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PM Modi Lands in Australia After Visiting Indonesia's Prambanan Temple

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday landed in Australia on the second leg of his three-nation tour during which he will hold talks with Australian PM Anthony Albanese and interact with the Indian diaspora. Before flying out to Australia, Mr Modi, along with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, visited the centuries-old iconic Prambanan temple complex in Yogyakarta, marking the inauguration of a joint conservation project for this UNESCO World Her-



itage Site. The Prime Minister reached Melbourne to a warm welcome ahead of the third annual India-Australia summit, scheduled for Thursday. "Landed in Melbourne, Australia. This visit will add vigour to the India-Australia comprehensive strategic partnership. I look forward to the talks

with Prime Minister Albanese. I will also have the opportunity to interact with the Indian diaspora, which is an important pillar of our partnership," Mr Modi posted on X. In Melbourne, before summit talks on Thursday morning, Mr Modi will be addressing the CEOs forum "to drive growing economic ties and support

implementation of Australia-India collaboration in trade and investment across sectors". Later in the day, during the summit talks between the two Prime Ministers, the Indian side is expected to raise issues such as delays in processing visa applications for Indian students. The two nations are also expected to discuss the proposed supply of uranium by Australia to India. Negotiations are also ongoing on the trade front between the two nations to ink a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement.

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Trump Warns Iran US Preparing for More Strikes

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US President Donald Trump on Wednesday warned of fresh strikes on Iran, saying American forces could launch another round of attacks following renewed hostilities. "We hit them very hard last night," Trump said, adding, "We'll probably hit them hard again tonight." Speaking on the sidelines of a Nato summit in Ankara, he said the strikes were in response to Iranian attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. "They are behaving very



badly," he said, accusing Iran of targeting vessels with drones and missiles. The remarks came after a fresh exchange of fire between US and Iranian forces, including attacks on commercial tankers and retaliatory strikes on military targets. The escalation has raised concerns over disruption to global energy supplies through the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said the ceasefire

was effectively over, though he indicated that negotiations could continue. "For me, I think it's over," he said, while adding, "They can talk, but I think they're wasting their time." The US has previously warned of targeting key Iranian infrastructure, including oil facilities such as Kharg Island, through which a major share of Iran's oil exports passes. The latest developments have heightened fears of a wider conflict in the region, with oil prices rising sharply following the remarks.

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Ram Temple Trust Confirms Exit of Rai and Mishra as Members

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust said on Tuesday that former General Secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra are no longer members of the trust, putting to rest any speculation regarding their status. The Trust is likely to decide at its next meeting on July 22 whether to make Krishna Mohan, a retired Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer, the permanent replacement for Champat Rai.

"As of now, Krishna Mohan has been appointed as the interim General Secretary by the Trust, but the Trust may later decide to make this appointment permanent," Giri told PTI. He emphasised that the trust members are likely to consider Krishna Mohan's appointment and suitable replacements for the vacant positions during the meeting on July 22. He also clarified that Rai and

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Israeli Strike Kills World Cup Screening Organizer in Gaza Just Before Kickoff

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An Israeli strike on Gaza just before the kickoff of the Egypt-Argentina World Cup match killed a top Palestinian aid official who helped organize public screenings of the game across the enclave, according to local health officials. The blast turned

what was supposed to be a moment of celebration — the live screening of a potential Argentina upset by an Arab team — into a reminder of how the near-daily Israeli strikes across Gaza are continuing to kill civilians despite a truce reached in October. The bomb hit a car in the Sabra neighborhood of Gaza City at dusk Tues-

day, killing passersby Mohamed al-Wahidi, an official at the Egyptian Committee in Gaza, 10-year-old boy Hamza al-Deri and his 8-year-old brother Fari. Ahmed Daghmush, 33, the driver of the car, was also killed. That's according to Dr. Mohamed Abu Selmiya, the director of Shifa Hospital which received the



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four bodies. The Israeli military said that al-Wahidi, who helped organize the soccer screenings, was not a target of the strike. It said the strike was aiming for a Hamas militant and that it was checking if Daghmush was the target of the strike. Daghmush is a taxi driver not known to be affiliated with any militant

group, Abu Selmiya said. An Israeli strike hit the same street half an hour earlier, causing no casualties. The Egyptian Committee for which al-Wahidi worked is the relief arm of the Egyptian government, which provides food, shelters and other assistance to Palestinians in Gaza.

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Denmark PM Vows To Defend Greenland From USA During NATO Summit

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Speaking at the NATO summit in Turkey a day after the U.S. President Donald Trump again expressed a desire for the U.S. to control Greenland, Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said, "Greenland is of course not for sale." "We hope that all, including all allies, will respect the Greenland people's right for self-determination," she said. "And we are



sovereign states and we need everybody to respect our territorial integrity and our sovereignty." NATO leaders are trying to show increased military capabilities as the U.S. focus shifts from defending Europe. The alliance is holding a two-day summit in Ankara, Turkey, that will showcase mili-

tary projects worth billions of dollars aimed at persuading Trump they are making a stronger Europe for a stronger NATO. Iceland's Prime Minister Kristrunn Frostadottir said Wednesday that Greenland's people "do not wish to be a part of the United States" and that NATO allies should focus on the threat from Russia. As the summit meetings began Wednesday, NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte said overnight U.S.

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Indian Oil Tanker Turns Back at Strait of Hormuz Amid Security Fears

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At least four oil and gas tankers have turned back from attempting to transit the Strait of Hormuz, ship-tracking data showed, as renewed attacks on vessels in the critical waterway heightened safety and security concerns. LSEG and Kpler data also showed an Indian-flagged tanker, carrying 2 million barrels of Kuwaiti crude loaded late last week, made a U-

The diversions come after a Qatari liquefied natural gas tanker and a Saudi-flagged crude oil tanker were damaged near the strait on Tuesday following reports that Iran fired missiles at ships in the waterway

turn off the tip of Oman at the Strait of Hormuz on Wednesday.

The diversions come after a Qatari liquefied natural gas tanker and a Saudi-flagged crude oil tanker were damaged near

the strait on Tuesday following reports that Iran fired missiles at ships in the waterway, prompting maritime authorities to raise the threat risk for transiting vessels to "severe." LNG tankers - Al Ghariya, Duhail and Al Ruwais - have all been inching westward towards the Strait of Hormuz before changing course to turn away late on Tuesday, showed data from analytics firms Kpler and LSEG.

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One Dead, Several Feared Trapped After Building Collapse in Delhi

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One person died while five to six others are still feared trapped after a three-storey under-construction building collapsed in Delhi's Rohini area on Wednesday, police said. The incident took place at 4.20 pm near an MCD school in Sector 16 of Rohini as heavy rain lashed several parts of the national capital. Authorities, however, have not confirmed whether the weather contributed to the

collapse. "One person died due to the collapse. There are chances of five to six people still being trapped. Rescue operation remains underway," a senior police officer told PTI. Police, the Delhi Fire Service, the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and other emergency agencies launched a massive rescue operation. Two people were pulled out alive from the debris earlier, while rescuers continued searching for individuals trapped beneath the rubble.

Wayanad Landslide Renews Focus on Kerala's Migrant Workforce

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The body of Anmol Dodrai, a 25-year-old man from Jharkhand's Khunti district, who was killed in the Wayanad landslide in Kerala a day ago, was brought to Ranchi on Wednesday, an official said. Khunti Labour Superintendent Walter Kujur told PTI that they were making arrangements for bringing the body of the deceased, who hailed from a poor family, from Ranchi to his ancestral village. Walter Hembrom,

a neighbour and a relative of the deceased youth, said Dodrai was the sole breadwinner of the family. "Dodrai was the eldest son of his parents. He has two sisters (one married) and a younger brother, who is studying in school," Hembrom said. The family members looked crestfallen and remained uncertain about their future after Dodrai's death, the relative said. Dodrai was among the three people killed in the landslide at a tunnel road construction site in the hill district of the southern



state. The two others - Chandrabhan and Bikash Kumar, hailed from Madhya Pradesh and Bihar. Kerala Government on Wednesday announced an ex gratia of ₹5 lakh for the families of the three victims. Nine injured persons

were admitted to Meppadi WIMS Hospital, of whom two have been discharged. Seven others continue to undergo treatment. Other than one site engineer from Ernakulam, everyone else is from outside the state. In recent decades, Kerala has emerged

as one of the highest migrant worker populated states in India, owing to its allure of higher wage rate in the informal labour market for unorganised sector workers than any other state in India. The migrant workers, often respectfully referred to as "guest workers", form an indispensable part of the state's economy, with most of them work in unorganised informal sectors such as construction, manufacturing, agriculture, and marine fishing. Although precise tracking is difficult since migration

is fluid and many workers travel back and forth, a 2021 study on Immigration, Informal Employment and Urbanisation in Kerala, has estimated that close to 31 lakh interstate migrant labourers are working in the state. In 2026, the numbers are likely to be much higher. The welfare measures announced by the subsequent state governments to include migrant workers in their social security schemes have contributed largely to the influx of the workers.

