilting of drains, periodic inspections, and timely maintenance to ensure uninterrupted water flow during the monsoon.

Koppal farmers Storm Baldota Plant During Protest

Tension prevailed outside the Baldota Steel and Power Limited plant at Basapur in Koppal district on Tuesday after hundreds of farmers protesting against the company's expansion project broke through the factory compound and entered the premises. The protest, organised by the Karnataka Rajya Raiitha Sangha on the occasion of 46th Farmers' Martyrs' Day, remained peaceful for nearly four hours before taking a dramatic turn after the meeting concluded. Earlier in the day, farmers, seers and residents took out a padayatra from Gavi Mutt to the factory, alleging that the company and the authorities had ignored their long-pending demand to restore public access to the lake, which they claim became inaccessible after the factory expanded. As the gathering dispersed, a section of the protesters damaged part of the factory's compound wall and rushed onto the premises. In a symbolic act of defiance, a farmer jumped into the lake and swam back.

Govt Tells Rahul Ready for NEET Debate, Accuses Him of Backtracking

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The government on Tuesday said it is ready to discuss all issues relating to the NEET exam and the movement associated with it in Parliament, after Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi sat on a dharna outside Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence. In a strongly worded statement, Minister of State in PMO Jitendra Singh, who along with Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan met Gandhi and urged him to end his sit-in, alleged that the LoP "backtracked" from his earlier demand for a debate and said it does not befit a leader of his stature. Singh said Rahul Gandhi did not agree to his request and instead demanded that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan



must also resign. The minister also said that the Congress "has not given any notice to date for a formal discussion on this serious matter (NEET issue) as per rules". "For a senior leader like Shri Rahul Gandhi and the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) to go back on his word is unfortunate and contrary to every norm of democracy," the minister said. "The government is ready to discuss in Parliament all issues related to NEET and the associated movement... Shri Rahul Gandhi's behaviour does not align with the principles of democracy," Singh

said. The MoS PMO and the Union Home Secretary met Gandhi soon after he, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and several other senior leaders sat on a dharna outside Prime Minister Modi's residence and demanded his resignation over the police action against students protesting on the NEET paper leak issue. Soon after Singh's statement, police on Tuesday evening forcibly removed and detained Gandhi and other leaders. In the statement and video message, the minister said some time ago it came to light that Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and other senior leaders such as Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi and others, suddenly sat on protest near Akbar Road with their supporters. "In view of the dignity of this senior delegation, the govern-

ment sent me personally, along with the Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, to the spot to hold talks with these senior leaders. "A request was made to Shri Rahul Gandhi to end his sit-in, as this site is not meant for protests, and holding a sit-in here is causing considerable inconvenience to the general public," he said. The MoS PMO said Gandhi put forward the demand that if the government agrees to discuss in Parliament all issues related to NEET and the associated movement, he would immediately end his sit-in. Within a few moments, after taking permission from the government's top leadership, Rahul was assured that his demand has been accepted, and the government is ready to discuss in Parliament all issues related to NEET and the associated.

MEA Summons Russian Envoy Over Indians Killed in Vessel Attack

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday summoned Russian Charge d'Affaires Vladimir Ladanov over the attack on commercial vessel MV Golden Leo, which resulted in the death of four Indian nationals, and conveyed India's "grave concerns and unequivocal condemnation" of the incident. In a statement, the MEA said that the Russian diplomat was summoned to the ministry and was informed that attacks targeting commercial shipping undermine the safety, security and stability of international maritime commerce. "Today, the Russian Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Vladimir Ladanov, was summoned to the Ministry of External Affairs. The Ministry conveyed India's grave concerns and unequivocal condemnation of the attack on the commercial vessel



MV Golden Leo on 19 July 2026, which resulted in the tragic loss of four Indian lives, emphasizing that such attacks undermine the safety, security, and stability of international maritime commerce," the MEA said in its statement. The ministry said the Russian Charge d'Affaires was asked to convey India's concerns to Moscow, stressing that attacks on commercial shipping and the loss of innocent civilian lives are unacceptable. "The Russian Charge d'Affaires was requested to convey India's strong concerns to his authorities that the targeting of commercial shipping and the resulting loss of innocent civilian lives are

unacceptable and must be avoided," the statement added. The MEA's statement came after four Indian nationals were killed in an attack on the MV Golden Leo while the vessel was departing the port of Odesa in Ukraine on Sunday evening. One other Indian crew member was reported to be critically injured. According to the MEA, the vessel had 17 crew members on board at the time of the incident, including five Indian nationals. "On the evening of 19 July 2026, 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 5 Indian nationals. As per information available, four Indian nationals have tragically lost their lives, while one is hospitalised in a critical condition," the ministry had said in an earlier statement.

