

**Youngsters are not afraid of CBI or ED: KTR tells Modi: P8****Bandi Sanjay Hits Out at Opposition Over NEET Row: P2****Revanth for Bureau To Manage Traffic in Hyderabad: P3****WEATHER**

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Modi Thanks Followers for Insightful Responses in Second Insta Video

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday shared a second Instagram reel within 24 hours, thanking people for the response to his earlier video on the NEET paper leak controversy and the government's proposed crackdown on examination fraud. In the brief video, Modi expressed gratitude for the support, feedback and suggestions he received after his selfie-style message, which was posted on Thursday night and drew widespread engagement on social media.

"Thank you, friends. Last night, I had the opportunity to connect with you. Thank you for the way you responded to the video I posted and for your positive suggestions. Thanks to everybody. I hope your love and support continue and that our bond grows even stronger and more active. Thank you."

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Build Indiramma Flats On Unused Govt Land In City, Says Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday directed officials to develop Indiramma housing colonies for the urban poor within residential areas of the city's Core Urban Region (CURE), falling within the Outer Ring Road (ORR) limits, instead of locating them on the city outskirts. He directed officials to expedite the identification of unused government land owned by various departments. Reviewing the implementation of the Indiramma urban housing scheme on Friday, the Chief Minister



decided that land belonging to the police, revenue and transport departments be used for the scheme and they would be compensated with land in other locations.

Officials briefed the Chief Minister on housing sites identified in several Assembly constituencies.

Revanth Reddy said constructing houses far from residential areas and workplaces could deprive beneficiaries of employment and livelihood opportunities, making it difficult for them to shift to the new colonies. He observed that this was one of the reasons why several

2BHK houses constructed during the previous BRS government tenure remained unoccupied.

The state government has announced plans to construct Indiramma houses in several constituencies within the CURE area. Each flat will have a built-up area of approximately 528 square feet and a carpet area of 400 square feet. While the estimated construction cost of each flat is around `11 lakh, the government will provide a subsidy of `5 lakh, with the beneficiary required to bear the remaining `6 lakh. The government will bear the entire cost of the

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Students Defy Curbs, Swell Jantar Mantar Protest

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Thousands of students continued to throng Jantar Mantar on Friday, undeterred by warnings from universities in the national capital and unfazed by the closure of at least 18 Metro stations for the fourth consecutive day. The administration's and universities' attempts to choke access to the protest site appeared to have the opposite effect, with the crowd swelling by the hour. "This is our Dandi March," one of the students said as they walked all the way to the protest site while the administration shut down metro stations. The atmosphere remained charged. The air reverberated with thunderous claps, defiant songs and slogans as the agitation showed no signs of losing momentum.

Yet beneath the charged atmosphere there seemed to be a note of disappointment. While the students welcomed social activist Sonam Wangchuk's decision to end his fast, many were caught off guard by his decision to do so without pressing for the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan. "We are happy that Sonam sir ended his



fast, since we were concerned about his health. But we had hoped that he would have held his ground till Pradhan resigned," was the sentiment that was reflected across the protest site.

Interestingly, there was a thin police presence near Jantar Mantar. But the surrounding areas looked like a battle zone with heavily armed police personnel dotting the entry and exit points. As a stream of protestors ushered into the venue, students were seen managing the crowd themselves. Posters and placards of Hitler alongside Modi also dominated the horizon around the site, a clear pointer to the disenchantment and anger against the government for not removing Pradhan from the Union Cabinet. "We treated Wangchuk sir like Gandhi. But it seems he too has buckled

under the government pressure. That's why he broke his fast without seeking Pradhan's resignation," a student from Uttarakhand said. As "Inquilab Zindabad" and "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" slogans echoed through the crowd, a group of cheerful students from the South Delhi campus asserted they had already taken "steam out of the arrogant government". "We are also voters. So it is better this government takes our demands in right earnest," remarked a student in the group in the backdrop of the talks between the Union ministers and the representatives of the Cockroach Janta Party, which is spearheading the agitation.

Agitated over the use of excessive police force during the "Chalo Sansad" march on July 20, several students said they

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RAF Pellet Use Under Probe

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The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has initiated an internal verification into allegations that its Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel used pellet guns during the July 20 protest at Jantar Mantar. Officials said the Inspector General of the RAF has been asked to examine the sequence of events during the operation to control protesters. A formal Court of Inquiry has not yet been ordered and will depend on the findings of the verification exercise.

At least three persons re-

portedly sustained pellet injuries during the students' agitation, which was held under the banner of the Cockroach Janta Party demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak.

Officials said the force has taken cognisance of social media videos and photographs showing RAF personnel in action, including visuals of lathi-charge and use of equipment.

Footage of personnel being surrounded and attacked by protesters is also being examined.

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Indian Seafarer Killed in Attack on MV Omorfi

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An Indian seafarer was killed in an attack on the commercial vessel MV Omorfi in the Black Sea, the ministry of external affairs said on Friday adding that the ship had three Indians on board. The two other nationals have been reported to be safe, the statement said. India strongly condemned the attack and said assaults on



commercial shipping and civilian crew members were unacceptable. It called on all parties to safeguard maritime navigation and ensure that

global trade was not disrupted.

The ministry has not disclosed the identity of the deceased seafarer or further details about the

vessel, the location and circumstances of the attack, or those responsible. The incident comes days after four Indian crew members were killed in an attack on MV Golden Leo while it was leaving Ukraine's Odesa port. India subsequently summoned Russia's chargé d'affaires and conveyed its grave concerns over the safety of Indian seafarers in the Black Sea.

SC Will Hear Two Pleas Alleging Police Excesses on Students

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The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear on Monday two petitions alleging police excesses on students protesting the NEET paper leak and other examination irregularities. A Bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana took note of the urgency after the matter was mentioned by senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan. "Police is using excessive force against the students," he said, adding, "The court stands between us and the police."

He urged the court to list the pleas urgently, stating that incidents were occurring on a daily basis. He



informed the Bench that two petitions had been filed and numbered by the registry. The Chief Justice said the pleas would be listed for hearing on July 27. The Bench also addressed reports suggesting that urgent hearing had earlier been denied, terming such media coverage "reckless". "In the last two days, a completely false statement was made that a matter was filed,

and the media is absolutely free from all responsibility and falsely reporting that the Chief Justice refused to list the matter," the CJI said. "Till morning 10 am, not a single page has been filed. It was one representation...Sent by Mishra or someone. How can I treat the representation as a writ petition? And people start recklessly reporting this," he added. Referring

to an earlier mentioning, the court noted that no formal petition had been filed at that stage. On Wednesday, a lawyer had sought urgent hearing on alleged police action during a protest march on July 20, citing video evidence.

"I have the videos as well regarding police brutality... If it can be listed tomorrow (Thursday)... Students are there," the lawyer had said. The Chief Justice declined the request at the time, stating the court was not inclined to examine video material at the mentioning stage. "We are not interested in videos, we don't have time to watch... We don't want to watch videos," he said. When the counsel reiterated

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Apologise, High court Tells HYDRAA Chief

The court noted that Ranganath had suddenly become the all-pervading authority

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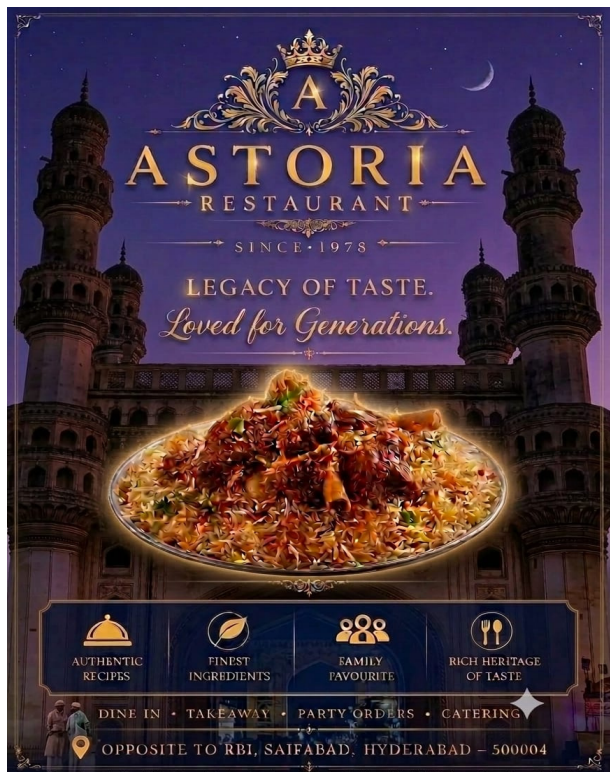
The Telangana High Court on Friday delivered one of its strongest indictments of HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath, holding that his actions had reached a stage where it was making a "mockery of the rule of law and the majesty of the court." The court noted that Ranganath had suddenly become the all-pervading authority and interfered with the administration of justice where he was not arrayed as the respondent and that he did not comply with the orders of the court.