Revanth Reddy Invites Canadian Investors to Telangana Investment Summit

The discussions highlighted opportunities for enhanced collaboration in major infrastructure and urban development projects underway in Telangana, including the Musi River Development Project, Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion, and the proposed Future City initiative

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday sought stronger international collaboration for Telangana's flagship infrastructure and urban development initiatives, including the Musi River Development Project, Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion and the proposed Future City project, during a meeting with Canada's High Commissioner to India Chris Cooter at the MCRHRD Institute in Hyderabad.

The discussions focused on expanding trade, investment and innovation partnerships between Telangana and Canada. Cooter invited the Chief Minister to lead an official delegation to Canada to strengthen bilateral co-operation and explore new



opportunities across key sectors. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy highlighted Telangana's rapid emergence as a global investment destination, outlining the State's achievements in information technology, life sciences, defence, aerospace and advanced manufacturing. He noted that Hyderabad has become one of India's leading hubs for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), with several Fortune 500 companies choosing the city for their strategic operations. Seeking Canadian partici-

Canadian universities consider setting up a multi-university campus in Telangana to strengthen academic collaboration and research partnerships. Cooter highlighted the growing engagement between Canadian businesses and Telangana. He referred to Firan Technology Group's proposal to establish a manufacturing facility in the State, CIBC's Global Capability Centre in Hyderabad, and CPP Investments' strategic partnership with CtrlS Datacenters, involving an investment commitment of up to one billion Canadian dollars. The Canadian High Commissioner praised Telangana's progressive development agenda, highly skilled workforce and business-friendly ecosystem. He assured Canada's support for the State's ambitious devel-

opment programmes and announced that a Canadian trade delegation would soon visit Telangana to explore partnerships in energy, urbanisation, defence and aerospace sectors. The Chief Minister also invited Canadian companies, investors and academic institutions to participate in the second edition of the Telangana Global Investors Summit scheduled to be held in December this year. The meeting was attended by Adviser and Ex-officio Special Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister K. Ramakrishna Rao, Invest Telangana CEO B. Ajith Reddy, TGIC Managing Director Shashanka, ITE&C Joint Secretary Anudeep Durishetty and Industries Director Nikhil Chakravarthy.

World Bank recognition vindicates KCR's vision: KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao termed the World Bank's classification of Telangana among India's top five upper-middle-income States as global recognition of the economic transformation achieved under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's leadership.

Reacting to the World Bank's per capita income assessment, Rama Rao said Telangana's rise to the upper-middle-income category with a per capita income of \$5,407 reflected one of independent India's most significant development stories. He credited the achievement to the vision of Chandrashekhara Rao, the efforts of the people and reforms undertaken during the BRS government. "It takes a reformer to chal-



lenge the status quo, a performer to deliver unprecedented numbers, and a true transformer to completely rewrite a State's destiny. That is the indelible imprint of KCR's governance," he added. Rama Rao said despite lacking the historical advantages enjoyed by several other States, Telangana achieved rapid economic progress through policy initiatives such as TS-iPASS, the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, Mission Katiya and Rythu Bandhu. "When the World Bank validates Telangana's economic transformation, it is a global recognition of KCR's vision," he said. According to the World

Bank's income benchmark, Telangana ranked third among Indian States with a per capita income of \$5,407, behind Delhi (\$6,217) and Karnataka (\$5,579), while Tamil Nadu (\$5,329) and Gujarat (\$4,734) completed the top five. The former Minister said the report acknowledged Telangana's transformation from a region once marked by poverty into one of the country's most prosperous States, with sustained growth in both State income and citizens' earnings since its formation. Taking a swipe at the Congress government, he urged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to stop portraying Telangana as a bankrupt State to justify the government's failure to fulfil its election promises. He maintained that the World Bank assessment had effectively rebutted allegations

Students selected under best available school scheme facing several issues

Students selected under the Best Available School Scheme in Siddipet are facing admission delays due to ePASS portal issues and alleged irregularities in admissions. The Scheduled Castes Department has ordered an inquiry, while affected parents have sought government intervention.

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Hundreds of students selected under the Best Available School (BAS) Scheme are facing uncertainty over admissions due to technical and administrative issues in the Electronic Payment and Application System of Scholarships (ePASS) portal. The problem has particularly affected students selected through the Scheduled Castes (SC) Welfare Department, with similar complaints emerging from several districts across Telangana.

Under the BAS Scheme, economically disadvantaged SC and ST students are selected through a lottery each year and provided free education in identified private residential schools. After selection, students are required to submit their allotment letters to the respective schools, which must upload their details on



the ePASS portal to enable scholarship payments from the government. However, several school managements have refused to admit the selected students as they are unable to upload their details on the portal. According to officials, the issue arose because admissions in recent years exceeded the sanctioned intake. Normally, the SC Welfare Department permits admission of 87 students in Class I and 89 students in Class V annually. Allegations have surfaced that, over the past three academic years, additional students were admitted beyond the approved quota under pressure

from elected representatives, resulting in the portal rejecting new entries. The financial burden has also become a major concern for schools. Many institutions have reportedly not received scholarship reimbursements from the government for the past three academic years. One residential school in Siddipet district alone is said to have pending dues of nearly Rs 1.40 crore, making it increasingly difficult to continue providing boarding, lodging and educational facilities to students. Parents have also alleged irregularities in the implementation of

the scheme. While the BAS Scheme is intended only for residential schools, five schools in Siddipet selected under the programme reportedly do not offer hostel facilities, depriving students of the intended benefits. Aggrieved parents submitted representations to Labour Minister G. Vivekananda and Bakki Venkataiah, seeking immediate intervention. Following the complaints, B. Srinivas Reddy ordered an inquiry, assigning Shoiab Hameed to inspect schools and verify admission records. The inquiry report is expected to be submitted by the weekend. The problem is not limited to Siddipet. Similar issues have been reported in Medak and other districts, where frustrated parents have staged protests demanding immediate resolution to ensure that deserving students are not denied their right to education.

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

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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.

Residents Allege Threats, Misuse of Common Areas in Hyderabad Apartment

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Residents of a residential apartment in Hyderabad have accused family members of the original landowners of repeatedly misusing common areas, alleging that the situation has affected the safety, hygiene and peaceful atmosphere of the premises. The Apartment Owners' Association has urged the authorities to intervene and ensure protection for residents while maintain-



ing law and order. According to the residents, empty liquor bottles and other waste are frequently dumped in utility areas and open spaces meant for the common use of all apartment owners. They alleged that repeated requests to maintain cleanliness have yielded no results. The association further

claimed that residents and office-bearers face verbal intimidation and threats whenever they object to the alleged misuse of shared spaces or attempt to perform their responsibilities. Stressing that staircases, utility rooms and other common facilities belong to all residents, the association has sought legal and administrative intervention to resolve the issue amicably while safeguarding the rights of every stakeholder.

TGSRTC restores 118 more JBM electric buses after safety clearance

After nearly a week-long suspension over battery safety concerns, TGSRTC has begun restoring JBM electric bus services in phases, with 118 more buses receiving fitness clearance on Wednesday. According to officials, the technical team certified all 118 buses as 100 per cent fit for operation after detailed inspections. The corporation operates a fleet of 500 JBM electric buses across the State. Earlier, 150 buses had already been cleared and returned to service. With the latest approvals, a total of 268 buses are now back on the roads, while the remaining fleet is expected to resume operations over the next few days after completing safety checks. TGSRTC Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy has directed Regional Managers across all regions to operate additional bus services on routes where JBM electric buses are still unavailable, ensuring that passengers do not face inconvenience. The fitness certification is being issued only after inspections by TGSRTC's technical team, JBM engineers, and battery experts from China at the Command and Control Centre set up at Bus Bhavan in Hyderabad. TGSRTC had suspended the operation of all JBM electric buses across Telangana on July 2 as a precautionary measure following a series of battery-related fire incidents.

Flood Drainage Issue in Hafeezpet to Get Permanent Solution: Arekapudi Gandhi

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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi inspected the flood drainage outlet issue at Janapriya Nagar in Hafeezpet Division along with CMC Engineering Department officials. Gandhi said a permanent solution would soon be provided to the long-pending drainage problem and directed



officials to prepare proposals and complete the works on a war footing before the monsoon intensifies. He said the colony has been facing

repeated flooding due to an inadequate drainage outlet and instructed officials to consider the heavy water flow from Kai-

damma Kunta Lake while planning the new stormwater drain. The PAC Chairman stressed timely completion of the project with quality standards and reiterated his commitment to improving civic infrastructure in Hafeezpet Division and Serilingampally Constituency. The inspection was attended by DE Sridevi, local leaders and residents..

Child Protection Awareness Drive Held at MJP School

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The District Women Empowerment Centre, under the Department of Women and Child Welfare, conducted an awareness programme on child protection and women empowerment at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Residential School, Jharasangam Mandal, on Wednesday as part of the Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao initiative.

District Women and Child Welfare Officer K. Lalitha Kumari educated girl students on the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, POCSO Act,



POSH Act, women and child protection helplines, safe social media usage, girls' education, and legal rights. She urged students to pursue education with confidence, remain aware of their rights, and seek timely support whenever needed.