Pawar, Kejriwal, Oppn Leaders Back CJP Protest After Jantar Mantar Visit

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Several opposition leaders including NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal visited the Cockroach Janta Party's protest site at Jantar Mantar here on Tuesday, a day after the police crackdown on its 'Sansad Chalo' march, and extended support to the agitation over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations. Pawar, accompanied by party MP Supriya Sule, met injured protesters and members of the movement and condemned the police action during Monday's attempted march to Parliament. Among other political leaders who visited the protest site were Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs Sanjay Raut and Arvind Sawant, Rajya Sabha MP Mahua Maji, AAP leader Gopal Rai, Kerala Congress (M) leader Jose K Mani, and a delegation of parliamentarians from Left parties. According to a statement issued by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), Pawar said the voices of students demanding a fair and



transparent examination system could not be silenced through force and assured that the NCP (SP) would continue to support the movement both inside and outside Parliament. "The Nationalist Congress Party stands firmly with the students. We will raise these issues in Parliament and continue supporting this movement until justice is delivered and accountability is fixed," he said. Earlier in the day, Kejriwal visited Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital and met students injured in Monday's police action. He said one of the injured protesters, a young woman, continued to remain in the intensive care unit. "I pray that the girl recovers soon and is able to return home. I am trying

to get in touch with her parents," Kejriwal said. The former Delhi chief minister later visited Jantar Mantar and interacted with protesters who had returned to the site despite the injuries they suffered during the police action. Raut and Sawant also met the protesters and expressed support for the agitation. According to the CJP, Raut said, "The fire lit at Jantar Mantar will not be extinguished. We will join the hunger strike if needed." Separately, a delegation of Left MPs comprising CPI(M) Rajya Sabha members John Brittas, A A Rahim and V Sivadasan, CPI Rajya Sabha MP P Sandosh Kumar, CPI(M) Lok Sabha MPs Amra Ram and S Venkatesan, along with Kerala

Congress (M) leader Mani, visited the protest site and demanded that Union Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement in Parliament on the police action against protesters. The visits came a day after thousands of protesters gathered at Jantar Mantar for the CJP's march to Parliament despite heavy security deployment and prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita. Police used tear gas shells and batons to stop the protesters. Opposition parties have demanded a discussion in Parliament on the incident. The CJP-led agitation began on June 20. The Abhijeet Dipke-led outfit is demanding accountability over alleged irregularities in competitive examinations, reforms in the education system and the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Activist Sonam Wangchuk, who was forcefully shifted by the Delhi Police to Safdarjung Hospital on July 18, has continued his fast from the hospital.

PM Modi Announces Ex Gratia After Sikkim Tunnel Collapse

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday spoke to Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang and took stock of the situation arising out of a tunnel collapse in Namchi district. The PM announced an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh for the families of those killed and Rs 50,000 for the injured. Eight workers were killed after the tunnel that was



under construction collapsed following a landslide on July 20, Tamang announced earlier on Tuesday. "Anguished by the loss of lives due to the collapse of an under-construction tunnel in Namchi, Sikkim.

I extend my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. I pray that those injured recover at the earliest," Modi said in a post on X. The prime minister said an ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh will be given to the next of kin of each deceased and Rs 50,000 will be given to those injured in the incident from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund. Tamang said following the tragic incident at the NHPC Teesta Stage VI

Hydroelectric Project tunnel at Samardung, the PM spoke with him to enquire about the situation and the ongoing rescue operations. "His words of concern and compassion for the affected workers and their families, along with his assurance of every possible assistance from the Government of India, have provided immense strength and reassurance to the people of Sikkim during this difficult hour," the CM said in a post. on

CJP Removes Spokesperson Vijeta Dahiya Over Burger, Biscuits Video Row

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Tuesday sacked spokesperson Vijeta Dahiya following a controversy over multiple videos that allegedly showed him skipping the protest march during police action and later eating a burger while mocking critics who questioned his absence. He also shared a video where he is shown eating biscuits and stating that you get different snacks at the Jantar Mantar protest site on his Instagram handle. In a statement posted on X, the party distanced itself from Dahiya's conduct, saying it did not



reflect CJP's principles and values. We strongly condemn the deeply insensitive actions of our spokesperson Vijeta Dahiya, whose videos surfaced while peaceful protestors and our team were facing brutal police violence. Such conduct is unacceptable, shows a complete lack of judgment, and is wholly inconsistent with the values and principles of our move-

ment. In response, we are removing Vijeta Dahiya as spokesperson of the Cockroach Janta Party and relieving him of all official duties, they wrote. A female student injured during the CJP's 'Sansad Chalo' march on Monday is reportedly in a critical condition and is undergoing treatment in the ICU at Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital. Clashes broke out between protesters and security personnel on Monday during the protest march to press for Education Minister Dharmesh Pradhan's resignation. The CJP accused the Delhi Police of using excessive force against protesters.

