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## Congress Slams Centre Over India's Passport Ranking

indias reputation suffers congress hits out at pm modi as passport ranking slips to 125th

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Monday criticised the Narendra Modi-led Central government over India's recent passport rankings, alleging that its policies had damaged the country's global reputation. He also questioned the recent increase in passport fees, claiming that citizens were paying more despite receiving poor services. In a post on X, Kharge referred to Prime Minister



Narendra Modi's 2018 statement highlighting the strength and respect of the Indian passport. He argued that the latest global rankings contradicted those claims. "Modi Government's policies are responsible for hurting India's global reputation," Kharge said. Quoting the

Prime Minister's 2018 remarks that Indians travelling abroad experienced the "respect and strength" of the Indian passport, Kharge asked where that strength was reflected in the current rankings. Citing different international passport indices, the Congress chief claimed India's position had declined over the years. According to him, one global passport ranking placed India at 80th position in June 2026, compared to 74th in 2013. He also referred to another international pass-

port index that ranked India at 125th in 2026. Kharge further criticised the Centre for increasing passport fees without improving the quality of services provided to citizens. He said the government had burdened applicants with higher charges while failing to enhance efficiency or deliver better public services. The Congress leader's remarks come amid an ongoing political debate over India's global standing and governance.

## Durgam Cheruvu Will Get Tourist Facelift: CM

**Telangana Forms Departmental Committees for Global Summit, Unveils Major Tourism Development Plans**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

With the second edition of the Telangana Rising Global Summit scheduled to be held in December at Bharat Future City, the Telangana government has begun preparations to ensure the event's success. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday directed officials to constitute departmental committees to facilitate effective coordination among various departments for the smooth organisation of the international summit. Chairing a high-level review meeting with officials from the tourism and other departments, the Chief Minister emphasised that Telangana should leverage its tourism potential to attract global investors. He said tourist destinations across the state should be developed on par with international standards, making them key attractions for visitors attend-



ing the summit. Revanth Reddy instructed all concerned departments to work in close coordination with the tourism department to develop eco-tourism projects on forest lands located within Hyderabad's core urban limits. He specifically directed that forest areas within Bharat Future City be transformed into world-class eco-tourism destinations and eco-parks on the lines of the Gurruguda Eco Park, creating sustainable recreational spaces for residents and tourists alike. The Chief Minister also ordered the comprehensive development of prominent tourist attractions, including Taramati Baradari and Durgam Cheruvu, to enhance their appeal and improve visitor amenities. He

further instructed officials to modernise the historic Manjeera and Dilkusha guest houses to provide better accommodation facilities for tourists and delegates. Under the Tourism Hub Development Scheme, Revanth Reddy said Vikarabad should be developed with special focus on the Sri Veerabhadra Swamy Temple. He directed officials to constitute a dedicated temple managing committee on the lines of the Yadagirigutta temple administration to improve management and promote religious tourism. He also called for the development of eco-tourism projects in an urban forest model within the CURE limits and instructed that special officers be appointed to expedite the implementation of these projects. Stressing the importance of preserving Hyderabad's heritage, the Chief Minister directed officials to develop historic structures such as Purnapur into attractive.

### WEATHER

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### India's First Private Orbital Rocket, Skyroot's Vikram-1 To Carry Multiple Test Payloads

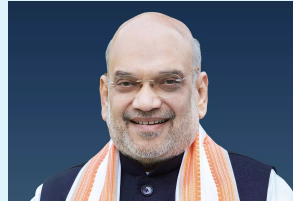
Skyroot Aerospace announced on Monday that Vikram 1, India's first private orbital vehicle, would carry technology demonstration payloads, a robotic arm and a tribute to India's foremost scientists. In the payload bay would be from Grahaa Space; Embrace, a robotic arm from Cosmoserve; DCubed and Skyroot's own SCOPE along with a Cosmos Diamonds' artwork and a microart of renowned Indian scientists Sir C.V. Raman, Dr Vikram Sarabhai (in whose honour Vikram-1 is named), and former President and rocket scientist Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The Embrace robotic arm will remain attached to Vikram-1's payload deck while carrying out its planned demonstration. Two payloads will celebrate creativity and India's scientific heritage. These include Cosmic Bloom, developed by Cosmos Diamonds, featuring a diamond jewellery creation mounted on an aluminium base plate, and Microart, an 18K gold rocket model hold-

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## Shah: Will Complete Pending CAA Work

**NEW DELHI**  
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Union home minister Amit Shah on Monday vowed to complete the remaining work of the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) implementation soon and the eviction of all the infiltrators from the country. He made the assertions while addressing the celebration of 125th birth anniversary of Jana Sangh founder and BJP icon Syama Prasad Mookerjee in the city. Mr Shah, who landed here in the afternoon, also laid the foundation stone of a 125 ft-tall statue of Mookerjee



at Eco Park in New Town and paid tribute to him by visiting his residence in Bhowanipore. While traveling from one venue to another during the whirlwind tour, he met Tollywood actor Prosenjit Chatterjee at his residence, Utsab, in Ballygunge. Eulogising Mookerjee's vision, the union home minister told an event at

Milan Mela in the evening. "He had resigned from the union cabinet of Jawaharlal Nehru in protest of no concerns for the Hindus in Pakistan and Bangladesh. Today the government of his party accomplished the task of introducing the CAA to give citizenship to all the Hindu migrants." He said, "Now I'm sharing something with you on this occasion from this platform since Suwendudra raises it to me daily. We will soon complete the remaining work of providing citizenship as BJP is in power here. I reiterate that we will evict each and every infiltrator from this

country and make India safe. A drive to identify the infiltrators and their despatch has begun here." Mr Shah then lauded West Bengal chief minister Suwendu Adhikari, present at the event, for his initiative to roll out Assembly Election manifesto promises after BJP formed its first government in the state. "Within a short time, the BJP government led by Mr Adhikari has implemented the Annapurna scheme, Ujjwala 3.0, free bus travel for women, and the Lakhpati Didi Mission," he said.

## Pak Army Vows 'Necessary Measures' to Protect Water Share Under IWT

**ISLAMABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Pakistan's top military brass on Monday resolved to take "all necessary measures" to ensure what it called the country's "rightful share" of water under the Indus Water Treaty. India took a series of punitive measures against Pakistan a day after last year's Pahalgam terror attack on April 22 last year. One of the major steps was putting in "abeyance" the 1960 vin-

tage IWT, which has governed the distribution and use of the Indus river and its tributaries since then. The 276th Corps Commanders' Conference, chaired by Chief of Defence Forces Asim Munir, "expressed resolute commitment to undertake all measures necessary to ensure availability of Pakistan's rightful share of water as per the directives of the Government and inspirations of the people of Pakistan," the army said in a statement. The forum

reaffirmed the guidance given in the National Security Committee (NSC) directive of April 24, 2025, the army said. The NSC meeting held on April 24 last year decided to treat any act of stopping or diverting water as "an act of war." The forum reviewed the prevailing security environment, expressing satisfaction over the operational preparedness, professionalism, and combat readiness of the Paki-

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## NDA Alleges Mass Irregularities in Karnataka SIR; Demands Probe

**BENGALURU**  
Wakeup telangana

A delegation of NDA leaders on Monday submitted a formal complaint to Karnataka Chief Electoral Officer V Anbukumar, alleging "massive irregularities" in the ongoing SIR of electoral rolls in the state and demanded an immediate inquiry and mandatory door-to-door re-verification of all enumeration forms. They also sought strict legal action against all officials and political functionaries

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found responsible for these "irregularities". The delegation comprising Union Minister and JD(S) leader H D Kumaraswamy, central Ministers from BJP Pralhad Joshi and Shobha Karandlaje, Leaders of Opposition in Karnataka Assembly and Council R Ashoka and Chalavadi

Narayanaswamy, senior leaders from both parties, met CEO Anbukumar and submitted the complaint. "We write to express serious concern over the massive irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise of the electoral rolls in the state of Karnataka. The officials who are supposed to conduct the SIR are showing zero regard for the approved process, thereby undermining the very spirit of democracy," the leaders said in the letter.

## Toxic Fairness Creams Linked to Kidney Disease in 18 Women

**NAGPUR**  
Wakeup telangana

Fairness creams used for skin lightening have allegedly caused serious kidney diseases in 18 women in Maharashtra's Nagpur. An investigation by the Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) found that the creams contained toxic heavy metals such as mercury and lead at levels far above the permissible limit. As reports emerged that close to 20 women sought treatment at hospitals with similar symp-

toms over the past two years, skin lightening creams like Goree Beauty Cream, Face Fresh Gold and Golden Star Beauty Cream came under the FDA scanner. An FDA release, issued on Saturday evening, ordered an immediate stop to the use, sale and distribution of these three creams. Several allegations have risen that Goree Beauty Cream is reportedly manufactured in Pakistan. The same cream was banned by New Zealand's medicines

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## Monsoon Havoc: Deaths Mount, Transport Hit Across India

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The monsoon packed a deadly punch across India on Monday, claiming lives in Maharashtra and Himachal Pradesh, crippling rail and road networks, triggering landslides and flooding, inundating towns in Odisha, with the IMD forecasting more heavy rainfall over several states. Emerging as the epicentre of the crisis, Maharashtra reported three fresh rain-related deaths in Pune and 13 fa-

talities over the last three to four days. In Himachal Pradesh, a 14-year-old girl died after a shooting stone hit a vehicle she was travelling in. Odisha remained on statewide alert as incessant rain continued for the third day. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) issued a red alert for Mumbai, Thane and Raigad, warning of more heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds. The country's financial capital came to a standstill as the city's rail network was



disrupted. Train services on the Mumbai-Pune route were suspended after multiple landslides hit the Karjat-Lonavala Bhor Ghat section. The Mumbai-Pune Expressway was shut after a concrete pillar fell onto the carriageway, while the old Mumbai-Pune high-

way was also closed due to overflowing water at multiple locations. Western Railway services on the Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor were also hit by waterlogging, affecting more than 40 train services. At least 10 trains were cancelled, eight rescheduled and several di-

verted or short-terminated. Over 20 long-distance trains remained stranded. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reviewed the situation and directed Central and Western Railway officials to expedite restoration efforts. Authorities advised people to work from home for private offices and declare a half-day for non-essential government and semi-government establishments. In Pune, two people died after their house was buried under debris in a landslide in

Maval tehsil, while another person died after being swept away on a flooded road in Khed tehsil. In Mumbai's Thane, a fireman was injured while clearing a massive uprooted tree, while separate incidents of a billboard collapse and wall collapses were also reported. In neighbouring Palghar district, strong winds blew away tin-roofed sheds and uprooted trees at a residential school, though all 350 students were safe.

