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New US Bill May Fast-Track Green Card Option

Lakhs of long-term immigrants in the United States, including thousands of Indians waiting for permanent residency, could benefit if a new Bill introduced by California's US Senator Alex Padilla becomes law. The proposal, if passed, would allow people who have lived continuously in the US for at least seven years, have no criminal record, and meet other eligibility requirements to apply for lawful permanent residency and obtain a green card. Senator Padilla has renewed the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929, often called the Registry Bill. The current US law allows only immigrants who have lived in the country since January 1, 1972, to apply for permanent residency through the registry process.

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CCS Meet: PM Reviews Situation During Ongoing West Asia Conflict

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday chaired a meeting of the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) to review the situation in the context of the ongoing West Asia conflict and measures taken by various ministries and departments. This was the fourth special CCS meeting on the issue. The extended CCS meeting was attended by permanent members — defence minister Rajnath Singh, Union home minister Amit Shah, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar and finance minister



Nirmala Sitharaman. According to official sources, chemicals and fertilisers minister J.P. Nadda, commerce minister Piyush Goyal, shipping minister Sarbananda Sonowal and petroleum minister Hardeep Puri attended the meeting as special invitees. A statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) after the meeting said the Cabi-

net secretary T.V. Somnathan briefed the CCS about the present geopolitical situation. He spoke about the initiatives taken to ensure an adequate supply of petroleum products, including LNG, LPG and fertilisers. He said that sources for the procurement of LPG have already been diversified and the overall stock and supply position of major petroleum products remain adequate. "Availability of adequate crude oil has enabled Central public sector enterprise (CPSE) refineries to operate at utilisation levels exceeding 100 per cent, ensuring continued

production of petrol, diesel and other petroleum products. Initiatives have also been taken to expand piped natural gas (PNG) connections, which have resulted in a substantial increase in PNG connections. The government is also facilitating industrial substitution of LPG through expansion of the National Gas Grid, augmentation of LNG import and regasification infrastructure, expansion of city gas distribution networks, and time-bound pipeline and last-mile connectivity approvals under the Pipeline Infrastructure Order 2026," read the PMO statement.

'Shah Ordered Force on Students on July 20, Must Resign': Dipke

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Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday claimed orders to use force against students during the July 20 "San-sad Chalo" march must have come from Union Home Minister Amit Shah and sought his resignation over the police crackdown. Talking to reporters at his residence in

hometown Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in central Maharashtra, he said democracy was in "danger" in the country and questions were being raised even on judiciary, while central probe agencies were being used to break political parties. "Saving democracy is not merely an Opposition issue now. The people of the country will have to come together (to save it)," Dipke insisted on his

return home after more than a month-long BJP-led protest in New Delhi's Jantar Mantar over the NEET exam paper leak, which culminated in the resignation of then-Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. "There is a question mark even on judiciary. We all have seen how ED and CBI were used to break parties like the Shiv Sena and the NCP. The big in-

stitutions in the country had a duty to keep democracy alive and not create dictatorship of a single man. They let it happen. To stop this, not only the Opposition, but even the people will have to come together," he asserted. The 30-year-old activist criticized the appointment of Pralhad Joshi as new Education Minister and called him a "weird" man.

IAF Chief Says Technology Delayed Is Technology Denied

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Indian Air Force chief Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh on Thursday said "technology delayed is technology denied" and that there was no point having something which came after others have got already. Air Chief Marshal Singh emphasised that technology development should be swift as things were changing fast with the advent of disruptive



technologies. "Everyday, some new thing is coming out," he said and added that the worry was that "we should not miss the bus." "Not only just technology, technology staying in a lab. If we have the technology, but it has not gone

beyond lab, then also, no point," he said. The IAF chief pitched for achieving greater self-reliance in building unmanned aerial systems and other critical defence technologies. He said there were discussions between the IAF, the Union civil aviation ministry and other ministries involved so that "we finally should be able to recognise a drone, whether it is a bona fide drone or a rogue drone".

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SC Allows Muslims To Offer Friday Prayers at Dargah Near Bhojshala Complex

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The Supreme Court on Thursday permitted Muslims to offer Friday prayers on the premises of a dargah adjacent to the disputed Bhojshala complex in the Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. The apex court directed the state government to ensure that Muslims are allowed to offer namaz at the site between 1 and 3 pm on Fridays. A three-judge bench of Chief



Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana, however, said that the direction did not preclude the state government and the Muslim side from exploring another site for Friday prayers with mutual consent. On July 14, the top

court had directed that a separate open space be provided adjacent to the disputed site in Dhar for namaz on Fridays between 1 and 3 pm till the case is decided. Later, the Muslim side, led by Haji Muneer Ahmad, moved the apex court, alleging non-compliance with its directions to provide an alternative site, saying that the Dhar administration is providing the place which is 1.3 km away from the

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Authorities and HYDRAA Mislead and Bypass Court Orders: HC

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Asserting that constitutional courts should not be attacked for scrutinising executive action, the Telangana High Court on Thursday pointed to a case where HYDRAA had demolished a private compound wall on purported instructions of the revenue authorities, though the records showed that neither the tahsildar nor the district collector had issued any such direction. Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar said the case itself answered the recent statements that the judiciary was being misled by private litigants. The court observed that it was the government authorities and agencies like HYDRAA who were misleading and misdirecting the court and bypassing its orders.

The court observed that there was utter failure of the administration by the authorities. Without co-ordinating with each other, departments were taking decisions on their own and without following law or due diligence and process. Justice Shravan Kumar made these



observations while dealing with a petition filed by Pemmasani Sudha Rani, alleging that revenue and HYDRAA officials had illegally demolished a compound wall and a structure on her property in Plot No. 9 in Survey No. 60 of Kondapur, without issuing notice or following due process of law.

Despite earlier High Court directions to let her construct the compound wall, HYDRAA had entered the property on October 4, 2025, demolished the structure and a watchman's room without issuing notice and had attempted to dispossess her from the land. At a hearing on July 28, HYDRAA had submitted that it had undertaken the demolition on the instructions of the Serilingampally tahsildar.

Based on HYDRAA's submission, the judge summoned the tahsildar. The official on Thursday informed the court that he

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Farmers' Stir Withdrawn After MP Govt Increases Moong Procurement Cap

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The 48-hour-long stir by the farmers of the Central-southern part of Madhya Pradesh, which threatened to escalate into a major agitation, was withdrawn at midnight on Wednesday following talks between the protesters and the state government. Significantly, the farmers' stir, that put to test the crisis resolution capacity of chief minister Mohan Yadav for the first time since he assumed office two and half years ago, has exposed the limitations of a 'double en-

gine' government (meaning the state BJP government enjoying the benefit of having BJP in power at the Centre) amid tussle among leaders of the ruling party.

The farmers from the Narmadapuram area, called the moong growing

belt of Madhya Pradesh, suddenly started marching to Bhopal on July 27 to gherao chief minister's official bungalow at Shyamla Hills, taking the Mohan Yadav government off guard. They demanded the state government to procure their entire pro-

duce of moong, instead of 25 percent of their yield, capped for each farmer. The agitation came at a time when the ruling BJP launched campaign blitzkrieg by carpet bombing the Datia Assembly constituency in the state with around two dozen state and Central ministers including chief minister for Thursday's by-elections.

State agriculture minister Aidel Singh Kansana had shot a letter to Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan seeking to increase the moong pro-

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Heavy rains disrupt normal life, swell reservoirs in Telangana

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Heavy rains across Telangana and the upper Krishna and Godavari basins have sharply increased inflows into several major irrigation projects, prompting authorities to open gates and release water downstream. While continuous downpour disrupted normal life in many parts of the State, the increased inflows have also renewed farmers' hopes and are expected to expedite sowing operations. The surge is particularly pronounced in the Krishna basin, where the Priyadarshini Jurla project in Jogulamba Gadwal district is receiving heavy inflows following releases from Karnataka's Almatti and



Narayanpur reservoirs. Jurla was receiving around 89,000 cusecs from Thursday morning, with 10 gates lifted by one metre. Nearly an equal quantity of water was discharged downstream, apart from generating hydel power. The increased flows have finally begun reaching the Srisailem Reservoir, which recorded its first significant inflows of the season. At 6 am on Thursday, Srisailem had an inflow of 79,403 cusecs, a

water level of 824.80 feet and storage of 44.609 TMCft against its 885-foot FRL. The inflows are expected to increase further if rainfall continues in the upper Krishna catchment. The Godavari basin is witnessing an even sharper flood response. At the Medigadda barrage in Jayashankar Bhupalapally district, inflows and outflows rose to 1,31,420 cusecs, with all 85 gates opened to pass floodwaters downstream. Earlier

on Thursday morning, the barrage had recorded an inflow of around 81,000 cusecs. Officials said the continuing rains could push the inflows higher and advised people in low-lying villages to remain alert. At Kaleshwaram, the Godavari was flowing at 6.25 metres on Thursday morning. Officials expected the river level to rise further over the next 24 hours due to incessant rains in the upstream catchment areas. The rising flow is also being closely monitored at Sammakka Sagar, where combined inflows and outflows were reported at 4,10,200 cusecs. The flood surge has also brought the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme back into active operation at key points. Under Link-

II, water from the Sripada Yellampally project is being lifted through the Nandi Pump House in Dharmaram mandal. Five motors numbered 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were operating, lifting 15,750 cusecs into the Nandi reservoir. The water is then being transferred through the twin tunnels to the Gayatri Pump House at Lakshmipur, from where four pumps are being used to move it towards the Sri Rajarajeshwara (Mid Manair) Reservoir. The Sripada Yellampally Project was receiving a total inflow of 1,12,275 cusecs at 3 pm on Thursday. Of this, 68,452 cusecs were attributed to the Kadem project release and 43,823 cusecs to its catchment.