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Modi Assures Strict.....

The Prime Minister also appealed to NDA partners to remain united in ensuring the smooth functioning of Parliament and urged opposition parties to cooperate in legislative business. While political differences may exist, all MPs share a responsibility to work for the country's future and the welfare of its youth, he said. The remarks came a day after protests over alleged examination irregularities turned violent in the national capital, where police used tear gas and lathicharge to stop demonstrators led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) from marching towards Parliament. The protesters are demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister

Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET paper leak and broader reforms in the examination system. During the meeting, Modi also highlighted the government's recent achievements, including the signing of Free Trade Agreements with several countries, and reiterated that farmers' interests would remain paramount in all such agreements, Rijju said. The meeting also welcomed newly elected Rajya Sabha members, with BJP president Nitin Nabin attending as a Rajya Sabha member for the first time after assuming charge of the party. Delhi Police File..... "This is not the government. This is brutality. Stop calling it the gov-

ernment. The government is chosen by the people and works for the people. This is not the government. This is brutality," Dipke added. On the government's stand regarding the protest, Dipke said, "Sonam sir has already given the answer to this. His investigation is still going on. Why did the government take such a step? Why did the government take such a step? They have been illegally detained in the hospital. They are still fasting. What is the point of keeping them in the hospital? If they are not being treated, what is the point of keeping them in the hospital? The government has illegally detained them." Later, Dipke spoke to police officers at the protest site and questioned them over the alleged

restriction on entry points. "You have beaten the heads of 12-year-old girls. You have kicked them on the chest. The police beat them up. The male police officers beat them up," he told the Police officials. Delhi HC AI- The director of Medanta Hospital shall form a team of doctors having requisite expertise, which shall constantly monitor the medical condition of the husband of the appellant and shall also administer medication as may be required in their opinion in terms of the accepted medical norms and protocols, to which the husband of the appellant shall abide," the court ordered. "Medanta is a reputed hospital. The government will have no ob-

jection if he is shifted to Medanta. The only thing is that he may not get a discharge against medical advice. The irony of the situation today is that those around him want him out irrespective of his health," Mehta said. "We will not go into all that. Do not drag the court into all that," Chief Justice Upadhyaya responded. The court interacted with AIIMS In-charge Director, Dr Nikhil Tandon; the treating doctor from AIIMS, who is part of the team monitoring Wangchuk at Safdarjung Hospital; and the activist's own doctor, and observed that there was a consensus that the activist needed monitoring. Dr Tandon said Wangchuk's reports showed that certain parameters were not within the accepted range, which required monitoring and that

his immunity was also low. Police Seal Borders.... Heavy police deployment was made at the entry point to Haryana, with chained barricades and cement blocks erected on the bridge over Ghaggar river and water cannon vehicles on standby. Authorities in the adjacent Ambala had clamped prohibitory orders in the district. Ambala Superintendent of Police Ajit Singh Shekhawat and other police officials were camping at the spot to monitor the situation. Security was also tightened along key national highway stretches, while farmer leaders said scores of farmers were stopped at the Khanauri border, Shahabad in Kurukshetra and Karnal as well.

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 Help Recover Over ₹25 Crore for Cyber Fraud Victims in 2026

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The Cyber Crime Wing of Cyberabad Police has helped cyber fraud victims recover more than ₹25 crore between January and July 2026 through legal procedures and court orders. Police said the recoveries were made through timely investigation, freeing of fraudulent transactions, coordination with banks, and judicial support. During the last month alone,



₹2 crore was processed for refund through the Money Restoration Module (MRM) portal. Citizens who become victims of cyber financial fraud are advised to immediately call the National Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 or file a complaint on the National Cyber Crime Reporting

Portal (NCRP). Prompt reporting increases the chances of freezing stolen funds and recovering the money. The Money Restoration Module (MRM), introduced by the Ministry of Home Affairs under 14C, enables victims to submit refund requests online, making the restoration process faster, more transparent and convenient. Cyberabad Police urged citizens to preserve transaction details and cooperate with investigators to ensure quicker recovery of funds.