The court stated that the actions of the commissioner "went far... beyond the rule of law" and warned that it would have ordered his custody in the ongoing contempt case but for the intervention of Advocate-General A. Sudershan Reddy. Hearing contempt petitions filed by Shanta Sriram Constructions Pvt. Ltd against the HYDRAA for demolition and interference to its 40-acre land in Lothkunta, Justice Anil Kumar Jukanti directed Ranganath to file a detailed personal



affidavit on July 27 explaining the circumstances under which the agency had entered the disputed property despite subsisting court orders. The court also directed him to furnish an unequivocal assurance that HYDRAA would not enter the property again, pending further orders.

The order dated July 23 passed by the court with regard to deploying the Army at Lothukunta to take custody of HYDRAA officials if they violated the orders of the court would be considered after filing of Ranganath's affidavit on July 27. Recording its strongest disapproval of HYDRAA's conduct, the court observed that an authority which was not even a party to the original writ proceedings had "interfered with the administration of justice" and termed the development "unprecedented"

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NDSA to Be Asked for Guidance on KLIS Barrages' Operations

The Telangana government will seek NDSA guidance on the safe operation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages before resuming pumping.

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Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to seek clear technical guidance from the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the future operation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme.

Chairing a high-level review meeting on Friday, the minister instructed officials to write to both the Union ministry and the NDSA, requesting explicit clarification on whether the barrages can safely resume water storage and



pumping operations. He reiterated that the Telangana government has been maintaining the three barrages in a free-flow condition strictly in line with the recommendations of the NDSA to address dam safety concerns.

Uttam Kumar Reddy emphasized that pumping op-

erations would be permitted only after a competent technical authority certifies that water storage and pumping can be resumed without compromising structural safety. He made it clear that the government would not take any decision based on political pressure or visual assessments of the barrages.

During the review, officials informed the minister that while recent statements by the Union Jal Shakti Minister and correspondence from the ministry indicated that state governments are generally responsible for operational decisions regarding barrages, they did not specifically address the NDSA's recommendations to keep the structures in free-flow condition.

Officials also reported that the Annaram barrage continues to face safety concerns, as indications of cavities have been detected in its foundation, making it unsafe to im-

pound water at this stage.

The meeting also reviewed proposals for possible pumping operations during the ongoing monsoon. Engineers explained that pumping would require adequate upstream water levels, which cannot be maintained while the barrages remain in free-flow mode.

Reaffirming the state's commitment to public safety, Uttam Kumar Reddy said all future decisions regarding the Kaleshwaram barrages would be guided solely by scientific assessments and expert technical advice, ensuring that safety remains the government's highest priority.

Bandi Sanjay Hits Out at Opposition Over NEET Row

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Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Congress, BRS and I.N.D.I.A. bloc parties, accusing them of exploiting the NEET controversy to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi and push their own political agenda.

Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office, Sanjay asked what connection NEET had with Azad Kashmir, Article 370, Sanatana Dharma, Lord Rama, Goddess Sita, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal or Sri Lanka. He said no genuine student aspiring to become a doctor would throw stones, carry sticks or raise anti-national slogans during protests.

He alleged that 118 policemen were seriously injured in the Delhi



agitation and that journalists, including women reporters, were attacked. "What kind of protest is this? Why were slogans raised against the country?" he asked, adding that police were forced to lathicharge only because of the violence. Sanjay claimed the INDIA bloc was not interested in resolving the NEET issue, but in dethroning Modi and projecting Rahul Gandhi as the next prime minister. He said the demand for the resignation of the Prime Minister, Home Minister and Education Minister was part of a larger political script.

The BJP leader also hit back at critics over past exam leak controversies,

citing multiple instances under previous governments, including the UPA era, Rajasthan under Ashok Gehlot, Punjab, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala. He said BRS leaders had no moral right to speak on paper leaks, pointing to alleged irregularities during their rule, including Group-I paper leaks and the intermediate results controversy that led to student suicides.

Turning the attack on the Congress government, he said it had failed to act on fee reimbursement dues and accused it of hurting the future of more than 20 lakh students. Sanjay also said the Centre had already taken reforms to curb exam leaks and would continue to do so in the interest of students, adding that they were ready to discuss the NEET exam issue on the floor of Parliament.

Telangana Asks Centre To Pay for Bullet Train Hub Land

400-acre allotment adjusted against equity in the Hyderabad high-speed rail projects

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The Telangana government has sought land or financial assistance from the Centre in return for the 400 acres it has allotted at Bahadurguda in Shamshabad for the proposed bullet train hub for three high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad with Mumbai, Bengaluru and Chennai, official sources said. A decision to this effect was taken at the state Cabinet meeting held on July 17, and was conveyed to the Centre, sources added.

The government has proposed either an exchange of the 400 acres with land belonging to the railways or other Central organisations within the ORR limits. Alternatively, it has sought adjustment of the value of the 400 acres



against Telangana's equity contribution to the bullet train projects. If not, the government sought financial assistance from the Centre towards the land acquisition required for construction of railway stations and laying high-speed railway tracks.

Each state through which the corridors pass will have to contribute a specified share of the project cost as equity, with the Centre expected to determine the contribution. For the three corridors connecting Telangana, the Centre is expected to contribute 50 per cent of the project cost, while the remaining 50 per cent will have to be shared as

equity by the respective states through which the corridors pass, amounting to 10 per cent each. Telangana now wants the value of the 400 acres allotted for the Shamshabad hub to be adjusted against its equity contribution or the Centre to extend financial assistance for land acquisition.

In comparison, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project, which is expected to commence operations in August 2027, is being developed at an estimated cost of `1.1 lakh crore. The Centre is contributing 50 per cent equity, while Maharashtra and Gujarat are contributing 25 per cent each. The equal equity contribution by the two states was decided to ensure that both have an equal say in the project.

Divi's, Aurobindo Fund Hare Krishna Kitchens

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The Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation received major Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grants from Divi's Laboratories and Aurobindo Pharma for expanding school breakfast kitchens in Telangana. The grants were presented in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Divi's Laboratories has committed



Rs. 12.18 crores to set up a new greenfield centralised kitchen at Choutuppal. The facility will prepare breakfast for around 60,000 schoolchildren across Yadadri-Bhu-

vanagiri and Nalgonda districts. Aurobindo Pharma has sanctioned Rs. 10 crores to establish a new kitchen in Sangareddy, and modernise the foundation's

existing facility at Kodanagal. The project will support breakfast for about 85,000 children in Sangareddy, Vikarabad, Narayanpet and Mahabubnagar districts. The Foundation said the new infrastructure will strengthen its school breakfast programme, improve meal delivery capacity and help provide nutritious morning meals to more government school students across Telangana.

HYDRAA Commissioner Ranganath Inspects Gachibowli Desilting Works

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HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath inspected the progress of desilting and restoration works being carried out in stormwater drains leading to Khajaguda lake near the Gachibowli junction, and reviewed the condition of the roads in front of a mall, where rainwater had accumulated earlier this monsoon. He noted that one vent of a box drain carrying water to

Khajaguda lake was blocked with silt. He directed officials to speed up desilting works and also inspected the connecting stormwater drains above the box drain. Officials informed him that the precautionary measures taken previously had prevented waterlogging during the recent rain, and said that once the silt is fully removed from the two vents of the box drains crossing the Old Mumbai Highway, the risk of flooding in the

area would be reduced. Ranganath also inspected the underpass opposite a mall at Kondapur junction, after rainwater recently collected there. Officials said two automatic water pumps had failed, leading to the waterlogging. Ranganath instructed them to repair the pumps immediately. He also directed HYDRAA's DRF and MET staff to keep 25 horsepower pumps ready at the location to quickly remove rainwater if needed.