Telangana rain deficit shrinks to 10 per cent after steady downpour

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Telangana received widespread rainfall over the last few days after a prolonged deficiency, bringing cheer to farmers. Gullakota in Jagtial district received 70.5 mm of rainfall till noon on Thursday, followed by 66.6 mm at Sirpur (U) in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district, the Telangana Development Planning Society said. The state's rainfall deficiency, which stood at 33 per cent till 15 days ago, had narrowed to 10 per cent by Thursday morning, according to the India Meteorological Department. Even so, 13 of the state's 33 districts have received less than



20 per cent of their normal rainfall thus far. The deficiency in Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district is as high as 65 per cent. Rainfall remains deficient in Hyderabad as of date, it said. Rain caused waterlogging and traffic snarls at several places in Hyderabad on the night of July 29. Rivulets were in spate at some places in the state following the rains, disrupting normal life. The IMD, in its weather warning, issued a 'red alert' for isolated places

in Adilabad, Kumram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal and Jagtial districts, forecasting very heavy to extremely heavy rainfall accompanied by strong surface winds from 1 pm on Thursday to 8.30 am on July 31. It said light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at most places over Telangana during the same period. A 'red alert' indicates extremely heavy rainfall of over 204 mm in 24 hours.

Thousands Witness Spectacular Glass Bangle Adornment of Goddess Kanaka Durga on Guru Purnima

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Special Alankaram and Lalitha Sahasranama Parayanam Fill Aleru Temple with DevotionThe auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima was celebrated with deep religious fervour and spiritual grandeur at the Sri Kanaka Durgamma Temple in Aleru on Thursday, drawing a large gathering of devotees from the town and surrounding villages. A major highlight of the celebrations was the unique and vibrant Glass Bangle Alankaram, in which Goddess Sri Kanaka Durgamma was beautifully adorned with colourful bangles. The ex-



quisite decoration transformed the sanctum into a breathtaking spiritual spectacle, captivating devotees who thronged the temple throughout the day. Hundreds of women devotees, dressed in traditional attire, actively participated in the celebrations. They collectively recited the Lalitha Sahasranama Stotram, while devotional hymns and bhajans echoed across the temple premises, cre-

ating an atmosphere of peace, devotion, and spiritual bliss. Devotees offered special pujas, archana, and harathi to the presiding deity, praying for the well-being, prosperity, good health, and happiness of their families. According to temple authorities, Sri Kanaka Durgamma is revered as a wish-fulfilling divine mother, and the special Ashada month rituals

have been a cherished annual tradition attracting devotees from far and wide. The beautifully decorated deity drew hundreds of visitors from neighbouring areas, who came to witness the rare floral and bangle adornment and seek the blessings of the Goddess on the sacred occasion of Guru Purnima. The celebrations concluded with the distribution of theertha prasadam to all devotees. Temple committee members expressed their gratitude to the women devotees and volunteers whose wholehearted participation made the spiritual event a grand success.

Students Take Anti-Human Trafficking Pledge in Sangareddy

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The Women and Child Welfare Department, Sangareddy, organized a large-scale awareness programme on the occasion of the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, emphasizing the need to protect women and children from exploitation and human trafficking. District Women and Child Welfare Officer Smt. Lalitha Ku-



mari led the programme and administered an anti-human trafficking pledge to students, teachers, and officials. Participants also

displayed awareness placards carrying messages on child safety, women's protection, and preventing human trafficking. Ad-

ressing the gathering, Lalitha Kumari described human trafficking as a grave violation of human rights and urged the public to remain vigilant against child labour, forced marriage, sexual exploitation, bonded labour, and other forms of trafficking. She appealed to citizens to immediately inform the concerned authorities if they notice any suspicious activities involving children or vulnerable persons.

Cyclone Rains Revive Hope, but Farmers Remain Cautious Over Water Availability

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Following rainfall triggered by the recent cyclonic weather system, paddy transplantation has begun across agricultural fields in Matoor village, bringing renewed optimism to farmers after weeks of drought and uncertainty. Only a few days ago, the village had been struggling with severe dry conditions. Farmers had delayed agricultural operations due to the absence of monsoon rains, while villagers conducted traditional prayers and rituals seeking timely rainfall. With the recent showers, agricultural activity has resumed as farmers and agricultural labourers entered the fields to transplant paddy seedlings. The green fields now reflect a sense of hope after an anxious start to the Kharif season. However, many farmers remain concerned about



the coming months. They fear that if rainfall decreases again due to possible El Niño-related weather conditions, water availability for irrigation could become uncertain. A shortage of water during the crop growth stage could seriously affect yields and increase financial pressure on farming families. Agriculture experts and the government have also been encouraging farmers in water-scarce regions to diversify cropping patterns by cultivating less water-intensive crops such as millets, green gram, red gram, pulses, and other drought-tolerant crops,

wherever local conditions are suitable. Such diversification can help reduce dependence on uncertain rainfall and improve climate resilience. Farmers expressed hope that the current rains will continue throughout the season, ensuring sufficient water for standing crops and contributing to a successful harvest. The changing weather has once again highlighted the importance of scientific crop planning, efficient water management, and timely support for farmers facing increasingly unpredictable climatic conditions.

NRI Couple Gifts ₹8 Lakh Gold Crown to Goda Devi



An NRI couple from America offered a gold crown worth ₹8 lakh to Goddess Goda Devi at Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in New Boynpally's New City Colony, adding grandeur to the temple's annual celestial wedding celebrations on Thursday. The special offering was made by VV Nagaraju and Sriyani after the divine wedding rituals. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap received the gold crown from the couple and handed it over to the temple committee representatives. The event witnessed a large gathering of devotees who participated in special prayers and darshan amid spiritual chants and festive decorations. Jampana Pratap said the couple had earlier donated gold crowns worth ₹20 lakh to Lord Venkateswara Swamy and Goddess Lakshmi Devi. Responding to the temple committee's request,

Faith Vs Politics: Abhayanjanyaswamy Temple Construction Stalled in Kodangal

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The construction of Sri Abhayanjanyaswamy Temple at Mungimalla village in Kosgi mandal of Narayanpet district has remained stalled for the past nine months, despite administrative approval and sanctioned funds from the Telangana Endowment Department. The delay in beginning the project has disappointed devotees and villagers, who are seeking immediate intervention from the



government. Locals allege that political differences and bureaucratic hurdles have prevented the commencement of works, turning a religious project into a

matter of public concern. Devotees say faith should not become a victim of political disputes and have urged leaders to set aside differences. Some residents view the prolonged delay as a spiritual challenge, believing it tests their devotion and patience. Villagers are now demanding transparency on the reasons behind the delay and appealing to the Telangana government to clear all obstacles and start the temple construction at the earliest.

Civil Rights Awareness Seminar Held in Chowdariguda

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A Civil Rights Day Awareness Seminar was held at the Chowdariguda Municipal Office in the erstwhile Ghatkesar mandal under the leadership of DVMC Member Thalka Ramulu, creating awareness on constitutional rights and the protection of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Ghatkesar Mandal Youth Congress President Vinod and former Ward Member Narsing Mudiraj attended as chief guests. They paid floral tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and highlighted his pivotal role in drafting the Constitution of India. The speakers praised the organizers for conducting the seminar and stressed the need to educate people about their fundamental rights and duties. They urged SC and ST communities to understand the legal safeguards available to them and exercise their constitutional rights without fear. The seminar explained that untouchability remains a punishable offence under



the Protection of Civil Rights Act and called on citizens to uphold equality, dignity, and fraternity. Participants were also encouraged to attend Gram Sabha meetings held on the 30th of every month to strengthen grassroots democracy. Officials highlighted the provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, warning that strict legal action would be taken against those committing atrocities. RI Kavya, GPO Ashok Kumar, Shravan Kumar, Manjula, Bhagya, Chandrasekhar, Madhusudan, Zaheeruddin, Bhagyalakshmi, Shyam Sundar, Akhil, and others attended the programme.

KTR to Appear in Nampally Court Today



The ACB Special Court at Nampally has directed BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, former special chief secretary Arvind Kumar and three other accused to appear before it on Friday in connection with the Formula E race case, as it begins formal trial proceedings. The court has ordered the physical presence of all accused named in the chargesheet on the first day of hearings. On May 14, 2026, the court had taken cognisance of the chargesheet filed by the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and issued summons to the accused. The case pertains to alleged financial and procedural irregularities during the BRS government's conduct of the February 2023 international electric car race in Hyderabad. The ACB has alleged that '₹54.88 crore from Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) accounts was transferred to a foreign entity without obtaining mandatory approval from the state Cabinet.

Telangana To Roll Out AI-Powered TG-iPASS 2.0



The government is set to introduce artificial intelligence (AI)-powered TG-iPASS 2.0, upgrading its existing single-window on-line industrial clearance system to make approvals faster, smarter and hassle-free for investors and to introduce a slew of new features. Sources said the TG-iPASS 2.0 will be expanded from the existing 69 types of approvals to 162, by adding 93 new services. This is expected to allow entrepreneurs to obtain virtually all statutory permissions through a single digital portal without having to visit multiple government departments for individual clearances. The 2.0 platform will also feature an 'Intent to Invest Module', enabling prospective investors to register their preliminary investment proposals and engage with the government even before the formal approval process begins, sources added. The government is also introducing a comprehensive 'end-to-end digital inspection module', under which inspections can be conducted.