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? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There's a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Banks expect FCNR deposit inflows to rise before RBI deadline

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Banks remain optimistic about a sharp pick-up in foreign currency non-resident (FCNR-B) deposits before the RBI's September 30 deadline for the special scheme, despite initial inflows falling below expectations. Bank executives said they are forging relevant partnerships with overseas entities to help mobilise the flows, noting that actual activity under the scheme began only at the end of June after the central bank issued FAQs clarifying the necessary points. They also pointed out certain issues, including tax treatment in some jurisdictions that makes such investments infeasible, and noted that tapping non-resident Indians

(NRIs) in the Middle East, Singapore and Hong Kong is best suited for the scheme's success. Among public sector lenders, Punjab National Bank has mobilised USD 425 million against its target of USD 2.5 billion, Union Bank of India has garnered USD 106 million against its target of USD 2 billion, Indian Bank has collected USD 140 million against its target of USD 2 billion, while Central Bank of India has mobilised just USD 8.8 million against a target of USD 400 million. South Indian Bank has set a target of USD 1 billion but has not disclosed the amount mobilised so far. Among lenders that disclosed collections without specifying targets, RBL Bank mobilised USD 150 million, while Canara

Bank mobilised USD 80 million. Several private sector banks, including HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank and YES Bank, refrained from disclosing the quantum of FCNR(B) deposits mobilised during their earnings calls, making it difficult to assess the industry's overall progress. It may be recalled that recently, top policymakers held discussions with bankers, urging them to accelerate inflows under the scheme. To attract foreign funds, the RBI has allowed banks to offer attractive returns on FCNR(B) deposits, including five-year deposits, by suspending the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits under the special scheme. Kotak Mahindra Bank Managing Director and

Chief Executive Officer Ashok Vaswani said demand from non-resident Indian (NRI) customers has been strong, though the pace of mobilisation will depend on the bank's ability to arrange leverage through partner institutions. "The NRI customer demand is very strong because it's such an attractive opportunity. It's our ability to get the supply side done which is going to make the difference," Vaswani said. Vinay M Tonse, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of YES Bank, said inflows are well above its normal market share. "Existing limits for the leveraged FCNR offering have been fully utilised and the bank is awaiting higher limits due to industry-wide demand. We

have started offering 9x leverage and could review the limit in the coming weeks depending on market demand," Tonse added. Bank executives maintained that mobilisation is likely to pick up closer to the September 30 deadline as overseas depositors typically take investment decisions towards the end of the scheme period and lenders intensify their outreach to NRIs. Asheesh Pandey, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Union Bank of India, expressed confidence that margins can be improved further despite the evolving interest rate environment. He added that deposits have been mobilised from several locations, including Australia and the UAE.

Microsoft Bets Big on AI, Signs Multi-Billion-Dollar Pact With Mistral

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Microsoft and Mistral said Tuesday they had signed a "multibillion dollar" deal for the US tech giant to use the French AI developer's computing infrastructure in Europe. The agreement would grant Microsoft access to "Europe-based GPU (graphics processing unit) infrastructure to increase capacity for AI development and to support the delivery of Microsoft's cloud and AI services," the companies said in a joint statement. They did not specify the exact value of the deal or the amount of computing power involved. Multiple major generative AI developers have begun selling computing power to others as the industry ex-



pands and high-end chips grow scarce. For instance, Elon Musk's SpaceXAI struck a deal with Anthropic in May. The AI lab behind the Claude chatbot is also in talks for a deal worth billions to use infrastructure belonging to Facebook and Instagram parent Meta, according to media reports. Mistral's AI models, including programming assistant Mistral Medium 3.5 and text-recognition system OCR 4, would also be made available to Microsoft clients, the companies said Tuesday. Clients could run the Mis-

tral models on Microsoft's cloud computing infrastructure or their own local hardware, the American company said, acknowledging the continent's growing concerns about dependence on US tech firms in a time of transatlantic discord. "Europe should have access to the world's most capable AI without compromising control over their data, operations or digital future," Microsoft President Brad Smith said in the statement. The company has sought to position itself as the cloud computing provider most compatible with European tech sovereignty concerns. Mistral said in February that it would invest 1.2 billion euros (\$1.4 billion) to build data centers in Sweden, its first such project outside France.

