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India Secures Lower 10% US Tariff After Being Initially Slated for 12.5%

The US imposed 10 per cent tariffs on goods purchased from India and 16 other countries over the issue of the use of forced labour in the production of such items. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced the new tariffs on 60 countries under Section 301 of the Trade Act on Friday, a day before the expiration of 10 per cent additional levies on all countries. The USTR statement said that Greer had taken the final action, at President Donald Trump's direction, under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 by imposing tariffs on 60 economies for their failure to impose and effectively enforce a prohibition on the importation of goods produced with forced labour. The action will begin to correct what is both a human rights abuse and a distortive trade practice to improve the welfare of

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Internet Shutdown at Jantar Mantar

NEW DELHI
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Security measures were tightened in New Delhi on Thursday as protests demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan continued. The Union home ministry ordered the suspension of mobile internet services within a 1.5-km radius of Jantar Mantar from 4 pm to midnight. The directive was issued to telecom service providers amid the ongoing youth protests.

NEET Row: Centre Calls Meet, Urges Opposition to Drop Resignation Demand

NEW DELHI
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The government is likely to call a meeting of floor leaders soon regarding holding a discussion on the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak issue amid ongoing youth protests in the national capital. According to sources, the government is reaching out to the floor leaders regarding the discussion and has said that the Opposition should hold the discussion but without putting forth any conditions such as resignations. Earlier today, while speaking on his meeting with the CJP leaders, Union Health Minister JP Nadda said that the CJP

can meet him either at his official residence or in his office. "Yes, we are ready to talk with CJP," he said. This comes amid the ongoing youth protests led by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak controversy, which impacted lakhs of students nationwide. Earlier, Prime Minister Modi, in a post on X, said that nothing was more important than the welfare and future of the country's youth and announced the setting up of fast-track courts to ensure swift and stringent punishment for those involved in paper

leaks. "We have decided to set up fast-track courts to ensure swift and stringent punishment for those involved in paper leaks. Have directed the concerned authorities and officials to take all necessary steps in this regard. This continues our series of steps for safeguarding the interests of students," the Prime Minister said. "Those who try to harm the future of our youth will not be spared," he added. This was PM Modi's first reaction to the ongoing protests. The PM's assurance comes amidst widespread protests in Delhi and other cities, including a call for Chalo Sansad on July 20

by activists. The activists have put forth three demands to end their agitation. Meanwhile, CJP spokesperson Sourav Das termed the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as "non-negotiable", adding that the protest would continue until the demand was met. "Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation is non-negotiable. Without this, the protest will continue. It will continue for as long as it has to." Union Health Minister JP Nadda on Wednesday said that the issue of paper leaks should not be politicised and it is a serious problem which requires in-depth discussion," he said.

Strict action against paper leaks: PM Modi

NEW DELHI
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Amid the nationwide student movement over alleged NEET paper leak and increasing demand for Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation over the NEET-UG paper leak, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the government would announce tougher paper leak measures in the Cabinet on Friday. He said that the Cabinet would discuss a draft law providing for fast-track courts and stricter punishment in paper leak cases. Efforts would be made for passing the legislation in the Parliament in the monsoon session. Modi posted a three-minute



video message on social media stating that the paper leaks of various examinations had caused immense pain to lakhs of students and parents. Modi said that the immediate priority after the alleged paper leak was to ensure that students did not lose an academic year.

"The government used its full capacity to organise the exams for nearly 2.2 million students in the shortest possible time. Just five or six days ago, on the 19th, the results were declared, and reports of successful candidates celebrating their achievements have been coming in from across the country," he said. The PM said the officials had taken action against those responsible for the paper leak. Many of the accused had been arrested and jailed. "But we are not the kind of people who are satisfied with just that. Therefore, today I directed the departments to prepare provisions for fast-track courts," he said.

Not A Protest, It's A Revolution: Students Swarm Jantar Mantar



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

"It's not a protest, it's a revolution," say students gathered at Jantar Mantar while asking others to join in and be part of the movement. The students, under the banner of Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) are demanding resignation of Union Education

Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and reforms in the examination system to prevent paper leaks along with accountability in the system. The number of students at the protest site is increasing with each day. The gathering has swelled after the brutal beating of students on Monday night. Apart from Delhi and NCR regions,

many students have come from far flung places across India. Some have sneaked out of the comforts of their homes in different cities, booked a one way ticket to Delhi without telling parents, to reach the protest site. Here no one knows anyone but no one feels alien either. They have made new friends and in

the last three days now everyone knows everyone. School students have also joined them with many saying they have been told by teachers to stand in solidarity with the protestors "because this is for our future." At Jantar Mantar several parents were seen accompanying their children. Standing in

solidarity with the students, parents said they were there to protect their children fearing lathi charge and mob violence. Simpy Yadav from Nagpur came alone on Tuesday. She saw Monday's police action on students on TV, quietly sneaked out of her house and took the first train to Delhi. She later called up her

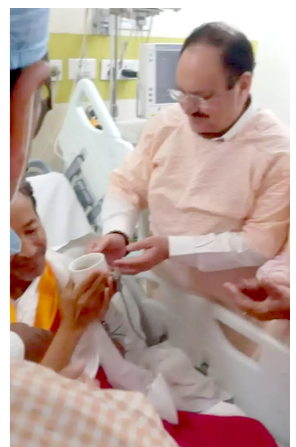
parents to inform that she is going to Delhi to support the students. "I had a saving of Rs 2000 from my pocket money which I used to reach here. I called up my parents from train and told them. They were angry about my decision but I could not sit at home and watch students being brutalized in

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Social Activist Sonam Wangchuk Ends Hunger Strike

NEW DELHI
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Social activist and educational reformer Sonam Wangchuk has ended his indefinite hunger strike after Union Ministers JP Nadda and Dr. Jitendra Singh met him late in the night on Thursday. Both the ministers met him at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram, where he had been shifted from Safdar-



jung Hospital after his

health deteriorated. Sources said the two Union ministers met Wangchuk after having discussion with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The social activist, during the meeting, formally ended his fast in the presence of the Union ministers and his wife, Gitanjali Angmo. Nadda and Dr. Jitendra Singh are seen handing over a cup to Wangchuk

from which he took his first sip, as his wife was present beside him. "I'm grateful and happy to break my fast. Thank you," Wangchuk is heard saying while holding the hands of Nadda and Singh. Turning to his wife, he added, "Gitanjali has always been by my side and my support. I don't want to thank you but express my feelings."

Rahul-Led INDIA Bloc MPs Visit Gandhi Smriti in Student Solidarity

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Upping the ante against the government over paper leaks and alleged police brutality against students, INDIA bloc MPs, led by Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, paid homage at Gandhi Smriti here on Thursday as an expression of solidarity with protesting students and their demands. Gandhi said since students are on the streets, the opposition MPs felt that they should also be on the streets to send a message to them that -- "we are with you and against the violence being inflicted upon you". At around 6 pm, INDIA bloc MPs, including those



from the Congress, as well as senior party leaders began streaming into Gandhi's 5, Sunehri Bagh Road residence. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi were also present at the leader of opposition's residence. After an hour, the MPs and several senior leaders boarded buses and cars to head to Gandhi Smriti. A senior leader said about 130 MPs visited Gandhi Smriti and all INDIA bloc constituents were repre-

sented. En route to Gandhi Smriti, the place where Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, the MPs were stopped twice by police with barricades, which were eventually removed as the convoy made its way slowly to Tees January Road. "Our students are on the streets, so all opposition MPs felt that we should also be on the streets with them. We wanted all opposition MPs to go to India Gate, but they (the government) refused.... We then said we wanted to go to Tees January Marg, but they parked this bus here and the driver got off and left it there, preventing us from moving ahead," Rahul Gandhi said. The

obstacles were removed after a brief halt. "The main message to the students is that we stand with you. The entire opposition stands with you. We are against the violence being inflicted on you," Rahul Gandhi told reporters from the bus full of MPs, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra. He claimed that the government is "scared" and therefore, putting obstacles in their way. "No one can stop us from standing with the students of India," the former Congress chief later said in a social-media post. On reaching Gandhi Smriti, the leader of opposition and the other MPs paid homage and later, sang the national anthem.

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Revanth: Why Is BRS Not Demanding Dharmendra Pradhan's Resignation?