Cyberabad to Get Urban Biodiversity Centre in Serilingampally; CMC Clears Key Civic Projects

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has approved the establishment of the Cyberabad Urban Biodiversity Centre for Awareness, Rescue and Rehabilitation (CUB-CARE) at Ashoka Vanam Park, Serilingampally, in collaboration with the Animal Warriors Conservation Society (AWCS). The Standing Committee, chaired by Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, also cleared several infrastructure projects, including box drains, CC roads, utility shifting works, and road devel-



opment in Ameenpur, Khaithalapur, Bhagyana-gar Allwyn Colony, and Madhapur. The committee approved the development of PJR Stadium in Chandanagar with a new athletic track and sanctioned 32 Indiramma Canteens across the CMC limits. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban) 2.0, ASCI will

provide technical support for solid waste management and Swachh Survekshan 2027. Additional approvals include recruitment of sanitation staff, procurement of PPE, and two major road projects connecting NH-65-PJR Enclave and Miyapur Lotus Hospitals-Ameenpur.

Telangana Mandates Mandal Parishad Meetings Every 45 Days

In a major step aimed at strengthening grassroots governance and accelerating rural development, the Government of Telangana has directed that Mandal Praja Parishad (MPP) meetings be conducted once every 45 days in every mandal across the State. The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (MZAD) Department issued Memo No. PRRD-MZAD/3/53/2026, dated July 24, 2026, following directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister during a review meeting held on July 21, 2026. According to the orders, the meetings will be attended by Gram Panchayat Sarpanches, Mandal-level officers and Special Officers of Mandal Praja Parishads. The primary objective is to strengthen coordination among stakeholders, review the progress of Gram Panchayat development works and improve the implementation of government welfare and development programmes.

The Government has instructed Special Officers to use these meetings as a platform for capacity building and training of Sarpanches, enabling them to better understand their statutory responsibilities, financial management, and implementation of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development schemes. The meetings will also review programmes of other government departments to ensure effective convergence at the grassroots level.

Cyberabad Municipal Corporation Okays Biodiversity Centre for Animals

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) standing committee on Friday approved setting up a biodiversity centre for animals, 32 new Indiramma Canteens, aspirational toilets and taking up road construction in some areas across its municipal limits. The Cyberabad Urban Biodiversity Centre for Awareness, Rescue & Rehabilitation (CUB-CARE) will come up at Ashoka Vanam Park, Serilingampally. It will serve as a hub for emer-



gency response, medical treatment, rehabilitation and awareness for animals and will be used as a veterinary and quarantine facility to treat injured or sick animals. The CUB-CARE, which is being set up in collaboration with the Animal Warriors Conservation Society

(AWCS), will create a model facility that complements the functions of zoos and existing civic animal shelters. The urban biodiversity wing of the CMC will develop an awareness and training centre to engage schools, colleges, and communities. The committee also approved

Komuravelli Station to Open on July 26

Union minister for coal and mines G Kishan Reddy will inaugurate the Komuravelli railway station on July 26, giving a major boost to rail connectivity for devotees visiting the Sri Komuravelli Mallana Swamy Temple and for residents in the region. Developed to improve passenger convenience and regional connectivity, the station is expected to ease travel for pilgrims who earlier depended largely on road transport. It will also support tourism around the temple town and improve access for nearby villages and towns in Siddipet district.

Built at an estimated cost of Rs 5.33 crore, the station is almost ready for public use, with modern facilities and halts for select passenger services expected from the day of inauguration. The opening is being seen as another example of the Centre's push to expand and modernise railway infrastructure in Telangana. The BJP has been highlighting the rapid growth of Indian Railways, including new lines, station redevelopment, electrification and upgraded passenger amenities, projecting these works as part of a broader development drive in Telangana. Officials say the Komuravelli station.

Revanth for Bureau To Manage Traffic in Hyderabad

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday directed officials to establish a dedicated bureau to monitor traffic management and road safety in Telangana and asked them to study the feasibility of introducing a smart signalling system to reduce traffic congestion in the city. During a review meeting on traffic management, road safety, drug prevention and security, the Chief Minister called for an institutional framework for the proposed bureau after conducting a comprehensive study of traffic and road safety requirements across the state.

Revanth Reddy said the bureau should be mandated to review measures for improving traffic regulation once every two or



three months. He stressed that merely imposing traffic rules would not solve the problem, and called for greater emphasis on effective traffic regulation. He directed officials to prepare traffic management plans taking into account weather changes, working hours and peak traffic periods, and said traffic impact studies should be conducted before taking up new infrastructure projects.

Referring to recent accidents, the Chief Minister

said vehicles being parked indiscriminately on the Outer Ring Road were causing serious accidents and directed officials to take preventive measures and ensure continuous monitoring to prevent vehicles from being parked at unauthorised locations on the ORR. He observed that traffic congestion was worsening in the Hyderabad Core Urban Region because motorists were frequently forced to stop at closely spaced traffic signals.

To move towards a signal-free city, he suggested constructing underpasses and elevated corridors in Hyderabad and asked officials to ensure uninterrupted vehicle movement and minimise stoppages at signals as far as possible. He also directed them to study the introduction of a smart signalling system to improve traffic flow in the city. On drug prevention, the Chief Minister said the government was serious about curbing drug abuse and instructed officials to adopt a stringent approach and consider introducing tougher regulations to crack down on the menace.

He called for measures to prevent drug abuse in educational institutions, including obtaining declarations from students and making the managements of educational institutions accountable.

Congress Must Treat SIR as a Top Priority to Protect Every Eligible Vote: Minister Damodar Raja narsimha

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has urged Congress leaders and elected representatives in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district not to take the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls lightly, stressing that protecting the voting rights of every eligible citizen is a collective responsibility. Chairing a review meeting with MLAs and senior Congress leaders from the united Mahabubnagar district at the Ministers' Quarters in Banjara Hills on Thursday, the Minister assessed the constituency-wise progress of the SIR exercise and called for intensified efforts before the August 3 deadline.

Describing the SIR programme as a high-priority campaign for the Congress Party, Damodar Rajanarsimha said every available day must be uti-



lised effectively to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls. Referring to the directions of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Minister called upon party workers to conduct a grassroots campaign on the lines of an election drive by reaching every village, every ward, and every polling booth. He stressed that every Congress leader and worker must ensure that no eligible citizen loses the constitutional right to vote.

The Minister instructed leaders to verify polling booth-wise voter lists, identify eligible citizens whose names are missing, facilitate necessary corrections, assist new voter

registrations, and help people file objections wherever required. Emphasising the crucial role of Booth Level Agents (BLAs), he directed MLAs, constituency in-charges, DCC presidents, and party functionaries to work in close coordination with BLAs and monitor field-level progress through daily reviews. Any issues identified during the exercise, he said, should be addressed immediately to ensure the successful completion of the SIR process.

The review meeting was attended by Minister Vakitri Srihari, MLAs Yen-nam Srinivas Reddy, Madhusudan Reddy, Anirudh Reddy, Megha Reddy, Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy, Chikkudu Vamsi Krishna, senior Congress leaders Sampath Kumar, Saritha Tirupatayya, and other party representatives.

El Niño Impact Remains Uneven in Telangana

While seasonal totals fluctuated, one feature remained consistent: rainfall became increasingly uneven within the season, with sharp month-to-month swings, particularly during August and September.

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The monsoon has become a case of local contrasts, with rainfall deficits stretching across most districts even as forecasts point to neighbouring districts receiving very different amounts of rain over the rest of the season. Data shared by Dr O.P. Sreejith, scientist and head, climate monitoring and prediction group, India Meteorological Department (IMD), show that between 1951 and 2023, Telangana experienced 17 El Nino years, yet seasonal rainfall behaved very differently each time.

The state recorded a 39.3 per cent deficit in 1972, 35.7 per cent in 2004, and 28.3 per cent in 2002. But the state also recorded more rainfall in some El Nino years — 24.3 per cent surplus in 1953, 14 per cent surplus in 1976 and 15.3 per cent surplus in 2023. While



seasonal totals fluctuated, one feature remained consistent: rainfall became increasingly uneven within the season, with sharp month-to-month swings, particularly during August and September.

The same pattern is emerging this year, as IMD data up to July 20 show 31 of Telangana's 33 districts were in rainfall deficit. Only Mulugu had normal rainfall, while Kamareddy remained within the normal range with a nine per cent deficit. The steepest deficits were recorded in Medchal Malkajgiri (minus 59 per cent), Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (minus 59), Nirmal (minus 57), Wanaparthy (minus 54), Warangal (minus 54),

Hanamkonda (minus 53) and Hyderabad (minus 47).