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## KT Rama Rao accuses Congress of denying irrigation water to Telangana farmers

**BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of worsening Telangana's agrarian crisis by refusing to utilise the Kaleshwaram project despite adequate Godavari water. He alleged political vendetta, highlighted farmers' distress and reaffirmed the BRS's commitment to hamali workers' welfare.**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of aggravating Telangana's emerging agrarian crisis by refusing to utilise the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), despite the availability of Godavari River waters. He said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was prioritising political vendetta over farmers' welfare and warned that the government's approach was pushing both farmers and allied sectors into distress. Addressing the 18th anniversary celebrations of the Hamali Union at Mallapur on Monday, Rama Rao said the Congress govern-

ment was deliberately refusing to operate the Kannepalli pump house, even as nearly one lakh cusecs of Godavari water was flowing downstream. He reiterated that switching on just two pumps would help irrigate vast tracts of farmland across Telangana and alleviate the looming water crisis. Referring to the BRS delegation's recent visit to the Kannepalli pump house, he stated that the government was more interested in discrediting the Kaleshwaram project than ensuring irrigation. "If there is anger against us, file cases against us. But do not punish farmers by denying them water," he said.

The BRS working pres-



ident criticised the Revanth Reddy government for being reluctant to release irrigation water because it would subsequently have to supply fertilisers, procure crops and pay bonuses to farmers. He said this was resulting in standing crops drying up despite water being available in the Godavari.

Contrasting the Congress government with the previous BRS regime, Rama Rao said agricultural pro-

duction, cultivated area and rural prosperity had expanded significantly under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao through large-scale irrigation initiatives. He argued that the prosperity of farmers had directly benefited hamalis, rice millers and other sections dependent on the agricultural economy.

Addressing hamali workers, he recalled that the previous BRS government increased loading and unloading charges from Rs 8 to Rs 26 per bag, which was a 250 per cent hike. He said the BRS also revised hamali rates every two years, unlike the earlier practice of revising them once every five years. He asserted

that the BRS remained committed to addressing the welfare, health and livelihood concerns of hamali workers despite being in the Opposition. He assured them that every genuine issue would be taken up and resolved when the party returned to power.

Rubbishing the Congress allegations about the BRS's political future, Rama Rao said public affection for the BRS remained intact despite its electoral setback. Calling upon party workers and hamali unions to remain united, he urged them to work towards bringing K Chandrashekar Rao back as Chief Minister in the next Assembly elections

## Patriotism Is Sacrifice, Not Slogan: Sanjay

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar paid floral tributes to Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on his birth anniversary, describing the Jan Sangh founder as a symbol of patriotism whose sacrifice continues to inspire the nation. Addressing party workers and supporters, Sanjay said true patriotism is reflected through action and sacrifice rather than mere slogans. Recalling Dr. Mookerjee's contribution to India's unity, Sanjay said he firmly opposed the special permit system that required Indian citizens to obtain permission to enter Jammu and Kashmir. He said Dr. Mookerjee questioned why any citizen should need a permit to visit any part of their own country and launched a



movement against the provisions of Article 370. According to Sanjay, Dr. Mookerjee was detained after entering Kashmir, kept under difficult conditions, and later died under suspicious circumstances. He alleged that no proper investigation was conducted into his death at the time, calling it one of the greatest sacrifices made in the interest of national integration. The Union Minister stated that the Narendra Modi-led government has fulfilled Dr. Mookerjee's long-standing vision by abrogating Article 370,

thereby ensuring complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country. He said the decision reflected the BJP's commitment to the ideals championed by Dr. Mookerjee. Highlighting the Centre's development initiatives, Sanjay said programmes such as Make in India and Start-up India are strengthening India's journey towards self-reliance while boosting innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic growth. He also noted the government's emphasis on modernising defence capabilities and enhancing national security. "Many have spoken for the country, but very few have laid down their lives for it. Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee's name will remain immortal among those who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation's unity," Sanjay said.

## SLBC Tunnel Will Be Ready by June 2028: Uttam

**"Equipment required to speed up work in the inlet side at Srisaillam has reached Mumbai port and will be arriving at the site by the end of this month," Uttam Kumar Reddy said.**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday announced that the Srisaillam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel will be completed and ready for operations by June 2028, enabling the state to draw water from the foreshore of the Srisaillam reservoir to provide safe drinking water to 618 fluoride-affected villages and irrigate nearly four lakh acres of agricultural land.

Chairing a high-level review meeting on the Alimineti Madhava Reddy (AMR) SLBC project, the minister reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to completing one of Telangana's most important irrigation projects within the stipulated timeline. He said the government would resolve all bottlenecks, expedite land acquisition wherever



required, strengthen technical supervision, and ensure simultaneous completion of both the tunnel and the canal network.

"The government is committed to completing the SLBC tunnel by June 2028. Whatever has to be done will be done," Uttam Kumar Reddy asserted during the review meeting.

The minister informed officials that work on the tunnel had resumed using advanced and safer excavation technologies, replacing the earlier tunnel boring machine (TBM) approach. He said construction activities at the outlet end on the Devarkonda side were

progressing steadily, while preparations were underway to accelerate work at the inlet side near Srisaillam.

He revealed that specialised equipment required to speed up excavation at the inlet section had already reached Mumbai Port and is expected to arrive at the project site by the end of this month, enabling work to gather momentum.

Construction at the inlet section had remained suspended for nearly a year following the tragic February 2025 tunnel collapse, in which eight workers lost their lives. Referring to the incident, Uttam Kumar Reddy

stressed that worker safety would remain the government's foremost priority throughout the remaining construction period.

He instructed officials and contractors to strictly adhere to the highest safety standards by ensuring adequate lighting throughout the tunnel, deploying experienced geologists, senior engineers and technical experts, and maintaining continuous quality monitoring at every stage of construction.

The minister emphasized that while timely completion of the project was essential, it should never come at the expense of worker safety. He reiterated that protecting the workforce while meeting the June 2028 deadline was non-negotiable and directed all agencies involved to maintain constant vigilance and follow every prescribed safety protocol.

## Zonal Commissioner Reviews Development Works in Narsingi Circle

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted a field inspection of key development works in Narsingi Circle-45 under the Serilingampally Zone and reviewed their progress with officials. During the inspection, the Commissioner visited Alkapur Park-2, Sardar Patel Park, Golden Mile Road Jun-



tion, the proposed rejuvenation project of Nekkampur Chinna Cheruvu, and VUE Junction. After reviewing the pro-

gress, Narayan Amit directed officials to complete all works within the stipulated timeline while maintaining the highest

quality standards. He emphasized that there should be no compromise on the quality of the works.

The Commissioner said these development projects are crucial for improving public infrastructure and instructed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure their timely completion for the benefit of residents.

## BRS Party Flag Hoisted at R. Itikyala Village in Regode Mandal

**HYDERABAD**  
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Earlier today, a Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party flag hoisting ceremony was held with enthusiasm in R. Itikyala village of Regode Mandal, Telangana. The event was organized in accordance with the directions of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and under the guidance of former Andole MLA, Hon'ble Shri Chanti Kranthi Kiran. The program was



led by R. Itikyala BRS Party Vice President T. Mallappa, who presided over the ceremony and oversaw the hoisting of the party flag. Addressing the gathering, party leaders em-

phasized the importance of strengthening the party at the grassroots level and reaffirmed their commitment to public service and village development.

The event witnessed ac-

tive participation from former Sarpanch of R. Itikyala Shri Sunke Ramesh, senior BRS leaders, ward members, youth representatives, party workers, and supporters. Leaders on the occasion called upon party members to work collectively towards taking forward the party's development agenda and to remain committed to the welfare of the people. The program concluded successfully in a spirited and positive atmosphere.

## Tributes Paid to Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Floral tributes were paid to former Deputy Prime Minister and social reformer Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram on his death anniversary at Babu Jagjivan Ram Chowrasta in Ghatkesar Municipality. SC/ST Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Member (Keesara Division) Thalka Ramulu led the tribute by garlanding the statue and paying his respects. Addressing the gath-



ering, Ramulu described Dr. Jagjivan Ram as a distinguished freedom fighter, India's first Dalit Deputy Prime Minister, former Defence Minister, and a tireless advocate for social justice and equality. He said the legendary leader devoted his life to the up-

liftment of weaker and marginalized communities while strengthening democratic values and national unity. Speakers noted that Dr. Jagjivan Ram's contributions to nation-building and the empowerment of oppressed sections continue to inspire future generations. Participants remembered his remarkable legacy and paid heartfelt homage to his lifelong service to the nation.

## Hayathnagar MEO Fined ₹5,000 for Failing to Provide RTI Information

In a significant move to uphold transparency and accountability in public administration, the Telangana State Information Commission has imposed a fine of ₹5,000 on Hayathnagar Mandal Education Officer (MEO) Karne Srinivas for failing to furnish information sought under the Right to Information (RTI) Act within the stipulated time. The penalty was ordered by State Information Commissioner after finding that the officer had violated the provisions of the RTI Act by not responding to an information request submitted by Hayathnagar-based advocate and RTI activist Mahesh Babu Cholleti. According to the complaint, the applicant had sought certain official information from the Hayathnagar MEO's office. Despite the expiry of the statutory deadline, the requested information was not provided, prompting the applicant to approach the Telangana State Information Commission. During the hearing held on Monday, the Commission concluded that the MEO had acted negligently in discharging his statutory responsibility under the RTI Act. Stressing that public authorities are duty-bound to ensure transparency and timely disclosure of information, the Commissioner warned that officials who disregard the provisions of the RTI Act would face strict action.

## MLA Beerla Ilaiah Reviews Development Works Ahead of CM Revanth Reddy's Visit

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's proposed visit to Vasalamarri village in Turkapally Mandal, Aleru MLA and Telangana Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah conducted an early morning inspection on Monday. Accompanied by officials, public representatives, and Congress leaders, the MLA undertook a morning walk through the village to review roads, sanitation,



drainage systems, public infrastructure, and ongoing development works. He interacted with villagers, listened to their grievances, and instructed officials to complete pending works without delay. Beerla Ilaiah emphasized the need for coordination among all

departments to ensure the village is fully prepared for the Chief Minister's visit.

He directed officials to maintain cleanliness, improve civic amenities, and expedite developmental works while maintaining quality standards.

## Inter Practical Exams To Be Held Externally

The Telangana Board of Intermediate Education (TGBIE) has announced that practical examinations will be conducted externally for both first and second year students.