The programme was attended by the CDPO, DCPO, District Women Empowerment Centre Co-

ordinator, Medical Officer, Sakhi Centre representatives, Police personnel, Gender Specialist, ANMs, ASHA workers, Anganwadi teachers, the school principal, staff, ICDS supervisors, and other officials, who stressed the importance of ensuring a safe and empowered future for every girl child.

Former Bhongir MLA
Kommidi Narsimha
Reddy Passes Away at 89



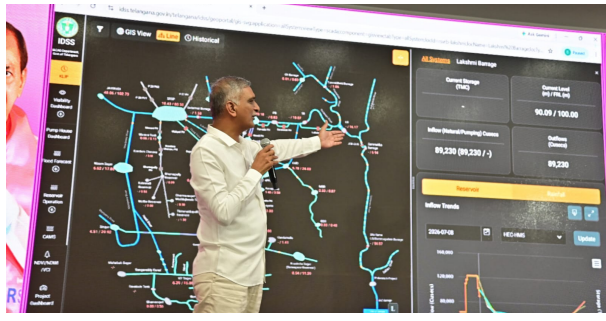
Former Bhongir MLA Kommidi Narsimha Reddy, a veteran Congress leader, freedom fighter, Bhoodan activist, and advocate of ethical politics, passed away on Tuesday. Honouring his final wish, his family donated his organs, enabling a specialised medical team to carry out a successful organ retrieval procedure that will help save lives. Narsimha Reddy represented the erstwhile Bhongir Assembly Constituency for two consecutive terms from 1978 to 1985 on a Congress ticket. Widely respected for his honesty and commitment to public service, he donated a major portion of his family's land through the Bhoodan Movement for the benefit of the poor and landless. Despite serving twice as an MLA, he lived modestly without owning a house or car.

Harish Rao Challenges Revanth to Hand Over Irrigation Portfolio for Three Months

BRS leader T. Harish Rao has challenged Telangana CM Revanth Reddy to hand over the Irrigation portfolio for three months, vowing to quit politics if he fails to fill reservoirs like Yellampalli by utilizing Godavari floodwaters

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Escalating the Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS) attack on the Congress government over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, former Irrigation Minister and BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP) deputy leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to hand over the Irrigation portfolio to him for three months, promising to prove the project's effectiveness by filling reservoirs with available Godavari floodwaters. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan after delivering a detailed presentation on the Kaleshwaram project, Harish Rao declared that if he failed to lift water to Yellampalli within three months, he would quit politics. Stating that he had served as Irrigation



Minister for 13 years, he asserted that the State government was failing to utilise available floodwaters despite sufficient inflows into the Godavari River. Refuting the Chief Minister's allegation that inadequate rainfall had left no usable water in the Godavari, Harish Rao claimed that over 90,000 cusecs of water was flowing at Medigadda and that significant inflows were available at other barrages. He alleged that the government had failed to operate the Kannepalli and Devadula pump

houses to lift and store water in Telangana's reservoirs. Accusing the Congress government of criminal negligence, Harish Rao said water meant for Telangana farmers was being allowed to flow downstream while nearly 90 per cent of tanks in the erstwhile Warangal district had dried up. He alleged that the government was deliberately avoiding the use of the Kaleshwaram infrastructure to politically target former Chief Minister K. Chandrababhan Rao. The former minister also

Kishan Accuses Congress of Gross Negligence in Paddy Procurement

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Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy launched a sharp attack on the Telangana government, accusing it of gross negligence in paddy procurement and misleading farmers by blaming the Centre for its own administrative failures. Leading a delegation of Telangana BJP MPs and MLAs, Kishan Reddy met Union Minister Pralhad Joshi in New Delhi and sought enhanced paddy procurement along with additional rice allocations for the 2025-26 Rabi season. Addressing the media after the meeting, Kishan Reddy said the Centre had agreed to procure 36 lakh metric tonnes of rice during the previous Kharif season. However, he alleged that the Telangana government had delivered only 13 to 14 per cent of the required



milled rice to the Food Corporation of India, despite receiving full support from the Union government. He further stated that the Centre had sanctioned loans worth ₹37,000 crore to Telangana through the National Co-operative Development Corporation for the 2024-26 period and an additional ₹23,000 crore for 2026-27. Despite these substantial financial allocations, he claimed the state had failed to strengthen rural infrastructure or streamline procurement operations. Kishan Reddy alleged that both the ruling Congress and the opposition

BRS were making baseless allegations against the Centre instead of accepting responsibility for procurement lapses. He said the Union government bears the complete cost of procuring every grain, including expenses related to transportation, storage and gunny bags, leaving the state responsible only for efficient implementation. Accusing the Telangana government of lacking even a basic procurement action plan, the Union Minister said farmers were suffering because of administrative inefficiency. He challenged the Congress leadership to organise a protest in Delhi if it genuinely believed the Centre was responsible for the crisis, asserting that he was prepared to present factual data exposing the state's failures in paddy procurement and rice delivery.

Godrej Agrovet To Launch ₹300 Cr Oil Palm Unit In Khammam

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Telangana is set to strengthen its oil palm sector with the launch of the State's first integrated oil palm processing unit, being established by Godrej Agrovet in Khammam district. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will inaugurate the facility shortly, marking a significant milestone in the State's efforts to boost agro-based industries and support oil palm farmers. On Wednesday, Rakesh Swami, President (Corporate Affairs), Godrej Industries Group, and Sougata Niyogi, CEO of Godrej Agrovet's Oil Palm Business, met the Chief Minister at MCRHRDI. During the meeting, they briefed him on the company's expansion plans in Telangana and submitted a report on oil palm cultivation in Khammam district. The integrated project is being developed at Gubbagurthi village in Konijerla mandal with an investment of ₹300 crore. The State government has allotted 113.5 acres for establishing the processing factory, nursery, research and development centre, and seed



garden. The company has also sought an additional 35 to 40 acres for expanding the seed garden. Reviewing the project, the Chief Minister directed officials to widen the approach roads leading to the unit under the supervision of the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC) to ensure smooth transportation and logistics. The processing plant will have the capacity to crush 15 tonnes of fresh fruit bunches per hour, enabling faster processing and improving operational efficiency. The project is expected to create 150 direct jobs while generating around 700 indirect employment opportunities, providing a major boost to the local economy. The integrated facility is expected to benefit thousands of oil palm farmers

in Khammam and Bhadradi Kothagudem districts by reducing transportation costs and ensuring timely processing of harvested produce. Better processing infrastructure is also expected to improve returns for farmers and encourage expansion of oil palm cultivation in the region. Although Telangana already has three oil palm processing factories, the Khammam project will be the State's first fully integrated oil palm complex, bringing together a processing plant, seed garden, nursery, research centre and refinery at a single location. The initiative is expected to enhance Telangana's edible oil production capacity, promote value addition in agriculture and strengthen the State's position as a leading oil palm producer in the country.

Leaders Pay Tribute to Ex-MLA Kommidi Narsimha Reddy

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Former Government Whip and former Aleru MLA Gongidi Sunitha, former DCCB Chairman Gongidi Mahender Reddy, BRS leader Kalluri Ramachandra Reddy, family members, and supporters paid floral tributes to former Bhongir MLA Kommidi Narsimha Reddy at AIIMS Bibinagar on Tuesday. Remembering his contribution to public life, leaders recalled his week-long indefinite hunger strike demanding a pre-



mier medical institution at Bibinagar, a movement that eventually led to the establishment of AIIMS in the region. They described him as a principled and selfless leader dedicated to public welfare and regional development. Leaders also praised his family's decision to donate his organs

in accordance with his final wish, calling it a noble humanitarian gesture that would inspire others. They expressed condolences to the bereaved family and said his legacy of public service and value-based politics would continue to inspire future generations.

SIR Awareness Meeting in Andole on July 8; Harish Rao to Address BRS Leaders, BLAs

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will organise a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Awareness Meeting for party leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of the Andole Assembly Constituency on Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Lakshmi Gardens, Andole, Sangareddy district. Former Telangana minister T. Harish Rao will address the gathering and explain the ongoing electoral roll revision process, the responsibilities of Booth Level Agents, and measures to ensure accurate voter registration and verification during the Special Intensive Revision. The programme is being organised



under the leadership of former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran. BRS leaders, BLAs, social media representatives, and party workers from across the constituency are expected to attend in large numbers. According to party leaders, the meeting is intended to strengthen grassroots coordination, improve awareness of the SIR process, and equip Booth Level Agents with the necessary guidance to actively participate in the voter list revision exercise.