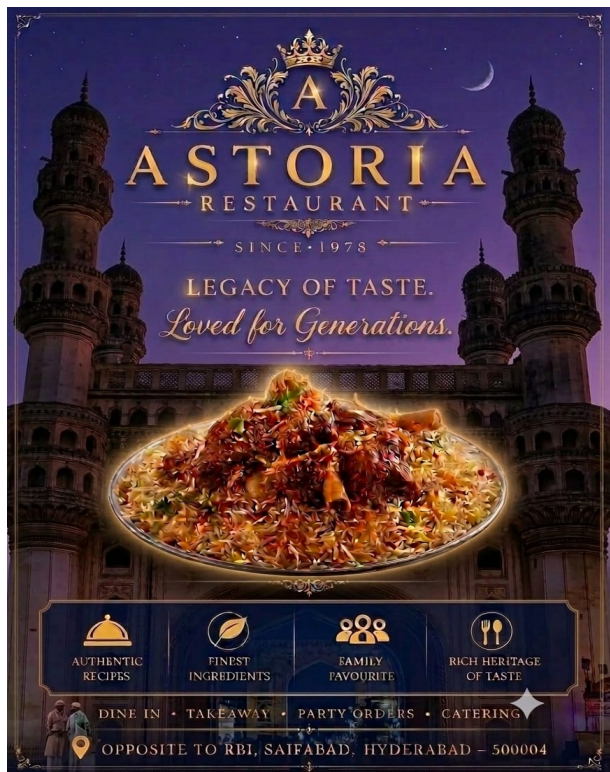
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Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy asked why the BRS was not demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over his failures including the NEET paper leak and the CBSE evaluation imbroglio, and claimed that it was because the party was in cahoots with the BJP. He was speaking after BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao announced the holding of a protest at Indira Park on Friday against the police action against students and youth in Delhi. In an informal interaction with media at the Legislative Assembly premises on Thursday, Revanth Reddy reiterated his allegation that Globarena was a benami company of Rama Rao. The BRS leader had earlier in the day served a legal notice on the matter. Globarena was involved in irregularities in the Telangana Intermediate Examinations in 2019, following which 27 students had died by suicide due to the improper evaluation of answer sheets, Revanth



Reddy said. The Chief Minister alleged that Rama Rao had influenced BJP leaders in Delhi to help the company secure the CBSE examination contract this year. He demanded Rama Rao's apology for the alleged irregularities. He also challenged Rama Rao to demand a probe into the Globarena issue and also over ownership of land at the Janwada farmhouse. Taking a dig at Rama Rao for serving him a defamation notice over his remarks on Globarena, Revanth Reddy said a defamation case was generally filed by a person who had reputation and integrity and sarcastically questioned whether Rama Rao was in a position to issue such notices. He demanded that Rama Rao lodge a complaint with the Central Crime Station

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CM Revanth Alleges SIR Aimed at Weakening Congress Vote Bank in TG

CM urges voters and booth agents to stay vigilant as 70% of electoral roll revision is complete

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday expressed concern over the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll in Telangana, stating that 70 per cent of the enumeration process had been completed and the remaining 30 per cent was crucial. He alleged that the SIR exercise was aimed at weakening the Congress vote bank in the state. “In a democracy, the vote is very important,” he said, warning that the votes of Dalits and tribals in villages could be deleted, potentially depriving them of welfare benefits. He urged voters and party-appointed booth-level

agents (BLAs) to remain vigilant during the remaining SIR process, while speaking with the media at the Legislative Assembly premises. Rejecting certain reports that he had multiple voter registrations, Revanth Reddy said he had transferred his vote from his native Kondareddypalli to Kodangal. He recalled that Kodangal was part of Karnataka before the formation of linguistic states. Defending HYDRAA, Revanth Reddy said it was functioning effectively, restoring water bodies and protecting government land. The Chief Minister accused the BRS of opposing the Congress government because its welfare measures were



benefiting the poor. He alleged that the previous BRS government had sold houses meant for the poor to middlemen and was now speaking against the Congress out of frustration. He also claimed that BJP leaders were involved in internal disputes. He challenged BRS leader T. Harish Rao to explain why he was removed as irrigation minister during the BRS regime. Revanth Reddy contended that then-Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had

sidelined Harish Rao over allegations that hundreds of crores were taken away in the Kaleshwaram project without his knowledge. He pointed out that the Kanepalli pump house has constructed when Harish Rao was irrigation minister. On the use of the three stricken barrages of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS), Revanth Reddy said experts had advised that water should not be stored and the barrage gates should remain open. He noted that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) chairman had personally visited the project and said there was no scope to lift water from any of its barrages based on its

recommendations. A new dam would have to be built near the Medigadda barrage as the cofferdam, as suggested by the BRS, could not simply “descend from the sky.” Revanth Reddy noted that the gates of the Medigadda barrage would have to be lowered to retain five metres of water. He said the flow of one lakh cusecs of water was recorded for only one day. “If water is not to be stored, why were barrages constructed,” he asked. He said the NDSA and Justice P.C. Ghose Commission reports had clearly highlighted issues with Kaleshwaram and reiterated that the matter had been handed over for a CBI probe.

KTR Birthday Celebrated Grandly by BRS Leaders in Australia

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) birthday was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Queensland, Australia, where members of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) organized a grand event marked by cake-cutting and celebrations. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Queensland BRS President Tumkunta Vinnie, with the participation of several Telangana supporters and party members residing in Australia. Addressing the gathering, Tumkunta Vinnie extended birthday wishes to KTR and praised his contribution to Telangana's growth and global recognition. He said KTR played a pivotal role in showcasing Telangana's culture, traditions, and development on the inter-



national stage. He further stated that KTR's leadership was instrumental in driving the state's technological and industrial progress, making Telangana a preferred destination for investments and innovation. Expressing confidence in the party's future, Vinnie said the Bharat Rashtra Samithi would once again emerge victorious in Telangana whenever elections are held. He called upon party workers and supporters living abroad

to continue strengthening the party's vision and remain connected with the development of Telangana. The celebrations witnessed enthusiastic participation from Executive Committee members of BRS Queensland, including Santosh Reddy Madu, Ravi Yadav, Srivekar Reddy Pulyala, C.T. Shraavan Kumar, Santosh Bikumandla, Santosh, and several other party supporters.

BJYM Announces Statewide Agitation for Immediate Release of Pending Fee Reimbursement in Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) Telangana State Unit has announced a statewide democratic agitation demanding the immediate release of long-pending fee reimbursement dues, which continue to affect thousands of students across Telangana. A high-level BJYM State Board Meeting was held at the BJP State Office in Hyderabad on Thursday to discuss the prolonged delay in fee reimbursement and its adverse impact on students pursuing higher education. The meeting focused on chalking out a comprehensive strategy to intensify the movement and press the State Government to clear the pending dues without further delay. Expressing serious concern over the issue, BJYM



leaders said that thousands of students from economically weaker sections are facing financial hardship, while many are struggling to continue their education due to the non-release of reimbursement funds. They alleged that the continued delay has created uncertainty in the academic future of deserving students. Addressing the meeting, BJYM leaders reiterated that education is a fundamental right and that no

student should be denied access to higher education because of financial constraints arising from delayed government reimbursements. They demanded that the State Government release all pending fee reimbursement amounts immediately and ensure that such delays do not recur. The leaders resolved to launch a series of peaceful protests, awareness campaigns, and democratic programmes across Telan-

gana to safeguard students' interests and hold the government accountable. They emphasized that the movement would continue until justice is delivered to every eligible student awaiting reimbursement. The meeting concluded with a unanimous resolution to strengthen the statewide campaign by mobilizing students and youth in all districts, reaffirming BJYM's commitment to protecting students' right to education and ensuring timely implementation of welfare schemes. Several BJYM state office-bearers and leaders participated in the meeting and pledged to continue the fight until the pending fee reimbursement dues are released in full. Gears Up for Statewide Movement Over Pending Fee Reimbursement

New 108 Ambulance Launched at Ghatkesar Temple

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a major boost to emergency healthcare services in the Ghatkesar region, a new 108 Emergency Ambulance was formally inaugurated with special prayers at the Srigriri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Samskruti Township, Pocharam, under Ghatkesar Circle-8 of Medchal-Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, on Thursday. The ceremony was attended by former Pocharam Municip-



pal Councillor Bejjanki Hariprasad, who performed the traditional puja and flagged off the newly inducted ambulance. The event reflected the community's commitment

to strengthening emergency medical services for local residents. Speaking on the occasion, Bejjanki Hariprasad praised the invaluable role played by the 108 Emergency Response Service

in saving lives during medical emergencies and accidents. He expressed confidence that the new ambulance would significantly improve access to timely medical care for people in and around Pocharam and Ghatkesar. He urged the ambulance personnel to continue serving with dedication and compassion, ensuring that critically ill and accident victims are transported to hospitals without delay, thereby helping save precious lives.

Mohammed Omer Khan Joins BRS in KTR's Presence

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mohammed Omer Khan officially joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the presence of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) and under the leadership of Janab Ali Masqati, marking a significant addition to the party's ranks. The induction ceremony reflected the BRS leadership's continued efforts to strengthen the party by welcoming leaders committed to Telangana's progress and development. KTR welcomed Mohammed Omer Khan into the party and expressed confidence that his association would further reinforce the BRS's outreach and organizational strength. Speaking on the occasion, party



leaders reiterated their commitment to advancing the vision of a prosperous, inclusive, and developed Telangana. They emphasized that the induction of dedicated leaders would help the party continue working effectively for the welfare and aspirations of the people across the State.

AICC Telangana In-charge Natarajan Celebrates Birthday, Damodar Greets



Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha extended warm birthday greetings to AICC Telangana In-charge M. Natarajan on the occasion of his birthday. Conveying his wishes, the Minister praised Natarajan's unwavering commitment to the ideals of the Indian National Congress, his principled leadership, and his dedication to strengthening the party organisation. He stated that Natarajan's guidance and tireless efforts continue to inspire Congress leaders and party workers across Telangana and the country. The Minister wished M. Natarajan has good health, happiness, and many more years of dedicated service to the nation and the Congress Party. On the occasion, Minister Damodar Raja Narsimha, along with party leaders and supporters, greeted M. Natarajan wished him a long, healthy, and successful life.