Over 50 Lakh Voters May Be Deleted in Draft Voter Roll

ASDD Voters Cross 44 Lakh in Telangana Ahead of Roll Revision

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The number of voters not available at the registered address stated in the electoral roll has crossed 44 lakh in the state. This number includes voters not present at the address, those who have shifted residence, deceased voters, and those whose vote was registered elsewhere. According to officials, this number of ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate) voters is likely to cross 50 lakh by August 3, when the deadline for submitting enumeration forms expires. These names will be deleted from the draft electoral roll as part of the special intensive revision of the electoral roll. The ASDD number surprised poll officials, who



were expecting about 30 lakh voters in this category. Out of 44 lakh ASDD voters, more than half reportedly moved to a new residence, while up to four lakh people were reported to have died. By Thursday, the poll officials had digitised 76.72 per cent of enumeration form data in the state. However, Hyderabad remains lagging behind all the districts with 55.57 per cent digitisation of enumeration forms. "Most of the voters

marked for deletion are migrants from Andhra Pradesh, who prefer to have their votes in their hometowns. Similarly, the voters from northern states like Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar prefer to have their vote in their respective places. This will result in them losing their voting right in Telangana," explained the official. "As part of the ongoing SIR-2026, a polling station-wise list containing details of ASDD voters during the enumer-

ation forms digitisation phase of the SIR-2026 exercise has been prepared, and the enclosed lists are being furnished for your information and necessary verification as on 29.07.2026 at 10 am," read a formal message sent by the Chandrayangutta electoral registration officer (ERO) to a political party. This message renewed concerns about BLOs wrapping up the enumeration process prematurely before the August 3 deadline, succumbing to pressure from higher-ups. Similar incidents were also reported in Karimnagar, where poll officials began printing voter details under various categories including 'untraceable/absent', 'death', and 'permanently shifted'.

Sridhar Babu Tells Officials to Speed Up Rescue and Relief Operations

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IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu has advised officials to take up rescue and rehabilitation steps on a war footing to help the rain-affected people in Godavarikhani, Peddapalli and Singareni areas. A few localities in the Godavarikhani coal belt town and Peddapalli were inundated in the floodwater due to continuous rainfall in the last two days. The minister conducted a review meeting with Peddapalli collector, Singareni CMD, NTPC ED, Telangana GENCO CMD, RFCL officials and Ramagundam police commissioner through video



conference from Hyderabad on Thursday. Sridhar Babu asked the officials to remove hurdles in the drainage system and clear the water stranded in various localities of Ramagundam industrial area. He asked the Singareni and NTPC officials to extend their support to the district administration in the rescue and relief operations. In situations of floodwater entering residential localities in

Veernapalli, officials should take alternative measures to divert flood water in another direction, he said. The minister asked Ramagundam police to extend support to municipal and revenue officials in the rescue and relief operation in Godavarikhani. He also asked the Singareni and district medical and health department officials to provide treatment to the affected people by establishing medical camps in Godavarikhani, Ramagundam and Veernapalli. Sridhar Babu also asked the officials to take advice from the local public representatives while undertaking relief measures.

Filing your taxes? Beware of fake IT refund scams, warns TGCSB

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau has warned taxpayers about fake Income Tax refund scams during the filing season, where fraudsters impersonate officials through SMS, emails, and phishing links to steal sensitive information.

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has issued a public advisory cautioning taxpayers against a surge in fake Income Tax refund scams during the ongoing income tax filing season. The bureau warned that cyber fraudsters are impersonating Income Tax Department officials to steal money, banking credentials and sensitive personal information from unsuspecting citizens. According to TGCSB, scammers are sending fraudulent SMS messages and emails claiming that an Income Tax refund has been approved. These messages often include a "Claim Now" button or a malicious link that redirects users to fake websites designed to collect confidential information such as bank account details, PAN, Aadhaar numbers, passwords and One-Time Passwords (OTPs). A sen-

ior TGCSB official said cyber criminals exploit the tax filing season by creating panic and a false sense of urgency among taxpayers. The official stressed that the Income Tax Department never asks taxpayers to share OTPs, passwords, CVV numbers or banking credentials through phone calls, SMS messages or emails. Citizens have been advised to verify all tax-related communications only through official government portals and avoid clicking on suspicious links. The advisory also highlighted common warning signs of such scams, including unsolicited refund messages, requests for PAN, Aadhaar or bank account details, calls demanding OTPs or CVV numbers, APK files or attachments sent from unknown

numbers, and threats of legal action unless immediate payment is made. TGCSB urged citizens not to disclose personal or financial information in response to unsolicited communications and to avoid downloading applications from unverified sources. Taxpayers should access Income Tax services only through official government websites. People who receive suspicious refund messages or fall victim to cyber fraud have been advised to report the incident immediately through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal, contact the national cybercrime helpline by dialing 1930, or share details with the Telangana Cyber Fraud Registry WhatsApp number 8712672222. The bureau reiterated that staying alert and verifying official communications are the best safeguards against online financial fraud.

PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi Consoles Family of Missing Elderly Man in Hafeezpet

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PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi, along with Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malem Pati, Deputy Commissioners Srinivas and Seva Islawath, visited the family of 70-year-old Balayya, who went missing after reportedly falling into a manhole near the Vaishali Nagar Railway Underpass in Hafeezpet, and offered his condolences and support. Gandhi assured Balayya's wife and family that the government would extend all possible assistance and that he would personally stand by them during this difficult time.

Describing the incident as deeply unfortunate, the PAC Chairman said rescue teams from the Police, HYDRAB, NDRF, CMC Engineering Department, and Hyderabad Water Board have inten-



sified search operations. He stated that officials have thoroughly inspected stormwater drains, inlets, and outlets, besides using cameras to trace the missing man. He added that search operations would continue until Balayya is found and appealed to the public to remain alert during heavy rains, avoid venturing out unless necessary, and stay away from open drains and ongoing civic works. Gandhi also instructed officials to ensure proper safety measures at all work sites to prevent similar incidents.

BRS Calls for Peaceful Aleru Bandh on July 31 to Press Revenue Division Demand

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Aleru Town unit has intensified its campaign demanding the declaration of Aleru as a Revenue Division, announcing a peaceful Aleru Bandh on Friday, July 31, 2026. As part of the mobilisation, the party officially released a public awareness poster urging people from all walks of

life to extend their support to the movement. Ahead of the bandh, the BRS will organize a bike rally at 4:00 PM on Thursday (July 30), beginning from the Aleru Milk Society. Party leaders, public representatives, youth, women, and supporters are expected to participate in large numbers to highlight the long-pending demand for a separate Revenue Division. BRS Town President

Putta Mallesh Goud appealed to political parties, traders, employees, farmers, students, youth, social organisations, and residents to cooperate with the bandh and make it a success. He stated that granting Revenue Division status to Aleru would improve administrative efficiency, bring government services closer to the people, accelerate regional development, and ensure better public welfare.

Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak Cheques Distributed to Eligible Beneficiaries in Raikode



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In a significant welfare initiative aimed at supporting economically weaker families, Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak scheme cheques were distributed to eligible beneficiaries during a special programme held at Raikode Mandal Headquarters on Thursday. The event was attended by Sangareddy District Library Chairman G. Anjaiah as the chief guest. Addressing the gathering, he said the Telangana Government remains committed to ensuring that every eligible family receives the benefits of its flagship welfare schemes in a transparent and timely manner. He noted that the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes have transformed the lives of thousands of economically disadvantaged families by easing the financial burden associated with marriages and promoting social welfare. He urged beneficiaries to make the best use of the assistance provided by the government. Officials including the Tahsildar (MRO) and Deputy Tahsil-

dar (Deputy MRO) participated in the programme and oversaw the distribution of cheques to eligible beneficiaries. Among those present were former DCMS Chairman Siddanna Patil, Mandal Party President Balaji Narsimulu, former Market Committee Chairman Kedarnath Patil, Temple Committee Chairman Satish Kulkarni, Allapur Sarpanch Charan Kumar, Raikode Sarpanch Radha Tukaram, former PACS Chairman Nagashetty Patil, former Chairman Nazir, former Youth President V. Darshan Reddy, Youth President Prabhakar, along with several sarpanches, former sarpanches, public representatives, and government officials from various villages. A large number of beneficiaries attended the programme and expressed their gratitude to the Telangana Government for extending financial assistance through these flagship welfare schemes. The event reflected the government's continued focus on inclusive development and social security for deserving families across the state.