Defence Startups Urged to Move Beyond Prototypes

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India's defence start-up ecosystem must move beyond developing prototypes and become part of the armed forces' supply chain, experts said at the opening panel of the National Defence Innovation Conclave 2026 hosted by T-Works in Hyderabad on Thursday. Military leaders, policymakers, startup founders and industry representatives discussed how India's next generation of defence companies can move from innovation to deployment. Speaking during The Start-up Revolution in Defence: Building India's Strategic Advantage, Lt Gen. Neeraj Varshney said warfare was changing rapidly, driven by artificial intelligence, autonomous systems, robotics, additive manufacturing and quantum technologies. "Emerging technologies are evolving faster than traditional procurement systems," he said, adding that the armed forces were looking for practical, deployable solutions rather than concepts. Capt. Bala Praveen, founder of Hyderabad-based Axial Aero and an iDEX winner, said the biggest challenge for startups was not building technology but surviving the long journey to military procurement. "Developing a product is only the beginning. Validation,

certification, procurement and funding take years," he said, stressing that defence startups required patient capital because returns typically came only after five to seven years. Officials from Innovations for Defence Excellence (iDEX) and DRDO said recent policy changes had reduced entry barriers for startups and opened more opportunities for indigenous technologies. They urged startups to identify future operational requirements early instead of waiting for tenders, and said the aim was to help young companies become suppliers to larger defence manufacturers. Speakers highlighted Telangana's strengths in aerospace, electronics, advanced manufacturing, simulation, semiconductors and deep technology, saying Hyderabad's ecosystem was well placed to contribute to India's defence ambitions. They stressed that startups should work closely with the armed forces from the design stage so products were built around user requirements rather than technology alone. Later discussions on manufacturing, procurement and innovation echoed similar concerns. Panelists called for quicker field trials, easier certification, stronger intellectual property protection, better collaboration between academia and industry.

Oxford School Launches T10 Cricket Tournament

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Oxford School inaugurated its T10 Cricket Tournament at the New Bowenpally Cantonment Ground on Wednesday, bringing together students, teachers, parents, and community leaders to promote sportsmanship and nurture young cricketing talent. The tournament was formally inaugurated by chief guest Jampanna Prapath, former Vice President of the Cantonment Board, who declared the event



open by cutting the ceremonial ribbon. Addressing the gathering, he stressed that sports play a vital role in shaping discipline, leadership, confidence, and teamwork among children. He urged parents and educators to identify sporting talent at an early

stage and provide the necessary encouragement and opportunities for young athletes to excel. The inaugural ceremony witnessed the participation of Oxford School Correspondent Sir Sheikh Junaid Ahmed, Correspondent Madam Bilkeez

Sultana, Head Master Raju, members of the teaching staff, students, and parents. The school management reaffirmed its commitment to promoting holistic education by giving equal importance to academics and extracurricular activities, particularly sports. Speaking on the occasion, the school leadership said regular sporting events help students develop physical fitness, competitive spirit, and essential life skills while fostering teamwork and self-confidence.

YSR's Public Service Legacy Remembered on Birth Anniversary

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh

TPCC General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress Party In-charge V. Jagadeeshwar Goud paid tributes to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR) on his birth anniversary at Ayyappa Society, Madhapur. The programme, organised by Madhapur Division President Nagesh Naik, was attended by



Chairman Jeripeti Jaipal, corporation chairpersons and Congress leaders, who offered floral tributes to YSR. Jagadeeshwar Goud said YSR dedicated his life to public

service, placing the welfare of farmers, the poor, workers, students, women and senior citizens at the centre of his governance. He noted that YSR's village visits and wel-

fare initiatives brought the government closer to the people and transformed many lives. He added that YSR's commitment to public welfare and compassionate leadership continues to inspire public representatives and the younger generation. Congress leaders, Youth Congress representatives, Mahila Congress leaders and party workers participated in the programme.

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."

Sonam Wangchuk Loses Over 7 kg on 11th Day of Hunger Strike

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Educator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk's condition deteriorated further on Wednesday as doctors examining him reported a loss of over 7 kilograms in his weight on the 11th day of his indefinite fast at Jantar Mantar. The Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest at the protest site demanding Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and government accountability over alleged examination irregularities entered its 19th day.

According to a health bulletin issued on Wednesday morning, Wangchuk's weight has dropped to 59.40 kilograms, taking his total weight loss since the start of the hunger strike to more than 7 kilo-



grams. His blood pressure was recorded at 103/68 mm Hg in the sitting position and 111/73 mm Hg while lying down. His heart rate was 74 beats per minute, blood glucose level 75 mg/dL and oxygen saturation was 98 per cent. The bulletin said his hydration was fair and that he remained mentally alert.

The CJP has been demanding Pradhan's resignation, alleging that repeated examination ir-

regularities and paper leaks have devastated the lives of students and their families. On Tuesday, the outfit welcomed the Delhi High Court's order restoring its original X handle, which had been withheld in May. CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke termed the order a "big win" for the movement, free speech and digital rights.

A delegation of the Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) also visited the protest site on Tuesday to express solidarity with the agitation and reiterated support for the protesters' demands, including Pradhan's resignation, scrapping of the National Testing Agency (NTA), compensation to families of students who died by suicide and action against those responsible for the alleged examination irregularities. Meanwhile, members of the CPI(ML) Liberation-affiliated All India Students' Association (AISA) -- Neha, Manish, Hrishikesh, Deepak Kumar Verma and Aameen -- continued their indefinite hunger strike on a separate stage at the protest site. The National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (Undergraduate), or NEET-UG, for admission to medical colleges, held on May 3, was cancelled over allegations of a paper leak. A re-test was held on June 21.

Husband Stabs Wife To Death On Road Near Kolkata, Then Attempts Suicide

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A woman died after she was stabbed multiple times by her husband in West Bengal's North 24 Parganas district on Wednesday. The accused later attempted to end his own life by stabbing himself in the abdomen and is undergoing treatment.

The victim has been identified as Gita Das, while the accused is Subhash Das, a resident of Nazat in North 24 Parganas.

According to residents, the couple had married a few years ago but were reportedly not accepted by Gita's family. They had been living in a rented house on School Road in Sodepur.

Police said that on Wednesday morning, Subhash allegedly attacked Gita with a knife in public. Residents tried to intervene and disarm him



but were unsuccessful. Gita sustained serious injuries and collapsed on the road.

After the attack, Subhash allegedly stabbed himself with the same knife in an apparent suicide attempt.

Both were rushed to Sagar Dutta Medical College and Hospital, where doctors declared Gita dead. Subhash is undergoing treatment, and his condition is being monitored.

According to residents, Subhash had allegedly subjected Gita to domestic abuse on several occasions. They claimed Gita had protested against the alleged harassment and wanted to end the relationship, but Subhash was unwilling to do so. Police have launched an investigation into the incident.

Heavy Rains Lash Mumbai; Local Train Services Hit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

After a brief respite, heavy rains accompanied by thunder returned to Mumbai on Wednesday morning, delaying local train services and causing inconvenience to office-goers. Long-distance train services towards Gujarat remained disrupted due to waterlogging in the Vasai-Virar section in neighbouring Palghar district and at several locations in south Gujarat. Operations on the Mumbai-Pune route were also yet to be fully restored following landslides in the Bhor Ghat section on Monday.

Videos showed long queues of passengers wading through flooded tracks using mobile phone flashlights even after midnight following suspension of suburban services beyond Vasai Road in Palghar on Tuesday evening. Tulsi lake, one of the seven reservoirs supplying drinking water to Mumbai, started overflowing late at night following heavy rainfall in its catchment area, hours



after the nearby Vihar lake overflowed, civic officials said.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast intermittent light to moderate rainfall in the city and suburbs during the day. Local train services, considered the lifeline of Mumbai, on both the Central Railway and Western Railway networks were running late by 25 to 30 minutes, while Metro and public bus services operated normally. Suburban services on a section of the Central Railway (CR) network were delayed after ballast beneath the tracks was washed away between Neral and Shelu stations in neighbouring Raigad district due to heavy rain-

fall in the early hours. "Local trains are running between Churchgate, Virar and Dahanu with delays of 25 to 30 minutes, mainly due to speed restrictions between Vasai, Nalasopara and Virar," Abhishek said, adding that tracks were inundated, but the water was below the danger level. More than 200 suburban services were cancelled on Tuesday because of multiple reasons, primarily monsoon-related flooding, he said. The Western Railway suspended suburban services beyond Vasai Road around 4.30 pm on Tuesday, after floodwaters rose above track level, prompting hundreds of stranded commuters to walk from

Vasai to Virar through knee-deep water along the railway tracks.

Videos circulating on social media showed long queues of passengers wading through flooded tracks using mobile phone flashlights even after midnight. Some clips purportedly showed commuters protesting at Vasai Road station and travelling from Vasai to Virar in tractors after train services were suspended. PTI could not independently verify the authenticity of the videos.

According to the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), the island city received an average rainfall of 61.13 mm during the 48 hours ending at 8 am on Wednesday, while the eastern and western suburbs recorded 86.66 mm and 86.90 mm, respectively. The IMD has forecast a generally cloudy sky with intermittent spells of light to moderate rain over Mumbai and its suburbs during the day, the civic body said. A high tide of 3.77 metres is expected at 5.17 pm on Wednesday.

My Bharat Jodo Yatra Was Inspired by YSR's Padayatra: Rahul

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi paid tribute to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy (YSR) on his birth anniversary. Sharing a message on X,



Rahul Gandhi described YSR as "a true leader of the masses and a person who deeply cared for the

people of Andhra Pradesh." He said that YSR dedicated his life to the welfare of the people. Rahul Gandhi also recalled that Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's historic padayatra across Andhra Pradesh had inspired him to undertake the Bharat

Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir. "My Bharat Jodo Yatra from Kanyakumari to Kashmir was inspired by YSR's yatra across Andhra Pradesh," Rahul Gandhi said. "We remember him with love and affection," he added.