The seasonal forecast did not indicate a uniformly poor monsoon. Instead, IMD's district-level outlook shows that normal rainfall was favoured across much of central and northern Telangana, while below-normal rainfall signals were stronger over southern and north-eastern districts. The forecast also noted that neighbouring districts may fall into different rainfall categories, and that no part of Telangana has a probability exceeding 75 per cent for any one rainfall category. This suggested that rainfall anomalies were likely to remain localised rather than statewide.

Only Cement and Bricks Do Not Make a Building: SCAC Raises Safety Concerns

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The Society for Crusade Against Corruption (SCAC) has urged the government to make the involvement of qualified civil engineers mandatory in all construction projects, warning that the increasing number of unqualified builders poses a serious threat to public safety.

SCAC said unauthorized and poorly planned constructions are on the rise as many inexperienced builders enter the sector



without proper technical knowledge or accountability. The organization stressed that quality buildings require proper planning, structural design, engineering expertise, and strict adherence to build-

ing regulations, not just cement and bricks.

It also highlighted that while unqualified builders continue to flourish, many qualified civil engineers remain unemployed or underemployed despite their professional expertise. SCAC called for stricter regulations, mandatory builder licensing, and greater accountability to improve construction quality, protect public safety, and create employment opportunities for trained engineering professionals.

New Shabad SI D.K. Lakshmi Reddy Assumes Charge; Public Expects Stronger Law & Order

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In a significant administrative development, Sri D.K. Lakshmi Reddy officially assumed charge as the Station House Officer (Sub-Inspector of Police) of Shabad Police Station in Rangareddy District on Friday, July 24, 2026.

The newly appointed SI took charge at the police station in the presence of departmental officials and staff. His appointment has been welcomed by local residents, who expressed confidence that his leadership will



further strengthen policing, enhance public safety, and ensure effective maintenance of law and order in the region.

On the occasion, SI D.K. Lakshmi Reddy reaffirmed the Police Department's commitment to people-friendly

policing, prompt response to public grievances, and strict action against criminal activities. He emphasized that maintaining peace, ensuring public security, and building trust between the police and the community would remain his top priorities.

Residents and local leaders extended their best wishes to the newly posted officer, expressing hope that his tenure would contribute to a safer, more secure, and crime-free Shabad. Shabad Police Station, D.K. Lakshmi Reddy, SI Assumes Charge, Rangareddy District, Telangana Police, Law and Order, Wakeup Telangana.

Palvancha Pays Candlelight Tribute to NEET Student Victims



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Members of the National Ambedkar Sena organised a candlelight vigil at the KTPS Ambedkar Centre in Palvancha to pay tribute to students who lost their lives amid the controversies surrounding the NEET examination, including paper leaks and alleged lapses in the examination system.

The programme was led by the organisation's women president, Pushpalatha. Women leaders Baddam Madhavi, Swarnalatha, Rama, Lavanya and Madhavilatha, along with Burgula Vijayabaskar Rao, Tillu Kampati Brothers Ahmed, party leaders, activists, youth, women and local residents, participated in large numbers and lit candles in memory of the deceased students.

Addressing the gathering, speakers ex-

pressed concern over the mental distress faced by students due to repeated irregularities in competitive examinations. They said the dreams of students, the aspirations of parents and the future of families should never become victims of administrative failures or negligence.

The speakers urged the government to ensure complete transparency in the examination system, take stringent action against those responsible for paper leaks and provide justice to the families of students who lost their lives.

They also called for comprehensive reforms in the conduct of competitive examinations to restore public confidence and prevent similar tragedies in the future. The programme concluded with a two-minute silence in memory of the departed students.

Broken Tarnaka Electric Pole Sparks Safety Fears, Urgent Action Sought

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Residents of Siddharth Nagar and Gokul Nagar Colony in Tarnaka have expressed serious concern over a damaged electric pole that has been leaning against a tree for the past several months, posing a major safety hazard to the public.



The broken pole is located along the road near Kapal Bone Setting on a busy internal street frequently used by pedestrians, two-wheelers, cars, and other vehicles. Locals fear that the weakened

pole could collapse at any time, especially during the ongoing monsoon season, when heavy rains, strong winds, and thunderstorms significantly increase the risk of accidents. Apartment Council Member

Usha Sree Thalka expressed serious concern over the hazardous condition and urged the concerned departments to take immediate corrective measures.

She emphasized that pub-

R&B Minister Komatireddy Reviews Stalled Road Works in Aleru

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In a significant move aimed at expediting infrastructure development, Telangana Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy made a surprise inspection of the long-pending Atmakur-Motakondur Main Road works in Aleru Assembly Constituency.

Accompanied by Aleru MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiiah and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anurag Jayanti, the Minister conducted an on-site review of the stalled project and assessed the reasons be-



hind the delay.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the prolonged halt in construction, Minister Komatireddy spoke directly with the contractor over the phone and issued strict instructions to resume the road works within the next two to three days. He made it

clear that unnecessary delays would not be tolerated and directed officials to closely monitor the progress until completion.

The Minister also reviewed the Yadagirigutta-Turkapally Road project and instructed the concerned authorities to com-

plete the remaining works on a priority basis, ensuring better road connectivity and safer transportation for commuters.

During the inspection, MLA Beerla Ilaiiah highlighted the hardships being faced by local residents and motorists due to the unfinished road projects and urged the Minister to ensure their early completion. Responding positively, the Minister assured that the State Government is committed to strengthening road infrastructure and delivering quality public works without further delay.

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 Rajiya 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.

RAF Pellet Use Under Probe

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The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has initiated an internal verification into allegations that its Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel used pellet guns during the July 20 protest at Jantar Mantar. Officials said the Inspector General of the RAF has been asked to examine the sequence of events during the operation to control protesters. A formal Court of Inquiry has not yet been ordered and will depend on the findings of the verification exercise. At least three persons reportedly sustained pellet injuries during the students' agitation, which was held under the banner of the Cockroach Janta Party demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Prad-



han over the NEET paper leak. Officials said the force has taken cognisance of social media videos and photographs showing RAF personnel in action, including visuals of lathi-charge and use of equipment. Footage of personnel being surrounded and attacked by protesters is also being examined. "All legal procedures stipulated to check the conduct of the personnel during such operational duties will be followed," a CRPF official said. Officials said the RAF is

equipped with 12-bore pump-action guns, or pellet guns, as part of its riot control armoury. Standard operating procedures mandate graded use of such weapons, including the use of deflectors to minimise injury and restrict impact to the lower part of the body. Medical reports have indicated injuries consistent with pellet wounds. Those injured include a 25-year-old resident of Gurugram, a 19-year-old Delhi University student and a journalist. The stu-

dent is undergoing treatment following surgery, with concerns over possible loss of vision in one eye. A report from Safdarjung Hospital attributed injuries in one case to pellet impact, citing wounds on the arm, chest and back. Delhi Police has denied using pellet guns and termed such reports misleading, while distinguishing its role from that of the CRPF. The CRPF and RAF have not issued a formal response on the specific allegation of pellet use. The force is also examining other incidents captured on video, including alleged use of force and attacks on personnel. It has directed deployed units not to interact with the media, and is reviewing alleged social media posts by an RAF officer for possible violation of service guidelines.

Amarnath Yatra Resumes After 6-day Weather Halt

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The annual Amarnath Yatra resumed from Jammu on Saturday after remaining suspended for six days due to inclement weather, with a fresh batch of over 6,000 pilgrims leaving the Bhagwati Nagar base camp for Baltal base camp in Kashmir Valley, officials said. On July 19, the yatra was suspended as a precautionary measure following persistent rainfall and adverse weather conditions across Jammu and Kashmir, especially along the twin routes -- traditional 48-km Pahalgam route in Anantnag district and the shorter 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal district -- to the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine. Officials said the 18th batch comprising 6,269 pilgrims including 1470



women, 25 children and 54 Sadhus departed in a convoy of 223 vehicles under tight security arrangements at about 2.40 am for the Baltal base camp. No convoy was dispatched for the Pahalgam route, they said. The pilgrimage resumed after the weather improved and the Jammu-Srinagar National Highway became trafficable again following a three-day closure triggered by landslides and shooting stones at several locations along the Udhampur-Ramban stretch, officials mentioned. Lt Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first

batch of pilgrims from Bhagwati Nagar base camp on July 2, a day before the start of the annual pilgrimage in the valley. The yatra is scheduled to conclude on August 28, coinciding with the festival of Raksha Bandhan. So far, nearly four lakh pilgrims have visited the cave shrine, of which around 1.20 lakh pilgrims commenced their pilgrimage from the Bhagwati Nagar base camp in Jammu. Pilgrims opting for the Jammu base camp are transported to Kashmir in escorted convoys under elaborate security arrangements.