Former BRS MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy no more

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Former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy is no more. He was 52. Sudarshan Reddy, a popular mass-based leader and a staunch follower of the BRS president K Chandrasekhar Rao, was admitted to the Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad after he suffered a major cardiac arrest in Hanamkonda on July 26. Yashoda authorities de-



clared that the former MLA breathed his last at 12.51 a.m on Friday. He also suffered from a serious lung infection. Following preliminary treatment, his condition was stabilised and the end came on Sunday. The mass-based leader had represented the

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) from Narsampet assembly constituency after winning the elections in 2019. He was one of the staunch followers of the BRS founder K Chandrasekhar Rao and was also the Chairman of the Telangana Civil Supplies Corporation. An exemplary leader who stood by the cause of Telangana, Sudarshan Reddy was born on August 6, 1974 in Nallabelli village of erstwhile Warangal district was elected as a

member of the Zilla Parishad Terrotorial Constituency (ZPTC) in 2001 on behalf of the Telangana Rashtira Samithi (Now BRS) in 2001. He was elected as the TRS district party convener in 2004 and was later nominated as the state party convener in 20025. He led the separate Telangana agitation as the TRS Warangal district president for over eight years and later was nominated as the TRS politburo member

Heavy rains bring copious inflows in erstwhile Adilabad

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Various irrigation projects received copious inflows following heavy rains that lashed erstwhile Adilabad district for the second day in a row on Thursday. Kaddam Narayana Reddy Project in Kadem mandal centre had inflows of 77,442 cusecs as per a bulletin released at 11 am. Water level of the project reached to 693 feet as against the storage capacity of 700 feet or 3,495 tmc. Surplus water was discharged



downstream by lifting six gates out of total 18 gates. People living in downstream areas were advised to be cautious about floods. Sripada Yellampalli Project at Gudipet village registered inflows by

48,013 cusecs. The water level of the project touched 145.28 meters as against the storage capacity of 148 meters. The outflow was 12,875 cusecs. Swarna project recorded inflows of 10,000 cusecs. Water

level of the project reached 1,176 feet out when compared with the total storage capacity of 1,183 feet. Sathnala, Mathadivagu, Gaddennavagu, Kumram Bheem, Purshottam Rao, Rallivagu, Nelwai, Bheemaram and other minor irrigation projects in Adilabad, Nirmal, Kumram Bheem Asifabad and Mancherial districts had copious inflows. Farmers expressed happiness over heavy rains and abundant water in irrigation projects. They said that the rains rejuvenated paddy, cotton and soy crops.

NATO in Contact With Warsaw After ‘Russian Missile’ Crashes in Poland

NATO said Thursday said it was in close contact with Warsaw as it blamed Russia for a missile that crashed in Poland, and vowed to "continue to take all necessary measures to defend" alliance territory. "In response to a Russian missile of currently unknown type that entered Polish airspace and later crashed into Polish territory - one of many missiles fired by Russia at Ukraine overnight - NATO and Poland activated their air and ground defences," said Martin O'Donnell, a spokesman for NATO's Europe headquarters. "Two NATO fighter jets, which were Polish F-16s, a NATO Multi-national Multi-Role Tanker Transport Unit Airbus A330 refuelling aircraft, a Polish Saab 340 Airborne Early Warning aircraft, and a Polish Mi-24 helicopter, were scrambled," he added in a statement. O'Donnell said that NATO was "in close contact with the Polish authorities about the violation of Poland's airspace" and that the Supreme Allied Commander Europe General Alexus .

LS Clears Bill Criminalising Insult to Vande Mataram

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Lok Sabha on Thursday passed The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026 by voice vote in just 15 minutes. The legislation, which was cleared by Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, will grant status to Vande Mataram at par with national anthem Jana Gana Mana. The Bill was passed with hardly any discussion in the lower house and only three members, including Minister of State for Home Mr Nityananda Rai, who had introduced the Bill, spoke during the discussions. Mrs K.Kanimozhi of DMK and Mr Sambit Patra of the BJP were the other two speakers. Mr A. Raja, who had moved amendments, was not allowed to complete his



statement; as a result, he tore papers in anger and threw it towards the Well of the House. The government rushed through the Bill without giving much space to the Opposition, which was on its feet throughout the day to protest against various issues. Presenting the Bill, Minister of State for Home Mr Nityananda Rai said the Congress should have given Vande Mataram its due respect during its 76 years of rule, but instead it resorted to appeasement politics. "This Bill is for national honour and makes it mandatory to

sing both national anthem and national song together at any event. The Narendra Modi government is now giving the national song its due respect which it deserves. For Ek Bharat, Shreshtra Bharat, we need to complete (all six stanzas) Vande Mataram song," Mr Rai said. Opposing the Bill, Mrs K. Kanimozhi said the Bill has a "Hindutva agenda" brought masquerading as nationalism. "It is against federalism. You cannot impose nationalism by bringing a law, the song goes against the secularism of the country. The founding fathers had the wisdom to stop only with two stanzas, but today you are trying to polarise the country by making it compulsory and making it a criminal offence if we do not sing all the six stanzas," she said.

Mr Sambit Patra of the BJP said the Congress in its 76 years of rule did not give Vande Mataram the respect it deserved as a national song. The amendments moved by DMK's Mr A. Raja were rejected by the House. Mr Raja, who argued that the song had a communal outlook, later tore some documents and threw it towards the Well. The legislation, which was cleared by Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, will grant status to Vande Mataram on par with national anthem Jana Gana Mana. The Bill seeks to make any insult to Vande Mataram a criminal offence punishable with imprisonment up to three years, a fine or both. A second and every subsequent conviction is punishable with imprisonment of a minimum of one year.

Bill to Give Statutory Status to Indian Statistical Institute Set for LS Introduction

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The government is set to introduce a bill in the Lok Sabha to widen the remit of the Indian Statistical Institute and align its legal framework with evolving needs. The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2026, seeks the institute's incorporation as a 'body corporate' to strengthen its governance, promote academic excellence and research and allow it to serve the emerging needs in the field of statistics and allied fields. The bill says the President of India will be the Visitor of the institute and provisions for a Board of Governors that will be its principal policy executive body. The board will be headed by the chairperson, who will be an eminent person from the field of acad-



mia, industry, education, public policy, and statistical sciences. The board will be accountable to the central government, the bill notes. The institute will have an Academic Council, which will act as its principal academic body and will be headed by the institute's director. All full-time professors and full-time faculty will be members of the Academic Council. The Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959, declared the institute to be an institution of national importance and empowered it

to grant degrees and diplomas in statistics. The Act was amended in 1995 to empower the Institute to grant degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subjects related to statistics as may be determined by it from time to time. The bill says the President of India will be the Visitor of the institute and provisions for a Board of Governors that will be its principal policy executive body.

Mahanadi Water Dispute May Be Resolved By Diwali, Says Odisha CM

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The decades-old Mahanadi river water dispute between Odisha and Chhattisgarh could finally move towards a resolution, with both states agreeing to intensify efforts to settle the issue through dialogue within the next three months. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi made the announcement on Thursday after holding a high-level meeting with his Chhattisgarh counterpart, Vishnu Deo Sai, in New Delhi. The meeting, facilitated by Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, focused on resolving longstanding disagreements over the sharing, utilisation and management of Mahanadi river waters. Both Chief Ministers described the discussions as positive and reaffirmed their commitment to finding a mutually acceptable solution before Diwali. Addressing reporters after the meeting, Majhi said the interests of Odisha, particularly its farmers and the state's rightful share of Maha-



nadi waters, would remain the government's highest priority. He expressed optimism that continued discussions and cooperation between the two states would help end the dispute that has persisted for several years. "The talks were constructive, and both governments have agreed to make concerted efforts to resolve the issue through dialogue. We hope to arrive at a solution before Diwali," Majhi said. The Chief Minister added that discussions also explored ways to establish an effective mechanism for sustainable management of the river while protecting the interests of both Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Both sides agreed that cooperation and mu-

tual understanding should replace prolonged legal and political confrontation. The meeting marks a significant step towards a negotiated settlement of one of eastern India's most important inter-state river disputes. The issue has remained a major political and legal challenge for years, with both states repeatedly accusing each other of compromising their water interests. If the proposed timeline is achieved, it would represent a major breakthrough and could pave the way for a long-term framework on equitable water sharing, coordinated river management and sustainable utilisation of the Mahanadi basin. What is the Mahanadi

water dispute? The dispute centres on Odisha's allegation that Chhattisgarh has constructed several barrages and diversion structures on the upstream stretch of the Mahanadi, reducing the flow of water into Odisha, especially during the lean season. According to Odisha, lower inflows into the Hirakud reservoir have adversely affected irrigation, drinking water supply and industrial requirements across several districts. The state argues that the reduced water availability threatens agriculture and the livelihoods of thousands of farmers. Chhattisgarh, however, maintains that the projects undertaken within its territory are legally permissible and that it has the right to utilise river waters flowing through the state for irrigation and development. As the two states failed to reach a mutually acceptable water-sharing arrangement, the Centre constituted the Mahanadi Water Disputes Tribunal in 2018 under the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956.

Congo's Ebola Outbreak Turns Deadlier as Death Toll Surpasses 1,500

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The fastest-growing Ebola outbreak has killed more than 1,500 people in eastern Congo, official data released on Thursday showed, marking a 50 per cent increase in around a week that shows the emergency continuing to outpace response efforts. As of Tuesday, 3,442 cases had been recorded, with 1,521 deaths, according to



the latest government update. The outbreak, which was declared on May 15, has been linked to the Bundibugyo virus, for which there is no approved vaccine or treatment. There are currently 797 patients in isolation or hospitalised, while a

further 615 patients have recovered, the data showed. Contact tracing continues to lag, with only around 78 per cent of known contacts monitored nationwide, well below the 95 per cent target health officials say is needed to interrupt transmission. The outbreak is mostly concentrated in eastern Congo's remote Ituri province, which accounts for nearly 90 per cent of cases, but there

have been other confirmed cases in five provinces, including one of the country's largest cities, Kisangani. Neighbouring Uganda declared itself free of Ebola on Tuesday following the discharge of the country's last patient in mid-June. Ebola is rare, but highly contagious and can be contracted via bodily fluids such as vomit, blood or semen.