Sensex falls 443 points as HDFC Bank, Axis Bank drag markets

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Benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower on Monday, dragged down by heavy selling in blue-chip banking stocks HDFC Bank and Axis Bank amid margin-related concerns and escalating US-Iran tensions. Banking The 30-share BSE Sensex declined 442.93 points, or 0.57 per cent, to settle at 77,708.52. During the day, it fell

783.16 points, or 1 per cent, to 77,368.29. The 50-share NSE Nifty edged lower by 95.80 points, or 0.39 per cent, to end at 24,238.50. Among Sensex shares, Axis Bank was the biggest loser, dropping 5.48 per cent after announcing its quarterly results over the weekend. HDFC Bank declined 5.12 per cent. Economics "HDFC Bank has disappointed, particularly on the NIM front," V K Vijayakumar, Chief Invest-

ment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said. Maruti, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Infosys, Tata Consultancy Services, Mahindra & Mahindra and Bharat Electronics were also among the laggards in the blue-chip pack. Trent, Power Grid, NTPC and Bharti Airtel were among the gainers. "Indian equity markets ended in the red as investors turned cautious amid escalating tensions in the Middle East and a global



technology-led sell-off. Losses were compounded by a sharp decline in HDFC Bank after weaker-than-expected net

Ponmudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said. The global oil benchmark, Brent crude, receded from an early high of USD 90 per barrel and was later trading 0.05 per cent lower at USD 88.06 per barrel. "The collapse of the June ceasefire between the US and Iran has pushed crude prices to touch USD 90 a barrel. Markets have started the week on a cautious note,

reflecting rising pressure on the global economy. These tensions are expected to persist in the near term as US military actions expand and global travel advisories for US citizens remain in place," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said. In Asian markets, Shanghai's SSE Composite Index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index ended higher, while South Korea's KOSPI tanked 4.46 per cent. Markets in

Japan were closed for a holiday. Derivatives European markets were trading mostly higher, while US markets had ended lower on Friday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 376.41 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. On Friday, the Sensex bounced back 964.58 points, or 1.25 per cent, to settle at 78,151.45. The Nifty climbed 261.55 points, or 1.09 per cent, to end at 24,334.30.

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

Rupee falls 14 paise to 96.44 against US dollar on oil surge

The rupee weakened 14 paise to close at 96.44 against the US dollar on Monday, pressured by rising crude oil prices and global risk aversion amid US-Iran tensions. RBI intervention expectations and stronger forex reserves helped limit further depreciation

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The rupee fell 14 paise to 96.44 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, on risk aversion in global markets and a surge in crude oil prices. Forex traders said escalating US-Iran conflict and rising US Treasury yields weighed on the rupee. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 96.53 against the US dollar and traded in the range of 96.35 to 96.53 during the day. The domestic unit finally settled for the day at 96.44 (provisional), down 14 per cent from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee gained 12 paise to settle at 96.30 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a negative bias on escalating conflict between the US and Iran over the weekend and elevated crude oil prices. "However, diplomatic talks between the two na-



tions may prevent a sharp fall in the Rupee. Any intervention by the RBI may also support the rupee at lower levels," Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan. USDINR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 96.10 to 96.70, Choudhary added. According to Dilip Parmar — Senior Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, the recent spike in Brent crude, driven by geopolitical tensions, has pressured emerging market currencies like the Indian rupee. However, aggressive and anticipated interventions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have effectively capped the cur-

rency's downside, Parmar added. From a technical standpoint, the spot USD-INR pair encounters resistance at 96.50, while key support remains around 95.80, Parmar added. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading higher by 0.05 per cent at 100.81. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.01 per cent higher at USD 88.11 per barrel in futures trade. Analysts said crude oil prices surged following a fresh round of airstrikes by the US early Monday targeting Iran after announcing the death of another American service

member, and Iran fired missiles towards Jordan that risked widening the conflict into neighbouring Israel. Meanwhile, Bahrain sounded its missile alert sirens Monday morning, warning of an Iranian retaliatory attack after US airstrikes targeted the Islamic Republic. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex declined 442.93 points to settle at 77,708.52, while Nifty was down 95.80 points to 24,238.50. Foreign Institutional Investors offloaded equities worth Rs 376.41 crore on a net basis on Friday, according to exchange data. According to the Reserve Bank data released on Friday, India's forex reserves jumped USD 964 million to USD 675.157 billion in the week ended July 10. In the previous reporting week, the overall kitty had jumped by USD 7.26 billion to USD 674.193 billion.

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.