Sena Corporator Who Assaulted Doctors Admitted To Hospital After Arrest

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde faction) corporator Ramesh Mhatre, arrested for the alleged assault of doctors and medical staff, has been admitted to Thane Civil Hospital after his health allegedly deteriorated, police said.

Mhatre was moved to the Thane Civil Hospital after medical services were suspended at KDMC's Rukmai and Shastrinagar hospitals.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Atul Zende of Kalyan said Mhatre was taken into custody in connection with the criminal case registered



against him and his aides at Vishnunagar police station. Further investigation is underway.

The incident took place on Monday evening at a civic-run hospital in Kalyan in Maharashtra's Thane district. A widely circulated video showed Mhatre and his aides assaulting two doctors and other staff after a family was advised to shift a newborn to another facility.

A case was registered

against Mhatre and five others on Tuesday night. The move followed public outrage and pressure from the Indian Medical Association, which had threatened to shut clinics and hospitals in the area unless action was taken promptly. Questions have been raised over whether Mhatre's health issues are genuine or whether he is receiving special treatment as an accused.

Speaking to NDTV earlier on Wednesday, Mhatre denied assaulting the doctor. The corporator showed no remorse and stated that he would not apologise over the incident.

"I did not attack the

woman doctor at the hospital," the corporator insisted, adding that he only hit the doctor's hand to get her off the phone as "she was not listening to our complaint."

"I slapped her phone as she was not listening to us. I only tried to get her off the phone," Mhatre told NDTV.

"Our action saved the life of a woman and her child. We don't care about anything else," he said.

In a 26-minute interview with NDTV, he maintained that he had not attacked the doctor, described her as arrogant, and said he would not apologise.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Trump Warns Iran.....

Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf said, "The era of bullying and extortion is over. It leads nowhere. We don't fold."

The US Central Command said its forces struck Iranian air defence systems, radar installations and more than 60 small boats linked to the Revolutionary Guard, citing the need to deter attacks on commercial shipping. Iranian state media reported explosions in several locations, including Bandar Mahshahr and Bushehr, while Gulf countries including Bahrain and Kuwait issued missile alerts following reported Iranian strikes on US military installations. The situation remains under close watch amid

concerns over further escalation and its impact on global markets.

Denmark PM Vows..

NATO leaders are trying to show increased military capabilities as the U.S. focus shifts from defending Europe. The alliance is holding a two-day summit in Ankara, Turkey, that will showcase military projects worth billions of dollars aimed at persuading Trump they are making a stronger Europe for a stronger NATO. Iceland's Prime Minister Kristrun Frostadottir said Wednesday that Greenland's people "do not wish to be a part of the United States" and that NATO allies should focus on the threat from Russia.

As the summit meetings began Wednesday, NATO Secretary-Gen-

eral Mark Rutte said overnight U.S. strikes on Iran were necessary because Iran had violated the ceasefire. Trump met with Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday ahead of the summit and announced the U.S. will lift sanctions, opening the possibility of selling F-35 jets to Turkey over Israel's objections. Trump also criticized NATO's abilities to function without U.S. leadership and power, expressing disappointment at the refusal of some NATO allies to join the Iran war he launched alongside Israel without consulting them.

Indian Oil Tanker.....

At least 16 LNG cargoes from Ras Laffan and 10 from ADNOC's Das Island terminal in the United Arab

Emirates have exited the strait since the conflict began in late February. But this is still a fraction of the roughly 7 million metric tons on average typically shipped from both export hubs each month. A queue of ballast or empty vessels waiting to load at Ras Laffan has also built up, reaching more than 10 ships in early July, according to Vortexa analysts.

Over 50 QatarEnergy- and ADNOC-controlled ballast vessels are stationed around the Middle East Gulf, India and the Malacca strait, with some switching off their Automatic Identification System signals for more than 10 days, Vortexa added. Still, at least two crude oil tankers managed to exit the strait. The VLCC Tenjun, managed by Nippon Yusen KK and car-

rying 2 million barrels of Qatari crude loaded in late February, exited the Strait of Hormuz late on Tuesday. VLCC Pertamina Pride, managed by Indonesia's state energy firm Pertamina, also exited the strait on Tuesday, with its transponder switched off, shipping data showed. The vessel is carrying 2 million barrels of Saudi crude loaded in early March. Nippon Yusen declined to comment on the Tenjun tanker. Pertamina did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

PM Modi Lands in.....

Later in the day, during the summit talks between the two Prime Ministers, the Indian side is expected to raise issues such as delays in processing visa applications for Indian

students. The two nations are also expected to discuss the proposed supply of uranium by Australia to India. Negotiations are also ongoing on the trade front between the two nations to ink a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement. The talks will also be a "boost to the partnership in areas such as critical minerals and supply chains".

In a rare departure from established protocols signifying the strength of bilateral ties, governor-general of Australia Sam Mostyn will travel to Melbourne to meet Mr Modi. Later in the evening, the Prime Minister will engage with a large number of Indian diaspora members as part of the "Melbourne meets Modi" event.

CRIME

HC Orders Telangana Govt to Submit Report on Police Vacancies and Recruitment Within a Week

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to submit in a week, a comprehensive counter-affidavit detailing the number of vacancies in the police department and the status of recruitment initiated to fill those posts. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G. M. Mohiuddin was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Help the People Charitable Trust chairman Keethinedi Akhil Sri Guru Teja, alleging that the state had failed to fill a substantial number of posts despite persistent



vacancies across various ranks. Chikkudu Prabhakar, counsel for the petitioner, argued that the inaction was adversely affected public administration, depriving eligible candidates of employment opportunities and was contrary to the principles laid down by the Supreme Court regarding timely public recruitment. The petitioner urged the court to

direct the government to immediately fill all sanctioned vacancies and to evolve a transparent annual recruitment calendar with a time-bound mechanism for issuing notifications and completing the selection process. Special government counsel Rahul Reddy, representing the state, informed the bench that the government had recently issued a recruit-

ment notification for 7,437 posts of sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors and constables. He submitted that the government was also assessing the remaining vacancies for future recruitment exercises. When petitioner's counsel sought an interim direction to fill all outstanding vacancies without further delay, the bench declined to grant such relief at this stage. Observing that the government had initiated the recruitment process by issuing a fresh notification, the court said the broader issues raised in the PIL would be considered after examining the state's detailed response.

Cyberabad Traffic Police to Conduct Surveys to Reduce Congestion

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cyberabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sun Preet Singh, IPS, directed officials to conduct data-based traffic surveys to prepare an effective plan for reducing congestion across the Cyberabad Commissionerate.

At a review meeting with SHOs of the Serilingampally Traffic Zone, he instructed officials to carry out a one-week vehicle counting survey to assess traffic movement during peak hours, particularly around IT companies. He also stressed promot-



ing carpooling and studying vehicle volume, road capacity and traffic patterns. The Joint CP directed officials to inspect CCTV cameras, improve signal management and study congestion near malls, hospitals, hotels and educational institutions to ensure smoother traffic flow. He also instructed traffic

police to take strict action against traffic violations, especially drunk driving, without any compromise. The meeting was attended by Traffic DCP S. Ravi Kumar, Additional DCP G. Hanumantha Rao, Additional DCP (Traffic Admin) Narendra, SCSC CEO Naveed, Traffic Inspectors and other officials.

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.

Cockroaches Found in Hostel Food, Students Protest at Madhapur College

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed at the Sathavahana Boys Hostel of Resonance Junior College in Madhapur on Tuesday night after students alleged that cockroaches were found in the food served at the hostel. According to reports, around 20 to 30 students argued with the hostel management at around 9:30 p.m., demanding immediate action over the poor quality of food. Police reached the hostel after receiving a Dial 100 call and brought the situ-



ation under control. Some local media reports claimed that protesting students damaged hostel windows. However, Madhapur SHO D. Krishna Mohan stated that no such complaint had been received by the police. Police said no formal complaint has been lodged by either the hostel

management or the students, and the matter was resolved at the spot. The incident comes amid growing concerns over hostel food safety in Telangana, following several recent cases of students falling ill after allegedly consuming contaminated food in educational institutions.

Food Safety Raids Unearth Major Violations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Several food safety violations were detected during inspections at restaurants, cloud kitchens and dairy units across Telangana on Wednesday. Food safety officials in Malkajgiri seized about five kg of pest-infested moong dal from Palamuru Grill in Uppal. They also found expired flavouring agents, unhygienic and disorganised storage areas, and five packets of sweet saunf without expiry dates. Raids conducted by Commissioner of Food Safety teams at two dairy units in Sangareddy on July 7 and 8 revealed



misbranded dairy products, including curd and paneer, with misleading labels. Officials also found expired laboratory chemicals used for food testing, poor hygiene, inadequate records, pest

infestation and structural deficiencies. The licences of Saraswathi Dairy Products India and Divya Enterprises were suspended following the serious violations. In the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation limits, officials seized synthetic food colours from Arabian Mandi. The restaurant had also failed to maintain water testing reports and medical fitness certificates for food handlers. At Siddique Khanna Centre near the BJP office in Kukatpally, inspectors found meat stored improperly, water stagnation in the wash area, overflowing dustbins, lack of hot water for utensil sanitisation and inadequate storage space.