KTR Receives Hero's Welcome at Aleru; BRS Celebrates His Birthday in Advance with Grand Fervour

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

The Warangal National Highway at Aleru turned into a sea of pink as Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President, Sircilla MLA, and former Telangana Minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) received a grand and enthusiastic welcome from party leaders and cadres during his visit to Warangal on Thursday. The reception was spearheaded by former Government Whip, former Aleru MLA, and BRS Aleru Constituency In-charge Gongidi Sunitha Mahender Reddy,



who, along with senior party leaders, public representatives, youth activists, and hundreds of BRS workers, accorded KTR a warm reception with pink scarves, loud slogans, and enthusiastic cheers. Adding to the celebratory atmosphere,

BRS leaders organised an advance birthday celebration ahead of KTR's birthday on July 24. A cake-cutting ceremony was held in the presence of party workers, who conveyed their heartfelt greetings and wished the BRS Working President a

long life and continued success in public service. Speaking on the occasion, party leaders hailed KTR's leadership, administrative vision, and commitment to Telangana's development. They reaffirmed their resolve to further strengthen the BRS across the State under his guidance and leadership. The event witnessed an overwhelming participation of party functionaries, women leaders, youth representatives, and grassroots workers, transforming the gathering into a vibrant show of unity and organisational strength.

OU BRS Launches Massive Campaign for KTR's Birthday; Hyderabad Turns Pink with Wall Posters

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the birthday celebrations of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President, Sircilla MLA, and former Telangana Minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) on July 24, the Osmania University (OU) BRS Students Association launched an extensive publicity campaign across Hyderabad. Under the leadership of OU BRS President Kommanaboyina Saidulu Yadav, student leaders and party activists undertook a large-scale wall poster campaign in and around the Osmania University



campus and surrounding localities. Hundreds of colourful birthday posters were displayed at prominent locations, calling upon party workers, students, and the public to make KTR's birthday celebrations a grand success. The campaign witnessed enthusiastic participation from OU BRS office-

bearers, student leaders, and volunteers, who worked tirelessly to complete the publicity drive. Party leaders stated that KTR's leadership, contribution to Telangana's development, and commitment to youth welfare continue to inspire thousands of students and party cadres across the State. Speaking on the occasion, OU BRS President Kommanaboyina Saidulu Yadav appealed to BRS leaders, party workers, students, and supporters to participate in large numbers in the birthday celebrations scheduled for July 24 and make the event a memorable success.

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.

BRS Rallies Against NEET Crackdown

BRS Stages Mahabubnagar Protest, Demands Dharmendra Pradhan's Resignation, Withdrawal of Cases Against Students, and State Control Over NEET Exams

MAHABUBNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

A protest rally was organized by the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) at the Mahabubnagar district headquarters on Thursday against the alleged crackdown on students and unemployed youth in Delhi over the NEET paper leak issue. Former Minister Srinivas Goud led the protest and strongly criticized the BJP-led Central Government for what he termed as suppressing the voices of students instead of addressing their concerns. Addressing the gathering, Srinivas Goud alleged that students and youth protesting against repeated examination paper leaks were being lathi-charged by Delhi Police rather than being heard. He said the future of lakhs of students has been pushed into uncertainty due to re-



curing examination irregularities, adding that even parents have lost confidence in the system. The former minister claimed that despite nearly 150 incidents of examination paper leaks across the country, the Centre had failed to take stringent action against those responsible. He asserted that unless the masterminds behind the leaks are severely punished,

such incidents would continue to recur. Demanding that the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) be conducted by the respective state governments, Srinivas Goud said decentralizing the examination process would help curb irregularities and restore transparency. He also alleged that the closure of the fee reimbursement scheme had further bur-

dened poor students and pushed many into agitation. He stated that BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) had decided to stay away from birthday celebrations and instead dedicate the occasion to supporting students and unemployed youth. Srinivas Goud reiterated that the BRS would continue its fight until Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigns, those responsible for examination paper leaks are punished, and all cases registered against protesting students and youth in Delhi are withdrawn. Former chairpersons of various state corporations, library and municipal bodies, market committee leaders, corporators, BRS district and mandal presidents, and several senior party leaders participated in the protest rally.

MLA Seeks Review of CURE Bill, Flags Threat to Urban Local Bodies

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malkajgiri MLA M. Rajasekhara Reddy has urged the Telangana Government to comprehensively review the proposed Core Urban Regional Economy Area (CURE) Bill, 2026, stating that several of its provisions could weaken democratic local self-governance and dilute the constitutional autonomy of Urban Local Bodies. In a detailed representation submitted to Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, the MLA said that while the objective of improving urban administration is welcome, the Bill, in its present form, grants overriding powers to the proposed Apex Council and the Government, significantly reducing the authority of elected Municipal Corporations. He noted that the roles of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Standing Committee would also be substantially curtailed. Rajasekhara Reddy expressed concern that although the Bill



refers to Ward Committees, it does not make their formation mandatory or define their powers and financial authority. He said this would weaken citizen participation and grassroots governance. He also opposed the proposal to revise water supply and sewerage user charges periodically, warning that it could lead to recurring financial burdens on urban households. The MLA further objected to the proposal of levying property tax based on capital value, stating that it could substantially increase the tax burden on middle-class families, senior citizens and other fixed-income households. He also pointed out that the Bill does not provide independent financial

powers to Zonal Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners, which could result in continued administrative delays in local development works. Calling for wider consultations with elected representatives, Resident Welfare Associations and urban governance experts, Rajasekhara Reddy urged the Government to strengthen the powers of Municipal Corporations, make Ward Committees mandatory with financial allocations, protect citizens from arbitrary tax and user charge hikes, delegate adequate financial powers to local officials, and amend provisions relating to the suspension of Corporation resolutions and dissolution of elected Municipal Corporations. He expressed confidence that the Government would incorporate necessary changes to ensure efficient urban administration while safeguarding democratic decentralisation.

KTR's Birthday Is a Day of Struggle, Not Celebration: Dr. Sravan Dasoju

KTR Birthday Marks Fight for Youth Rights, Not Celebration: Dr. Sravan Dasoju

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Declaring that BRS Working President and former Minister K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) 50th birthday would be observed as a day of struggle rather than celebration, BRS MLC Dr. Sravan Dasoju on Thursday said the occasion symbolises the anger of Telangana's unemployed youth against the alleged betrayal by both the Central and State governments. Addressing a press conference at Bhavan along with Legislative Assembly Whip and Quthbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekananda Goud and Senior MLC Shambhipur Raju, Dr. Sravan unveiled the BRS agitation programme to be held on July 24. He said that while party workers, youth and KTR supporters across Telangana were preparing for grand birthday celebrations, KTR had decided to dedicate the day to the cause of students and unemployed youth. "This is not a time for celebrations. It is a time



for struggle. It is not a birthday—it is a Fighting Day," he asserted, adding that KTR would participate in the BRS Student Wing's mega protest fast at Indira Park in solidarity with students protesting against the NEET paper leak and unemployed youth demanding jobs. Dr. Sravan accused the Congress government of betraying the youth by failing to fulfil its election promises of filling two lakh government vacancies, providing a ₹4,000 monthly unemployment allowance and releasing a transparent job calendar. He alleged that despite thousands of vacancies existing, the government had notified only a small number of posts, calling it a political gimmick. Targeting both the Centre and the State, he blamed Union Education

Minister Dharmendra Pradhan for the NEET paper leak and alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was equally responsible for irregularities in the Group-I recruitment process through GO 29 and the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC). Referring to recent High Court observations on the Group-I examination process, he alleged that the government had compromised transparency and damaged the aspirations of BC, SC, ST and minority candidates. Dr. Sravan also questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for condemning police action against protesting students in Delhi while remaining silent over alleged police crackdowns on students and unemployed youth in Telangana.

BRS Leaders Hold Grand Advance Birthday Celebrations for KTR at Bahupet X Road, Aleru

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the birthday of Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Working President, Sircilla MLA, and former Telangana Minister Kalvakuntla Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) on July 24, BRS leaders and party cadres organised grand advance birthday celebrations at Bahupet X Road on the Warangal National Highway in the Aleru Assembly Constituency on Thursday. The celebrations were led by former Government Whip, former Aleru MLA, and BRS Aleru Constituency In-



charge Gongidi Sunitha Mahender Reddy. The event witnessed the participation of former Aleru Municipal Chairman Vaspari Shankarraiah, Parameshwar, former Mantapuri Sarpanch Lavanya Narasiah, BRS Town President, Mandal Presidents, General Secretaries, senior party leaders, youth leaders,

women representatives, and a large number of BRS workers and well-wishers. A cake-cutting ceremony was organised to mark the occasion, followed by the distribution of sweets among party workers. The venue echoed with enthusiastic slogans in support of KTR and the BRS Party, creating a festive atmosphere.