New US Bill May Fast-Track Green Card Option

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Lakhs of long-term immigrants in the United States, including thousands of Indians waiting for permanent residency, could benefit if a new Bill introduced by California's US Senator Alex Padilla becomes law. The proposal, if passed, would allow people who have lived continuously in the US for at least seven years, have no criminal record, and meet other eligibility requirements to apply for lawful permanent residency and obtain a green card. Senator Padilla has renewed the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929, often called the Registry Bill. The current US law allows only immigrants who have lived in the country since January 1, 1972, to apply for permanent residency through the



registry process. The Bill would replace this outdated cut-off date with a rolling seven-year requirement, making millions of long-term residents eligible. Supporters say more than 80 lakh people could qualify if Congress approves the proposal. "Congress cannot continue to ignore millions of long-term residents who contribute to our economy and communities every day. It's past time to modernise our immigration laws and create a fair pathway to lawful permanent residency," Padilla said in a statement. The legis-

lation has been backed by Senate Democratic whip Dick Durbin, along with a number of other US senators and over 30 human rights organisations. However, the Bill faces an uncertain future as it must secure enough support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, where the Republicans have a majority, before it can become law. The proposal can bring a lot of Indian diaspora clearance for availing permanent residency in the United States. Padilla's office said that the bill would benefit highly skilled workers, including H-1B visa holders, who have spent years waiting for employment-based green cards because of long country-wise backlogs. It could also help children of long-term visa holders who risk losing their legal status after turning 21, who are referred to as "documented dreamers".

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Two Devotees Die.....

Based on HYDRAA's submission, the judge summoned the tahsildar. The official on Thursday informed the court that he or his office had never informed or written to HYDRAA to demolish the structures. Further, government counsel for revenue Katram Muralidhar Reddy submitted that the collector's office wrote a letter for protection and removal of a few small structures in government land situated in Survey No. 59 to the commissioner of police on October 3, 2025, and marked a copy to HYDRAA, while the petitioner's plot was located in Survey No. 60 and was private land. The court inquired how the HYDRAA officials came to the con-

clusion that the plot was situated adjacent to Survey No. 59, which is government land, and questioned if any due diligence had been done before the demolition of the structure. When HYDRAA's counsel replied that based on the tahsildar's communication on October 1, 2025, the agency had demolished the structures on October 4, the court inquired if the petitioner had been issued notice, and questioned the urgency of demolishing the structure within three days. The judge repeatedly asked if the district collector mentioned any communication to demolish the particular building. The court also asked if any "outside force pressured you (HYDRAA)" to demolish the structure.

IAF Chief Says.....

"We should be able to have no fratricide, in terms of (whether) we (are) shooting down our own drones or taking down something that is meant for us," he said. At a workshop hosted here by the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), and attended by defence military and industry experts, the Air Chief Marshal also spoke about integration of manned platforms and drones and other unmanned aerial systems (UAS), which would share the same airspace. "Integration is very important. We have manned platforms and long-range vectors which will continue to use the same airspace where the drones are going to come in. I am

talking about a whole range of drones, from a small micro or mini drone to a UAS which is like a full aircraft, but unmanned." Everybody is going to use the same airspace. So man, whether in the loop, on the loop, at least in planning, in terms of control, feedback system, situational awareness, we need to know each other's positions, and understand how an airspace is going to be used, whether it is procedural control or active control," he said. SC Allows..... Later, the Muslim side, led by Haji Muneer Ahmad, moved the apex court, alleging non-compliance with its directions to provide an alternative site, saying that the Dhar administration is providing the

place which is 1.3 km away from the Bhojshala complex. They said that the site should be close enough from where Muslims can sight the mosque while offering prayers. On May 15, the Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex in the Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. It also quashed a decades-old ASI order that had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday prayers at the site. Farmers' Stir..... Sources said that the state government took such an action expecting the Centre to bail it out with the farmers intensifying their stir by breaking police barricades to enter Bhopal. The Union agriculture

minister, however, had rather exposed the governance inadequacy in the Mohan Yadav government by highlighting the slow pace of procurement of moong in the state. By July 29, the state government had procured around 60,000 metric tons of moong against the Centre's procurement cap of 4,54,580 metric tons fixed for Madhya Pradesh in 2025-26 by the Centre, a letter by Mr. Chouhan to the chief minister said. This is 87 per cent of the total 5,23,243 metric tons of moong proposed to be procured by the Centre from the states in 2025-26. Under a Central procurement scheme, christened as Price Support Scheme (PSS), the Union government procures 25 per cent of moong produced in the states.

CRIME

Telangana HC Set Asides the Appointment of Director to NITHM

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In a significant setback to the Telangana government, the Telangana High Court has quashed the appointment of the Director of the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM), ruling that the government acted beyond its legal authority by making the appointment without following the institution's statutory rules. Justice Renuka Yara passed the order while allowing a writ petition filed by the Centre for Better Governance. The court set aside GO Rt. No. 206, issued on July 15, 2025, through which the state government had appointed Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, a professor from the University of Hyderabad, as the Director of NITHM



on deputation for a period of three years. The High Court held that the appointment was legally unsustainable because the Memorandum of Association and the rules governing NITHM clearly vest the authority to determine the qualifications, select, and appoint the Director exclusively with the institution's Governing Council. The government, the court observed, had unilaterally exercised powers that legally belonged to the autonomous governing body. According to the

petitioner, the state government bypassed the Governing Council and directly issued a Government Order appointing the Director, despite Rule 12 of the NITHM Rules, which mandates that the council itself should decide the qualifications, tenure, and terms of appointment for the post. The petitioner also challenged the eligibility of Prof. Venkata Ramana, alleging that he did not possess the prescribed academic and professional background in tourism and hospitality required

for the position. It further argued that the appointment was arbitrary and allegedly influenced by favouritism rather than merit. After examining the relevant provisions, the High Court concluded that the state's action amounted to an unlawful usurpation of the Governing Council's statutory powers. The court emphasized that autonomous institutions must function in accordance with their governing regulations and that executive authorities cannot override established statutory procedures. With the judgment, the Government Order appointing the Director stands quashed, reinforcing the principle that appointments in autonomous institutions must strictly adhere to the rules and governance framework laid down under law.

Miyapur Police Reunite Missing Boy with Parents Under Operation Muskaan-12

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In a successful effort under Operation Muskaan-12, Miyapur Police rescued a missing minor boy and safely reunited him with his parents after tracing his identity through coordinated police verification. The boy was found wandering within the Miyapur Police Station limits on July 28 and was rescued by Miyapur Police along with officials from the Women and Child Welfare De-



partment. As he was unable to provide details about his identity, he was temporarily shifted to a government children's home. During verification, police discovered that a missing complaint had been registered at Allapur Police Station in Medchal-Malkajgiri district on July 26. After completing

all legal formalities and counselling the family, the child was safely handed over to his parents. The parents thanked the Operation Muskaan-12 team, Miyapur Police, Allapur Police, and the Women and Child Welfare Department for their timely efforts in reuniting their son with the family.

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.

Miyapur Court Awards Life Imprisonment in 2022 Murder Case

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A court has sentenced a man to life imprisonment for murdering the mother of a young woman after she rejected his advances in a case investigated by Miyapur Police. According to police, Sandeep (25), a native of Guntur district, attacked Vaibhavi (19) and her mother Shobha with a knife at their residence in New Hafeezpet in December 2022 after learning about Vaibhavi's proposed marriage. Shobha later succumbed to her in-



juries, while Vaibhavi survived the attack. The accused also attempted to harm himself after the incident. Following the investigation, Miyapur Police filed a charge sheet. On July 30, 2026, the 12th Additional Sessions Court, Rangareddy, found Sandeep guilty and sentenced him to life imprisonment for murder, along with additional prison terms and fines under other relevant sections of law.

Three Workers Injured in Gachibowli Construction Cave-In; Case Filed Against Owner and Site Staff

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Three construction workers were injured after an excavation caved in at an under-construction residential building in Gachibowli on Thursday morning. The Gachibowli Police have registered a case against the plot owner, site supervisor, and site foreman for alleged negligence. The incident occurred at Plot No. 612, TNGO Colony Phase-I, where foundation



excavation was underway. A portion of the earth collapsed into a nearly nine-foot-deep pit, trapping three workers beneath the debris. Fellow workers

rescued them and shifted them to a private hospital. Two workers, Ram Karan (24) and Ajesh (26), sustained minor injuries and were dis-

charged after treatment, while Suresh (34) remains hospitalised in stable condition. Police said the construction belongs to Chukkappalli Krishna Karthik and preliminary inquiry revealed that adequate safety measures were not followed during excavation. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the accident and the responsibility of those involved.

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.



India’s gold demand falls 6 pc in April-June on weak seasonal demand, higher duty: WGC

India's gold demand declined 6% year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes in Q2 2026 due to higher prices, customs duty increase and reduced purchases. Despite lower volumes, gold demand value hit a record level as consumers continued investing, with festive demand expected to support future consumption

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India’s gold demand declined by 6 per cent year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes during the April-June quarter of 2026, compared to 139.7 tonnes in the corresponding period last year, according to the World Gold Council (WGC) in its Q2 2026 Gold Demand Trends report. Despite the decline in volume, the value of gold consumption reached a record high due to soaring prices. Gold demand by value surged 50 per cent to Rs 1,98,100 crore, up from Rs 1,32,500 crore in the same quarter of 2025. WGC Regional CEO (India), Sachin



Jain, said consumers continued to prioritise gold purchases despite record prices, reflecting the metal’s enduring appeal as both a cultural asset and a financial investment. The report attributed the fall in demand to seasonally weak jewellery sales, an increase in Customs duty, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s appeal in

May urging citizens to reduce non-essential gold purchases to help curb the country’s import bill and conserve foreign exchange reserves. Jewellery demand was the worst affected, falling 15 per cent to 75.1 tonnes from 88.8 tonnes a year earlier. However, investment demand remained robust, with purchases of gold bars and coins

rising 9 per cent year-on-year to 50.3 tonnes. Indian Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) also witnessed net inflows of 4.2 tonnes, even as global ETFs recorded outflows. Looking ahead, the WGC has maintained its annual gold demand forecast for India at 650-750 tonnes. Jain said demand is likely to remain around the midpoint of the projected range, although a correction in gold prices and a reduction in Customs duty could push consumption towards the upper end. The WGC also expressed concern over rising gold smuggling following the duty hike, warning that illicit

imports could pose a significant challenge to the organised gold industry in the coming months. Meanwhile, gold recycling in India declined 17 per cent to 19.2 tonnes during the quarter, while total gold imports fell sharply by 23 per cent to 98.1 tonnes, compared to 127.4 tonnes in the same period last year. The average international gold price rose to USD 4,506.3 per ounce, while the average domestic price during the quarter climbed to Rs 1,50,744.8 per 10 grams (excluding import duty and GST), underscoring the impact of elevated prices on consumer buying patterns.