I Didn't Believe Him: Samson Recalls Rohit's Crucial Message Ahead of 2026 T20

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Indian wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson endured a rollercoaster journey from being dropped at the start of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 to becoming the Player of the Tournament. Samson opened up about the ups and downs in his career, with the New Zealand series just before the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 being the example. The wicketkeeper-batter revealed Rohit Sharma's advice before the USA game that he could still get a chance later in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026. Samson admitted he initially found it hard to believe Sharma when the India captain assured him he could still get an opportunity later in the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2026 after missing out early. Reeling from a disappointing New Zealand series, Samson said he needed several days to process the setback before regaining his focus. Reflecting on the difficult phase, he revealed he turned inward, questioning his purpose and rediscovering his motivation for playing cricket. That period of self-reflection, he said, helped him mentally reset and eventually find his rhythm again.



"Don't be disheartened. It is a long tournament. The opportunity can come at any moment," Rohit had said to Samson. "To be honest, I didn't believe him at that time. Sorry. He might have spoken from his heart or from his experience, but that day I wasn't able to see what he was seeing. You could see it on my face; I was a bit off that day. Our World Cup campaign started two days after the New Zealand series, and it takes me at least a week to recover," Samson said on Jiostar. I don't like to bottle things up, so it shows on my face if I'm not feeling 100 per cent. I went through that phase for four or five days before getting myself back on track. You know you've failed, so what's next? You're at the bottom, so from there, you can only go up," he added. Samson said

he used the difficult phase as an opportunity for self-reflection and worked on rebuilding his mental strength. "I started working on myself mentally. I started asking myself questions, why do I play cricket? What's my purpose? It was like I was rediscovering myself while the World Cup was going on. And then everything just came back," he said. Samson went on to script one of the most remarkable comeback stories in T20 World Cup history, playing a key role in India's title triumph on home soil and winning the Player of the Tournament award. After being left out of the playing XI at the start of the tournament following a lean run of form, Samson forced his way back into the side and emerged as India's leading run-scorer and the third-highest overall.

Argentina Represented Themselves in 'Best Possible Way' at World Cup: Enzo

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Enzo Fernandez insists Argentina represented themselves in the "best possible way" at the World Cup despite the Chelsea midfielder's red card in the final and a host of ugly incidents in their controversial campaign. Fernandez was sent off for a second booking after clattering into Spain's Pau Cubarsi in the closing stages of normal time in Monday's 1-0 loss. The 25-year-old Chelsea midfielder's premature exit was the latest in a series of clashes that cast a shadow over Argentina's run to the final. Leandro Paredes appeared to throw punches at members of the Spain squad as they celebrated their victory, with FIFA subsequently launching an investigation into potential disciplinary breaches following the unsavoury post-match scenes. They also turned their backs on Spain when the Spanish received their medals and the trophy. Argentina's players



also caused controversy by displaying a banner reading "Las Malvinas son Argentinas" (The Falklands are Argentine) after beating England in the semi-finals. Argentina invaded the British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic in 1982. But Britain regained the archipelago in a brief war after then prime minister Margaret Thatcher dispatched a naval

taskforce. Fernandez took to Instagram to defend his country for their World Cup performance, but made no mention of his sending off in his message to supporters. "As time goes by, you realise there is something much bigger than just a result," he said. "For years, this group has represented the team in the best possible way. It teaches

that competing isn't just about winning; it's about giving your all for the jersey and never giving up." Fernandez was a member of the Argentina team that beat France to win the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. But Fernandez's hopes of a second successive title were shattered after his dismissal as Ferran Torres's 106th-minute strike settled a dour final marred by Argentina's defensive tactics. "It has been a privilege to be part of a group that always stepped up, competed at the highest level, and defended these colours with pride, humility, and commitment," he said. "I want to thank all the Argentina fans. Thank you for always being there, for supporting us in every match, for the affection, for the unconditional support, and for making us feel at home anywhere in the world. "Wearing my country's jersey is the greatest honour of my career, and I will continue to give my all every time I get to defend it."

Students Brave Heavy Rain to Protest Jantar Mantar Crackdown in Hyderabad

Students and activists gathered at People’s Plaza and the Ambedkar Statue in Hyderabad despite heavy rain to protest the police crackdown at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar and demand accountability over alleged examination paper leaks.

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Hundreds of students, activists and members of the public gathered across the city on Tuesday to protest against the police action on demonstrators at New Delhi’s Jantar Mantar on Monday, calling for accountability over alleged examination paper leaks and demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The protests were held at People's Plaza near Necklace Road and at the Dr B.R. Ambedkar Statue at Hussain-sagar. Despite heavy rain throughout the evening, protesters remained steadfast at both venues, raising slogans and holding placards as they voiced their concerns over student welfare and recent events in the national capital.