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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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Hitweed Maxx Aids Cotton Farmers Amid Weed Challenge

India and Indonesia signed 14 agreements, including deals for BrahMos cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missiles, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jakarta. The two nations also expanded cooperation in maritime security, critical minerals, space, education and digital payments. [India economic analysis](#)

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Nearly half of cotton farmers in Telangana struggle with weed management during the early stages of crop growth, according to a farmer study by Godrej Agrovet, as weather uncertainty and the possibility of El Niño-related conditions threaten cotton cultivation this season.

With cotton sowing underway, experts expect irregular rainfall, prolonged dry spells and uneven soil moisture, creating favourable conditions for rapid growth of grassy and broadleaf weeds. These weeds compete aggressively with young cotton



plants for moisture, nutrients, sunlight and space, making timely weed control crucial for protecting crop yields.

To address this challenge, Godrej Agrovet is promoting Hitweed Maxx, its post-emergence selective herbicide for cotton. Designed to control both grassy and broadleaf

weeds, the product is recommended for application at the 2-3 leaf stage at a dosage of 70 ml per pump. The company says it provides effective weed control for 25-30 days, reducing crop-weed competition during the crop's most vulnerable growth phase and supporting healthy plant establish-

ment. Godrej Agrovet has also introduced a cashback offer on Hitweed Maxx to encourage farmers to adopt timely and scientific weed management practices while improving farm productivity and profitability.

Rajavelu N.K., CEO - Crop Care Business, Godrej Agrovet, said Telangana contributes nearly one-sixth of India's cotton production and remains vital to the country's cotton economy. He noted that delayed rains and the likelihood of El Niño-related weather variability have made scientific weed management more important than ever, as weeds compete intensely for lim-

ited moisture and nutrients under such conditions.

He said Godrej Agrovet remains committed to providing farmer-centric crop protection solutions that improve productivity while helping growers build resilience against increasingly unpredictable weather.

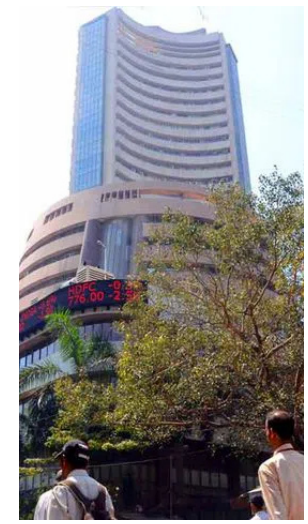
As climate variability continues to affect agriculture, the company is focusing on science-based weed management solutions that help cotton farmers protect yields, improve profitability and strengthen resilience during challenging growing seasons.

Sensex, Nifty tumble over 2 per cent amid global market concerns

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Indian benchmark equity indices witnessed a sharp selloff on Wednesday, with the Sensex and Nifty falling more than 2 per cent each, as rising crude oil prices, weak global cues and renewed geopolitical tensions dented investor sentiment.

The market decline gathered pace during the second half of the trading session after US President Donald Trump said that an interim agreement with Iran to end the conflict was "over", triggering fresh concerns over escalating tensions in the Middle East and their potential impact on global energy supplies. During noon trade, the Nifty was down nearly



500 points, while the Sensex had declined more than 1,600 points. Broad-based selling was evident across the market, with 45 of the 50 Nifty constituents trading in the red. The sharp correction erased nearly Rs 4 lakh crore in investor wealth, with the combined market capitalisation of all companies listed on the BSE falling below Rs 476 lakh crore.

The spike in crude oil prices, coupled with uncertainty surrounding developments in the Gulf region, added to the risk-off mood in global markets, prompting investors to pare exposure to equities.

Meanwhile, during morning trade, Sensex opened 364.27 points or 0.46 per cent lower at 77,816.45, while Nifty slipped 139.15 points or 0.57 per cent to 24,259.55.

Among sectoral indices, Nifty Oil & Gas led the losses, declining more than 1 per cent during the opening session.

Nifty Media, Nifty PSU Bank, Nifty Realty, Nifty Cement, Nifty Metal, Nifty Auto and Nifty FMCG also declined by up to almost 1 per cent during early trade.

International AI-Semiconductor Workshop Concludes Successfully at T-Hub

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A two-day International Workshop on Artificial Intelligence-Driven Semiconductor and Energy Efficient Hardware concluded successfully at T-Hub, Hyderabad, bringing together over 350 academicians, researchers, industry leaders, policy-makers and students from India and abroad to explore the future of AI-enabled semiconductor technologies. Organised by Sri Vishnu

Educational Society (SVES) on July 7-8 in collaboration with Penn State University, USA, the workshop was technically co-sponsored by the Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF) and the IEEE CAS Hyderabad Section. The event featured participation from SVES institutions including Vishnu Institute of Technology (VIT), Shri Vishnu Engineering College for Women (SVECW), BVRIT Hyderabad College of Engineering for

Women (BVRITH) and B V Raju Institute of Technology (BVRIT).

The workshop focused on emerging areas such as artificial intelligence, VLSI, semiconductor technologies, advanced packaging, photonics, edge computing, intelligent power electronics and energy-efficient hardware systems. Experts from leading global universities, research institutions and technology companies shared insights into innovations shaping the semiconductor industry.



(L-R) Dr. Venu, Principal, Vishnu Institute of Technology, Bhimavaram; Dr. Sanjay Dubey, Principal, BVRIT; Sri Ravichandran Rajagopal, Vice Chairman, Sri Vishnu Educational Society; Prof. Swamy Nadhan, Penn State University, USA; Sri Havin Bishnoi, Vice President and India country Manager, Marvell Technology; Sri. Aditya Vissam, Secretary, Sri Vishnu Educational Society; & Dr. A. Sunitha, Principal, BVRIT Women's Engg College Hyderabad at the International Workshop on AI-Driven Semiconductor and Energy Efficient Hardware, Concludes Successfully at T-Hub, Hyderabad.

Addressing the inaugural session, Aditya Vissam, Secretary of SVES, highlighted the institution's initiatives to integrate artificial intelligence into teaching, research and innovation. He emphasised

the importance of equipping engineering students with industry-ready skills to support India's ambitions of becoming a global semiconductor hub. The inaugural session

also featured addresses by Ravichandran Rajagopal, Vice Chairman of SVES, and Prof. Madhavan Swami Nathan of Penn State University, who delivered the keynote lecture on the future of 3D heterogeneous integration in semiconductor systems.

Throughout the two-day event, renowned experts from organisations including Marvell Technology, NXP, Tata Electronics, Applied Materials, AMD, Hitachi, India Semiconductor Mission, IIT Hyderabad, IIT Bombay, IIT

Ropar, IISc Bengaluru and other institutions delivered technical presentations on AI-enabled network transformation, advanced chip design, semiconductor testing, edge AI, MEMS, photonics, power electronics and sustainable computing.

Interactive panel discussions on strengthening India's semiconductor ecosystem and developing power-aware AI computing through hardware-software co-optimisation attracted significant par-

ticipation from academia and industry. Speakers stressed the need for stronger industry-academia collaboration, innovation-driven research and skilled manpower to support the country's rapidly expanding semiconductor sector.

The workshop concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Sanjay Dubey, Principal of BVRIT, who thanked the speakers, panelists, organisers and participants for contributing to the success of the event.

Gold Falls Rs 800 for Third Straight Day Amid West Asia Tensions

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Declining for the third straight session, gold prices fell Rs 800 to Rs 1.48 lakh per 10 grams in the national capital on Wednesday, as weak global trends and a spike in crude oil rates amid escalating tensions in West Asia dampened investor sentiments. The yellow metal of 99.9 per cent purity depreciated by Rs 800 to Rs 1,48,450 per 10 grams (inclusive of all taxes) from Tuesday's closing level of Rs 1,49,250 per 10 grams.

However, silver prices remained unchanged at Rs 2,39,800 per kilogram (inclusive of all taxes). Traders said bullion remained under pressure as surging crude oil prices stoked inflation concerns, lifting US Treasury bond yields and the dollar. "Gold prices extended their decline on Wednesday, tracking weakness in overseas trade as rising geopolitical tensions and a sharp rebound in crude oil

prices dampened sentiment toward precious metals," said Saumil Gandhi, Senior Analyst - Commodities at HDFC Securities.

In the international markets, spot gold fell USD 49.46, or 1.2 per cent, to USD 4,056.24 per ounce, and silver declined to trade at USD 58.61 per ounce. "Spot gold has come under renewed downside pressure in the global markets on Wednesday after US President Donald Trump declared the interim peace agreement with Iran was 'over', reigniting fears of a broader Middle East conflict," Praveen Singh, Head of Commodities at Mirae Asset ShareKhan, said.

The renewed tensions between the US and Iran have pushed crude oil prices sharply by nearly 7 per cent higher, while Treasury bond yields and the dollar index have also strengthened on expectations that elevated energy prices could fuel inflation and keep interest rates higher for longer, he added.