Ensure Every Eligible Citizen is Counted: G. Anjaiah Calls for Fast, Error-Free Voter Survey



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Emphasising the importance of a transparent and accurate electoral process, Sangareddy District Library Chairman G. Anjaiah urged Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and Supervisors to complete the ongoing voter survey with speed, precision, and full compliance with Election Commission guidelines. Chairing a comprehensive review meeting with BLAs and Supervisors from various villages, G. Anjaiah stressed that the voter list forms the very foundation of a healthy democracy and that every eligible citizen must be included without error. Addressing the gathering, he instructed field teams to conduct door-to-door verification meticulously, ensuring that every household is covered. He directed officials to register newly eligible voters, update changes in voter details, and remove the names of deceased or otherwise ineligible voters with utmost care and accuracy. "Every entry in the

electoral roll matters. There should be no scope for mistakes. Transparency, coordination, and dedication are essential to ensure that every eligible voter receives their democratic right," he said. He further called upon all BLAs and Supervisors to work in close coordination and complete the survey within the stipulated deadline while ensuring that the verification process remains smooth and hassle-free for the public. The review meeting was attended by Mandal Convener Kedaranath Patil, Mandal Party President Balaji Narsimulu, Temple Chairman Satish Kulkarni, Sarpanch Charan Kumar, former AMC Vice-Chairman Mahankali, former Youth President Prabhakar, and several other local leaders and party functionaries. The meeting concluded with a collective resolve to ensure that the voter survey is completed efficiently, accurately, and in accordance with Election Commission norms, strengthening the democratic process at the grassroots level.

12th Telangana Open Inter-District Equipped Powerlifting Championship 2026

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The 12th Telangana Open Inter-District Equipped Powerlifting Championship-2026 will be organised by Laxman Yadav, founder of Yadav Fitness Zone Gym, Shamshabad. The championship will feature men's and women's competitions ac-



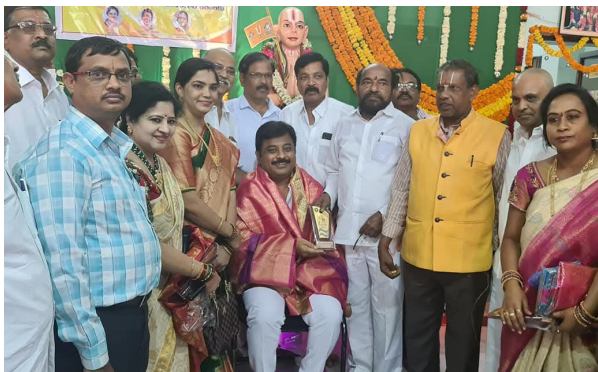
ross all weight categories. The event offers a total cash prize of ₹11.60

lakh, including ₹1 lakh each for the Strong Man and Strong Woman titles. Winners in every weight category will receive ₹25,000 (1st), ₹20,000 (2nd), and ₹15,000 (3rd). The championship aims to promote powerlifting and provide a competitive platform for athletes from across Telangana.

Aswapuram Venumadhav's Inspiring Journey from Struggles to Success

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Aswapuram Venumadhav, President of the Telangana Chathada Sri Vaishnava Sangham, has emerged as an inspiration through his remarkable journey of perseverance, hard work, and success. Overcoming numerous hardships, Venumadhav established Akanksha Caterers, transforming it into a successful enterprise. His life story reflects determination and dedication, inspiring many



aspiring entrepreneurs and young people. Drawing from his personal experiences, he authored the motivational book "Jeevitanni Jayinchandi" (Conquer Life), aimed at guiding readers toward personal growth and suc-

cess. The book features over 30 inspirational articles on health, time management, parenting, personality development, decision-making, and overcoming life's challenges. Venumadhav credits the

values instilled by his father, Venkatayya Pantulu, a medical practitioner, for shaping his character and inspiring his commitment to society. Through his writings, he continues to promote positive values and encourage people to lead meaningful lives. His book has received appreciation for its practical life lessons and motivational message, earning Aswapuram Venumadhav widespread praise for his contribution to literature and society.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Reviews SIR Voter Verification Drive

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, along with former Madhapur Corporator Jagadeeshwar Goud, inspected the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at Gokul Plots Colony in Madhapur Division. Addressing residents, Gandhi urged every eligible voter to fill the Enumeration Form completely, sign it, and submit it to the Booth



Level Officer (BLO) before the July 24 deadline. He said every vote is vital for strengthening democracy and appealed to all citizens above 18 years to ensure their names remain in the electoral roll. He pointed out that BLOs are working under challenging conditions, especially in

gated communities and high-rise apartments, and called upon residents, RWAs, youth groups, NGOs, and public representatives to cooperate and make the SIR drive successful. Gandhi clarified that merely filling the form is not enough. The signed form must be submitted to the BLO to

complete the voter verification process. He advised citizens to collect an acknowledgement receipt after submission and preserve copies of the form and supporting documents. He also urged people not to believe rumours circulating on social media and to rely only on official election authorities for information regarding the SIR process. BLOs, local leaders, colony residents, and welfare association members participated in the programme.

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.

INDIA Bloc Leaders Meet Rahul Gandhi, Signal Unity Amid Police Deployment

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Several INDIA bloc MPs on Thursday arrived at Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's residence, at Sunehri Bagh Road amid a deadlock over the NEET-UG paper leak in Parliament. Police presence was heightened outside Rahul Gandhi's residence. Rapid Action Force buses have also been deployed. Sunehri Bagh Road leads to the residences of Amit Shah at Krishna Bagh Road, and Kiran Rijiju's residence is also close by. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi, Congress MPs P Chidambaram, KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Renuka Chowdhury, Pramod Tiwari, along with NCP(SCP) MP Supriya Sule and RJD MP Misa



Bharati arrived at Gandhi's residence. Suspended TMC MP Kalyan Banerjee and party leader Mahua Moitra, CPI MP P Sandosh Kumar and Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Arvind Sawant also arrived to attend the opposition leaders' meeting. Downplaying the significance of the meeting, Kharge told reporters, "(Rahul Gandhi) invited us for tea. That's why I have come to have tea. "KC Venugopal lashed out at the Centre amid heavy police presence in the national capital following the Cockroach Janata Party protest, demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Venugopal said, "Emergency declared all over Delhi. They are making it like a war-like situation. "Congress MP Jothimani Sennimalai said, "He is the Leader of the Opposition. We are all MPs from his party. We just came to meet him. But the government has fortified the entire area. I can understand their panic. We are meeting the Leader of the Opposition. But we can see the government's fear. "Congress MP and party's Punjab chief Amrinder Singh Raja Warring stated, "If we reveal our plan, the enemy is very

alert. Delhi Police, Amit Shah ji's people, have come here already. We will fight, and we will win. "Randeep Singh Surjewala called for Pradhan's resignation and said, "Resignation must happen. "RJD MP Manoj Jha expressed concern over the situation amid widespread protests across the country over the NEET-UG paper leak. Jha said, "Look at what is happening at Jantar Mantar and in different states. There is so much unrest among the youth. In the coming moments, you will know what we are doing. I am worried after seeing the condition of the country. "Renuka Chowdhury looked at the meeting as a sign of unity among INDIA bloc parties. She said, "The entire INDIA Bloc, we are fighting this issue together.

Borer Infestation Takes Epidemic Form in MP's Sal Forest

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Borer infestation has taken epidemic form in the forests in Dindori district in Madhya Pradesh, forcing the state government to seek the Centre's nod to fell around 1.5 lakh sal trees, invaded by the insect. As many as 1,47, 380 sal trees in three forest ranges, spread over 30,000 hectares, in the district have so far been identified as being affected by borer infestation, local forest officials said on Thursday. The three forest ranges affected by the outbreak are East Karanjia, West Karanji and Samanpur. "East Karanjia range is the worst affected by the borer infestation", local sub-divisional officer of the Dindori district forest department Surendra Jatav told the media. The forest department has launched 'Tree Trap Operation' to catch the insects and destroy them



later, sources said. The local tribals and forest committees have been deployed for collection of the sal borers with a payment of Rs two per an insect for their destruction later, a forest officer said. According to Mr. Jatav, more than 14 lakh sal borers have been collected by July 21 and an amount of Rs 29.4 lakh has been paid for purchase of these pests from the local residents. "As many as 1,417,915 insects have been bought by July 21. We estimate that the number may go up to 25 lakhs", a senior forest officer said. The rainfall and humidity

make favourable conditions for the sal borer to proliferate. The insects gather near the human habitations being attracted by household lights. The sal borer infestation has taken an epidemic form with the onset of the current monsoon, sources said. The state forest department has sought permission from the Centre to fell around 1.5 lakh trees affected by the borer infestation, a forest officer said. It is expected that the affected sal trees would be felled in September or October this year after the Centre granted permission for it, the forest officer said. Mutants of sal borer develop in every 30-year cycle, the forest officer said. Last time the sal forest in the district was affected by borer infestation was in 1997 when around three lakh sal trees had to be felled to check the outbreak, sources said.