The gathering at People's Plaza was organised by



student group Disha, and focused on demands for the resignation of Pradhan. Participants said students across the country had lost faith in the examination system following repeated allegations of paper leaks and irregularities. Many students said the issue was no longer limited to examination management, but had become a question of protecting the future and dignity of young people. Prathima, a law student,

said “We came here because students deserve justice. When exams get compromised, it destroys years of our hard work. We want those responsible to be held accountable.” Keerthana, another participant said, “The rain could not stop us. Students and protestors in Delhi have taken lathi attacks, physical attacks and even tear gas attacks. A little rain will not shake our confidence. We will

not allow our voices to be silenced anymore.” At the Ambedkar statue, protesters organised a candle-light vigil in memory of students who allegedly died by suicide following examination-related controversies. As rain intensified and candles were repeatedly extinguished, participants switched on the torchlights on their mobile phones and held them out in a symbolic display of solidarity. The illuminated phones

created a striking scene as protesters stood drenched in the rain, remembering affected students and expressing support for those injured during the police action in New Delhi on Monday. “After the discussion at the Somajiguda Press Club, we came straight to Babasaheb’s statue to raise our voices. It is high time that the government consider our plights too” said Harsha Vardhan, who participated in the vigil near Hussain-sagar. Police personnel were deployed at both locations to maintain order and manage traffic. Satyanarayana, a police officer present at the protest said “The protests went peaceful. Participants cooperated with the police, and we controlled the traffic properly. Traffic was increasing at 07:30 PM, so we had to ask the organisers to stop the protests, and they happily cooperated with us.”

Telangana braces for El Niño with crop, water, power contingency

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Telangana is drawing up a coordinated strategy to shield farmers, drinking water supplies and the power grid from the fallout of El Niño, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said on Tuesday, July 21, as the state pushes awareness of the phenomenon down to the village level. Vikramarka was speaking at a state-level seminar titled

“From Pacific Ocean Warming to Telangana Preparedness,” organised by the Planning Department at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad. Congress leader Mohammed Azharuddin also attended. The Deputy Chief Minister said the government’s approach goes beyond administrative decisions and aims to make every family and village aware of how El Niño could affect them so that they can



plan accordingly. Scientific studies are underway to map how temperature shifts in the equatorial Pacific Ocean, thousands

of kilometres away, could affect tanks, streams and villages across Telangana, he said, adding that the resulting data is feeding

into action plans covering drinking water, irrigation, and food and water needs for livestock, birds and wildlife. To cushion farmers against financial losses from drought-like conditions, the government is promoting alternative, less water-intensive crop patterns based on expert advice, he said. He also thanked television channels for carrying such advisories to rural households.

Voter Awareness Drive Held in Hafeezpet's Sai Nagar

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A special voter awareness and enrollment programme was successfully conducted at Sai Nagar Colony in Hafeezpet Division on Tuesday, encouraging eligible citizens to register themselves as voters and verify their names in the electoral rolls. Addressing the gathering, senior Congress leader Baling Gautam Goud urged every eligible



citizen, particularly first-time and young voters, to complete their voter registration without delay. He emphasized that voting is the most powerful tool in a democracy and appealed to residents to ensure their names are included in the voter list.

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KTR warns of youth and farmers’ movement against Congress

BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned that growing public dissatisfaction could trigger a major youth and farmers' movement against the Congress government in Telangana.

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Tuesday warned that Telangana was headed for a massive youth and farmers’ movement against the Congress government, asserting that mounting public discontent would eventually drive the ruling party out of power. He said the ongoing protests by students and youth in Delhi were a clear reminder that governments ignoring the aspirations of young people risked facing widespread public resistance. “If the aspirations of the youth continue to be ignored, Telangana too will witness a similar movement. The day is not far when the youth, under KCR’s leadership, will rise again. When the youth and farmers come together, the Congress government cannot withstand that wave,” he said, adding that if the Chief Minister or the Ministers were found alone, farmers and youth were ready to



teach them a fitting lesson for misleading them with false promises. Rama Rao was addressing a farmers’ meeting at Ankathipalli near Lakshettipet in Mancherial district after extending financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh each to the families of four farmers who died while attempting to protect their harvested paddy during unseasonal rains in May. The BRS working president accused the Congress government of criminal negligence in delaying paddy procurement. He said the four farmers lost their lives after a wall collapsed near a procurement centre while they were trying to

safeguard their produce. Stating that the government failed to begin timely procurement despite repeated demands, he said the BRS had staged an eight-hour protest seeking justice for the bereaved families, but the government remained unmoved for over two months. Rama Rao charged that the Congress betrayed farmers, youth and other sections by failing to honour its election promises. Referring to the BRS party’s recent youth convention, he said the growing discontent among young people over unfulfilled commitments on employment and recruitment clearly exposed the government’s false promises. He criticised the government’s handling of the prevailing drought situation, stating that inadequate planning had compounded farmers’ distress. He accused the administration of creating hurdles in the supply of fertilisers and delaying procurement.