Tata Group plans USD 100 billion auto business with major investment

Tata Group expects its automotive business to reach USD 100 billion over the next five years, backed by major investments, new product launches and stronger collaboration with JLR. The company also aims to increase passenger vehicle market share to 20 per cent by FY30

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Tata Group expects its automotive business, including passenger and commercial vehicles, to grow to USD 100 billion over the next five years, with a capital expenditure target of Rs 40,000 crore for the domestic business and about 20 billion British pounds for Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), Tata Group Chairman N Chandrasekaran said on Wednesday.

Responding to shareholders' queries at the 81st Annual General Meeting of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, held virtually, he said the company's electric vehicle (EV) market share target is to remain at 40-45 per cent. It is around 42 per cent at present.

Chandrasekaran said Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd (TMPV) will continue to focus on launching aspirational products for its customers as it aims for a 10-fold growth in volumes be-



tween FY20 and FY30 and a market share of 20 per cent.

"I want to say that both companies (Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd and Tata Motors Ltd) have very ambitious targets. Over the next five years (till FY31), Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, including Jaguar Land Rover (JLR), will target revenue of USD 60 billion, with JLR contributing about USD 45-50 billion and Tata Motors' domestic business contributing about USD 15 billion," Chandrasekaran, who is also the Chairman of TMPV, said.

The combined profit will exceed USD 5 billion, he said, adding that together

with the commercial vehicles (CV) business, which has a target of USD 40 billion, the automotive business across the two companies will be worth USD 100 billion.

In terms of capital expenditure, Tata Motors' domestic business has set a target of Rs 40,000 crore over the next five years, while JLR has earmarked about 20 billion British pounds, he said.

Outlining the passenger vehicle business plans, he said the company has a big ambition over the next five years. "Between FY20 and FY30, the company aims to achieve a 10-fold growth in volumes, with an ambition of more than 1.2 million ve-

hicles, and increase its market share to 20 per cent from the current 14.2 per cent," he said.

Stating that the company is on a growth trajectory, Chandrasekaran said TMPV will continue to focus on launching products that are aspirational for today's consumers.

The company has entered FY27 with confidence, backed by a strong pipeline of new products and powertrains in both Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and Jaguar Land Rover, Chandrasekaran said, adding that JLR has a series of launches planned in the second half of the year.

The company is also investing significantly in digital technologies, especially artificial intelligence (AI), across the value chain. The collaboration between Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles and JLR is also becoming stronger by leveraging their complementary capabilities in manufacturing, technology and talent, he said.

BMW Overtakes Archrival Mercedes in Jan-June Sales

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BMW Group India on Wednesday said it overtook its compatriot arch-rival Mercedes-Benz in January-June luxury vehicle registrations in India for the first time in over a decade. BMW's aggressive sales push was driven in the entry-level luxury and electric vehicle markets, notably with the BMW iX1 and BMW 5 Series. "We not only overtook Mercedes-Benz in Q1 by selling 200 plus units more than them but we also outnumbered them by retailing over 300 units in Q2," Hardeep Singh Brar, President and CEO at BMW Group India told Financial Chronicle, citing government Vahan registration data.

As per Vahan dashboard, BMW retailed a total of 10,043 units in January-June period while Mercedes-Benz registered 9,472 units. "We are now well positioned to hit the pole position in the luxury car market at the end of CY2026," Brar said, adding that BMW would

continue to ride ahead with double-digit growth. In the second quarter (April-June), BMW retailed 4,507 cars clocking 17 per cent year-on-year growth.

Brar said in the electric luxury segment too, BMW achieved number one brand selling 2,359 EVs units, growing by 78 per cent and contributing a whopping 26 per cent in total sales. "Our decisive hold on electric cars too with 69 per cent market share in luxury EVs has solidified BMW India as the number one choice in the luxury EV segment," he noted, adding that every fourth BMW car sold today is an EV.

In the popular SUV segment, which it calls Sports Activity Vehicles, BMW and MINI sales climbed 35 per cent y-o-y to 5,926 units. BMW SUVs clocked a growing share in sales at 65 per cent, the company said. Brar said BMW will introduce 14 more new models till December 2026 to attract younger customers into its fold.

Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj removed from OTT sparks political row

Diljit 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.

Preity Zinta Deepfakes: Bombay HC Orders Removal, Warns of Rights



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The Bombay High Court on Wednesday ordered the removal of all deepfakes, morphed images, fake videos and other unauthorised on-line content featuring actor Priety Zinta, holding that misuse of such content affects a person's fundamental rights. As it gave relief to Zinta, a single bench of Justice Madhav Jamar also reminded on-line platforms of their due diligence obligations under the Information Technology Rules.

The court also raised the issue of the role of intermediaries in tackling such content, as even their platform was being misused. "If the intermediaries start taking action, such type of offenders will stop. Otherwise, you are part of affecting fundamen-

tal rights of the citizens of this country," HC said. The bench ordered the immediate take-down of all such unauthorised and fake images and videos of Zinta uploaded on various platforms.

In her suit, Zinta had referred to videos, images and chatbot-style interactions depicting her through deepfakes and morphed visuals. The actor's counsel Venkatesh Dhond pointed to around 275 websites that contained AI-generated, morphed or superimposed images and videos using the actor's likeness. He submitted that such material violated her personality, publicity and moral rights. The court said that Zinta, who has been associated with the film industry for over 25 years, had built a valuable public identity through her career. The unauthorised use

of her image, likeness and mannerisms in AI-generated content could damage her reputation and violate her rights, it said. "The plaintiff's personality rights, publicity rights and moral rights are violated by creation of such morphed and superimposed content," the court said. It added that these rights flow from the constitutional guarantee of free speech under Article 19 and the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21, which includes the right to live with dignity. The court held that a prima facie case had been made out and granted interim relief. A deepfake is synthetic media -- like an image, audio or video recording -- created using artificial intelligence (AI) to convincingly replace or alter a person's likeness or voice.

ACC Independence Cup Kicks Off

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The ACC Continental Independence Cup, a first-of-its-kind inter-gated community sports tournament for residents of Nalagandla, was launched with great enthusiasm at Aparna Cyber Commune's MPH-2. The initiative aims to strengthen community bonds while promoting fitness and sportsmanship among residents through nearly 20 days of competitions. Dr. Anuradha Reddy, Vice President of Continental Hospitals, inaugurated the tournament as the chief guest alongside Para-Badminton World Champion and Arjuna Awardee Manasi Joshi, Paralympic bronze medalist and Arjuna Awardee Deepthi Jeevanji, chess prodigy and world record holder Baby Aishi Gali, and Aparna Cyber Commune President Prabin Bardhan by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Organised by the 'Ekta Mein Shakti' team comprising Prabin Bardhan, Vineeta Singh and Snigdha Dwivedi, with support from Continental Hospitals and the Aparna Cyber Commune Manag-



ing Committee, the tournament will conclude with a grand prize distribution ceremony on August 15. During the event, Dr. Anuradha Reddy and BJP Telangana spokesperson, entrepreneur and investor Sudhakar Gande presented financial assistance cheques to the three accomplished athletes. Dr. Anuradha Reddy also assured continued support for their sporting journeys. Speaking on the occasion, organisers said the tournament reflects the power of community participation and encourages residents of all age groups to embrace an active lifestyle. The launch ceremony also witnessed the

presence of BJP Intellectual Cell Convenor Balda Ashok, Aparna Cyber Commune Secretary Akash Agrawal, Treasurer Mehul Bohra, and BJP leader Mary Solomon. The programme was hosted by Vineeta Singh, while Prabin Bardhan proposed the vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to participants, sponsors and guests for making the inaugural event a memorable success. The tournament is expected to bring together hundreds of residents through friendly competition while reinforcing the values of fitness, unity and community spirit.

Ranga Reddy Risers Storm Into TG20 Playoffs With Record 161-Run Win

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Ranga Reddy Risers produced one of the most dramatic turnarounds in the inaugural Hyderabad Cricket Association's Sreenidhi University TG20, storming into the playoffs with a massive 161-run victory over Warangal Warriors in the final league-stage match on Wednesday.

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After being reduced to 1/2 early in their innings, the Risers staged a remarkable recovery to post a daunting 252/6 in 20 overs. The turnaround was powered by a record-equalling 163-run partnership for the third wicket between Aaron George and Aditya Javvaji, the joint-highest stand of the season. George smashed a brilliant 91 off 43 balls, while Javvaji hammered 77 from just 36 deliveries. S. Venkat Karthik added



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Warangal Warriors' Salman Khan emerged as the lone bright spot for his side, claiming 5/44 to become the first bowler in tournament history to register a five-wicket haul. Chasing a daunting target, the Warriors crumbled under pressure and were bowled out for just 91 in 12.3 overs. Stand-in captain Nitin Sai Yadav led the attack with figures of 3/10, while Hitesh Yadav picked up 3/18 to complete a ruthless bowling display. Aman Rao Perala top-scored with 31. Aaron George was named Player of the Match for his match-winning knock.