Pellet Injuries Leave CJP Protesters Fighting to Save Their Eyesight

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The first thought Ajay Duggal had when he saw his nephew, his eyes shut, his face, neck and chest pockmarked with tiny red perforations, was this: "What if the 19-year-old loses his sight completely." Sahil Lochab was allegedly hit by a pellet gun in his right eye during the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) protest in Delhi on June 20. His uncle asked him what he could see from the eye. The reply chilled him - there was nothing. No blur, no haze, only darkness. "Sahil said he was hit directly in his eye. From what we have been told, another operation involving the pupil will determine whether his vision will return," Duggal told PTI. The teen from Najafgarh was among the 60 protesters injured, according to Delhi Police estimates. While he allegedly received pellet gun injuries during the 'Sansad Chalo' march that erupted in chaos and clashes, so did at least one more person. Sahil has undergone one



surgery to repair the injured eye and remove pellets and is awaiting another. He was first taken to Lady Hardinge Medical College and later to Safdarjung Hospital before being shifted to the AIIMS Trauma Centre on July 21. "He was conscious when they brought him here. He was talking to us. But when I saw his face, I kept looking at his eyes and thinking - what if he had lost his sight completely? Who would give him back the life he had before he went to that protest?" Duggal said. "I asked him, 'beta, can you see properly?' He told us said he cannot see from his right eye at all. It is pitch black. It is not even hazy or blurry vision," he added. Doctors initially told the family that there was only a "1 per cent chance" Sahil would re-

gain his vision. On Thursday, his doctors offered the family some hope, saying his chances may improve. "Today, the doctors gave us some reassurance and said the chances are improving. But he cannot see at all, and he is in a lot of pain," Duggal said. According to a source aware of his treatment, doctors have described his visual prognosis as "guarded," which means his chances of recovering his vision are uncertain. He is likely to undergo another surgery in the next day or two. The teenager has multiple pellet injuries to his face, neck, chest, right shoulder and arm. A pellet was lodged in his right eye, causing corneal perforation - a full-thickness hole in the cornea, while another was found in his right lung

and pericardial fat - a tissue surrounding the heart, the source said. Sahil's life, his family said, revolves around studying and preparing for a future in the police force. He is a student at Delhi University's School of Open Learning and was preparing for the Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level examination. "He always wanted to become a police officer. He was studying and preparing for competitive examinations," Duggal said. He had attended the CJP protest, which began in Jantar Mantar on June 20, earlier and went again on July 20, telling his family that it was important. "We even tried to stop him, but you know how kids are, they do not listen," Duggal said. Sahil's life, his family said, revolves around studying and preparing for a future in the police force. He is a student at Delhi University's School of Open Learning and was preparing for the Staff Selection Commission Combined Graduate Level examination.

India Tests Kusha, Indigenous S-400 Rival

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The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on Thursday conducted the maiden flight-test of the 'Kusha' long-range surface-to-air missile from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast, marking a step towards developing an indigenous air defence system comparable to the S-400. The test was carried out against an elec-



tronic target simulating a high-speed, high-altitude aerial threat, which was successfully intercepted, according to officials. The 'Kusha' system is designed to neutralise a range of aerial threats, in-

cluding fighter aircraft, missiles, unmanned aerial vehicles and large enemy aircraft across varying ranges and altitudes. All components of the weapon system, including missiles, radars and the command and control centre, have been developed by DRDO laboratories in collaboration with industry partners. The system is planned as a multi-layered air defence platform with different interceptor missiles

and will be integrated under Mission Sudarshan Chakra. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the test marked a key milestone in indigenous defence capability. "This... will also eliminate the import dependency for such systems and signifies a giant leap in air defence capability of the nation," he said. The development is expected to reduce reliance on foreign air defence systems.

Delhi Cops' NSA Powers Extended as City Braces for CJP Protest

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Ahead of a nationwide protest call by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), the Delhi Lieutenant Governor extended the Delhi Police's preventive detention powers under the National Security Act till October 18, triggering political reactions amid the ongoing agitation. Delhi Police said the extension was a routine quarterly administrative measure approved before the protests. The Union home ministry also extended the suspension of mobile Internet services



within a 1.5-km radius of Jantar Mantar till midnight on Thursday, citing public safety. It was the fifth such order since July 17. Police action against protesters drew criticism, with around 750 lawyers from Delhi and Mumbai condemning the use of force and restrictions on

assemblies. They termed the measures an assault on constitutional rights and questioned curbs imposed after the Parliament march. Investigations into the July 20 violence have widened, with police examining whether anti-social elements infiltrated the protests. Officials

said 11 FIRs have been registered and around 80 videos are being analysed, including CCTV footage, drone recordings and mobile clips. Police said statements from injured personnel form part of the probe. Some officers alleged they were attacked with stones, sticks and other objects during the clashes. The Cyber Cell and Special Cell are analysing mobile tower data and forensic evidence to identify those involved. Delhi Police rejected claims of an imminent crackdown on protesters, stating there was "no plan" to clear the protest site.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Pawar-Modi Meet....

He demanded that Rama Rao lodge a complaint with the Central Crime Station (CCS) against Globarena if he believed the allegations were false. He alleged that there was a BRS-BJP understanding, and asked why the BRS had not demanded Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. "What is this BRS-BJP collusion," Revanth Reddy asked. Revanth Reddy said the Congress government had reopened Dharna Chowk that was closed by BRS government and pointed out that Rama Rao was now planning to stage a protest at the same venue. Responding to criticism over investigations ordered by the Congress government, Revanth Reddy said

whenever the administration initiated an inquiry, the Opposition accused it of political vendetta. He said the report submitted by the P.C. Ghose judicial commission on the Kaleshwaram project had already been forwarded to the CBI for investigation and added that the Central agency was free to conduct any inquiry it deemed appropriate. On government recruitments, Revanth Reddy challenged Rama Rao to bring up the issue of filling of vacancies in the Assembly and said he was ready to provide a list of 70,000 appointments along with the names of the selected candidates.

Not A Protest, It's A....

It is a collective fight," said Simpy. She is not alone now. She found

many like her on the train. Now she is a part of a group that has students from Mahoba, Mirzapur, Kanpur, Ambala, Bilaspur etc. Sitting on a pavement at the protest site they share their concerns and anxiety of a bleak future collectively. Pradeep Kumar from Kanpur is an M.Tech from Prayagraj working in Delhi. He works in night shift and attends protest during the day. He said his career got jeopardized due to regular paper leaks in Uttar Pradesh and he had to join a private job in Delhi below his potential. "My parents took loan of 40 lakh to make me engineer because government seats were not available. There were paper leaks too. I am victim of this corrupt system which is why I am here to stand in sol-

idity," said Pardeep. Despite high number of girls at the protest site there are no complaints of misbehavior. Girls say they feel safe and the boys at the site are taking care of them. From food packets to carpets, pillows, blankets to t-shirts, and even sanitary napkin - everything is being delivered at the protest site by people across the world. Several are anonymous senders as well. INS Malvan Joins..... Rahul Gandhi carried a copy of the Constitution with him, while MPs Mahua Majhi and Mahua Moitra were seen holding the national flag. Carrying placards demanding Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and slamming the Modi government for

"152 paper leaks" in the last 10 years, several MPs also switched on the flashlight of their mobile phones at Gandhi Smriti. Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Gandhi Smriti Vice-Chairman Vijay Goel said Gandhi Smriti is the place where the Father of the Nation was assassinated and anyone who follows the Mahatma's principles, or those visiting for the first time, are welcome. Talking to reporters at Gandhi Smriti after paying homage, Priyanka Gandhi said, "These are the youngsters of our country and the way they are being beaten, lathi-charged, tear-gassed and targeted with water cannons is there for everyone to see. We have come here to send a message to the government and the country about what our nation truly stands for.

What did Mahatma Gandhi fight for and how did he fight? What Mahatma Gandhi, our farmers, and the poor did was a unique revolution, a unique movement, because not a hand was raised at anyone." Today, in that very same country, children are being beaten up simply because they are demanding their rights, she said. The democracy for which Mahatma Gandhi and countless others laid down their lives, and for which so many freedom fighters struggled, is now under threat, the Congress general secretary said. "Today, in this very country, we are beating our own children. We are moving towards destroying the democracy they fought and sacrificed for. The soldiers who wear the uniform and stand at our borders.

CRIME

Cyberabad Police, SCSC Hold 'Coffee with a Cop' Session on Cyber Safety at Wipro

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The Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC), in collaboration with the Cyberabad Police and Telangana Rising, organised the sixth edition of its flagship "Coffee with a Cop" programme at the Wipro Campus, Gopanpally. The session, themed "Connected, Not Consumed: Navigating the Digital Age," focused on promoting cyber safety and responsible digital behaviour among young professionals. The interactive session was led by Sai Sri, Superintendent of Police, Cybercrime & Operations, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), who highlighted emerging cyber threats, including phishing, online financial



fraud, QR code scams, fake investment schemes, AI-generated deepfakes, OTP fraud, password security, social media safety, and digital privacy. Participants interacted with the officer, seeking guidance on protecting themselves from cybercrime, safeguarding personal information, and responding effectively when targeted by online fraudsters. Sai Sri stressed the importance of cyber awareness and responsible online behaviour, remind-

ing participants that "Every Choice. Every Click. Every Consequence." The session also featured an interaction with Naved Alam Khan, CEO of SCSC, who spoke about the council's community safety initiatives and encouraged greater public participation in building safer communities alongside the Cyberabad Police. Moderated by Rashmi Srivastava, Director – Strategic Program Execu-

tion, SCSC, the programme reinforced the importance of awareness, responsibility, and informed decision-making in ensuring a safe digital future. With six successful editions completed, "Coffee with a Cop" has become a unique platform connecting citizens and police officers through open discussions on cyber safety, leadership, public service, and contemporary social issues.