Renacon Launches RENAFLEX Boards in Andhra Pradesh

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Renacon, the flagship building materials brand of the Renaatus Group, has launched its RENAFLEX Fibre Cement Boards (FCB) from a newly commissioned integrated manufacturing facility at Naidupeta, Andhra Pradesh, strengthening its presence in the construction markets of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and South India. Built with an investment of ₹350 crore in a record 12 months, the facility is Asia's largest integrated manufacturing plant for AAC Blocks and Fibre Cement Boards. The plant introduces globally benchmarked Laminar Flow Technology to India, enabling the production of high-performance building materials for residential, commercial and industrial projects. The facility has an annual production capacity of 60,000 metric tonnes of Fibre Cement Boards and is expected to generate over 1,000 direct and indirect jobs, supporting the Government of India's Make in India initiative. It manufactures high-density and standard Fibre Cement Boards along with premium designer boards for architectural, façade and interior applications. Speaking at the launch, R. P. Selvasundaram, Chairman and Managing Director



of the Renaatus Group, said the investment reflects the company's confidence in Andhra Pradesh as a strategic manufacturing hub and its commitment to delivering sustainable, high-performance construction solutions across South India. RENAFLEX boards are designed for modern construction, offering fire, moisture and termite resistance, high durability, dimensional stability and smooth finishes. They are suitable for partitions, false ceilings, façades, wet areas, modular interiors and prefabricated structures, enabling faster installation and lower maintenance while supporting green building standards such as IGBC and GRIHA. Renacon will initially focus on Andhra Pradesh and Telangana before expanding across southern India and export markets in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

National PR Education Day to Be Celebrated Across India on August 6

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In a landmark initiative for the Public Relations fraternity, August 6 will be celebrated nationwide as National Public Relations Education Day, recognising the vital role of PR education in building trust, transparency, ethical communication, and professional excellence. The announcement follows a request made by the PRSI Hyderabad

Chapter and senior PR leader Dr. K.V. Ramanaachary, which received the support of Dr. Ajit Pathak, National President of the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI). The decision is being hailed as a significant milestone in promoting quality PR education across the country. This year's National PR Education Day celebrations will be held on August 6, 2026, at 5:30 PM at the Surana Audi-

torium, FTCCI, Red Hills, Hyderabad. The event is jointly organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) and the CVN Public Relations Foundation. The programme will feature the presentation of the prestigious Dr. CVN-PRSI Best PR Manager of the Year – 2026 Award, along with PR Voice Literary Excellence Recognition, honours for Best PR Teachers, Best PR



Counsellors, and recognition of Meritorious Students for academic excellence in Public Relations. A special tribute has been paid to C. Rav-

inder Reddi and C. Rama Devi, children of the late Dr. C.V. Narasimha Reddy (Dr. CVN Reddy), for their unwavering commitment to preserving their father's vision. Through the CVN PR Foundation, they have consistently devoted their time, resources, and leadership to promote public relations education, institute national awards and recognitions, and encourage excellence among PR practitioners,

educators, and students across India. Speakers associated with the initiative noted that every successful movement begins with an idea and dedicated individuals who nurture it. They remarked that while "not every seed grows into a tree, without a seed there can be no fruit," acknowledging the collective efforts of those who transformed the proposal for a National PR Education Day into a nation-

wide reality. The event will be graced by Telangana Labour, Employment, Training, Factories, Mines & Geology Minister Dr. Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy as the Chief Guest. Prof. V. Balakista Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Council of Higher Education, and Dr. Ajit Pathak, National President of PRSI, will attend as Guests of Honour. Dr. Sriram Birudavolu,

CEO, Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad, will deliver the keynote address. Public Relations professionals, academicians, students, communication experts, and corporate leaders from across the country are expected to participate in the celebrations, reinforcing the importance of ethical communication and professional excellence in nation-building.

TATA AIG Implements PMFBY Across Nine Andhra Pradesh Districts

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TATA AIG General Insurance Company has been appointed as the implementing insurance partner for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in nine districts of Andhra Pradesh for the Kharif 2026 season, strengthening crop insurance coverage for farmers across the state. The company will implement the Centre and State-sponsored crop insurance scheme in Anakapalli, Bapatla, Chittoor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, Krishna, Kurnool, NTR, Parvathipuram Manyam, and SPSR Nellore districts. PMFBY aims to provide financial protection to farmers against crop losses caused by natural calamities, pests, and diseases while ensuring greater income security. As the implementing insurance partner, TATA AIG will facilitate the enrolment of eligible farmers cultivating notified crops under the scheme. The company has urged farmers to enrol before the prescribed deadline to avail themselves of

insurance coverage and safeguard their livelihoods against weather-related and crop risks. Farmers can register through their respective banks, Common Service Centres (CSCs), or by visiting the official PMFBY portal. They can also verify the applicable premium and complete the enrolment process online before the notified cut-off dates. The initiative reflects TATA AIG's commitment to strengthening rural resilience through accessible insurance solutions and increased awareness of crop insurance. By supporting the implementation of PMFBY in Andhra Pradesh, the insurer aims to enhance financial security for farmers and encourage wider participation in the government's flagship agricultural insurance programme. The PMFBY continues to play a crucial role in protecting farmers from unforeseen agricultural losses while promoting sustainable farming and long-term rural economic stability.

Eco Sustain, IPEC Expos Begin at HITEX Hyderabad

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The 3rd Eco Sustain Expo & Conference and the 5th IPEC Expo & Conference commenced at the HITEX Exhibition Centre in Hyderabad on Thursday, bringing together policymakers, industry leaders, innovators and environmental experts to promote sustainable industrial development and clean technology adoption. The three-day event, organised by HITEX, will continue until August 1, 2026. The twin expos were inaugurated by K. Madhukar Babu, Joint Director (MSME), Commissioner of Industries, Government of Telangana, along with Swathi Chalamalasetty, Director, Ace Urban Group & AM Green, C. S. S. Rao, IEDS & Joint Director, HOO, MSME, Rashmi Pimpale, CEO, RICH Telangana, B. Ravi, Principal Director & Head, CIPET Hyderabad, and Prasanth



Kumar Reddy Arani, National Director, Federation of Small and Medium Enterprises (FSME). Senior government officials, industry representatives and exhibitors attended the inaugural session. The event has attracted more than 140 exhibitors from across the country, displaying advanced technologies and innovative solutions aimed at addressing environmental challenges. Exhibits cover a wide range of sectors, including waste management, recycling, wastewater treatment, bio-energy, air pollution control, circular economy solutions and sustainable industrial technologies. Organisers expect over

12,000 business visitors from more than 30 cities to participate in the exhibition, making it one of the largest platforms for environmental technologies and industrial sustainability in the region. The expo is designed to facilitate business networking, technology exchange and partnerships among manufacturers, solution providers, policymakers and investors. Alongside the exhibition, a comprehensive conference is being held featuring keynote addresses, panel discussions and technical sessions by industry experts. Discussions will focus on key themes such as Green Manufacturing, Industry 5.0, En-

vironmental, Social and Governance (ESG) practices, Climate Resilience, Resource Efficiency and sustainable industrial growth. The co-located 5th IPEC Expo & Conference provides an additional platform for professionals from process industries, environmental engineering and industrial infrastructure to collaborate, exchange knowledge and explore emerging technologies. According to the organisers, the primary objective of the event is to accelerate the adoption of clean technologies, strengthen collaboration between industry and government, encourage innovation and support India's long-term vision of environmentally responsible and sustainable industrial development. The expo is expected to create new business opportunities while promoting eco-friendly practices across multiple industrial sectors.

CBIT Holds PoSH Act Awareness Session



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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, organized "SHIELD 2.0 – Strengthening Harmony, Integrity, Empowerment, Legal Awareness & Dignity," an awareness session on the Prevention of Sexual Harassment (PoSH) Act, 2013, to promote a safe, respectful and inclusive campus environment. The programme was conducted by the Internal Committee (IC), CBIT, in association with the Chaitanya Suraksha – Women Safety Club and the SAHAS – Women Safety Wing, Telangana Police. Faculty members, staff and students participated in large numbers. Resource persons Ms. Asiya Shervani, Head of the SAHAS Team, Ms. Surya Keerthi, Legal Counsellor, and Sub Inspector of Police Ms.