Principals have been instructed to ensure that practical classes are conducted regularly and systematically in line with the prescribed syllabus. Students must complete all experiments and activities before the commencement of examinations and maintain duly certified practical record books to be produced during the exam. Colleges have been directed to fully equip laboratories with the required apparatus, chemicals, instruments and other materials well in advance.

The first-year science practical examination will carry 15 marks and be conducted for 1 hour 30 minutes as an external exam under the supervision of TGBIE-appointed examiners. Marks will be uploaded online within the schedule prescribed by the board. The principal of each junior college will be responsible for the proper conduct of practical classes and examinations, ensuring full compliance with TGBIE instructions.

## BRS challenges Congress to operate Kannepalli pumps or hand project to KCR

The BRS intensified its attack on the Congress government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, demanding the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house. Party leaders accused the government of neglecting farmers and threatened fresh protests if irrigation pumping was not resumed.

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The BRS on Monday intensified its offensive against the Congress government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), demanding the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house. Throwing an open challenge to the government, Jagadish Reddy said if the Congress lacked the confidence to operate the pumps, it should hand over the project to former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao for a week. "The BRS would fill the reservoirs within seven days. We accept full responsibility and will even dissolve the party altogether in case of any untoward incident, as feared by Irrigation Minister N



Uttam Kumar Reddy," he asserted, accepting the challenge. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, former Minister and Suryapet MLA G Jagadish Reddy said operating the Kannepalli pumps would enable the storage of up to 150 TMCft of Godavari River water. He accused the ruling Congress of deliberately refusing to lift irrigation water for the farmers of Telangana despite looming drought conditions. He reminded that despite its allegations, the Congress had failed to prove irregularities in the

construction of the Kaleshwaram project till date.

Rejecting the government's reliance on the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), the senior BRS leader said the issue was being used as a pretext to avoid operating the project. He also accused the government of avoiding water lifting to save on power costs and evade procurement and bonus payments to farmers.

Former Minister and Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar questioned why water was not being lifted from Kannepalli and Yellampalli despite the absence of any NDSA restrictions on storing water in the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. He warned that the BRS would

launch another "Chalo Kannepalli, Chalo Yellampalli" agitation if the government failed to act. Former MP B Vinod Kumar rubbished Uttam Kumar Reddy's statements, calling them misleading. Referring to the Minister's concerns over flood risks, he said the Godavari River witnessed an inflow of 29 lakh cusecs in 2021 without any adverse impact on Bhadrachalam. He alleged that the barrages were being kept empty to facilitate large-scale sand mining and urged the government to partially fill the Annaram and Sundilla barrages and begin lifting water immediately. "Neither the Chief Minister nor the Ministers are fully aware of the size of the Kaleshwaram project and its usefulness.

## NRR Slams Congress, BRS Over Kaleshwaram Lapses

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Monday accused the Congress government and the BRS of staging a political "drama" over alleged corruption in the construction of the Kaleshwaram project. Speaking after paying floral tributes to Jan Sangh founder Dr Shyama Prasad Mookerjee on his 125th birth anniversary, Rao said the state's delay in commencing repair work despite National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) findings exposed "gross negligence."

Rao claimed the NDSA's geotechnical and other technical tests showed serious lapses in dam safety at Kaleshwaram and criticised the



state government for failing to act.

He accused the previous BRS administration of treating the project as an "ATM" and said its leaders believed they could exploit it for political gain across generations.

Rao also urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to explain the government's inaction on what he called "massive corruption" in the project, alleging that both Congress and BRS were colluding and gambling with the lives of people. On civic issues in Hyderabad, Rao criticised the functioning of HY-

DRAA, accusing the authority of selectively enforcing demolition drives. He alleged that while poor residents' homes were being demolished, illegal structures linked to the MIM were left untouched.

Citing the case of institutions run by Fatima Educational Institutions, he said the Education Department had admitted in court that permissions were lacking and that the High Court had found deficiencies. Rao demanded impartial enforcement by HYDRAA and immediate action against illegal MIM-linked institutions in line with High Court directions. He warned that the BJP would mount a large-scale public agitation against the authorities for "the biased conduct" of Congress, MIM and HYDRAA.

## Telangana police aim to end drugs menace by December 2029: DGP Anand

DGP CV Anand said Telangana Police aim to eradicate the drug menace by December 2029 through coordinated efforts with Central agencies.

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Telangana Police have been working seriously to eradicate the drug menace in the State by December 2029, just as Maoist activities were effectively contained by March 31, 2026, Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand said.

The Central and State governments have been making efforts in that direction across the country. In line with that, the Telangana government is also serious about winning the war against drugs in coordination with the Central agencies, he noted.

DGP Anand toured the district on Monday. He inaugurated various development works and held a meeting with district police officials to review the measures being taken to control crime, cybercrime, curb the drug menace and improve road safety.

Speaking to the media, he



said the police were focusing on curbing ganja transportation from States such as Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh in collaboration with the police in the border districts.

Steps were being taken to provide all the required resources to the Elite Action Group for Drug Law Enforcement (EAGLE) force. Steps were also being taken to set up check-posts in Maoist-affected areas, the DGP noted.

The Kothagudem police are doing well in controlling cybercrime. However, the court conviction rate has to im-

prove. Better coordination is also needed in the functioning of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) 2.0 to achieve higher rankings at the national level.

As the district is an industrial corridor, officials have observed the presence of organised gangs from other States operating in the area, and a firm crackdown will soon be launched against them, the DGP said.

Multi-Zone IG Chandrasekhar Reddy, SP B Roshith Raju, EAGLE force SP Giridhar and others were present.

## Ramchander Rao Birthday Marked with Charity

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Former corporator Rakesh Jaiswal of Jambagh organised birthday celebrations of BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao by distributing bread and fruits to patients at the ENT Hospital, Koti.

The programme focused on service, with party workers extending support to patients as part of the initiative. Several local leaders and BJP karyakartas participated in the



event, including Raju Yadav, Venkat Reddy, Rachna Gupta, Kalpana, Amit, and Sharad.

The organisers said the celebration reflected the party's commitment to social responsibility and public welfare. Parti-

pants raised slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jai Sri Ram," adding enthusiasm to the service activity.

The event concluded with appreciation from patients and attendees.

## Vijaya Dairy Shadnagar Marks 60 Years

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Vijaya Dairy's Shadnagar Unit celebrated its Diamond Jubilee (60 Years) on July 5, marking six decades of service to dairy farmers and consumers. The event was attended by Animal Husbandry Minister Vakiti Srihari, Shadnagar MLA K. Shankaraiah, TGDDCF Chairman Guttha Ajith Reddy, Managing Director K. Chandrasekhar Reddy, IAS, senior officials, dairy farmers and employees. A major highlight was the felicitation of Deputy



Director Peravali Mohan Murali for his outstanding contribution to the cooperative dairy sector. Accepting the honour, he thanked the management and said the recognition would inspire him to continue working for farmers' welfare. Officials said the Ranga Reddy Milk Shed has

recorded the highest milk procurement in Telangana, supported by five Bulk Milk Cooling Units. Speakers recalled Vijaya Dairy's journey since 1966 and reaffirmed its commitment to cooperative excellence, farmer empowerment and supplying quality milk across the state.

## Durgam Cheruvu Turns Foul Amid Neglect Allegations



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Once a major tourist attraction in Hyderabad, Durgam Cheruvu, popularly known as the "Secret Lake," has reportedly turned into a foul-smelling and polluted water body, triggering concern among residents and environmental activists. Locals allege that untreated sewage from surrounding areas, including Jubilee Hills, Madhapur, Kavuri Hills and Guttala Begumpet, is flowing directly into the lake due to poor maintenance and administrative negligence. Residents said earlier assurances by civic authorities to divert stormwater drains and ensure the proper functioning of sewage treatment plants have not been effectively implemented. They also alleged that wastewater and chemical effluents from nearby commer-

cial complexes, star hotels and multi-specialty hospitals are further polluting the lake. Citizens have criticised the lack of coordination among agencies responsible for the lake's upkeep, including the Lake Protection Committee, Water Board, GHMC and Tourism Department. The deteriorating water quality and stagnant conditions have reportedly led to increased mosquito breeding, raising fears of diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya in nearby areas, including Madhapur and Serilingampally. Residents and activists have demanded immediate measures to stop sewage inflow, restore sewage treatment plants and undertake large-scale desilting and lake-cleaning operations to protect the water body and public health.

## AI Webinar Faces Technical Glitches, Participants Raise

**HYDERABAD**  
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A paid five-day AI Real Estate Lead Generation Training programme has come under criticism after several registered participants reported being unable to attend the first live session due to alleged technical issues and lack of customer support. According to participants, nearly 600 people had registered for the webinar and were instructed to complete Zoom registration before the 7:30 pm session. However, many



claimed they repeatedly attempted to join from around 7:20 pm to 8:20 pm but were unable to access the meeting. Participants also alleged that there was no immediate response from the organisers during the disruption. They said the

WhatsApp channel functioned only as a one-way broadcast platform, leaving them unable to report problems or seek assistance.

One participant who raised the issue reportedly received a refund from the organiser, Naresh AI On-

line, through Google Pay but returned the amount, stating that a refund was not the real solution. Participants urged the organisers to review the technical failures, contact those who could not attend, strengthen customer support, establish a dedicated help desk, and improve communication before the remaining sessions. They stressed that prompt technical assistance and participant engagement are essential for maintaining credibility in online education.

## Health Minister Orders Probe into Newborn Death

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Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha has ordered a high-level inquiry into the death of a newborn at Zaheerabad Government Hospital, assuring strict action if negligence is found. Taking serious note of the incident, the Minister directed Health Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthul, IAS, to ensure a comprehensive investigation and submit a detailed report at the earliest.

A high-level inquiry committee comprising senior medical and technical ex-



perts has been constituted. The panel includes Dr. Kavitha, District Coordinator of Hospital Services (DCHS), Sangareddy; Dr. Shobha, Head of Gynaecology at Gandhi Hospital; Dr. Anita, Professor of Gynaecology at Maheshwaram Medical College; and Narendra, Executive Engineer, TGMSIDC. Dr. Kavitha has already reached Zaheerabad Gov-

ernment Hospital and begun the inquiry, while the remaining members are travelling from Hyderabad to join the investigation.

The committee has been tasked with examining every aspect of the case, including the medical care provided to the mother, treatment given to the newborn, availability of medical equipment and infrastructure, functioning of the labour ward, and the responsibilities of doctors, nurses and other staff on duty. The Minister said that strict action would be taken against anyone found responsible for neg-

ligence, procedural lapses or dereliction of duty, in accordance with the rules. Reaffirming the Telangana Government's commitment to quality healthcare, Damodar Rajanarsimha said patient safety, transparency and accountability remain top priorities. He emphasized that no compromise would be tolerated in the delivery of medical services at government hospitals and assured that necessary corrective measures would be taken to strengthen public confidence in the state's healthcare system.