CBIT Invites Telangana DGP to Attend IEEE International Conference SASIGD 2026

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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, invited Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand, IPS, to attend the IEEE International Conference on Sustainable AI for Social Impact and Global Development (SASIGD 2026), scheduled on August 13–14, 2026, at the CBIT campus. A CBIT delegation led by Principal Prof. C.V. Narsimulu, along with faculty members, met the DGP and briefed him about the conference. The team also invited Inspector General of Police, Multi Zone-I, Telangana, S. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, IPS, and CBIT alumnus, to participate in the event. The confer-



ence, technically co-sponsored by IEEE SSIT, will bring together over 280 AI researchers from India and abroad. Eminent experts will deliver keynote sessions on responsible and sustainable Artificial Intelligence. The initiative highlights CBIT's commitment to promoting collaboration between academia, government, and industry.

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.

Case Filed Against Tollywood Producers Over Jubilee Hills Land Dispute

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Jubilee Hills police registered a case against Tollywood producers C. Kalyan and Burugupalli Sivarama Krishna and others for allegedly attempting to grab a disputed property despite an existing court injunction. The case was registered on a complaint lodged by businessman Kanthamaneni Ravi Shankar, who alleged that the accused illegally entered



Plot No. 89 of the Women's Co-operative Housing Society in Jubilee Hills. A civil court had earlier directed that his possession of the land should not be disturbed until the ownership dispute was sorted. Despite the injunction,

the complainant stated that the accused broke open the locks, damaged the entrance gate, scattered construction material inside the premises, threatened staff present at the site and demolished a room constructed on the property. Videos of the incident circulated on social media platforms showed the assailants making a forceful entry by breaking the lock with a stone. Police registered a case and initiated an investigation into the allegations.

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.



Dubai's Top Summer Fun Spots for Kids

From immersive attractions and water adventures to pizza workshops and candy-themed experiences, Dubai offers unforgettable indoor summer fun for children.

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Families visiting Dubai this summer have plenty of exciting indoor attractions and interactive experiences to keep children entertained while escaping the heat. From immersive theme parks and educational workshops to water adventures and sweet-themed attractions, the city offers something for every age group. One of the standout attractions is the Museum of Candy, where visitors can explore colourful candy-inspired installations, interactive exhibits and fun photo opportunities in a vibrant indoor setting. Adventure seekers can head to AquaFun, the region's largest inflatable waterpark located off The Beach, JBR. The floating obstacle course, shaped



like the word "Dubai," features slides, climbing zones and bouncing activities for hours of family fun. Young food enthusiasts can unleash their creativity at the Kids Pizza Academy by Dodo Pizza, where children aged between three and twelve learn pizza-making

through engaging workshops that combine education with entertainment. Nature lovers can experience the wonders of a tropical rainforest at The Green Planet, home to more than 3,000 plants, birds and animals. Children can observe sloths, exotic birds and other wildlife while learning

about biodiversity and conservation. Families with a sweet tooth can stop by Yuki No Hana, renowned for its authentic Japanese desserts, including fluffy pancakes, creamy ice creams and kakigori shaved ice in unique flavours such as Cerelac and charcoal. For a unique wellness ex-

perience, Candy Spa at Centara Mirage Beach Resort offers candy-themed spa treatments exclusively for children aged 10 and below. The attraction features mini manicures, pedicures and fun party experiences in a playful setting. Another must-visit indoor attraction is AYA Universe, an immersive entertainment park that combines cutting-edge technology, digital art, interactive lighting and sound effects to create a magical experience across multiple themed zones. With a wide variety of family-friendly attractions, educational activities, delicious treats and exciting adventures, Dubai continues to be one of the top summer destinations for families seeking memorable experiences for children during the holiday season.

TJA Celebrates Foundation Day with Service at Old Age Home

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The Telangana Journalists Association (TJA) celebrated its 12th Foundation Day by organizing a humanitarian service programme at an old age home in Shanigapur, Mahabubabad district. Led by District President Mekaraboyina Nageshwar, the association conducted a community meal (Annadanam) and distributed fruits to the elderly residents while interacting with them and enquiring about their well-being. Speaking on the occasion, Nageshwar said serving society is the responsibility of every individual and that journalists should not only report news but also uphold humanitarian values and fulfill their social responsibility. He stated that the Foundation Day was being observed across Telangana through various service activities



following a call given by the TJA State Founding President. As part of the programme, TJA members personally served food to the elderly and distributed fruits, creating a warm and compassionate atmosphere at the old age home. The management of the home expressed gratitude to the association for choosing to celebrate its Foundation Day through a meaningful act of service instead of ceremonial events. They appreciated the journalists for demonstrating their commitment to

society beyond their professional duties and praised the initiative as an inspiring example of compassion and social responsibility. Participants said the programme reflected the core values of humanity, service, and community welfare. The event was attended by TJA District President Mekaraboyina Nageshwar, journalists Indla Mahesh, Srinivas, Gugulothu Lingya, MD Zakir Hussain, Nalla Jagan Reddy, district leaders, association members, and several other journalists.

Govt Allows FDI In Inventory-based Model of e-commerce To Boost Exports

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In a significant policy reform aimed at strengthening India's export ecosystem, the Central Government has permitted Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the inventory-based model of e-commerce exclusively for export purposes. The decision, announced by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) under the Ministry of Commerce

and Industry, is expected to enhance India's participation in global e-commerce while safeguarding the interests of domestic retailers. Until now, India's FDI policy permitted foreign investment only in business-to-business (B2B) e-commerce and marketplace models, where online platforms merely facilitate transactions between buyers and sellers. FDI was prohibited in business-to-consumer (B2C) and inventory-based e-commerce models, where

companies own and sell products directly to consumers. Under the revised policy, these restrictions will no longer apply to the export of goods manufactured or produced in India. According to the new provision, e-commerce entities with foreign investment can operate an inventory-based model exclusively for exporting Indian-made products. Such operations must comply with the provisions of the For-



eign Trade Policy (FTP) 2023 and the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2015. The DPIIT clarified that the exemption applies only to export activities and will not affect the

domestic retail market. The policy will come into force following the issuance of the required notification under the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA). The proposal was originally recommended by the Directorate General

of Foreign Trade (DGFT) to facilitate easier access to global markets for Indian manufacturers and exporters. Industry stakeholders have also been advocating for this change, arguing that it would help India compete more effectively in the rapidly expanding global e-commerce market. The policy is expected to encourage global e-commerce companies to establish export-focused inventory and logistics operations in India.

This, in turn, could improve supply chain efficiency, attract fresh foreign investment, generate employment, and provide Indian manufacturers, particularly MSMEs, with greater access to international consumers. The move comes as India seeks to expand its relatively small share of global e-commerce exports. Government estimates place India's current e-commerce exports at around \$2 billion, significantly lower than China's \$350 bil-

lion. Meanwhile, the global e-commerce export market is valued at approximately \$800 billion and is projected to grow to nearly \$2 trillion by 2030. By allowing FDI in export-oriented inventory-based e-commerce, the government aims to position India as a major global sourcing and export hub, boost outbound shipments, and accelerate the country's export-led growth strategy without disrupting the domestic retail sector.

India Secures Lower 10% US Tariff After Being Initially Slated for 12.5%

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The US imposed 10 per cent tariffs on goods purchased from India and 16 other countries over the issue of the use of forced labour in the production of such items. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer announced the new tariffs on 60 countries under Section 301 of the Trade Act on Friday, a day before the expiration of 10 per cent additional levies on all countries. The USTR statement said that Greer had taken the final action, at President Donald Trump's direction, under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 by imposing tariffs on 60 economies for their failure to impose and effectively enforce a prohibition on the importation of goods produced with forced labour. The action will begin to correct what is both a human rights abuse and a distortive trade practice to improve the welfare of workers everywhere," Greer said in a statement here. The 10 per cent tariff rate applies to 17 countries, including India, Canada, the UK, Bangladesh and Pakistan. Earlier, India was bracketed in

countries attracting 12.5 per cent tariffs. A Federal Note in this regard took note of India's adoption of a forced labour import prohibition after the unveiling of the proposed tariffs in June. On June 14, India amended its foreign trade policy to prohibit the import of goods produced using forced labour. The Trump administration had initiated the two investigations after the US Supreme Court, in February, dismissed last year's "reciprocal tariffs" using emergency powers as illegal. The administration responded by levying 10 per cent tariffs on all countries that expire on Friday. India has contested both the investigations initiated by the USTR and insisted that these issues can be discussed as part of the bilateral trade agreement that is under discussion. The US is India's second largest trade partner and the largest destination for exports. In 2025, bilateral goods trade was pegged at nearly USD 141 billion, with India's exports pegged at USD 87.3 billion, according to commerce department data.

Steel Industry Must Diversify, Accelerate Decarbonisation: Govt Official

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The Central government on Thursday urged the Indian steel industry to diversify its export destinations, accelerate decarbonisation efforts, and invest in advanced technology to remain globally competitive amid rapidly changing international trade policies. Addressing the ASSOCHAM India Steel Conclave 2026, Ashwini Kumar, Economic Advisor in the Ministry of Steel, said the global trade environment is undergoing a major transformation, with several countries adopting protective measures to safeguard their domestic industries. He stressed that India's steel sector must respond proactively by reducing carbon emissions, strengthening research and development (R&D), and expanding into new export markets. Kumar noted that major economies such as the United States and the European Union have introduced policies that could significantly impact global steel trade. While



the US has imposed restrictions under Section 232 to protect its domestic steel industry, the European Union has implemented the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM). The CBAM imposes a carbon-related cost on imports produced through carbon-intensive manufacturing processes, encouraging cleaner production methods. He pointed out that India's steel industry currently has relatively high carbon emissions compared to many global competitors. As a result, Indian steel exports to the European Union could face increasing challenges unless manufacturers adopt cleaner production technologies.