The playoffs begin on Thursday with the Eliminator between Ranga Reddy Risers and EIPL & Eleve Karimnagar Diamonds. Later in the day, unbeaten Hyderabad E-Champions will take on Anvita Khammam Aces in Qualifier 1. With four teams remaining in contention, the race for the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 title has entered its decisive stage, where every run and wicket could prove crucial. Ranga Reddy Risers produced one of the most dramatic turnarounds in the inaugural Hyderabad Cricket Association's Sreenidhi University TG20, storming into the playoffs with a massive

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Centre Mised on Tadicherla-2 Coal Block: Bhatti Vikramarka

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Wednesday accused the Centre of misleading the public over the Tadicherla-2 Coal Block, stating that the Union government had not made a fresh allocation to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) but had only granted the long-pending prior approval for the mining lease. Addressing a media conference at Praja Bhavan, Bhatti Vikramarka refuted Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy's claim that the BJP-led Centre had allotted the Tadicherla-2 Coal Block to SCCL.



Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka addresses a press conference at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Wednesday. He alleged that the Centre was misleading the public over the Tadicherla-II coal block, stating that it was not a fresh allocation but only the approval of a mining lease granted to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) in 2013.—Photo: Mir Zulfeqar ali

He clarified that the block had already been allotted to SCCL on September 16, 2013, by the then Congress-led UPA government following requests made by the company be-

and directed SCCL to complete exploration and begin coal production at the earliest. However, the mandatory prior approval for the mining lease was withheld by the Centre for more than a decade, delaying mining operations and causing significant losses to SCCL.

Bhatti Vikramarka said the Congress government had consistently pursued the issue after coming to power in Telangana. He recalled meeting the Union Coal Minister on March 7, 2024, and again on May 20, 2026, urging him to grant the pending mining lease approval, which was finally cleared now.

While welcoming the approval, he criticised the Centre for portraying it as a fresh allocation, calling it an attempt to mislead the public. He also demanded that all coal blocks located in the Godavari Valley coalfields and areas covered under the 1/70 Tribal Land Regulation, including Koyagudem-3 Open Cast Block, Manuguru Open Cast Dip Side Mine and Sathupalli Open Cast-3 Block, be allotted exclusively to SCCL. Auctioning such blocks to private companies, he said, violated tribal land protections and undermined the interests of the State-owned mining company.

Gachibowli FCI Layout Work Defies Court Order

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Construction activity allegedly continued in violation of a court stay order at the FCI Employees Co-operative Housing Society layout near Gachibowli junction, prompting a site inspection by officials. HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) commissioner G. Srijana visited the layout on Wednesday following complaints from plot owners. Officials alleged that constructions were being carried out by Sandhya Sridhar Rao, owner of Sandhya Convention, despite a High Court stay. Officials observed that



roads and park areas in the layout were allegedly encroached upon, with land being levelled and excavation work underway. They took serious note of the violations, stating that roads, parks, and public utility spaces in the layout belong to the CMC and would be protected. The layout, developed in the 1980s across 20 acres with 162 plots, has reportedly undergone

significant alterations, prompting residents to approach authorities earlier. The matter had reached the High Court, which issued a stay on further construction. Officials warned that strict legal action would be taken against violations of court orders and assured residents that steps would be taken to safeguard roads, parks, and public spaces in the layout.

BLOs Seek One-Month Extension as SIR Deadline Nears

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With the July 24 deadline for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls fast approaching, many Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have appealed for at least a one-month extension, citing difficulties in completing the extensive door-to-door verification exercise.

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) stated that as of July 7, nearly 81.09 per cent of the enumeration form distribution had been



completed across all 15 Assembly constituencies in Hyderabad district. Despite this progress, several BLOs said a significant number of households remain to be covered.

Officials on the ground pointed to multiple challenges slowing down the exercise. Many voters

have shifted to different localities, forcing BLOs to make repeated visits. In several cases, neighbours requested that enumeration forms be handed over in the absence of the registered voters, making verification difficult.

BLOs also reported technical issues affecting the

process. Poor mobile network connectivity has delayed the online verification of voter details and uploading of completed forms. According to them, each verification can take around 10 minutes, resulting in repeated visits to the same households when the process cannot be completed in one attempt.

Apart from field-related challenges, BLOs deputed from various government departments expressed concern over their regular office responsibilities. They said prolonged deployment for the SIR ex-

ercise has left official work pending, which they will have to clear once they return to their departments.

The physical demands of the exercise have also taken a toll on some officials. One BLO, suffering from knee pain, said he has been taking the help of his wife to distribute enumeration forms and complete door-to-door visits, highlighting the strenuous nature of the assignment.

With thousands of voters yet to be verified and several operational hurdles persisting, BLOs believe



Indian Olympic Association President and Rajya Sabha MP P.T. Usha receives a warm welcome from Telangana Sports Authority Chairman Shivsena Reddy, Managing Director Dr. A. Soni Baladevi, and Sports Authority officials upon her arrival at Shamshabad Airport in Hyderabad on Wednesday. She is in Hyderabad to participate in Telangana Government Sports Department programmes, including the launch of the Young India Physical Education and Sports University logo and website, inauguration of sports initiatives, and announcements related to major national sporting events.

Fertiliser Demand Rising, Send Us Our Quota, State Tells Centre

State cites DAP, urea shortages and requests higher July allocations for farmers

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Telangana has urged the Centre to take immediate steps to supply the state's allocated share of fertilisers, with agriculture minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao writing to Union chemicals and fertilisers minister J.P. Nadda seeking additional allocations in July to make up for shortfalls recorded between April and June. Nageswara Rao said fertiliser demand had increased during the current kharif season as sowing had been completed in 55.52 lakh acres, compared with 52.04 lakh acres during the corresponding period last year. He said supplies had not matched the plan approved by the Centre, resulting in significant shortages of DAP and complex fertilisers. Between April and June, Telangana faced a shortfall of 45,000



tonnes of urea, 1.04 lakh tonnes of DAP and 2.53 lakh tonnes of complex fertilisers. Since DAP and complex fertilisers are crucial during the initial growth stages of crops, the shortage could create difficulties for farmers, he said. The minister also requested Nadda to allocate more than 90 per cent of urea produced at the Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited plant to Telangana. Meanwhile, the IT department said farmers who are unable to book urea through the mobile app can do so at any MeeSeva centre by pay-

ing a service fee of Rs 10. Operators will assist farmers with the booking process. Farmers must provide their patadar passbook number, after which the operator will retrieve their details, record the cultivated extent and crop information, and book urea by selecting the preferred dealer and required quantity. After OTP verification on the farmer's registered mobile number, a booking ID will be generated. The booking ID will remain valid for 48 hours, excluding the date of booking, the IT department said in a release.

Mehdipatnam Police nab property offender, gold, bike recovered

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The Mehdipatnam police on Wednesday, July 8, arrested a property offender involved in a house theft case and recovered 157.8 grams of gold ornaments among other stolen items. A case was registered on June 30, following a complaint regarding theft of gold ornaments from a Masab Tank residence. The accused, an Uber bike driver known to the complainant's family, gained access to the house under the pretext of assisting in the sale of a car.

Taking advantage of the opportunity, he used the available keys to open the almirah and stole the gold ornaments.

He later sold the stolen gold in Secunderabad and fled to Goa. The accused was apprehended upon his return to Hyderabad based on credible information. The stolen property, including 157.8 grams of gold ornaments, one Honda Activa two-wheeler, and Rs 12,000 in cash, with a total recovery valued at Rs 10 lakhs, was recovered by the Crime Team of Mehdipatnam Police Station.

TGSRTC victims' body seeks government employee status

The TGSRTC Victims Employees Welfare Association, on Tuesday, July 7, has urged the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) to implement the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (Absorption of Employees into Government Service) Act, 2023. The Act, passed on August 4, 2023, provides for the absorption of all regular TGSRTC employees into government service. In a letter to TGSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy, the association said that the legislation was enacted to provide job security by granting them employee status. They also demanded that TGSRTC suspend the proposed corporation-level trade union elections until the government finalises

13-year-old survives fall from 5th floor of Hyderabad hospital

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A 13-year-old boy has made a recovery at Rainbow Children's Hospital in Banjara Hills after surviving a major fall from a fifth-floor balcony. The accident left the teenager with critical, life-threatening conditions, including a severe brain injury, multi-organ failure, a broken femur, and a major tear in the heart's main artery. Following the initial fall, the patient was rushed to a local medical center before being transferred to Rainbow Children's Hospital in Kukatpally and

subsequently shifted to the Banjara Hills branch for specialised care. The medical scans uncovered extensive trauma, highlighting a 7 cm type 3 traumatic injury to the thoracic aorta, a ruptured aorta, significant head trauma, a damaged pancreas, contusions to both lungs, internal abdominal bleeding, and a fractured thigh bone. To stabilise the patient, a multidisciplinary medical team performed an urgent endovascular aortic grafting procedure to repair the arterial tear, while orthopaedic specialists set and stabilised the fractured

femur. He required comprehensive multi-organ support, including mechanical ventilation, continuous dialysis, blood pressure regulation medications, and extensive blood product transfusions. Due to the severity of the neurological trauma, the child remained in a coma during the initial days of treatment. The young patient gradually emerged from the coma, showing steady signs of neurological improvement. After 34 days on life support, medical staff successfully weaned the child off the ventilator.

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