UNESCO Lists West Bank Site & Lebanese Castles Over Israel's Objections

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The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) has added the archaeological site of Sebastia in the occupied West Bank and a collection of five historic castles in southern Lebanon's Mount Amel region to its prestigious World Heritage List. Both sites were simultaneously placed on the List of World Heritage in Danger following an emergency review by UNESCO's World Heritage Committee during its meeting in Busan, South Korea. The decision came despite strong opposition from Israel, which had urged the committee to reject both nominations. Israel's Foreign Ministry described the proposals as a "weaponization of cultural heritage," arguing that the nominations were politically motivated rather than based on conservation needs. Sebastia, located about 10 kilometers northwest of Nablus in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, is widely recognized by



historians and archaeologists as the site of ancient Samaria, the capital of the biblical Kingdom of Israel. The hilltop town contains archaeological remains from multiple civilizations, including the Iron Age, Roman, Byzantine and Islamic periods. It is also considered a sacred site in both Christian and Islamic traditions, which hold that John the Baptist was buried there. The Palestinian delegation first submitted Sebastia's nomination to UNESCO in 2012, arguing that World Heritage recognition was essential to safeguard the site's cultural and archaeological significance. According to the nomination, the area remains largely

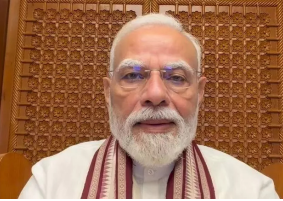
undeveloped under Israeli control and requires additional conservation measures despite attracting visitors from around the world. The UNESCO listing comes at a time of heightened tensions in the West Bank, with Israel moving to expropriate land surrounding Sebastia while facing growing international pressure over violence involving Israeli settlers in Palestinian territories. UNESCO also approved the inscription of five medieval castles in Lebanon's Mount Amel region. The organization said the castles represent nearly nine centuries of evolving military architecture, blending Crusader, Ayyubid, Mamluk

and local construction traditions. The sites highlight the region's rich historical and cultural heritage. Israel objected to the inclusion of Beaufort Castle, one of the five listed sites, alleging that the Iran-backed Hezbollah militant group has converted the fortress into a military position by constructing tunnels beneath it and launching rockets from the surrounding area. Israel argued that UNESCO had ignored these security concerns while considering the nomination. Neither UNESCO nor the Lebanese Embassy in South Korea commented on Israel's allegations regarding Hezbollah. Earlier this week, UNESCO also placed the ancient Phoenician city of Tyre in southern Lebanon on the List of World Heritage in Danger, citing threats to the site. Israel withdrew from UNESCO in 2019, accusing the organization of maintaining a bias against the country and failing to adequately recognize its historical and cultural ties to sites across the Holy Land.

Modi Thanks Followers for Insightful Responses in Second Insta Video

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday shared a second Instagram reel within 24 hours, thanking people for the response to his earlier video on the NEET paper leak controversy and the government's proposed crackdown on examination fraud. In the brief video, Modi expressed gratitude for the support, feedback and suggestions he received after his



selfie-style message, which was posted on Thursday night and drew widespread engagement on social media. "Thank you, friends. Last night, I had the opportunity to connect with you. Thank you for the way you responded to the video I posted and for

your positive suggestions. Thanks to everybody. I hope your love and support continue and that our bond grows even stronger and more active. Thank you. Thank you, friends," the Prime Minister said. The latest reel followed Modi's first direct video message on the issue, in which he sought to reassure students over concerns surrounding examination paper leaks. He said the government viewed examination malpractice as a serious

matter and was committed to protecting students' interests. Modi also said the Centre would strengthen the legal framework to tackle exam fraud, including provisions for fast-track courts and stricter punishment for those involved in paper leaks. The videos come amid continuing protests by students demanding accountability and reforms following alleged irregularities in competitive examinations, including NEET.

Bahrain Sounds Sirens as US-Iran Conflict Escalates

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Bahrain activated its sirens early Friday, warning residents to shelter from detected fire hours after the U.S. military said it had wrapped up its 13th night of strikes against Iran. The Gulf states have come under frequent fire over the past week as the U.S. and Iran exchange escalating strikes in fighting that began with a struggle over control of the strategic Strait of Hormuz. Iranian state media reported that four people had been killed and nine injured in the bombardment. The previous day, Yemen's Iran-backed



Houthi rebels said they targeted two Saudi oil tankers in the Red Sea, potentially widening the Iran war as international oil topped \$100 a barrel. U.S. Central Command said the latest barrage was designed to "further degrade Iran's ability to threaten civilian mariners and commercial vessels transiting regional waters"

as the Americans push to regain control over the Strait of Hormuz, through which a fifth of the world's oil and gas transited in peacetime. It said the strikes ended shortly before 5 a.m. local time Friday. Prime Minister Ali al-Zaidi of Iraq, which has close ties to both the U.S. and Iran, was in Tehran on

Thursday to call for peace and dialogue. He promised not to allow Iraqi territory to be used for attacks on Iran, his office said. Al-Zaidi met with Trump earlier this month in Washington. US strikes sites across Iran Four people were killed and five wounded in a U.S. missile attack on the outskirts of Ahvaz on the Karun River, Iranian state media said. An attack in Lorestan province in Western Iran injured two, state media said, while two more were injured by explosions in the port city of Bandar Abbas, a critical hub for moving military supplies as well as trade cargo.

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the government will provide a subsidy of `5 lakh, with the beneficiary required to bear the remaining `6 lakh. The government will bear the entire cost of the land. In the first phase, plans are being finalised to construct and hand over 7,680 flats across 17 Assembly constituencies — Rajendranagar, Maheshwaram, Serilingampally, Ibrahimpatnam, Malkajgiri, Nampally, Khairatabad, Jubilee Hills, Karwan, Bahadurpura, Amberpet, Kukatpally, Medchal, Quthbullapur, Sanathnagar, Secunderabad Cantonment and Malakpet. Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Ponnam Prabhakar, R&B special chief secretary Vikas Raj, DGP C.V. Anand, CM's prin-

cipal secretaries N. Sridhar and V. Seshadri, revenue secretary Lokesh Kumar, HMDA commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad, housing secretary V.P. Gautham, Hyderabad district collector Priyanka Ala and other senior officials attended the review meeting.

Students Defy.....

Agitated over the use of excessive police force during the "Chalo Sansad" march on July 20, several students said they will not leave the venue till action is taken against those responsible for the irresponsible act. "Instead of discrediting the protesters, the police should first find out those who were behind the violence," a student from Delhi University said. "Why should any student indulge in vio-

lence," she added. On the future course of the agitation, a group of students from the Northeast retorted, "First tell us whether you have written a single word on what all happened in Manipur." The group was apparently seeking to display the sense of inaction on the part of the administration in the Northeast over ethnic violence that has taken a severe toll. Amid thousands of Gen Z protesters camping at the site, people in their 50s, 60s and even 70s were also seen sitting alongside students, raising slogans and lending support to the demand for reforms in public examinations. A middle-aged shopkeeper from the neighboring state said he was at the site just for the country's future.

Apologise, HC Tells....