"The CBAM means that access to premium international markets will increasingly depend not only on the quality and price of steel but also on the carbon intensity of its production process," Kumar said. He warned that without substantial emission reductions, Indian steel exports to Europe could become less competitive. However, Kumar described these developments as an opportunity rather than a setback. He said the new global standards could serve as a catalyst for modernising India's steel industry by encouraging investments in cleaner technologies, energy-efficient manufacturing processes, and in-

novation. According to him, embracing decarbonisation will not only help Indian companies comply with emerging international regulations but also improve productivity, reduce environmental impact, and strengthen long-term competitiveness in global markets. Kumar expressed confidence that the Indian steel sector can successfully navigate these challenges with the right combination of policy support, technological advancement, and industry-government collaboration. He called for sustained investment in research, innovation, and green steel technologies to ensure that India remains a leading global steel producer. The government believes that by diversifying export markets beyond traditional destinations, adopting low-carbon manufacturing practices, and enhancing technological capabilities, the Indian steel industry can overcome evolving trade barriers and emerge stronger in the global marketplace.

ITCMAARS will Drive Farming as Service Ecosystem to Grow Buy: ITC Chairman

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A vital component of ITC's agri strategy is to promote Value-Added Agriculture to enable farmers scale the next horizon of profitable growth. This portfolio, which has grown at a CAGR of 33% over five years, today encompasses certified organic crops, processed agri-products, such as food-safe spices, horticulture, premium coffee, aquaculture and attribute-specific commodities, like high-starch maize and high-gluten wheat. Taking this further, ITCMAARS will drive a Farming as a Service (FaaS) ecosystem to 'Grow the Buy', where crop value chains are customised to meet specific buyer needs. Certifications, traceability and responsible sourcing establish trust systems at scale, linking Indian farmers to domestic and global export markets. ITC's Spices Business, for example, is today the country's leading exporter of organic spices, supported by certified cultivation, backward integration and one of Asia's largest spices processing facilities at Gun-

and rising food-security imperatives, production of high-quality, resilient seeds and hybrids is vital to enhancing productivity, improving quality, increasing climate resilience, strengthening nutritional security and raising farmer incomes. ITC's wholly owned subsidiary Technico, a global leader in pre-basic potato seeds, is investing in the world's largest state-of-the-art aeroponic facility with 60 hi-tech controlled-environment greenhouses taking the combined capacity to 100 million TECHNITUBER®s. Fostering an effective science-to-farm ecosystem, ITC's LSTC is leveraging advanced breeding technologies, molecular genetics and digital tools to develop higher-yielding, climate-resilient, hybrid and disease-resistant varieties across crops such as tobacco, wheat, potato, eucalyptus and subabul. These have led to yields improving by 15-50%. ITC is making appreciable progress in high-value, future-facing categories, such as Biological Extracts, with the commencement of a US FDA-compliant, export-oriented, pharmacopoeia-standard nicotine derivative processing .

In an era of climate stress

‘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, Gautam 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.

Mayank Yadav’s Harare Heroics Coincide With Father’s Sacred Journey

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In Harare, Mayank Yadav, India’s 24-year-old fast bowler, marked his return to international cricket with a spell that blended precision and pace. His two wickets in four overs, including a wicket off his very first ball, earned him the Player of the Match award in the opening clash of the unprecedented 30-match T20I series against Zimbabwe. Yet, while Mayank was receiving his accolade thousands of miles away, his father, Prabhu Yadav, was embarking on a spiritual journey of his own—the revered Govardhan Parikrama in Vrindavan. Speaking exclusively over the telephone, Prabhu Yadav shared: “Yes, I have just begun this Govardhan Parikrama soon after Mayank won the Player of the Match award in Harare. I came from Delhi this morning with my five other friends and we all will be returning to Delhi soon after this journey. My family is at home.” The Govardhan Parikrama is a sacred 21



km barefoot circumambulation around Govardhan Hill in Mathura district, Uttar Pradesh. Devotees undertake the journey as an act of devotion to Lord Krishna, often taking 5–7 hours to complete. For Prabhu, the timing was divine—his son’s triumph on the cricket field coinciding with his own act of faith. Prabhu Yadav revealed he had watched the match on his mobile during the pilgrimage: “I am aware that Mayank also took a wicket with his very first ball in this match. I am very happy for both—the Player of the Match award and the first-ball wicket.” His pride was palpable, especially recalling Mayank’s debut against Bangladesh, where he became

only the third Indian bowler to deliver a maiden over in his very first T20 International. “Mayank has returned to the game after about two years. This period was painful as he had various injuries during this time,” Prabhu added, acknowledging the resilience behind his son’s comeback. Originally from Bihar, Prabhu Yadav worked in a local factory in Delhi, playing a pivotal role in nurturing his son’s cricketing dreams. His encouragement to “bowl fast” laid the foundation for Mayank’s journey from Delhi’s cricketing circuits to the international stage. Interestingly, Mayank shares his date of birth—June 7, 2002—with Ashok Sharma.

Commonwealth Games 2026 Opening Ceremony: King Charles declares CWG open

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The 2026 Commonwealth Games got underway in Glasgow, Scotland, on Thursday, marking the start of a leaner yet significant edition of the multi-sport event. Around 3,000 athletes from 74 Commonwealth nations and territories are competing across just 10 sports at four venues over 11 days, from July 23 to August 2. The Games feature 215 medal events, including the largest integrated Para-sport programme in Commonwealth Games history. This is the fourth time Scotland has hosted the Commonwealth Games and the second time Glasgow has staged the event after the highly successful 2014 edition. Glasgow stepped in as the host after Australia’s Victoria state withdrew due to rising costs, prompting organisers to adopt a scaled-down model to ensure the Games continued. The compact format has reduced the number of sports from 19 in Birmingham 2022 to just 10 in Glasgow 2026, making it the smallest Commonwealth Games programme in more than three decades. The sports featured this year include athletics and para-athletics, artistic gymnastics, swimming and para-swimming, boxing, weightlifting and para-powerlifting, judo, bowls and para bowls, track cycling and para track cycling, netball, and 3x3 basketball,



including wheelchair basketball. Traditional medal-rich sports for India such as wrestling, badminton, table tennis and shooting have been dropped from the programme, significantly affecting the country’s medal prospects. Despite the reduced schedule, India has sent a 125-member contingent comprising 77 men and 48 women, who will compete across athletics, boxing, weightlifting, gymnastics, swimming, lawn bowls, cycling, judo and para-sports. The Indian contingent will be led by several Olympic and world-level athletes, including Neeraj Chopra, Mirabai Chanu, Lovlina Borgohain, Srihari Nataraj, Sajjan Prakash and Tejaswin Shankar. With several medal-winning disciplines absent, India’s hopes of maintaining its impressive record of finishing among the top five nations in every Commonwealth

Games since 2006 will largely depend on boxing, weightlifting and athletics. Weightlifting is once again expected to contribute significantly, with Olympic silver medallist Mirabai Chanu, Commonwealth champion Bindyarani Devi, Harjinder Kaur and Lovpreet Singh among India’s strongest medal contenders. In athletics, Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra headlines India’s campaign in the men’s javelin throw, while Tejaswin Shankar, Rohit Yadav, Praveen Chithravel and Parul Chaudhary will also be aiming for podium finishes. India’s campaign began on Thursday with lawn bowls, where Pinki Singh and Rupa Rani Tirkey competed in the women’s pairs sectional play, while Putul Sonowal featured in the men’s singles. Friday’s schedule includes the artistic gymnastics final, opening-round boxing

bouts in both men’s and women’s categories, and swimming finals subject to qualification. Over the coming days, Indian athletes will compete across multiple disciplines, with the first medal opportunities expected in weightlifting on July 26 when Rishikanta Singh and Mirabai Chanu take the field. Athletics competition begins on July 27, with the spotlight gradually shifting towards marquee events such as the men’s 100 metres, javelin throw, decathlon and para-athletics finals. Neeraj Chopra will compete in the men’s javelin qualification on July 30 before aiming for gold in the final on July 31, one of the most anticipated events of India’s campaign. The Games also mark several milestones for Indian sport. The women’s 3x3 wheelchair basketball team is making its Commonwealth Games debut, reflecting the increasing prominence of integrated para-sport competitions. Meanwhile, Indian boxers will seek to continue the country’s long-standing success in the Commonwealth arena, while gymnasts and swimmers aim to produce breakthrough performances against strong international competition. Although Glasgow 2026 is significantly smaller than previous editions, organisers believe the streamlined format will ensure financial sustainability while preserving the spirit of the Commonwealth Games.