## Indian Sailors Risk Their Lives at Sea, as Iran War Grinds On

Born to landless Indian farmers, Sunil Pooniya thought a job at sea would be his ticket out of poverty, instead his first voyage saw him diving into the ocean to escape a deadly attack driven by the Iran war. For hundreds of thousands of Indians, merchant shipping jobs are a lucrative proposition despite the inherent risks. The attack on Pooniya's ship killed two fellow Indians — the country's sailors are among the highest merchant maritime casualties from the Middle East war.

Dalip Singh and Ashish Kumar Singh were the first Indians killed in the conflict, after their oil tanker was hit on March 1 by projectiles off Oman's Khasab port. "There was a huge noise and the whole ship shook," Pooniya recalled. "I thought something had gone wrong with the engine, but a missile had hit us," Pooniya added, who had been on the Palau-flagged MV Sky-light. "The whole ship was up in flames."

## 'Gratitude To Friendly India': Iran's Thank You Note Amid Khamenei's Funeral

**NEW DELHI**  
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Iran has sent its gratitude and appreciation to India for its participation in the state funeral of the late Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei. The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of India described the gesture as a "powerful expression of mutual respect," saying it reflected the historical and cultural ties between the two countries.

On Friday, a high-level Indian delegation comprising Bihar Governor Lieutenant General (Retired) Syed Ata Hasmain and Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita paid tributes to the Iranian supreme leader, who was assassinated in US-Israeli strikes in February in Tehran.



Separately, Congress leader Salman Khurshid, former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister and People's Democratic Party chief Mehbooba Mufti, along with Sikh, Hindu, Muslim, and Christian religious leaders from India, also paid homage to the late Iranian leader.

In a long post on X, the Iranian Embassy thanked the Indian community for participation and said that the Islamic republic will never forget this "gesture of friendship, compassion, and heartfelt respect."

"The Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the Republic of India extends its heartfelt gratitude and sincere appreciation to the friendly government and people of India, especially the official delegation that attended on behalf of the government and people of India, for participating in the funeral ceremonies and paying tribute to the martyred leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran, His Eminence Ayatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei," the post read.

It noted that the "esteemed presence" of political leaders, Members of Parliament, eminent scholars, intellectuals, and leaders of India's diverse faiths and religious communities at these solemn ceremonies reflected the "deep historical, cultural, and human bonds between our two nations."

"It also stood as a powerful expression of mutual respect and sincere solidarity with the people of Iran during this time of national mourning. The people of Iran will never forget this gesture of friendship, compassion, and heartfelt respect. They regard it as a precious testament to the enduring ties between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of India, and as a valuable foundation for further strengthening the long-standing friendship between our two countries," the post said.

## NIA Names Hafiz Saeed In Pahalgam Terror Attack Case

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

In a major development in the investigation into the April 22, 2025, Pahalgam terror attack, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a supplementary chargesheet before the NIA Special Court in Jammu, naming Pakistan-based Jama'at-ud-Dawa (JuD) chief and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Muhammad Saeed as a key accused in the case. The chargesheet alleges that Saeed was a principal conspirator behind the attack that left 26 civilians dead, including 25 tourists and a local horse-handler, making it one of the deadliest terror strikes against civilians in Jammu and Kashmir in recent years.

According to the NIA, Saeed has been charged



sheeted both in his individual capacity and as the head of the banned LeT and its proxy outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF), which has been linked to several terrorist incidents in J&K. The agency has accused him of masterminding a cross-border conspiracy aimed at waging war against India and directing terrorist operations through LeT and TRF networks.

Saeed is the founder and chief of the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), a group designated as a terrorist organisation by the United Nations and several countries. The United Nations Security Council listed Saeed on its sanc-

tions list on December 10, 2008, for his association with LeT and Al-Qaeda-related activities. The United States designated Saeed as a Specially Designated Global Terrorist in May 2008 and later announced a reward for information leading to his prosecution.

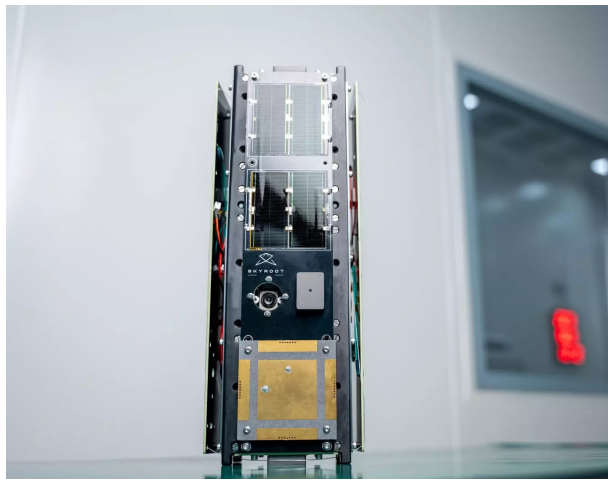
The supplementary chargesheet has been filed under multiple provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), 1967. The NIA has also invoked charges relating to waging war against the Government of India and criminal conspiracy allegedly hatched from across the border. The latest filing forms part of the NIA's ongoing investigation and supplements the original 1,597-page chargesheet submitted.

## India's First Private Orbital Rocket, Skyroot's Vikram-1 To Carry Multiple Test Payloads

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Skyroot Aerospace announced on Monday that Vikram 1, India's first private orbital vehicle, would carry technology demonstration payloads, a robotic arm and a tribute to India's foremost scientists. In the payload bay would be from Grahaa Space; Embrace, a robotic arm from Cosmoserve; DCubed and Skyroot's own SCOPE along with a Cosmos Diamonds' artwork and a microart of renowned Indian scientists Sir C.V. Raman, Dr Vikram Sarabhai (in whose honour Vikram-1 is named), and former President and rocket scientist Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam.

The Embrace robotic arm will remain attached to Vikram-1's payload deck while carrying out its planned demonstration. Two payloads will celebrate creativity and India's scientific heritage. These include Cosmic Bloom, developed by



Cosmos Diamonds, featuring a diamond jewellery creation mounted on an aluminium base plate, and Microart, an 18K gold rocket model holding micro-sculptures of Sir Raman, Dr Sarabhai and Dr Kalam each smaller than a grain of rice.

Microart is developed by Skyroot Aerospace, contains three micro-sculptures measuring 700 x 980 microns (0.7 millimetres x 0.98 mm) each and is credited to Telangana-based Ajay Kumar Mattewada. The micro-sculptures are small enough to fit in the eye of a needle. SCOPE, an in-house payload by Skyroot, is designed to validate the

company's onboard spacecraft systems and mission technologies during the Vikram-1 flight.

Said Ramesh Kumar V., co-founder and CEO, Grahaa Space, whose SOLARAS will fly on Vikram-1: "India's space sector is witnessing a remarkable phase of innovation and entrepreneurship, and missions like Vikram-1 are helping expand opportunities for emerging space companies to demonstrate and scale their technologies." SOLARAS is a 1U CubeSat developed by Grahaa Space, based in Karnataka, to demonstrate indigenous satel-

lite technology in orbit. uD3PP and mD3RN are in-orbit demonstration payloads developed by Dcubed GmbH, a company based in Germany, to validate their space technologies under orbital conditions.

Cosmic Bloom, from Cosmos Diamonds in Karnataka, carries diamond jewellery mounted on an aluminium base plate, making it a symbolic and unique commercial payload aboard the mission. On the Embrace robotic arm, Dr Chiranjeevi Phanindra, founder and CEO of Cosmoserve Space said the start-up accelerated its soft-robotic capture technology from concept to flight-ready in just four months, advancing the space debris removal capabilities being developed at Cosmoserve Space. "This mission marks an important milestone in advancing technologies that will enable future in-orbit servicing and orbital sustainability."

## CJP Alleges Police Photographed Women Volunteers at Protest Site

**KOLKATA**  
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The Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar demanding Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and government accountability over alleged examination irregularities entered its seventeenth day on Monday, while activist Sonam Wangchuk marked the ninth day of his indefinite hunger strike, having lost a total of 6.9 kg since be-



ginning the fast. According to a health bulletin provided by doctors, Wangchuk's blood pressure was recorded at 107/67 mm Hg, and his blood glucose level was at 72 mg/dL. The bulletin confirmed his weight loss since beginning the fast. In a post on X, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke

questioned why the government allegedly asked the police to record women volunteers at the protest site. "Why has the government asked the police to record women volunteers? Last night, some officials were caught taking photos of women volunteers. When confronted, they fled the spot," he alleged. Dipke travelled to Maharashtra on Monday and participated in a students' protest against the alleged paper leak in his hometown of Chhatrapati

Sambhajinagar. He said the CJP stood in solidarity with the students and supported their demand for offline examinations.

Several members of the CPI(ML) Liberation-affiliated All India Students' Association (AISA) continued their indefinite hunger strike on a separate stage at the protest site in Jantar Mantar. Jawaharlal Nehru University Students' Union (JNUSU) joint secretary Danish Ali had to be admitted to a hospital on Saturday.

## Ram Temple Donation Row Exposes Power Struggle Within BJP: Akhilesh

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav alleged on Monday that a "power struggle" is occurring between the BJP and the Uttar Pradesh government, claiming that the people's faith and religious sentiments in Ayodhya are being compromised. Addressing a press conference here after a meeting of party leaders and office-bearers, Yadav also attacked the BJP over governance, development projects, the condition of the Jayaprakash Narayan Inter-



national Centre (JPNIC), engineering education and preparations for future elections. Commenting on the Ram temple donation controversy in Ayodhya, Yadav stated that the BJP leadership is more concerned about internal rivalries than protecting the religious faith of the people. "Our faith and de-

vation are being toyed with. Everyone knows what is happening, yet they remain silent. The double-engine government (in UP and the Centre) is not functioning collaboratively; instead, it is in conflict. There is a power struggle, and they have no regard for faith or devotion," he alleged.

He further claimed that those in power had become "blinded by the treasure" and that the dispute reflected a battle for control within the ruling establishment. Yadav alleged that the Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into the matter re-

fects the internal conflict within the BJP. "If it were a matter for the Enforcement Directorate, CBI, or Income Tax, the investigation would have been handled in Delhi. Before Delhi could address it, Lucknow took charge. This situation is a result of the power struggle," he stated. Invoking Lord Ram, Yadav appealed to religious leaders and institutions to take note of the controversy. "I appeal to Ram devotees across the world, saints of Ayodhya, the Supreme Court, the Lok Sabha Speaker, the citizens of Ayodhya.