Telangana orders month-long inspection of Gurukul schools

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In an attempt to ensure no food poisoning incidents occur during the current academic year, educational officers will carry out a month-long inspection, including field visits at all gurukul schools across Telangana. Backward Class Welfare Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar has instructed all Regional Coordinating Officers (RCOs) to spend three days a week on field visits and inspect at least six gurukul schools. He ordered strict monitoring of kitchens, food quality



and hygiene check as well as quality education and better infrastructure. He asked officials to expedite land acquisition and six per cent of the rent paid for leased buildings is earmarked for repairs and maintenance. Institutions will organise awareness sessions with psychologists and promote

both physical and mental health. “Encourage students to excel not just in academics but also in sports, arts and personality development. The government is ready to extend additional support and encouragement to talented students identified by the institutions,” he said.

Telangana fishermen seek end to contractor system in fingerling scheme

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The fishermen community in Telangana has raised concerns against the State government over the poor quality of fishlings (fingerlings) being released into local water bodies. To fix this, community leaders want officials to scrap the current contractor system. Instead, they urge the government to let local cooperative societies buy the fishlings directly. Fisheries officials usually start distributing fishlings between July and August. The department typically floats tenders in April to finalize suppliers on time. However, officials have delayed the process this year without offering any clear explanation, according to Erva Venkatesham, Secretary of the Telangana Gangaputra Community Development Organisation. While the free fishing



scheme remains a good initiative, poor execution is hurting local livelihoods. Every year, the Fisheries department aims to release 90 crore fishlings across more than 26,000 water bodies in the state. Around five lakh fishermen families rely on this scheme to earn a living. To address the issue, Venkatesham suggested that the government allow societies to select and buy the fishlings themselves. The State government could then reimburse the costs through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT). He explained that this approach would benefit both fishermen and the govern-

ment. Selecting fishlings requires careful work, as societies inspect local soil and water conditions before choosing suitable varieties. In contrast, contractors ignore these specific needs and supply uniform fishlings, which reduces overall fish production. The organization submitted an official representation on the matter to Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Monday. In the past, local fishermen cooperative societies ran their own fish farms, but these facilities have since fallen into neglect.

3 missing girls from Domalguda traced to Secunderabad station

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Police have launched a search for three minor girls from migrant worker families who went missing from Domalguda, with CCTV footage tracing their movements to Kacheguda and Secunderabad railway stations. According to police, the girls, two sisters and a relative, from Chhattisgarhi migrant families living in Farid Basti, left home on Sunday morning and did not return. Family

members searched for them before approaching Domalguda police with a complaint, following which a case was registered. CCTV footage examined by police showed the girls taking an autorickshaw from Himayatnagar to Kacheguda railway station, with further footage placing them at Secunderabad railway station. This has led police to suspect they may have travelled out of the city, possibly in an attempt to reach their native place.

Wrong-side driving on Hyderabad ORR lands driver in trouble

Hyderabad City Police took action against the driver of an RMC truck for driving on the wrong side of Hyderabad’s Outer Ring Road (ORR). The incident took place at 10:25 am on July 19 and action was taken against the driver based on a social media post. A netizen claimed that they had a narrow escape after entering the ORR from the Shamshabad entry. According to the post, while negotiating a turn, an RMC truck suddenly appeared from the wrong side. The user said they escaped unharmed. However, they requested the police to take action. Responding to the post, the Hyderabad City Police said that a case had been registered in connection with the incident.

Congress Leaders Celebrate AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge's Birthday in Serilingampally

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The birthday of AICC National President Mallikarjun Kharge was celebrated at the Congress Party office in Nallagandla under the leadership of Serilingampally Congress In-charge V. Jagadishwar Goud. Speaking on the occasion, Jagadishwar Goud said Mallikarjun Kharge is a respected national leader known for his long political experience, commitment to public service and



dedication to protecting constitutional values. He said Kharge rose from the level of a party worker to become the President of the Indian National Congress. He further stated that under Kharge’s leadership, the Congress Party is strongly raising public is-

suess and working for social justice, democracy, public welfare and the rights of the people. Several Congress leaders, Youth Congress members, NSUI representatives, Mahila Congress leaders and party workers participated in the celebrations.