The order dated July 23 passed by the court with regard to deploying the Army at Lothukunta to take custody of HYDRAA officials if they violated the orders of the court would be considered after filing of Ranganath's affidavit on July 27. Recording its strongest disapproval of HYDRAA's conduct, the court observed that an authority which was not even a party to the original writ proceedings had "interfered with the administration of justice" and termed the development "unprecedented and unheard of in the history of the High Court." The court noted that HYDRAA officers were "within the reachable arms of the court" and cautioned that permitting such con-

duct would undermine the rule of law and reduce judicial orders to a mockery. Justice Anil Kumar remarked that this was the third occasion in which the court was exercising restraint solely on account of the submissions made by the Advocate General. The judge observed that, but for "the gracious presence of the chief law officer of the state" and his request for indulgence, the court would have ordered the commissioner to be taken into custody. SC Will Hear Two..... "I have the videos as well regarding police brutality... If it can be listed tomorrow (Thursday)... Students are there," the lawyer had said. The Chief Justice declined the request at the time, stating the

court was not inclined to examine video material at the mentioning stage. "We are not interested in videos, we don't have time to watch... We don't want to watch videos," he said. When the counsel reiterated the allegation, he added, "Don't waste our time. We don't want to watch any videos." Students have been protesting in several states over the alleged paper leak. A protest march in Delhi on July 20 witnessed clashes between demonstrators and security personnel, who used force to disperse crowds moving towards Parliament. The protesters have been demanding the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

CRIME

Alwal Traffic Police Remove Illegal Encroachments to Ease Pedestrian Movement

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In a major initiative to improve pedestrian safety and ensure smooth traffic movement, the Alwal Traffic Police conducted a special encroachment removal drive on Friday along the stretch from Satya Petrol Pump to Bhatia Bakery under the jurisdiction of the Alwal Traffic Police Station. The drive was carried out under the directions of B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-I, Malkajgiri, in the presence of G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division. During the operation, officials cleared illegal encroachments,



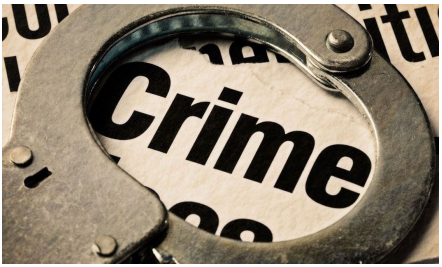
and unauthorized occupations of footpaths, and other obstructions that had hindered pedestrian movement and affected the smooth flow of vehicular traffic. The initiative aimed to reclaim public spaces, improve accessibility for pedestrians, and reduce traffic congestion in the busy commercial stretch. The joint enforcement drive was led by Pawan Kumar Reddy, Inspector of Police, Traffic PS Alwal, along with Kishore, Sub-Inspector of Police, Rajashekhar,

Sub-Inspector of Police, Traffic Police personnel, and officials from HYDRA and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Authorities appealed to shopkeepers, street vendors, and the public to refrain from occupying footpaths and public spaces with unauthorized structures or commercial activities. They emphasized that such encroachments pose safety risks to pedestrians by forcing them onto the road and contribute to traffic bottlenecks. Police officials stated that similar enforcement drives will be conducted regularly across the jurisdiction to maintain clear footpaths, strengthen traffic discipline, and ensure safer and more accessible roads for the public.

Teen Stabbed After Offering Water to Strangers; Mobile Phone Snatched in Chandanagar

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A shocking incident was reported in Chandanagar, where a 16-year-old boy was allegedly attacked with a knife and robbed of his mobile phone after offering drinking water to two strangers. According to police, the incident occurred around midnight near the HUDA Colony railway tracks in Chandanagar. The victim, John Syed (16), who lives in a hut near the railway tracks, was approached by two men on a scooter asking for drinking water. After John handed them a water bottle, the two men left but returned a short while later, allegedly under the influence of alcohol. They reportedly threatened the teenager and at-



tempted to snatch his mobile phone. When the boy raised an alarm, one of the accused attacked him with a knife, causing injuries to his hand, before fleeing the spot with the phone. Based on the victim's complaint, Chandanagar Police registered a case and launched an investigation to trace the accused. Police are also examining CCTV footage from nearby areas to identify the suspects.

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.

Ganja Sold from Pan Shop in Madhapur; Excise STF Seizes 500 Grams, Owner Arrested

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In a major crackdown on illegal narcotics, the Excise Special Task Force (STF) busted a pan shop in Madhapur that was allegedly being used to sell ganja under the guise of regular pan and tobacco products. Acting on credible information, the STF D-Team led by CI Nagaraju conducted a surprise raid on Sohel Pan Shop located on Chanda Nayak Nagar-Madhapur Road. During the inspection, officials



seized 500 grams of ganja, which had been packed and kept ready for sale. According to officials, the shop owner was allegedly selling the packets to customers, particularly youngsters, for ₹500 per packet. The accused, Malik Aslam Tamboli, was arrested on the spot. He, along with the seized ganja, was handed over to the Madhapur Excise Police Station for further legal action. Excise officials warned that strict action will be taken against those involved in the illegal sale of narcotic substances and other unlawful activities.

TGCSB forms SIT to probe ₹1,000-crore mule account scam

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe two cyber fraud cases involving suspicious transactions of nearly ₹1,000 crore, including a ₹54-crore fraud allegedly masterminded by Udayaneni Vikas Chowdary, through mule accounts, which were opened by unrelated persons through deception. The SIT was formed on the directions of Director General of Police C.V. Anand, and the cases, earlier registered in

Khammam police stations, have been transferred to the Bureau for detailed technical investigation. According to the FIR, the case was re-registered by the TGCSB after transfer. The allegations state that the accused induced individuals to open bank accounts — also called mule accounts — and hand over control on the pretext of legitimate business operations, including GST-related transactions. The complainant, Naresh Podili, a businessman from Sathupally, alleged that in the 2021, Vikas Chowdary and his wife Boppana

Naga Priya, known to his family, persuaded him to open multiple current accounts in two banks for business. He alleged that he shared account details and access based on their assurance. He alleged that in 2025, another accused, Charan, convinced him to open an account in another bank for a payment gateway business, claiming it to be legitimate. The complainant alleged that the accused later changed banking credentials without his knowledge, gained control over the accounts and used them for illegal financial transactions. The

complainant said that he became aware of the alleged fraud after media reports about a ₹547-crore cyber fraud involving Vikas Chowdary and approached the police. The FIR names Vikas Chowdary as the prime accused, along with his wife and others. Cases have been registered under provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the Information Technology Act. The SIT, headed by deputy superintendent of police K.V.M. Prasad, has been tasked with tracing the financial trail, examining digital evidence, investigating the

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.



Axis Trustee Expands into GIFT City, Boosts Global Financial Services

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Axis Trustee Services Limited (ATSL) has strengthened its presence in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City) by inaugurating a new office aimed at supporting India's rapidly expanding international financial services ecosystem. The move is expected to enhance the company's ability to serve financial institutions, issuers, fund managers and investors with specialized trustee, agency and fiduciary services for both domestic and cross-border transactions. The new office was inaugurated by Pradeep Ramakrishnan, Executive Director of the International Financial



Services Centres Authority (IFSCA), along with ATSL Chairman Bipin Saraf and Managing Director & CEO Rahul Choudhary. The GIFT City office will support ATSL's expanding portfolio across debt capital markets, facility agency, security trustee services, alternative investment funds (AIFs), escrow agency services and emerging cross-border financial

structures. The expansion also positions the company to cater to the growing demand for specialized fiduciary solutions within the International Financial Services Centre (IFSC). Following the inauguration, ATSL hosted a roundtable conclave featuring a keynote address by IFSCA Executive Director Pradeep Ramakrishnan. Senior industry leaders discussed oppor-

tunities in the IFSC ecosystem, the growth of cross-border financial structures, fund platforms and the importance of strong governance and fiduciary frameworks in supporting GIFT City's next phase of development. Chairman Bipin Saraf said GIFT City is emerging as a key gateway for global capital and international financial services, adding that ATSL's presence reflects its long-term commitment to providing trusted fiduciary services backed by strong governance and regulatory expertise. Managing Director & CEO Rahul Choudhary said the expansion brings the company closer to clients operating within India's inter-

national financial ecosystem. He noted that as cross-border financial products become increasingly sophisticated, clients require trustee partners capable of combining regulatory knowledge with technology-driven execution. GIFT City has witnessed rising participation from global financial institutions, investment funds and international capital market participants. With its expanded presence, Axis Trustee aims to play a larger role in enabling innovative financial structures while delivering governance-led fiduciary solutions that meet evolving market and regulatory requirements.

Priyanka Mohan Opens Kisan Fashion Mall at ECIL

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Popular actress Priyanka Mohan on Friday inaugurated the newest outlet of Kisan Fashion Mall at ECIL X Roads, marking the retail chain's continued expansion across Telangana. The event witnessed the presence of the company's management, MLAs, MLCs, distinguished guests, and a large number of shoppers and fashion enthusiasts. The newly launched showroom offers an extensive collection of apparel for men, women, and children, featuring dedicated sections for contemporary and traditional wear. Customers can shop for outfits suited to weddings, festivals, special occasions, and everyday fashion, with the brand emphasizing quality products at affordable prices. Speaking on the occasion, the management said the ECIL X Roads outlet reflects Kisan Fashion Mall's commitment to



its brand promise, "Ekdam Fashion." The store aims to provide the latest fashion trends, superior quality, and competitive pricing under one roof, making it a one-stop shopping destination for the entire family. Founded in 1959, Kisan Fashion Mall has earned the trust of customers over more than six decades by offering quality apparel and value-for-money shopping experiences. From its humble beginnings as a textile business, the company has grown into one of the leading ready-made garment retail chains in Telangana and Maharashtra. The brand currently operates suc-

cessful stores in Nizama-bad, Medak, Nirmal, Latur, Parbhani, Suchitra Centre, Beeramguda, and several locations across Hyderabad, with the ECIL X Roads outlet further strengthening its retail footprint. Kisan Fashion Mall is led by Uday & Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, Nizamabad Urban MLA, whose leadership has played a key role in the company's steady growth. Supported by family members actively involved in the business, the brand continues to expand while maintaining its focus on customer trust, affordability, and modern fashion.