HYDRAA clarifies on Lothukunta land dispute after HC's

The distance between the disputed site and the site fenced off by HYDRAA is three kilometer, HYDRAA has said

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After the Telangana High Court took a serious note of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency's (HYDRAA) alleged illegal interference with private property in Lothukunta, Secunderabad, the agency issued a clarification denying the allegations. The issue revolves around HYDRAA's operation on Saturday, July 18, where they fenced off 106 acre of land in the Lothukunta area of Secunderabad Cantonment. The Telangana High Court on Thursday, July 23, directed the deployment of Indian Army personnel to guard the Secunderabad property, saying it had lost faith in the state government and



its agencies after repeated violations of its orders. Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti had also said that if required, he could direct the army to take HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath into custody and lodge him in an army barracks for repeatedly violating court orders. HYDRAA has clarified that land belonging to Shanta Sriram Constructions lies in Survey No 1 and 2 in Lotkunta,

whereas the government land fenced off by the agency lies in General Land Register Numbers 243 and 255. The distance between the two sites is three kilometre, HYDRAA said. "GLR No. 243 and 255 have nothing to do with the court orders on private land regarding Survey No. 1 and 2," the agency stated in a release. The government land in GLR 243 and 255 has nat-

ural hills and trees where peacocks and rabbits roam freely. However, environmentalists had complained to the agency that the hills were being blasted at night and illegal mining was being carried out, the release added. After examining these complaints, HYDRAA fenced off the land and protected public property worth Rs 10,000 crore, it said. HYDRAA has said that Shanta Sriram Constructions obtained layout permissions in 2007 on private land in Survey Nos. 1 and 2 in Lotkunta but mentioned GLR numbers 243/P and 255/P when it applied for revised layout permissions in 2026. They added that it was Survey Nos. 1 and 2 that Shantha Shriram had approached the court

over; however, HYDRAA had fenced land in GLR numbers 243 and 255. Maps provided by the Defence Estate Officers also show GLR 243 and 255 as government land, the agency said. "Revenue officials are conducting a full investigation into Shantha Sriram Constructions' application for revised layout permission by changing survey numbers. HYDRAA believes that all these matters will become clear after a full survey is conducted," the release stated. HYDRAA said that it could not disclose all details since the matter is currently before the High Court; however, it stated that this explanation was necessary due to the false information being circulated on social media.

50 Bicycles Gifted to Students on KTR's 50th Birthday

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BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao's (KTR) 50th birthday was marked with a service-oriented initiative as 50 bicycles were distributed to students of Ellen High School in King Kothi under the 'Gift a Smile' programme on Thursday. Former ministers Talasani Srinivas Yadav and Mahmood Ali, along with BRS MLC Dasoju Shraavan, attended the programme as chief guests and handed over bicycles to students from Classes 6 to 10. The initiative aimed to support students by making their daily commute to school easier and encouraging them to continue their education. Addressing the gathering, BRS leaders said KTR's



birthday has evolved beyond celebrations and cake-cutting into an occasion dedicated to serving society. They noted that the 'Gift a Smile' initiative, launched with KTR's vision of bringing happiness to the underprivileged, has benefited thousands of people over the past few years through various welfare activities. The leaders expressed confidence that the bicycles would reduce the burden of travel for the students and help them pursue their studies more

effectively. They also highlighted KTR's continued focus on the welfare of youth, students and the common people, stating that the party remains committed to carrying forward his spirit of public service through meaningful community programmes. Later, special prayers were offered at Ram Koti CSI Church in the presence of Bishop Vidyasagar and senior pastors, seeking good health and a long life for KTR.

Telangana Stands To Gain From E20 Push As Ethanol Units And Farm-Linked Demand Is Expected To Expand

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The Centre's defence of E20 petrol — mixing of 20 per cent of ethanol — has sharpened the national debate over mileage, vehicle compatibility and cleaner fuel, but for Telangana the policy also opens an industrial and rural opportunity. The government on Thursday said there is no proposal to raise ethanol blending beyond 20 per cent at present, and any future move will be based on scientific studies and consultations with automobile makers, oil companies

and research institutions. Ethanol production activity is visible in parts of Medak, Sangareddy, Nizamabad and Peddapalli districts, where grain-based distilleries and allied processing units have joined the biofuel supply chain. These plants can benefit from steadier demand, while farmers supplying maize, damaged grain and other feedstock may find a stronger local market for their produce. The transition can also support transporters, storage operators, quality-testing facilities and logistics firms linked to fuel movement and blend-



ing. If procurement systems are efficient and payments remain timely, the policy can improve rural incomes, especially in north Telangana, where agriculture and agro-processing already have strong links. That makes the E20 shift not only an energy policy but also a potential development

lever for the state, said Mohammad Zubair, lead process engineer and bio-fuel expert, who specialises in conversion of urban municipal solid waste into ethanol. "Telangana can emerge as a key biofuel hub if feed-stock procurement, if distillery capacity and logistics are aligned properly," said Dr Raghavendra Rao, a fuel expert. "E20 may slightly worry owners of older vehicles, but for farmers and rural industry, it can be a meaningful gain." The government says E20 is a tested, safer fuel that offers higher octane,

cleaner combustion and lower emissions. It notes that the programme has already cut crude imports, saved foreign exchange and increased payments to farmers. The Centre also said most concerns raised on social media with regard to the alleged deleterious effects of mixing ethanol in petrol have not been backed by manufacturers or consumer bodies. It contends that any mileage drop in older vehicles is generally limited and depends on vehicle condition and driving habits.

CMC Discusses Continuous Structural Health Monitoring System For Bridges And Flyovers

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Cyberabad municipal corporation (CMC) held a meeting with IIIT Hyderabad and SentinelIQ (a company) to discuss the implementation of a continuous structural health/stability monitoring system for bridges and flyovers within the corporation limits. The meeting focused on leveraging advanced sensor-based technologies and data analytics to continuously monitor the structural health of bridges and flyovers. The proposed system aims to assess the structural condition, estimate the service life and ageing of critical infras-



tructure and establish a systematic structural audit and monitoring mechanism. Officials discussed the use of real-time monitoring technologies that can help detect structural changes at an early stage, enabling timely maintenance and preventive interventions. Such a technology-driven approach is expected to enhance public safety,

improve asset management and support informed decision-making for infrastructure maintenance according to CMC officials. CMC commissioner G. Srijana said that technology-driven monitoring systems will play a significant role in improving the maintenance and resilience of bridges and flyovers across Cyberabad.



Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha, along with Devanpalli Anil, their son Arya, and family members, offers special prayers at Jubilee Hills Peddamma Temple on the occasion of Arya's birthday. Temple Chairman P. Vishnu Vardhan Reddy felicitated the family and presented them with the temple's sacred prasadam.

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KTR to skip birthday celebration, join BRSV protest backing students, youth

BRS working president KT Rama Rao will skip his birthday celebrations and join a BRS Vidyarthi protest at Indira Park in Hyderabad, on Thursday morning.

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao will skip his 50th birthday celebrations and participate in a protest organised by the BRSV at Indira Park on Friday to express his solidarity with the agitating student community. The protest is being organised in solidarity with students and youth protesting against the Centre's actions in New Delhi and to condemn the alleged police excesses against the protesters. A large number of students, youth and BRSV activists are expected to take part in the programme. The BRS said the demonstration was intended to show support for students' movements and oppose actions taken against protesters in the national capital. Announcing his participation, Rama Rao said the voice of India's youth cannot be suppressed through force.



He urged students, youth and citizens who believe in democracy to join the protest and stand up for the constitutional right to dissent. Speaking to mediapersons separately, former MLA Balka Suman said despite his 50th birthday on Friday, BRS Working President KT Rama Rao chose to stay away from celebrations and instead participate in the BRSV demonstration in solidarity with students and youth protesting across the country. He said the protests over the NEET issue had spread across the country and urged the Centre to take action against those responsible for the alleged paper leak. He demanded the withdrawal of cases against protesting students, sought the resignation of

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and called for stronger safeguards to prevent future examination leaks. He also targeted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, alleging that he had remained silent on the NEET issue while criticising KT Rama Rao during a protest in Kodangal. He questioned why Revanth Reddy chose to visit Kodangal instead of joining Congress leaders protesting in New Delhi alongside Rahul Gandhi.

BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav said the BRS student wing (BRSV) had been consistently protesting against the alleged irregularities in NEET. He accused the BJP government at the Centre of using force against students in Delhi and alleged that the Congress government in Telangana had similarly cracked down on unemployed youth during protests in Hyderabad.

Surround Gandhi Bhavan, we will gherao BJP office: Jagga Reddy



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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) working president T Jagga Reddy took a jibe at Telangana Bharatiya Janata Party president Ramchander Rao, questioning the latter's decision about surrounding Gandhi Bhavan when the Union government disallows student protests in the national capital. "If you target Gandhi Bhavan, we would in turn surround the BJP office," he

said. He said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi owes an unconditional apology to the youth of the nation after the Delhi Police and Rapid Action Force (RAF) unleashed indiscriminate violence on Monday during the peaceful Chalo Sansad protest at Jantar Mantar. "Through NEET paper leaks, the Central government has played with the future of lakhs of students. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan must resign," he said.

Talasani's Petition Dismissed As Withdrawn

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The Telangana High Court on Thursday dismissed as withdrawn a writ petition filed by BRS Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav, who alleged that government officials had deliberately excluded him from an official coordination meeting convened to oversee arrangements for the Sri Yellamma Po-



chamma Devasthanam Kalyanotsavam at Balakampet. The endowments department recorded that the department had invited the MLA for the

meeting scheduled for July 8, and that he had been personally informed at his residence of the event. The department categorically stated that all prescribed protocol norms had been followed. Appearing for the endowments department and the temple board, senior counsel Ch. Satish Kumar contended that the matter was not one involving breach of protocol.