Sudha explained the key provisions of the PoSH Act, complaint mechanisms, the role of Internal Committees, legal remedies, confidentiality and the importance of maintaining harassment-free educational institutions. CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu welcomed the guests and reiterated the institute's commitment to gender sensitivity, legal awareness and zero tolerance towards harassment. The event was led by Prof. K. Radhika, Chairperson of the Internal Committee, with coordination by Dr. G. Vijaya Laxmi and Dr. Prasanna Rani. The CBIT management appreciated the collaborative efforts of the Internal Committee, Chaitanya Suraksha – Women Safety Club and the Telangana Police in successfully conducting the awareness programme.

Tollywood's Young Heroines Spark Fierce Competition



Tollywood is witnessing the meteoric rise of a new generation of talented actresses, including Meenakshi Chaudhary, Bhagyashri Borse, Kayadu Lohar, Mamita Baiju and Srinidhi Shetty. Along with them, Anupama Parameswaran and Telugu actresses Sri Gouri Priya, Shivani Nagaram, Faria Abdullah and Manasa Varanasi are making a strong impact, making the competition among leading ladies more intense than ever. Producer-director Madhura Sreedhar believes the Telugu film industry needs an even larger pool of actresses to meet the growing demand. "Finding the right heroine has become one of the biggest challenges, whether it is for a star hero's film or a project with a young actor. We

need more talented actresses because the demand is increasing every year," he says. Among the frontrunners, Meenakshi Chaudhary has strengthened her position with the success of Lucky Baskhar and Sankranthiki Vasthnam, while continuing to sign promising projects. Bhagyashri Borse has also emerged as one of the most sought-after actresses after winning appreciation for Kantha and scoring commercial success with Lenin. Malayalam actress Mamita Baiju, who earned popularity among Telugu audiences with Dude, is all set to make her Tollywood debut opposite Suriya in Viswanath and Sons. Kayadu Lohar has landed a prestigious project with Nani in The Paradise, while KGF actress Srinidhi

Shetty impressed Telugu audiences with HIT 3 and is now awaiting the release of Adarsha Kutumbam alongside Venkatesh. "These actresses are a wonderful combination of talent and glamour. Many of them are also proving themselves in multiple languages, which is a healthy sign for the industry," says Madhura Sreedhar. However, he believes it is too early to compare or rank the new generation of actresses. "They have certainly shown tremendous promise, but rankings come only after sustained success over several years. Right now, they are all building their careers and deserve time to establish themselves," he explains. The influx of fresh talent has naturally intensified competition for established actresses such as

Sreeleela, Krithi Shetty and Keerthy Suresh. "Competition is inevitable in every profession. Every actress goes through highs and lows. I don't want to single out anyone, but one solid hit can completely change an actress's career trajectory," he says. At the same time, Madhura Sreedhar cautions young actresses against letting early success change their professional approach. "One hit is enough for some actresses to demand a huge hike in remuneration, travel with a large personal staff and insist on luxury accommodation. Producers end up spending ₹40,000 to ₹50,000 extra every day on their personal staff alone. Young actresses should manage success wisely and appoint professional managers who understand long-term career planning. Moving from a regular hotel to a luxury suite after just one hit unnecessarily increases production costs and is avoidable," he observes. Commenting on the competition from Bollywood actresses such as Janhvi Kapoor, Rasha Thadani and Shanaya Kapoor, director Trinadha Rao, who is working with Nargis Fakhri and Kavya Thapar in his upcoming film Nenu Ready, says South actresses need not worry. "Bollywood divas do only selective Telugu films, so South heroines.

Hyderabad's Teja Kalvakota Leads Aha's Trending Series Azadi 501

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Hyderabad-based actor Teja Kalvakota, originally from Karimnagar, is steadily carving a niche for himself in the Telugu entertainment industry with his latest project, Azadi 501. The talented youngster, who plays the lead role in the much-talked-about Aha OTT series, considers the project a significant milestone in his acting journey. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Management and Commerce (IIMC), Teja chose to follow his passion for cinema despite having a conventional academic background. Determined to establish himself in the industry, he attended numerous auditions before finally getting his breakthrough. His acting career began with the popular Telugu web series Pilla Pillagadu in 2018, directed by Sumanth Prabhaskar of Memu Famous fame. The series earned widespread appreciation and introduced Teja to audiences across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Reflecting on his journey, Teja says Pilla Pillagadu brought immense positivity and encouragement, moti-



vating him to continue pursuing his dream despite facing several setbacks. He later worked alongside actor Naga Chaitanya in the 2019 romantic drama Majili, further strengthening his credentials in the industry. Another promising project, Shivan, directed by VJ Shivan, was unfortunately stalled during the COVID-19 lockdown, delaying its release. Like many aspiring actors, Teja experienced disappointments, including narrowly missing a role in Niharika Konidela's web series Hello World. However, those setbacks only strengthened his deter-

mination to succeed. Today, Teja is winning appreciation as the lead actor in Azadi 501, directed by Shiva Teja and produced by Rachana Reddy under the Thursday Cinemas banner. The Aha OTT series is inspired by one of India's biggest smartphone scam stories, where thousands of people were lured by the promise of an unbelievably cheap mobile phone, leading to a massive nationwide fraud. With Azadi 501 emerging as a favourite among Gen Z audiences, Teja Kalvakota's career continues to gain impressive momentum.

SSB crowned overall champions at All India Police Judo Cluster Games in Hyderabad



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Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) emerged overall champions with 24 gold, 20 silver and 23 bronze medals in the All India Police Judo Cluster Games at the GMC Balayogi Stadium here on Thursday. CISF finished runner-up with 25 gold, 16 silver and 25 bronze medals while the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) was third with 10 gold, 21 silver and 26 bronze medals. In judo, SSB was the winner while BSF and Uttar Pradesh Police was second and third respectively, in wushu, SSB reigned supreme while CRPF and ITBP were second and third respectively.

In taekwondo (men), CISF was the champion while BSF and UP Police were second and third respectively and in women's section, UP Police, CISF and Assam Rifles finished in that order. In pencak silat, CISF, SSB and Maharashtra and in karate Assam Rifles, ITBP and CISF finished in that order. Mr. CV Anand, DGP of Telangana and chief guest, lauded the successful conduct of the championship, which brought together 36 teams representing State Police forces and Central Armed Police Forces from across the country. Mr Anand said Telangana Police would be hosting All India Police competitions in Hyderabad over

the coming two years. He said that India, under the vision of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was emerging as a global sporting powerhouse, and appealed to police personnel to make sport and fitness a daily habit, stating that a physically and mentally fit officer serves the nation better. Mr. Vijay Prakash, IPS, ADG/HQrs, CISF, thanked the AIPSCB officials, Government of Telangana and the Public Sector Undertakings including Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), for the successful conduct of the event.

Jammu Kashmir, Arunachal Register Big Wins In Junior Hockey

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India's gold demand declined by 6 per cent year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes during the April-June quarter (Q2) of 2026, primarily due to seasonally subdued jewellery purchases, higher Customs duty and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to reduce non-essential gold buying. However, the overall value of gold consumption reached a record high as prices of the precious metal continued to surge, according to the World Gold Council (WGC). The WGC's Q2 2026 Gold Demand Trends report showed that total gold demand stood at 131.4 tonnes, compared with 139.7 tonnes in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Despite the decline in physical demand, the value of gold consumption rose sharply by 50 per cent to Rs 1,98,100 crore, up from Rs 1,32,500 crore a year



earlier. WGC Regional CEO for India Sachin Jain said the figures demonstrate that Indian consumers continue to prioritise gold even in a high-price environment, reflecting its enduring role as both an investment and a store of wealth. Jewellery demand witnessed the biggest decline during the quarter, falling 15 per cent to 75.1 tonnes, compared with 88.8 tonnes in the same period last year. Jain attributed the slowdown to seasonal weakness, the increase in Customs duty and the Prime Minister's public

appeal in May urging citizens to limit non-essential gold purchases to help reduce the country's import bill and conserve foreign exchange reserves amid volatile crude oil prices. In contrast, investment demand remained strong. Demand for gold bars and coins increased 9 per cent year-on-year to 50.3 tonnes, highlighting investors' continued preference for gold as a safe-haven asset during uncertain global economic conditions. Indian Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) also attracted net inflows of 4.2 tonnes, even as global

gold ETFs experienced net outflows during the same period. The WGC retained its full-year demand forecast for India at 650-750 tonnes. Jain said demand is likely to remain around the middle of the projected range given prevailing geopolitical uncertainties, inflationary pressures and interest rate trends. However, he added that any correction in gold prices or reduction in Customs duty could lift demand towards the upper end of the forecast. The council also expressed concern over increasing reports of gold

smuggling following the hike in import duty. Jain warned that illicit gold entering the domestic market poses a significant risk to the organised gold industry and said the WGC would closely monitor the situation in the coming quarters. The report further noted that gold recycling in India declined 17 per cent to 19.2 tonnes, while total gold imports dropped 23 per cent to 98.1 tonnes from 127.4 tonnes a year earlier. International gold prices averaged USD 4,506.3 per ounce during the quarter, while the average domestic price rose to Rs 1,50,744.8 (excluding import duty and GST), significantly higher than the corresponding period last year. Looking ahead, the WGC expects the upcoming festive and wedding season to support demand, although elevated prices may continue to influence consumer purchasing patterns..

Telangana To Send Select Teachers on Foreign Study Tours: Revanth

CM Revanth Reddy unveils an initiative to enhance teaching standards through global exposure.