How the NSE's Social Stock Exchange Is Changing India's Non-Profit Sector

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For many years now, the fundraising formula for Indian NGOs has remained standard. Reach out to immediate networks, CSR heads, host fundraisers, build a relationship and raise money. This approach has slowly seen a shift in the last few years with the introduction of the Social Stock Exchange. A small but a growing number of NGOs are tapping into

this platform to raise funds for specific social causes. It's like an IPO for social impact. Donors back projects instead of businesses, and what they receive in return is measurable social impact rather than financial returns. The Social Stock Exchange is a regulated platform launched by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and BSE to help social enterprises raise money for social initiatives. Though the platform is yet to gain mass adoption, it is

slowly but steadily attracting the attention of non-profits who are looking to diversify their fundraising avenues. Many early adopters like Unnati Foundation say that SSE has helped them gain more visibility, reach donors in newer circles and strengthen governance. SSE was built on the idea of directing capital markets towards social impact. Furthermore, it also seeks to improve transparency in how non-profits report their



finances, an issue that has eroded donor confidence over the years. For NGOs that are willing to go through the rigorous listing process, the benefits are twofold - one, access to a broader base of donors, and high credibility and

visibility that conventional outreach cannot offer. "The biggest advantage is that it enables people who don't know your organisation personally to contribute," says Dr. Ramesh Swamy, Director of Unnati Foundation,

an organization that trains underprivileged youth for employment. "During our third listing in February 2026, we had around 53 donors whom we had never interacted with before. The individual contributions may have been small, but these were people who donated purely because they trusted the ecosystem," Dr. Ramesh adds. The trust that comes with SSE is built into the very foundation of the platform. Each NGO that is registered on the

SSE has to undergo mandatory audits by government-approved firms, public disclosure of governance details, and independent impact assessments. Dr. Ramesh explains, "It is similar to how people invest in an IPO. You don't personally know the promoters of a company, but you invest because you trust the regulatory ecosystem created by SEBI. The same principle applies here." Another NGO that is preparing to make its debut on SSE

in August 2026 is Pinkishe Foundation. Founded nine years ago by father-daughter duo Arun Gupta and Khyati Gupta, Pinkishe is one of India's largest menstrual health organisations, reaching communities across 29 States and Union Territories. Pinkishe plans to raise ₹2.2 crore through SSE to implement its flagship Shakti Shala menstrual health programme across 100 schools in Chhattisgarh, benefiting around 20,000 adolescent.

Anvayaa Kin Care Marks 10 Years with New Elder Care Services, Honours Nation's Heroes



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Anvayaa Kin Care celebrated its 10th anniversary with "Kritagnya", a special event dedicated to gratitude, innovation, and elder care. The occasion witnessed the launch of three new services — Curapod, a wearable pain management device; 3000 BC Therapeutics' wellness range; and Punyaka, a digital spiritual care platform for seniors. Founded by Prashanth Reddy in 2016, Anvayaa has grown into a leading elder care platform supporting over 1.5 lakh seniors across 38 cities. The organisation has delivered more than 80 lakh hours of home care, managed over 5,000 medical emergencies, and created thousands of caregiving opportunities. As part of the celebrations, Anvayaa honoured

Gallantry Award and Padma Shri recipients by extending lifetime complimentary emergency response assistance, along with its patented Emergency Response System and senior smartwatch, to their families. The event was attended by Chief Guests including actor Padma Shri Brahmanandam, Telangana Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, former Chief Secretary S.K. Joshi, and former DGP Mahender Reddy. Anvayaa's new initiatives aim to provide comprehensive support for seniors by addressing physical wellness, pain management, emotional wellbeing, and spiritual needs, reinforcing its mission to ensure dignity, safety, and companionship for India's elderly population.

ICFAI Law School Successfully Concludes Two-Week Deeksharambh 2026 Student Orientation Program

ICFAI Law School Concludes Deeksharambh 2026 Orientation. Equips Freshers for Legal Excellence, Professional Ethics, Research, Leadership, and Holistic Academic Development

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ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, successfully concluded its Deeksharambh 2026 Student Orientation Program, a comprehensive two-week induction programme conducted from July 13 to July 24, 2026, for the newly admitted students. The programme was designed to provide students with a strong foundation for their legal education by introducing them to the institution's academic ecosystem, professional ethics, legal values, research culture, career opportunities, and student support services. Over the course of two weeks, students actively participated in a series of academic lectures, expert talks, and interactive sessions. The programme featured distinguished academicians, legal experts, senior advocates, law enforcement officials, industry professionals, and university administrators who shared their expertise on contemporary legal issues, constitutional values, professional responsibility, leadership,



environmental sustainability, mental well-being, anti-drug awareness, and career planning. The orientation also familiarized students with the academic regulations, examination system, library resources, moot court activities, legal aid initiatives, clubs, student societies, and various opportunities available at ICFAI Law School. The Valedictory Ceremony was held on July 24, 2026, at the IFHE Campus in the presence of university officials, faculty members, staff, and students. The programme commenced with the ceremonial welcome and the invitation of dignitaries to the dais. Delivering the Presidential Remarks, Prof. (Dr.) S. Vijayalakshmi, Registrar, IFHE, Hyderabad, congratulated the newly

admitted students for becoming part of one of the country's premier legal institutions. She emphasized that discipline, commitment, ethical values, and academic excellence are the pillars of a successful legal career. She encouraged students to remain focused on continuous learning, cultivate critical thinking, and actively participate in academic and extracurricular activities for their overall personal development. In his Valedictory Address, Prof. (Dr.) P. Ravisekhararaju, Director, ICFAI Law School, IFHE, Hyderabad, welcomed students into the legal fraternity and inspired them to uphold the highest standards of integrity, justice, professionalism, and social responsibility. He highlighted that the legal profession today demands

not only sound knowledge of law but also adaptability, technological competence, research skills, and a commitment to lifelong learning. He urged students to take full advantage of the world-class academic environment, experienced faculty, modern infrastructure, and numerous experiential learning opportunities offered by ICFAI Law School. Presenting the Concluding Remarks, Dr. A. Arun Kumar, Assistant Dean, ICFAI Law School, reflected on the successful completion of the orientation programme and appreciated the enthusiastic participation of students throughout the two weeks. He summarized the diverse sessions organized during Deeksharambh 2026 and noted that the programme was carefully designed to ease students' transition into university life while preparing them for the academic rigour of legal education. He encouraged students to remain curious, disciplined, and proactive in making the best use of the opportunities available at the institution.

Landmark Mahindra Hosts EV Community Event in Hyderabad



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Landmark Mahindra organised 'UNLIMIT WEEK-ENDS', an exclusive customer engagement programme in Hyderabad, bringing together 88 members of its growing Mahindra Electric Origin SUV community. The event aimed to strengthen the bond between the brand and its customers by offering an experience beyond conventional vehicle ownership. The celebrations began with an electric SUV rally from Landmark Mahindra Tellapur to the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club, showcasing the spirit of sustainable mobility and community participation. The day continued with a specially curated

evening featuring horse riding activities, customer interactions, networking opportunities and a dinner gathering. The event provided customers with a platform to connect, share experiences and celebrate their shared passion for Mahindra's electric SUV range. Through initiatives like 'UNLIMIT WEEK-ENDS', Landmark Mahindra continues to focus on creating meaningful experiences for its customers while building a stronger and more engaged eSUV community. The programme highlights the company's commitment to customer relationships, innovation and promoting a vibrant electric mobility ecosystem in Hyderabad.

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

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



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

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

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

Rasha Thadani Says Kurchi Madathapetti Powers Her Photoshoots

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



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

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

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

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

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

NEW DELHI
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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.