### FROM FRONT PAGE

#### Monsoon Havoc:.....

In Mumbai's Thane, a fireman was injured while clearing a massive uprooted tree, while separate incidents of a billboard collapse and wall collapses were also reported. In neighbouring Palghar district, strong winds blew away tin-roofed sheds and uprooted trees at a residential school, though all 350 students were safe. Some parts of Palghar district received nearly 300 mm of rainfall within just two hours, worsening flooding and transport disruption. The IMD upgraded Mumbai's warning from orange to red after weather conditions worsened during the day and forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall, gusty winds reaching 70-80 kmph, flooding of low-

lying areas, landslides and disruption to transport and civic services. Besides public life, the downpour also disrupted the state's governance. Both Houses of the Maharashtra legislature were adjourned amid the heavy rainfall. The Bombay High Court also assured lawyers that no adverse orders would be passed if they were unable to reach court because of the weather. Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis described the unprecedented rainfall as a "force majeure" situation beyond human control and said disaster management agencies were fully mobilised. He said that while around 800 trees usually fall during an entire monsoon season, nearly 350 trees had fallen on Sunday alone. Himachal Pradesh also reported a rain-related fatality after

a 14-year-old girl died when a shooting stone hit the vehicle she was travelling in Chamba. Heavy overnight rain in the hill state also triggered flash floods and blocked key roads in Chamba and Kullu districts.

#### NDA Alleges Mass....

Noting that Booth Level Officers (BLOs), under the directions of the District Election Officer (DEO/DC), are required to conduct mandatory door-to-door verification and personally verify the identity of members of each household as per SIR guidelines, they claimed that this was not being followed on the ground, evidence of which has been shared on social media, while mainstream media has also carried it. Multiple complaints are being

received from several other parts of the state, they added. Alleging that enumeration forms are being filled out while sitting at community halls, mosques, and the residences of BLOs, the NDA leaders said WhatsApp groups have also been created for the purpose, and people are being encouraged to visit these community halls and mosques for the SIR process. "Such a practice is a breach of the established SIR guidelines and raises serious concerns regarding the neutrality and secular character of the electoral process. The SIR is conducted to strengthen the integrity of the electoral rolls, but the manner in which BLOs are conducting the exercise is defeating the very purpose of the revision," they said.

#### Toxic Fairness.....

Several allegations have risen that Goree Beauty Cream is reportedly manufactured in Pakistan. The same cream was banned by New Zealand's medicines regulator Medsafe in 2021, after lab tests found both mercury and lead in it. Four years later, in 2025, the Philippines FDA issued a public health advisory against Goree Beauty Kit products, citing lack of regulatory approval and safety concerns. After the cases came to light, the FDA conducted raids at several shops and warehouses across Nagpur and seized the creams. As of now, the sale and distribution of these products have been strictly prohibited in the state. The products were marketed without properly mentioning the manufacturer's

address, date of manufacture or expiry date on their labels. The FDA Commissioner said users have been advised to stop using the creams immediately, and distributors and online platforms have been instructed to withdraw existing stocks.

#### Pak Army Vows.....

The NSC meeting held on April 24 last year decided to treat any act of stopping or diverting water as "an act of war." The forum reviewed the prevailing security environment, expressing satisfaction over the operational preparedness, professionalism, and combat readiness of the Pakistan Armed Forces. It expressed "serious concerns over the continued use of territory under the control of the Afghan Taliban .

CRIME

Cyberabad Traffic Police Review Measures for Safer, Smoother Traffic Flow

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

A review meeting on traffic management was held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate headquarters under the chairmanship of Cyberabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sunpreet Singh, IPS, to discuss measures for ensuring safer and smoother traffic movement across the commissionerate.

During the meeting, officials reviewed strategies to improve traffic flow and minimize inconvenience to commuters. The Joint CP directed officials to coordinate with concerned departments and complete pending works at waterlogging-prone locations to prevent traffic disruptions



during the monsoon. He also instructed officials to take strict action against wrong-route driving and reckless driving, ensure free left turns remain obstruction-free, and improve traffic movement at U-turns through better planning. Following the meeting, Sunpreet Singh conducted a field inspection of major traffic congestion and bottleneck points under the Gachi-

bowli Traffic Police Station limits. He visited Gachibowli Village, Radisson Junction, AMB Mall Junction, Kothaguda Junction, Anjaiah Nagar and Labour Adda to assess traffic conditions. The Joint CP directed officials to identify the causes of congestion and prepare long-term solutions for bottleneck locations. He also inspected the regular VIP and VVIP

route from the Cable Bridge to the IKEA Flyover, reviewing traffic flow, signal operations and junction management.

He instructed traffic officers and staff to work in close coordination, remain available on roads, respond promptly to traffic issues and ensure smooth traffic movement with public safety as the top priority.

The meeting and field inspection were attended by Traffic DCP Sheshadri Reddy, IPS, Traffic-1 DCP S. Ravikumar, Additional DCP Traffic-1 G. Hanumantha Rao, ACPs, SHOs of all Traffic Police Stations under Cyberabad Commissionerate, and officials from the concerned departments.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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

Food Safety Raids at Kondapur, Gachibowli Restaurants

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Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Food Safety Wing uncovered serious food safety and hygiene violations during inspections at restaurants in Kondapur, Gachibowli and Madinaguda on July 4. At Wah Mandi, Kondapur, officials seized and discarded stale mandis, boiled eggs and chicken wings. Inspectors also found improper storage of raw and cooked meat, poor segregation of vegetarian and non-vegetarian food, and unhygienic kitchen conditions.



At Mandi King, Gachibowli, officials found cooking oil reused for four days, raw and cooked meat stored together, heavy fly infestation, greasy exhaust systems and poor sanitation. The reused oil was discarded immediately. At Firewater Fine Dining Bar, inspectors detected cockroach infestation, rat droppings, rust inside freezers, improperly

stored raw chicken, and open dustbins in the kitchen. At Kake Di Hatti, Madinaguda, officials discarded unlabelled food items and mould-contaminated cauliflower. They also found uncovered vegetables, open garbage bins, stagnant water, greasy exhaust systems, and poor food storage practices. The CMC Food Safety Wing issued improvement notices to the restaurant managements, directing them to rectify the deficiencies and strictly comply with food safety regulations.

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.

Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred. According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

OU student critical after suicide attempt

HYDERABAD  
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A 20-year-old engineering student sustained critical injuries after attempting suicide on the campus of Osmania University on Monday morning. The incident occurred near the women's technical hostel around 9:15 am, triggering panic among students in the vicinity. According to police, the victim is a first-year mining engineering student. He was immediately rushed to Gandhi Hospital by authorities and is currently undergoing treatment. Confirming the situation, Osmania University

Station House Officer M. Mahesh stated that the student's condition remains critical and he is under close medical supervision in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Preliminary investigations revealed that this was the student's third suicide attempt in the past six months. Police sources indicated that he was reportedly distressed due to a failed relationship, which may have contributed to the repeated attempts. His family members from Mahabubabad district have been informed and have since reached Hyderabad. Eyewitnesses described a chaotic scene

as the student was heard screaming before running out of the hostel premises, causing alarm among female students nearby. Several rushed to alert authorities while others sought help from fellow students. In a courageous effort to save him, three of his college mates intervened and managed to rescue him, though they too sustained injuries during the process. They were also provided medical assistance. Doctors at Gandhi Hospital confirmed that the student remains in a critical state, with continuous monitoring and treatment underway.

Health Camp Held for Begumpet Traffic Police

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

In a bid to promote the health and well-being of traffic police personnel, a comprehensive Health Check-Up Camp was organised at the Begumpet Traffic Police Station on Saturday under the directions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and the initiative of Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic-1) K. Rahul Reddy, IPS. The camp aimed to provide preventive healthcare services to traffic police personnel, who perform long hours of duty under challenging weather conditions while managing traffic and ensuring public safety. The initiative focused on encouraging regular medical screening and



early detection of health issues. Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, G. Shankar Raju, attended the programme and urged personnel to prioritise their physical fitness and undergo regular health check-ups to remain fit for duty. He emphasised that maintaining good health is essential for efficiently discharging the demanding responsibilities of

traffic policing. The camp was organised with the support of Retinova Foundation, Srikara Hospital, Planet Optics, Padma Sai Dental Clinic, and Sky Fit Physiotherapy. A team of doctors and healthcare professionals, including Dr. Bhavani, Dr. Sai Vamshi, Dr. Tilak, Dr. Hariitha, Dr. Pravalika, and optometrist Bharath Kumar, conducted medical examinations and consultations. Services offered included general health screening, eye examinations, dental check-ups, physiotherapy consultations, and health counselling. A large number of traffic police personnel underwent medical evaluations and received expert guidance on maintaining their health.



## Samsung Workshops Inspire Young Innovators

Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Workshops Inspire 247 Young Innovators Across Assam and Hyderabad

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Samsung India has expanded its flagship Solve for Tomorrow 2026 initiative to nurture grassroots innovation among young students, conducting Design Thinking Workshops in Golaghat, Assam, and Hyderabad, Telangana, where a total of 247 aspiring innovators were introduced to human-centred problem-solving and technology-driven innovation. The workshops, held at Furkating Senior Secondary School in Golaghat and the Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) in Hyderabad, engaged 74 students in Assam and 173 students in Hyderabad as part of Samsung's nationwide rollout covering 100 cities. The programme equips participants with practical design thinking skills to identify real-world challenges, under-



stand user needs and develop scalable, technology-based solutions with meaningful social impact. Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow 2026 competition is open to innovators aged 14 to 22 years, encouraging ideas under four major themes—AI for a Better Tomorrow, Health & Education, Environmental Sustainability, and Sport-Tech. The top four winning teams will receive incubation grants worth ₹2 crore, along with expert mentorship, product

prototyping and end-to-end incubation support through the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer (FITT), IIT Delhi. The workshops showcased several promising ideas from students. At Furkating Senior Secondary School, 16-year-old Jafrein Rahman proposed smart waste bins equipped with sensors and QR code guidance to improve plastic waste segregation at source, helping reduce pollution in landfills and

water bodies. Meanwhile, students at CBIT focused on inclusive healthcare and accessibility. A.K. Ashritha (14) explored technology-based solutions for hearing health, while T. Nithya and T. Sreelaasya, both aged 13, worked on innovative concepts to improve road-crossing safety for visually impaired individuals, senior citizens and people with limited mobility. According to Samsung, the workshops aim to

transform everyday observations into practical innovations capable of addressing local challenges while creating broader societal impact. The initiative also supports the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, Skill India, Digital India and Startup India by encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation among the country's youth.