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Telangana will fund overseas study tours for government teachers every year, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced on Thursday, during an interaction with participants of the Finland and Germany teacher exposure visit and educational exchange programme. The hour-long programme was held at MCRHRDI in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, where Revanth Reddy also directed officials to submit a mandal-wise plan for the next academic year by December and said the state spends Rs 1.08 lakh on each student annually. "From now on, we will provide teachers with opportunities to go abroad for study tours," said Re-



vanth Reddy and asked officials to treat each mandal as one cluster in the plan for the next academic year. Students could succeed only when schools combined education and discipline, the Chief Minister added. He also expressed confidence that the Congress government would remain in power until 2034 and he would continue as the Chief Minister until then. Revanth Reddy said par-

ents spend about Rs 50,000 on each child in a private school, against the state's annual expenditure of Rs 1.08 lakh per government-school student. He asked officials and teachers to examine why families continued to prefer private schools. Government schools had enrolled one lakh additional students this year, an increase he described as an achievement. Revanth Reddy rejected op-

position demands that he give up the education portfolio. He cited break-fast from Nursery to Class XII, teacher recruitment and promotions, the conversion of ITIs into ATCs, the Skills University and the appointment of corporate heads to its board. He also referred to midday meals and uniform distribution for students and said the government wanted them to acquire skills alongside education. "Our vision is for teachers to share their experience with the students," Revanth Reddy said, adding that the government would address the teachers' grievances. He also asked their associations to take up student problems as well as their own. Revanth Reddy argued that English alone did not explain China's

global position. He said India had looked towards the United States for 25 years, but it should now focus on Germany, Japan and Singapore, where more opportunities were available. "Backwardness is not linked to assets or social status. Lack of education is the true form of backwardness," the Chief Minister said. The Chief Minister criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the country's debt burden and claimed that prime ministers from Independence to 2014 had accumulated Rs 50 lakh crore in debt. Modi had added Rs 151 lakh crore between 2014 and 2026, he said. Revanth Reddy placed the country's total outstanding debt at Rs 201 lakh crore.

Unemployed youth stage protest in Hyderabad, demand notifications for 19,000 police vacancies

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Demanding the State government notify all 19,000 vacancies in the Police department, unemployed youth organised a flash protest at City Central Library, Chikkadpally, here on Thursday. The protesters also wanted release of notifications for recruitment to vacancies in other government departments. Protesters, with placards demanding scrapping of GO 46 and 29, squatted on the ground inside the library premises. They alleged that the Congress



government, which came to power with the support of the unemployed youth, has now been neglecting recruitment. Protesters asked the Congress government whether it only notices student protests in Delhi, while ignoring the issues faced by the unemployed in Telangana. The unemployed youth

demanded relaxation in the upper age limit for SI and Police Constable recruitment besides calling for release of notifications, including a mega DSC, Group – I, II, III and IV. They warned that they would continue with their protest until the government makes a statement regarding the recruitments.

Waterlogging, infrastructure works trigger massive traffic

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With incessant rains for the past three days, several road stretches in the city remained gridlocked, and commuters had to face severe traffic jams due to vehicular movement crawling at a snail's pace. Motorists remained stuck for extended periods, leading to delays in daily commuting, and commuters reported difficulty finding any diversion routes to bypass the affected areas. Under the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), severe waterlog-



ging caused by deep potholes and ongoing infrastructure works at key stretches forced motorists to struggle through traffic jams and slow vehicular movement. Those proceeding towards IKEA and Cyber Towers were forced onto alternate routes via Mad-

hapur or Jubilee Hills towards Gachibowli, some passing through the interior roads of Jubilee Hills or Madhapur while others ended up on alternate rear approaches towards Hafeezpet. At Gachibowli and IIIT Junction, traffic movement remained a major

issue with many preferring alternate routes and those proceeding towards Lingampally going towards HCU Bus Depot via Masjid Banda. In Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC), pillar works for the Uppal elevated corridor were in progress, causing severe delays. Crucial junctions connecting Malkajgiri with Secunderabad had congestion along key routes. Commuters had no option but to avoid Safilguda, Anand Bagh underpass and Mirjalguda crossroads due to heavy water accumulation, and proceeded through alter-

nate routes to reach Secunderabad. Severe waterlogging was noticed on Anand Bagh, Safilguda, Chilkalgud and Bible House stretches. In the GHMC area, work on stormwater drain manholes at Model House in Panjagutta resulted in motorists experiencing a traffic jam on the NIMS and Panjagutta stretch. At KBR junction, Jubilee Hills Check Post, Indo-American Cancer Hospital, and Agrasen Maharaj Island, ongoing deep earth excavation work for steel flyovers and underpasses also caused issues for motorists.

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Ganesh idols installed during this year's festivities in the city should not exceed 16 feet in height, City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar said on Thursday. The Commissioner, at a coordination meeting, said the height restriction was decided following discussions with the Bhagyana-gar Ganesh Utsav Samithi to improve public safety during the transportation, installation and immersion of idols. He said nearly 23,000 Ganesh idols were installed within the city police limits last year, during which four transportation-related accidents were reported.



Sajjanar urged manufacturers to strictly follow safety norms from the idol-making stage itself to prevent similar incidents. He also appealed to artisans to promote eco-friendly clay idols and encourage devotees to opt for smaller idols that can be immersed easily. Meanwhile, special entry and exit routes are being planned for transporting idols from major manufacturing hubs such as Dhoolpet, Jalpally and Mailardevpally. Manufac-

turers were asked to avoid transporting large idols during peak traffic hours, obtain prior clearance from the traffic police and share booking details and transportation schedules with the local police in advance. The Commissioner further said cranes and vehicles used for loading and transporting idols must be certified and operated only by trained personnel, warning that violations of safety norms would invite legal action.

Married woman alleges blackmail, extortion by man in Hyderabad

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A married woman from Boduppal has filed a complaint with the police alleging that a man, identified as Vishnu Murthy, blackmailed her using her private photos and videos after luring her into a relationship on the pretext of love.

According to the complaint, Vishnu Murthy allegedly threatened to share the content with her husband and family, forcing her to hand over Rs 10 lakh in cash and 30 tolas of gold. As the alleged harassment continued, she approached the Medipally police, who registered a case and are investigating.

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Hyderabad roads turn hazardous as heavy rains leave potholes, damaged

Continuous rainfall has damaged roads across several Hyderabad localities, leaving potholes, washed-out surfaces, and unfinished civic works that pose risks to commuters.

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Incessant rain has left several roads in Hyderabad in a dangerous condition, with potholes, eroded road surfaces and unfinished civic works making commuting hazardous, particularly for two-wheeler riders. Motorists travelling through areas such as Dhoolpet, Mangalhat, Puranapul, Bahadurpura and Misrigunj are struggling to negotiate damaged stretches where the road surface has been washed away by continuous rainfall. Waterlogged potholes and uneven surfaces have increased the risk of accidents, forcing commuters to drive cautiously during peak hours. "The potholes are submerged under rainwater, and we never know how deep they are. Several riders have lost balance while trying to avoid them," said Rajveer



Singh, a resident of Dhoolpet. Residents said that civic authorities had recently carried out pipeline-laying works at Ghode Ki Khabar, Joshiwadi, near the Gandhi Statue at Puranapul and Aghapura, but failed to restore the roads after completing the excavation. The stretches remain covered with loose gravel and sharp stones, making them unsafe for motorists and pedestrians alike. "Loose stones and uneven patches have made commuting extremely difficult. The civic authorities should restore the roads immediately before

a serious accident occurs," demanded Ramesh Kumar, a shopkeeper at Puranapul. Another major concern is the stretch between Chanchalguda and Santoshnagar, where flyover construction is underway. With a portion of the road occupied for the project, motorists are forced to use a narrow carriageway riddled with potholes. During rains, the potholes get submerged, making them virtually invisible to commuters. Two-wheeler riders, in particular, are vulnerable to skidding after hitting the water-filled craters.

Bonalu Celebrations Held at Nataraj Nagar Temple with Officials

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The Bonalu Mahotsav was celebrated with religious fervour at the Sri Sri Nallapochamma Devi and Sri Sri Mahankali Devi Temple in Nataraj Nagar Sabzi Mandi on Thursday, with senior police officials, civic authorities and temple committee members participating in the festivities. Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) J. Raghavendra Reddy, ACP P. Tirupati, Kulsumpura SHO, CI Ramulu, Dhoolpet SHO Balakrishna, former Corporator Mandagiri Swamy, Gangaputra Sangam President Dorthula Srinivas, General Secretary Anand Desi Venubabu, Joint Bonala Committee President Katta Lingam and General Secretary Alle Ram Kumar attended the programme along with honorary advisers and members of the Joint Bonala Committee. Officials from various government de-



partments, including GHMC, Water Works, Electricity and the Endowments Department, were also present and reviewed arrangements for the festival to ensure its smooth conduct. During the programme, members of the temple and Bonala committees requested the participating government departments and police officials to extend all possible support for the successful and peaceful conduct of the Bonalu celebrations. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from devotees, reflecting the cultural and spiritual significance of the annual Bonalu festival.

Hyd Start-Up Firm's Battery Operates in Space

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A satellite battery developed in Hyderabad has successfully operated in orbit for the first time, giving Indian satellite makers a locally built option for a component that the industry has largely depended on imports for, according to TakeMe2Space. The com-

pany said its PowerBank-50, a commercially available 50 Wh battery pack, powered an experimental payload from Cosmoserve Space aboard Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1 Mission 'Aagaman', launched from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, on July 18. The battery powered the payload on the rocket's Orbital Adjustment Mod-

ule at an altitude of 450 km, surviving launch vibration and shock as well as the vacuum and temperature changes encountered in orbit, TakeMe2Space said. The flight gives the product "flight heritage", industry terminology for hardware that has successfully operated on an actual space mission.