Harish Rao Accuses Congress Govt of Cutting Farm Power Supply

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister and BRS Assembly deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao on Friday accused the Congress government of pushing farmers into misery by cutting agriculture power supply to only 12 hours every day. Speaking to reporters after a sudden inspection at the Solepet power substation in Bommalaramam mandal of Aler constituency along with former MLA Gongidi Sunitha, Harish Rao said the substation's log-book only showed 12



hours of power supply to farmers, that too intermittently. Questioning Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's recent statement that there

were no power cuts, Harish Rao asked: "If there are no power cuts, why do the official records at Solepet substation show only 12 hours of agricultural supply?" The government, he said, was deliberately reducing power generation because supplying free electricity to farmers did not generate revenue. "Farmers are being forced to protest at substations demanding proper power supply during this crucial transplantation phase for their crops. Making matters worse, as much as 1,870 MW of power generation at Yadadri and Bhadrachalam thermal plants has been halted due to government negligence," he said. Harish Rao said he had visited the constituency to console the family of a

deceased BRS party worker, but local women complained that drinking water was being supplied only once every two days. Despite inheriting a fully functional Mission Bhagiratha network built by the previous BRS government, the Congress government failed to maintain the system, he said. People in Sangareddy, Narayanpet, Andole, Zaheerabad, Kamareddy, Yadadri, Nalgonda, Mahbubnagar and several other districts were facing severe drinking water shortages, he said.

Govt to Procure Organic Produce for Central Kitchens, Says Revanth

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said the state government was exploring ways to encourage farmers to take up organic cultivation and procure vegetables, rice and other essential supplies directly from them for centralised kitchens set up for preparing snacks and meals for government schools and junior colleges. The Chief Minister was speaking at a meeting attended by Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation president Satya Gaura Chandra



Dasa Prabhu, Aurobindo Pharma managing director Nityananda Reddy and Divi's Laboratories vice-president Madhu Babu. During the meeting, the representatives of two companies handed over CSR funds — '12.18 crore by Divi's and '10 crore by Aurobindo — to

the Foundation for the breakfast scheme in government schools. The Chief Minister said measures are being taken to provide farmers with quality seeds which not only promote crop diversification but also ensure profitability for the farmers. He explained the importance of providing quality breakfast and mid-day meals to students through the Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation. He also commended the corporate companies for contributing CSR funds on this occasion.

KTR Warns Centre Not to Underestimate Youth Power, Supports Student Protests

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Friday warned the Centre not to ignore the growing dissatisfaction among the youth, stating that youngsters were no longer afraid of investigative agencies like the CBI and ED. Addressing a protest organised by the BRS student wing at Indira Park in Hyderabad in support of students protesting against alleged police action in Delhi over examination paper leak issues, KTR said the anger among the youth was not limited to exam irregularities but reflected wider concerns over unemploy-



ment and unfulfilled promises. He questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the examination paper leak controversy and asked why the government was unwilling to engage with stu-

dents despite frequently highlighting the importance of education and examinations. He urged the Centre to listen to the concerns of students instead of branding protesters as anti-national or using police force against them.

Condemning the crackdown on student demonstrators in Delhi, KTR demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, withdrawal of cases filed against protesting students, and an apology

from the government. Criticising the BJP-led government's employment record, he alleged that the promise of generating two crore jobs every year had not been fulfilled. Taking a jibe at the Centre, he said the slogan of "Make in India" had turned into "Leak in India" due to repeated examination paper leak incidents. KTR also accused Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of trying to prevent the BRS from raising public issues. He said the party would continue to support students and youth, with BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao closely monitoring developments.

United Muslim Forum Backs Student Protests, Condemns Delhi Police Action

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The United Muslim Forum has expressed solidarity with students and youth demanding reforms in the country's education system and condemned the alleged police action against protesters during a demonstration held at Delhi's Jantar Mantar. In a joint statement, Forum leaders said that the concerns raised by students reflect growing dissatisfaction over issues affecting the education sector, including examination paper leaks, changes in academic policies, unemployment, corruption, and economic difficulties. They stated that students and young people have the right to raise their concerns through democratic and peaceful means.



The Forum alleged that the education system has been weakened due to government policies and called upon authorities to take immediate steps to address the challenges faced by students. It also criticised the use of force against peaceful protesters and urged the government to engage in dialogue instead of suppressing public voices. The leaders appreciated the people of Delhi, who supported the protesters by arranging food, water, and other essential facilities during the demonstration. They said such

acts reflect the spirit of social responsibility and unity. The United Muslim Forum appealed to citizens to continue working for the protection of constitutional values, justice, equality, and harmony among different communities. It also urged the public to cooperate with the Election Commission in ensuring the successful completion of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process in Telangana and other states.



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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University of Hyderabad Protests Expand From Exam Row to Wider Youth Employment Reckoning

"None of these ministers' children are affected by any competitive exam here," Prof. Roy said. "They have eyes. They can see that. They are also extremely well informed."

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Academics and protesters at the University of Hyderabad (UoH) on Friday said the student agitation over examination irregularities had grown into a wider reckoning with unemployment, unequal access to education, political accountability and the policing of dissent. Economist Prof. Rathin Roy called it "the first protest I am seeing in my lifetime which is about samridhi, prosperity," while Dr Anagha Ingole, assistant professor, said education in India was "a moral claim to personhood" that no government could betray without being answerable. MSF-UoH and NSUI-HCU organised the march from North Shopcom on the campus to the university's main gate. "The voice of the youngsters now is the right voice of protest," said Prof. D. Narasimha Reddy, former dean of the School of



Economics. "We are all with them. NEET should go. The minister in charge should go." Questions over NEET soon widened into a criticism of centralised entrance examinations and the unequal consequences of their failures. Prof. Narasimha Reddy said there was "no need to disrespect the federal system and centralise everything", including admissions to higher education. Prof. Roy, meanwhile, argued that the children of political and economic elites were largely insulated from the competitive examinations that determined the futures of ordinary students. "None of these ministers'

children are affected by any competitive exam here," Prof. Roy said. "They have eyes. They can see that. They are also extremely well informed." Attempts to portray the protests as manipulated or politically hijacked were rejected throughout the evening. Prof. Roy, who said he had once been active in student politics, said the present generation understood the economic pressures it faced. "I do not believe that students are stupid enough to be hijacked by narratives, because we were not," he said. "I teach this generation now, and this generation is a smart generation."

State Issues Advisory on Seasonal Covid Rise

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With a slight seasonal uptick in Covid-19 cases being reported across the country, the state health department on Friday issued an advisory urging elderly people and those with underlying health conditions to take basic precautions, while assuring the public that there is no cause for concern. According to the advisory issued by the director of public health, the increase in Covid-19 cases is a mild seasonal rise, similar to the trend observed during the same period last year. The Union health ministry, based on assessments by the Integrated Disease Surveil-

lance Programme (IDSP), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, and other expert agencies, has stated that there is no evidence of increased disease severity or the emergence of any new variant of concern of the Covid-19 virus, the advisory added. The advisory said senior citizens and individuals with pre-existing health conditions should avoid crowded and poorly ventilated places and continue following basic health precautions. These measures are also recommended for protection against seasonal influenza and other respiratory illnesses currently circulating.

Hyderabad man sentenced to life imprisonment for wife's murder

A 32-year-old man was sentenced to life imprisonment and given a Rs 2,000 fine on Thursday, July 23, for murdering his wife in Kulsumpura in 2022. The accused, Menda Santosh, is a resident of Sanjay Nagar, Jiyaguda, and works at a tiffin centre. During a quarrel, Santosh had assaulted his wife, Saritha, with a pair of scissors before strangulating her with a dupatta on July 15, 2022. A case was registered at Kulsumpura Police Station based on a complaint from the victim's sister. After an investigation, the accused was convicted by a ses-

Food Safety Officials Seize 110 Kg Sev, 40 Litres of Cooking Oil From Karmanghat Unit

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Commissionerate of food safety officials seized 110 kg of sev and 40 litres of cooking oil from a food manufacturing unit in Karmanghat after detecting multiple violations of food safety norms during an inspection. The officials inspected Ashok-singh Foods in Karmanghat and found



that the establishment was manufacturing sev while operating with a retailer registration obtained under the Tatkal registration system. The unit had declared itself as a retailer instead of a manufacturer, violating licensing norms. Officials also observed

several food safety and hygiene violations, including the suspected use of synthetic food colours, repeated use of cooking oil, unsafe food handling practices and poor sanitation conditions. The food safety department, which collected samples of the cooking oil and sev for laboratory analysis, said further action will be initiated based on the test results.