Marking 30 years of Samsung in India, the company has already reached more than 2,500 students through its Design Thinking Workshops this year as part of the expanded programme. Applications for Samsung Solve for Tomorrow 2026 remain open until July 3, 2026, with interested participants invited to submit their innovative ideas through Samsung's official portal.

## Fernandez Launches Little Fernz Paediatric Care

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Fernandez Hospital has expanded its healthcare services with the launch of Little Fernz, a dedicated paediatric inpatient service offering expert medical care for children requiring short hospital stays, close observation, and timely treatment across its Hyderabad facilities.

The new service, now available at the hospital's Banjara Hills (Stork Home), Bogulkunta, and Hyderguda centres, is designed to provide family-centred care through experienced paediatricians, specialised nursing teams, child-friendly healing spaces, and mother-friendly rooms that allow parents to stay with their children during recovery. Little Fernz is equipped to manage a range of common childhood illnesses requiring short-term admission, including fever-related infections,



gastroenteritis with dehydration, bronchiolitis, asthma flare-ups, febrile seizures, mild pneumonia, and infants needing close monitoring.

Dr. Sunil Pawar, Head of Neonatology and Paediatrics at Fernandez Hospital, said timely treatment and continuous observation are critical when children require hospital care. He said Little Fernz combines expert paediatric care with a supportive environment that keeps families close throughout the child's recovery.

Launching the initiative, Dr. Evita Fernandez, Chairperson and Manag-

ing Director of Fernandez Foundation, said the hospital is extending its trusted care beyond childbirth into childhood. She said the initiative aims to provide expert medical support while ensuring families feel reassured and involved during their child's treatment. A key feature of Little Fernz is its family-first approach, offering round-the-clock paediatric monitoring, child-focused nursing care, calm healing environments, and facilities designed to make hospital stays more comfortable for both children and parents.

## Sennheiser Announces Up to 40% Off Premium Audio Products During Amazon Prime Day

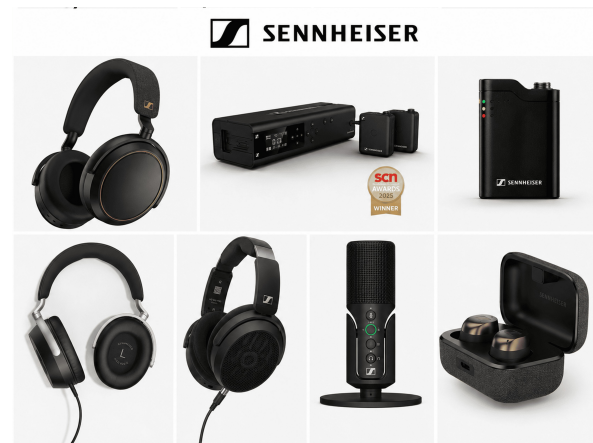
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Global audio brand Sennheiser has announced attractive discounts of up to 40% on a wide range of premium headphones, microphones, and wireless audio products as part of Amazon Prime Day's 10th Edition. The limited-period sale, beginning July 4, also includes No Cost EMI options and additional discounts on select bank cards, making its

flagship products more accessible to customers. Among the key offers is the MOMENTUM True Wireless 4 (Black Copper), now available at ₹17,990 after a 40% discount. The premium earbuds feature Sennheiser's TrueResponse transducer system, Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Transparency Mode, lossless 24-bit/96kHz audio, Qi wireless charging, six microphones for clear calls, and up to 30 hours of battery life.

The MOMENTUM 4 Wireless Special Edition headphones are priced at ₹21,990 during the sale. Equipped with 42mm precision transducers, Adaptive Noise Cancellation, Transparency Mode, and up to 60 hours of battery life, the headphones also support personalized sound settings through the Smart Control App.

For audio professionals and studio creators, the HD 490 PRO Plus reference headphones are



available for ₹27,999. Featuring an open-back design, advanced dynamic drivers, and interchangeable ear pads, the headphones are

engineered for accurate sound reproduction and long studio sessions. Sennheiser is also offering the HDB 630 closed-back head-

phones at ₹44,990. Designed for audiophiles, the model includes a 42mm transducer, Adaptive Noise Cancellation, up to 60 hours of battery life, and a BT-D 700 Bluetooth USB-C dongle for enhanced wireless performance.

Content creators can benefit from discounts on the Profile Wireless Series. The 1-Channel Set is priced at ₹14,990, while the 2-Channel Set is available for ₹20,990. Both systems feature reliable

wireless transmission, built-in recording, 32-bit float audio, 16GB internal memory, and up to seven hours of recording per microphone, making them suitable for cameras, smartphones, and computers.

The Profile USB Microphone, starting at ₹6,990, is another highlight of the sale. Designed for podcasters, gamers, streamers, and creators, the USB-C microphone features a cardioid condenser cap-

sule, zero-latency monitoring, onboard audio controls, and a durable metal construction for studio-quality recording.

The company said the Prime Day offers are aimed at giving customers access to Sennheiser's premium audio technology at competitive prices across entertainment, professional audio, and content creation categories.

## Microsoft cuts 4,800 jobs globally, including 1,600 in Xbox

**NEW DELHI**  
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Microsoft is cutting 4,800 jobs, about 2.1 per cent of its global workforce, including a large number of workers at its Xbox video game business.

The layoffs included 1,600 Xbox workers, with more to come this year in a broader reorganization designed to "reset" Xbox as it faces heightened competition, the company said Monday.

"Our business today is not healthy," said a memo from Xbox CEO Asha Sharma, who took over the gaming division earlier this year. "We are operating at margins that are 3-10x lower than comparable platform and publishing businesses." Sharma said the industry, in which Xbox competes with Sony's PlayStation and Nintendo's Switch, is facing a severe "hardware crisis" as costs soar for console components. She said to expect another 1,600 job cuts



over the course of the fiscal year that began last week. The company is also spinning off four video game development studios previously acquired by Microsoft.

The Xbox cuts are in addition to broader Microsoft layoffs that the software giant's chief people officer Amy Coleman tied to unspecified changes in customer needs. "I also want to be direct that the roles eliminated today are not being replaced by AI," Coleman wrote in a blog post.

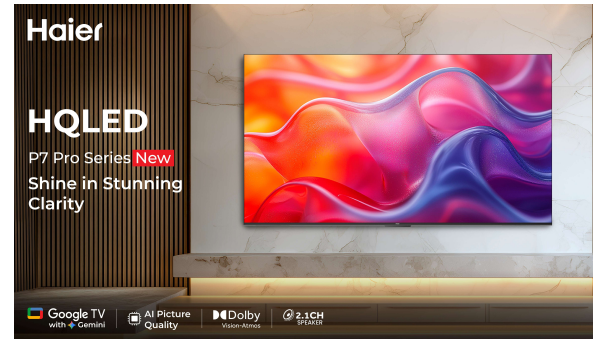
The layoffs followed voluntary buyouts that Microsoft began offering to about 8,750 people in May. More than 30 per cent of eligible workers accepted those voluntary retirement offers, Coleman said Monday.

## Haier Launches AI-Powered HQLED P7 Pro TVs in India

Haier Launches HQLED P7 Pro Series with AI Features, 50W Sound Starting at ₹35,990

**NEW DELHI**  
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Haier Appliances India has launched its new HQLED P7 Pro Series smart TVs, introducing AI-powered entertainment, premium sound, and advanced picture quality at prices starting from ₹35,990. Available in 43-inch, 50-inch, 55-inch, 65-inch, and 75-inch screen sizes, the new lineup is now on sale through leading retail outlets across India. The biggest highlight of the P7 Pro Series is its cinema-grade 50W 2.1-channel speaker system with an integrated subwoofer on 55-inch and larger models. Supported by Dolby Atmos and Total Sonics® technology, the TVs deliver immersive surround sound with deeper bass, enhanced clarity, and richer audio for movies, sports, music, and gaming. The series features Haier's HQLED display



technology with up to 93% DCI-P3 colour gamut, offering vibrant colours, sharper contrast, and lifelike visuals. Dolby Vision, HDR10+ (on 50-inch and above models), and AI Picture Quality technologies automatically optimise brightness, colour, contrast, motion, and noise reduction to improve viewing across different types of content. Powered by Google TV with Gemini AI, the televisions offer personalised content recommendations, hands-free voice control, and seamless smart home integration. Users can search for content, access infor-

mation, and control connected devices using voice commands. Equipped with 2GB RAM and 32GB storage, the TVs ensure smooth app performance, faster navigation, and ample storage for entertainment apps. Gamers are also catered to with Gaming 120Hz (DLG), Variable Refresh Rate (VRR), Auto Low Latency Mode (ALLM), MEMC, and a dedicated Gaming Bar that provides quick access to gaming settings and performance information. The televisions include HaiCast screen mirroring, Bluetooth 5.1, Bluetooth

Speaker Mode, and Wi-Fi connectivity for enhanced wireless entertainment. A premium unibody design with slim bezels and TÜV Rheinland-certified Low Blue Light technology completes the package, offering both style and improved viewing comfort. Commenting on the launch, Haier Appliances India CEO NS Satish said the company aims to make premium entertainment technology more accessible to Indian consumers by combining advanced AI capabilities, immersive audio, and intelligent smart TV features in one product range. The HQLED P7 Pro Series is priced at ₹35,990 for the 43-inch model, ₹43,490 for the 50-inch, ₹49,990 for the 55-inch, ₹67,990 for the 65-inch, and ₹90,990 for the 75-inch variant. All models come with a three-year warranty.

## TASK, EY, JICA Hold Startup Capacity Building Program



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

An international capacity-building programme aimed at promoting innovation, entrepreneurship, and startup culture was conducted at Samskruti College of Engineering & Technology (Autonomous), Ghatkesar, under the joint aegis of the Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), EY, JICA, and the Institution's Innovation Council (IIC).

The programme, titled "EY Capacity Building – International Expert Visit to Telangana," focused on the objectives of the TASK i4TY & JICA IEDC Project, encouraging students to develop entrepreneurial skills, embrace innovation, and explore startup opportunities through industry-academia collaboration.

TASK CEO Nithin Kumar Reddy said the academy is committed to strengthening innovation,

entrepreneurship, and employability among Telangana's youth. He urged students to leverage TASK initiatives to build rewarding careers and create self-employment opportunities.

Principal Prof. P. Janaki Ramulu said such international academic engagements foster creativity, innovation, and an entrepreneurial mindset. He encouraged students to continuously upgrade their skills to meet the evolving demands of modern industries.

The programme featured expert sessions by Prof. Abrar Ali Syed of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, Annie Vijaya, Senior Manager at EY, Sathishwar Gourishetty, Manager at EY, Naresh Gandham, Relationship Manager at TASK, Balu Banothu, Project Manager at TASK, and Ameena Yasmeen, Co-Founder of Sketch Brains India.

## Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj removed from OTT sparks political row

**D**iljit Dosanjh's *Satluj*, which chronicles the life of an activist in Punjab during the turbulent 1990s and has been taken off OTT, was at the centre of a furious debate on Monday, with political parties and the SGPC pushing for the film's release and the actor-singer asking people to watch it wherever and however they can.

The film, which was stuck with the censors for more than three years, was released uncut on ZEE5 on Friday and removed on Sunday evening. While Dosanjh said this was bound to happen and the film had already been downloaded by many, ZEE5 appealed to people not to support piracy.

The matter quickly gained political traction, with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Congress and the state's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) condemning the film's removal from the OTT platform and saying Punjab must confront its past. People should know what happened during those days in Punjab, said Kulwant Singh Manan, chief secretary of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

"The film should not have been removed from the platform. The government should ensure that people



see this film. What is wrong if reality is shown and the public comes to know what happened during those days in Punjab?" Manan told PTI over the phone.

The Honey Trehan-directed film, originally titled Punjab '95, features Dosanjh as human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, who was abducted in 1995 and was never seen again. The director and actor refused to release it with the 127 cuts suggested by the Central Board of Film Certification.

On Friday, the movie quietly arrived on ZEE5 without any cuts but with a different title and zero promotion, which Dosanjh said was because they did not want to spoil whatever

little chance the film had.

Criticising the film's removal, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said, "This is not mere censorship, it is an assault on our collective memory, truth and freedom of expression... Punjab deserves to confront its past with honesty, not suppression."

Senior Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira echoed him.

"I strongly condemn the removal of *Satluj*, enacted by Diljit Dosanjh, about police brutality in abducting and eliminating Prof Jaswant Singh Khalra, a human rights activist, in 1995." AAP leader and MP Malvinder Singh Kang said censorship becomes its most dangerous weapon when a nation be-

gins to fear its own history.

AAP's Baltej Pannu said, "The younger generation wants to know what happened in Punjab during 1978, 1984, the 1990s and other crucial periods. If they are denied books and documentaries, films become an important way of preserving historical truth." When asked to comment on the film's removal from OTT, Punjab BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillon said, "I am finding out the reason. We are taking up the matter."

In an expansive session on Instagram Live from the US, where he is on tour, Dosanjh expressed his anguish.

"I had a feeling on Friday that something like this would happen. This was already on my mind. It is not something to be shocked about (the ban). I thought it would be banned on Monday when the offices opened..."

"But I did not have any idea that it would happen on Sunday evening itself. We did not even promote the film, we released it just like that. If we had promoted it, it would not have lasted even two days. But I am satisfied that people have seen the film, it has reached them," Dosanjh said in Punjabi.

## Kajal Aggarwal's 'The India Story' to hit screens on July 24



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The makers of Kajal Aggarwal and Shreyas Talpade-led socio-national drama, "The India Story," have finally locked in on a release date.

Directed by Chetnan DK and produced and written by Sagar B Shinde, the drama will reach the cinema halls on July 24 this year.

Sharing the release date with the netizens, the makers wrote on social media, "The poison was never in the fields alone. #TheIndiaStory, Slow Poison in Progress. Coming in cinemas on 24th July 2026...Releasing in 3 languages #Hindi #Tamil #Telugu (sic)."

"The India Story" sheds light on the alarming consequences of chemical

misuse, especially in the context of pesticide farming and related scandals.

Applauding the collective efforts behind the project, director Chetnan DK said, "Every member of the team, from the crew to the cast, has put in immense dedication to bring authenticity to this story. Kajal and Shreyas have delivered incredibly nuanced performances, and their commitment has truly elevated the film. We've worked hard to ensure that the narrative remains both engaging and impactful."

Sharing the motivation behind the movie, producer Sagar B Shinde added, "We chose to tell this story because it reflects a reality that often goes unnoticed but impacts countless lives across the country. The misuse of chemicals,

especially in pesticide farming, is not just an environmental concern; it's a human crisis. Through this film, we hope to raise awareness and initiate meaningful conversations around accountability and change."

Backed by Sumit Bagade, Anita Jadhav, Vinayak Saidani, Kalpesh Shah, Devyani Khorate, and Prem Joshi, the film will enjoy camera work by Nishant Bhagwat with the music scored by Mangesh Dhakde.

The technical crew of the drama further includes Ashish Mhatre as the editor, Shakeel Azami as lyricist and Anmol Bhavne as the sound designer. "The India Story" will be released in multiple languages, including Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil.

## Hyderabad Youth League Launched to Boost Grassroots Football



**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Youth League (HYL) has been launched to provide young footballers with a structured, year-round platform for competitive football and strengthen grassroots development in the city. The league is a joint initiative of the Hyderabad Football League, Hyderabad Super League and Hyderabad Football Academy. The organisers aim to create a unified competition structure that benefits academies, clubs and educational institutions while promoting long-term player development.

Unlike standalone tournaments, the Hyderabad Youth League will follow a season-long championship format from August to May. Competitions will be conducted in Under-8, Under-10, Under-13, Under-16 and Under-18 categories. Teams will earn points in every competition, with cumulative performances determining the overall season champions. The format is designed to encourage consistency and sustained excellence throughout the season.

The initiative seeks to fill a major gap in Hyderabad's youth football landscape by providing a regular competitive calen-

dar. Organisers believe consistent match exposure will help young players improve their technical skills, tactical understanding and overall performance, while allowing academies and schools to plan training and development programmes more effectively.

Speaking on the launch, Faiz Khan, Co-Founder of the Hyderabad Youth League, said Hyderabad has long needed a structured platform where young footballers can compete regularly and continue their development throughout the year. He said the league aims to build a sustainable football ecosystem that offers meaningful competition for every academy, club and school, while giving aspiring players valuable match experience.

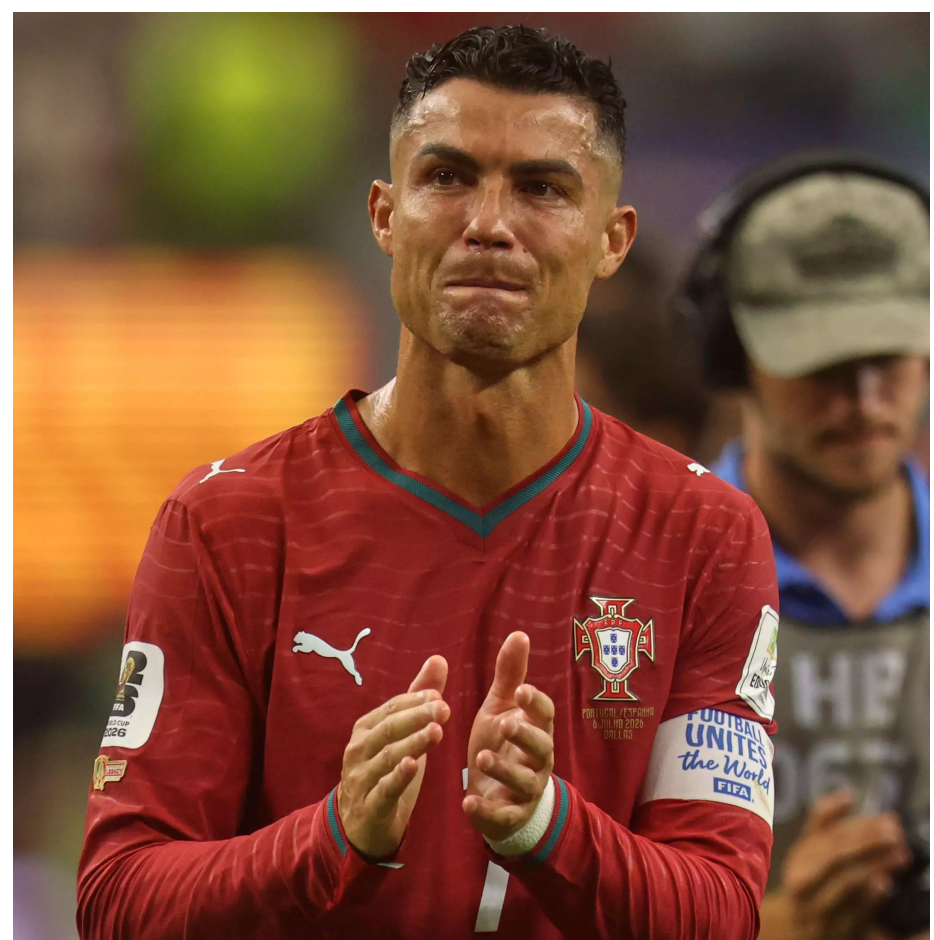
The inaugural Hyderabad Youth League season will begin in August, with registrations and detailed competition schedules expected to be announced shortly. Organisers hope the league will become a major platform for identifying and nurturing the city's next generation of football talent.

## Cristiano Ronaldo in Tears as Final World Cup Ends in Portugal Defeat

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo bid an emotional farewell to the FIFA World Cup after his side suffered a heartbreaking 1-0 defeat to Spain in the Round of 16 of the 2026 tournament. A dramatic stoppage-time goal from Mikel Merino sent Spain into the quarterfinals and brought the curtain down on Ronaldo's remarkable World Cup journey.

The tightly contested encounter appeared destined for extra time before Merino struck in injury time, breaking Portuguese hearts and sealing Spain's place in the last eight. Spain will now face the winners of the USA versus Belgium Round of 16 clash in the quarterfinals in Los Angeles. The final whistle triggered emotional scenes as Ronaldo, overcome with disappointment, was seen in tears while ac-



knowledging Portugal supporters inside the stadium. The 41-year-old had already confirmed before the match that the 2026 FIFA World Cup would be the last of his illustrious career, making the defeat even more poignant.

Despite enjoying one of the greatest careers in football history, the FIFA World Cup remained the only major trophy missing from Ronaldo's glittering collection.

Having represented Portugal across multi-

ple World Cup editions, he had hoped to end his international career by lifting football's most prestigious prize, but that dream ended in heartbreaking fashion against Spain. Ronaldo leaves behind an extraordinary inter-

national legacy. He has scored an incredible 146 goals in 233 appearances for Portugal, making him one of the most prolific international goal scorers in football history. His leadership and performances helped Portugal secure their first major international trophy at the UEFA Euro 2016 before adding two UEFA Nations League titles to the nation's achievements. Although his World Cup dream remained unfulfilled, Ronaldo's impact on Portuguese football and the global game is undeniable. His longevity, consistency, goal-scoring ability and relentless pursuit of excellence have inspired generations of players and fans around the world. As Portugal exit the tournament, the football world bids farewell to one of the sport's greatest icons on the biggest stage, marking the end of an unforgettable World Cup career.

## BRS seeks one-month extension of electoral roll revision in Telangana

A BRS delegation met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy, urging the Election Commission to extend the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls by one month, alleging procedural lapses, inadequate voter verification, poor BLO training and technical shortcomings in the ongoing exercise.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A delegation of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Monday met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy, urging the Election Commission of India (ECI) to extend the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by one month, citing procedural shortcomings and inadequate time to complete the exercise transparently. The delegation, led by former MP B. Vinod Kumar and MLC L. Ramana, submitted a memorandum highlighting several issues encountered during the revision process.

Speaking to the media after the meeting, Vinod



Kumar said the BRS had constituted a special committee to coordinate with Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to monitor the ongoing exercise across the State. He said complaints received from party workers indicated that the functioning of BLOs lacked uniformity and that many eligible

voters were yet to receive enumeration forms, even though only about 20 days remained for the completion of the revision process. According to the BRS, these shortcomings could result in the exclusion of genuine voters from the electoral rolls if the schedule is not extended. The party stated that enumeration forms

had been distributed to around 2.96 crore of Telangana's 3.38 crore registered electors. However, only 19 lakh forms had been digitised as of July 5, raising concerns over the pace of the exercise. The BRS argued that granting an additional month would allow officials to complete verification in a transparent and error-free manner. Vinod Kumar also alleged that the 2002 electoral rolls, being used as the reference document, were not readily available with Electors Photo Identity Card (EPIC) numbers, making verification difficult. He claimed that the ECI portal frequently became inaccessible and that the available electoral

rolls, mostly in Telugu, omitted EPIC details for more than 50 per cent of voters. The BRS memorandum further pointed to the lack of proper training and clear instructions for BLOs, deletion of voters due to minor spelling mistakes, inconsistencies in the sequencing of surnames and given names, non-availability of voter mapping details, lack of transparency in identifying duplicate and deceased voters, and the failure to issue acknowledgements for submitted enumeration forms. The party urged the ECI to address these concerns to ensure a fair, accurate and inclusive electoral roll revision process.

## BRS to Oppose Siddapur Dump Yard Plan: Harish

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Monday demanded that the government withdraw the proposal for setting up a garbage dump yard in Siddapur in Kothur mandal of Rangareddy district. Speaking with farmers and residents from Siddapur and nearby villages who called him, Harish Rao said the proposal to set up the 86-acre dump yard in the village was an extremely deplorable act. This will severely impact the lives of



people in nearly 20 villages, he said. The plan to "establish the dump yard amid lush agricultural lands, close to residential areas, is a clear example of the Revanth Reddy government's ill-considered decisions." Harish Rao said that if the plan

was allowed to go ahead, the supply of vegetables to Hyderabad would be affected. He assured the villagers that the BRS will take up and fight alongside the villagers in opposing the setting up of the dump yard.

## NIMS Patients To Be Shifted To TIMS For Surgeries

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Patients awaiting neurosurgeries, kidney transplants, cardiac surgeries and other super-specialty procedures at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) may soon undergo treatment at TIMS Sanathnagar, with the health minister directing officials to prepare an action plan to utilise the new hospital's operation theatres and reduce long waiting periods. The decision followed representations from NIMS surgeons, who told Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha that although the institute has expert teams in neurosurgery, cardiothoracic surgery and urology, the limited



number of operation theatres delays surgeries because of the heavy patient load. The minister asked officials to prepare a roadmap for conducting super-specialty surgeries at TIMS Sanathnagar for patients waiting at NIMS. He instructed director of Medical Education Dr Narendra Kumar to make administrative arrangements so that NIMS medical teams can use TIMS operation theatres once the hospital becomes fully operational. The directions were issued during the minister's visit to TIMS Sanathnagar

with transplant surgeons from NIMS, Osmania General Hospital and Gandhi Hospital. The team inspected modular operation theatres, pre-operative and post-operative wards, intensive care units (ICUs) and other medical infrastructure before holding a review meeting. Rajanarasimha said the government is developing TIMS Sanathnagar as a Centre of Excellence for Organ Transplantation, where all types of transplant surgeries will be available under one roof. Transplant surgeons told the minister that TIMS has the necessary infrastructure, including advanced modular operation theatres, ICUs and modern equipment, to begin organ transplant

## Give 'Permanent Residence Certificate' to poor during SIR: Owaisi

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi on Monday, July 6, urged the government to provide a 'Permanent Residence Certificate' to people by finalising certain criteria to ensure that eligible voters do not lose their vote during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) in Telangana. Addressing a gathering in Hyderabad, he alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is not giving him time to meet. He indicated that he discussed

relevant issues with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka when he met the latter. Owaisi said the Congress government in neighbouring Karnataka provides 'Permanent Residence Certificate'. "We demand that the Telangana government immediately provide Permanent Residence Certificate," he said. The AIMIM leader said the state government can provide the certificate based on criteria, including presence of a person's parents' or grandparents' names in the electoral



rolls or on the basis of Aadhaar, PDS ration cards and school records. Claiming that at least 50 people are approaching AIMIM on a daily basis since the last two months with the complaint that they don't have the documents to submit as iden-

tity proofs during Special Intensive Revision (SIR), he asked how they can be deprived of the right to vote if they lack the documents. He said double entries, dead voters and other such ineligible voters should be removed from the electoral rolls, but genuine voters cannot be deleted. If the ruling Congress does not understand that poor people in the state do not have the necessary documents, then it is cut off from reality, he said. Congress should not "condole" after publica-

tion of final voters' lists (about deletion of names) saying some conspiracy happened, he added. Owaisi on June 11 demanded that the EC accept PAN card, driving licence, and PDS ration card as identity proofs for voter verification during the SIR. He had urged CM Revanth Reddy to make efforts to include the driving licence, PDS ration card, and other documents issued by the state government in the list of valid proofs for establishing voter identity.

## SIR in Telangana: About 3 crore enumeration forms submitted so far

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A total of 3,10,70,000 crore enumeration forms have been distributed till Monday, July 6, since the start of the Election Commission's SIR electoral rolls in Telangana. The Special Intensive Revision began on June 24 and will conclude on July 25.

In a meeting with District Collectors, the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudharshan Reddy directed that the poll exercise be completed by July 7. He asked collectors, particularly those in Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, and other urban districts, to ensure 100 per cent distribution of the forms.

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## Strong Winds Buffet Hyderabad, Disrupt Daily Life

Two-wheeler riders reported difficulty maintaining balance on flyovers and exposed stretches.

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Strong winds rather than rain dominated Hyderabad's weather on Monday, with gusty conditions across the city affecting commuters, pedestrians and outdoor activities. Gusts of 45-50 kmph swept across the city. Two-wheeler riders reported difficulty maintaining balance on flyovers and exposed stretches. "It felt like the bike was being pushed sideways at a few places. I had to slow down, especially on open roads," said Neha Kiran, a software employee commuting from Miyapur to Hitec City. Pedestrians also found conditions uncomfortable. "The wind kept blowing dust into our faces. Walking even a short distance felt tiring," said Lavanya, a resident of Uppal. Schoolchildren said the weather disrupted evening plans. "We came home and wanted to play cricket, but the wind was too strong and dust was flying everywhere," said a Class VII student from Tarnaka. His friend Swati said she could not play badminton either. Some,



like Nausheen, a network engineer working remotely, enjoyed the change. "I had a great cup of hot coffee on my balcony, feeling the wind in my hair. It was a perfect break I needed," she told DC. According to Dr G.N.R.S. Srinivas Rao, senior meteorologist at the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad's windy conditions were linked to weather systems over Odisha and the Bay of Bengal, including a low-pressure area that evolved into a depression. "The stronger the weather system, the lower the pressure at its centre. Winds naturally move from higher-pressure areas towards lower-pressure areas. As the pressure difference increases, wind speeds also increase," Srinivas Rao explained. He

said weather systems generally develop in stages, beginning as a low-pressure area, strengthening into a well-marked low-pressure area, then a depression, deep depression and eventually a cyclone if conditions remain favourable. Although the system was located away from Telangana, it created pressure differences over a large region, resulting in stronger winds across parts of central India, including Hyderabad. Radar observations on Monday night showed wind speeds touching around 45 kmph in and around the city, he told. The city recorded a maximum temperature of 33°C and a minimum of 24.2°C. Rainfall remained limited, with Hyderabad receiving only 0.5 mm during the previous 24 hours.

## Osmania Biscuits manufacturing unit reveals unhygienic conditions

**HYDERABAD**  
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Food safety officials inspected the premises of Golden Foods, a manufacturing unit of Osmania Biscuits in Uppal on Monday, June 6, under the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) and found gross violations. The premises had insufficient lighting, no insect-proof meshes, heavy housefly infestation, improper storage of raw materials, and pest con-

trol records were not being maintained. The check also revealed poor personal hygiene among food handlers and that manufacturing and packaging activities were being carried out under unhygienic conditions. The inspection was conducted as part of the Food Safety Department's routine drive to ensure compliance with food safety and hygiene standards at food manufacturing establishments.

## Suspended Telangana DSP Bheem Reddy arrested in DA case

In a breakthrough in the disproportionate assets case, the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Monday, July 6, arrested suspended Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Bheem Reddy. Telangana ACB had recently conducted extensive raids at his residences, offices and nearly 20 other linked premises. Sources said the DSP was residing in a luxury villa valued at around Rs 8 crore. Officials are currently evaluating the overall worth of the assets and examining financial records, property documents, and other relevant materials. The arrest follows scrutiny of documents and evidence collected during the raids.

## BJP Seeks Urgent Civic Works Before Bonalu

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the upcoming Bonalu Mahotsavam, a delegation of senior BJP leaders submitted a memorandum to GHMC Circle-3 Deputy Commissioner Daku Naik, urging immediate civic and infrastructure works in the Monda Market Division to ensure smooth arrangements for devotees. The delegation, comprising Beeram Narsing Rao, Sharad Singh Thakur, Ra-



jesh, Anil Kumar Mudiraj and Mahesh, highlighted several pending civic issues requiring urgent attention before the festival. Their key demands included the immediate completion of the long-pending Cement Concrete (CC) road works in Nalla Bazar, effective measures to prevent chronic water-

logging in Monda Market, relocation of the garbage dump near the AYUSH Hospital to safeguard public health, and a comprehensive sanitation drive across the division. Responding to the representation, Deputy Commissioner Daku Naik assured the delegation that the civic issues raised would be addressed on priority and that necessary measures would be initiated to ensure better infrastructure and sanitation ahead of Bonalu festivities.