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Paper Leak Bill in Lok Sabha on Monday



The Centre is set to introduce the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha on Monday, with a debate expected between the Treasury Benches and the Opposition. The draft Bill was circulated to Lok Sabha members on Saturday, a day after it was cleared by the Union Cabinet. The proposed legislation notes recent incidents of question paper leaks and examination malpractices that have affected the transparency and fairness of the public examination system.

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Government Bows Down To CJP's 3 Demands, Jantar Mantar Protests

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The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Saturday announced the withdrawal of its 36-day agitation, a massive win for the student-led movement centred around the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan who stepped down from his office hours earlier. The government also agreed to the CJP's two other demands - Rs 1 crore to the families of all students who died by suicide and no action against any of the student protesters.

The end of the unprecedented CJP-led protests -- that began in Jantar Mantar on June 20 and galvanised thousands of students with the demand for Pradhan's resignation over irregularities in the exam system and the NEET paper leak -- was announced at a joint press conference with Union ministers J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh and two CJP spokespersons, Ashutosh Ranka and Saurav Das. "Government accepted all our demands after 36 days of protest; we urge everyone to

**Students Celebrating the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan**

peacefully withdraw from protests sites," Ranka said.

"The government will take steps for withdrawal of FIRs against protesters," Nadda said. He added that the government will give financial compensation within rules to families of NEET suicide victims. He did not, specify how much. Ahead of the press conference, Pradhan said he submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and that it was not a matter of "individual prestige" for him.

It was not immediately clear whether the prime minister had accepted it. As cheers broke out at Jantar Mantar, ground zero of the organic protests, following news that the government had relented and the minister had bowed out, the CJP made it clear to the gathering that the two other demands would also have to be agreed to. "We have two more demands. We will not go like that. We are cockroaches, once they enters they don't leave," CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said after news

came in that the government had relented and the minister had finally resigned.

The CJP's Cockroach is Back X handle posted a "Demands Update", which put a tick against the first in the list - Pradhan's resignation. It marked the two other demands - Rs 1 crore to the families of all students who died by suicide and no action against any of the student protesters with a "PENDING". In his detailed note in Hindi announcing his resignation,

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Students' Victory, Pradhan's Exit

Second time in last 12 years a minister quit under pressure**NEW DELHI**
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The Modi government finally blinked. Caving in under an unprecedented wave of student protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) that swept campuses and streets across the national capital and the country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government saw Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign on Saturday afternoon. Within seconds of the news breaking, Jantar Mantar, the epicentre of the students' agitation, erupted in jubilation.

Cries of "We have won" rang through the air as students waved victory posters, beat drums and roared in celebration. The streets and the pavements of Sansad Marg trembled as thousands of jubilant students broke into a frenzy, running, dancing and embracing one another all the way to Jantar Mantar. The Union education minister, who was virtually forced to quit as every attempt to curb the agitation failed, maintained that his departure from the ministry is

not a matter of "individual prestige" for him. "Anti-national forces should not be allowed to take advantage of the situation at Jantar Mantar," Pradhan said. After he stepped down, several BJP leaders met him at his residence to express solidarity. Following Pradhan's resignation from the post, Union consumer affairs minister Prahlaad Joshi was given additional charge of the education ministry. Flushed with victory, the CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke indicated that this is not the end of the battle and said, "It's only the beginning."

Later in the day, the CJP, in a joint press conference with Union ministers J.P. Nadda and Jitendra Singh, withdrew its agitation over the NEET paper leak issue after the government accepted all demands, including withdrawal of FIRs against protesters. Incidentally, this is the second time in the last 12 years that the Modi government has removed a Union minister under pressure. Before Pradhan, the last Union minister to resign was M.J. Akbar, who stepped down.

Prahlaad Joshi Assumes Charge as Education Minister After Pradhan Quits

Union Minister Prahlaad Joshi has been appointed as Education Minister following Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation from the post on Saturday. Joshi has been given additional charge of the Education Ministry besides his role as Consumer Affairs Minister. A Rashtrapati Bhavan communique said the President, as advised by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has accepted the resignation of Pradhan with immediate effect.

It said that on the advice of the Prime Minister, the President has directed that Joshi, Cabinet Minister, be assigned the charge of the Ministry of Education, in addition to his own duties. Earlier in the day, Pradhan resigned from his post following the Cockroach Janta Party-led student protests across the country, demanding his ouster over the NEET paper leak controversy. Pradhan said it is not a matter of "individual prestige" for him and he is disturbed to see the series of events that have unfolded in the last 10 days.

UN Urges Freedom to Protest 'Without Fear' Amid Delhi Demonstration

UNITED NATION
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The United Nations has said it is "aware" of the students' demonstrations in New Delhi and that it is important that people wishing to protest peacefully be allowed to do so without any fear of harassment, arrest or injury. Stephane Dujarric, Spokesman for Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, responding to a question on Friday about the UN's position on the youth-led



protests in India, said, "We're obviously very much aware of the protests that we've seen in New Delhi." "It is important that people wishing to protest peacefully be allowed to do so without the fear of harassment, the fear of ar-

rest, or the fear of injury," said Dujarric. Addressing a press briefing, he said it is incumbent on security forces, "there as it is everywhere," to ensure that those rights are protected. The briefing covered a range of global issues that included concerns about seafarers, tensions in the Middle East and climate change, and also addressed questions about candidates for the post of the next secretary-general of the UN.

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Owaisi Calls Pradhan's Resignation A Victory For Those Who Believe In Constitution

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AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi has described the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a victory for the people who oppose arrogance, communalism and majoritarian politics and believe in the Constitution and brotherhood. Speaking to media in Uttar Pradesh on Saturday, Owaisi said that while Pradhan had resigned, several weaknesses continued to

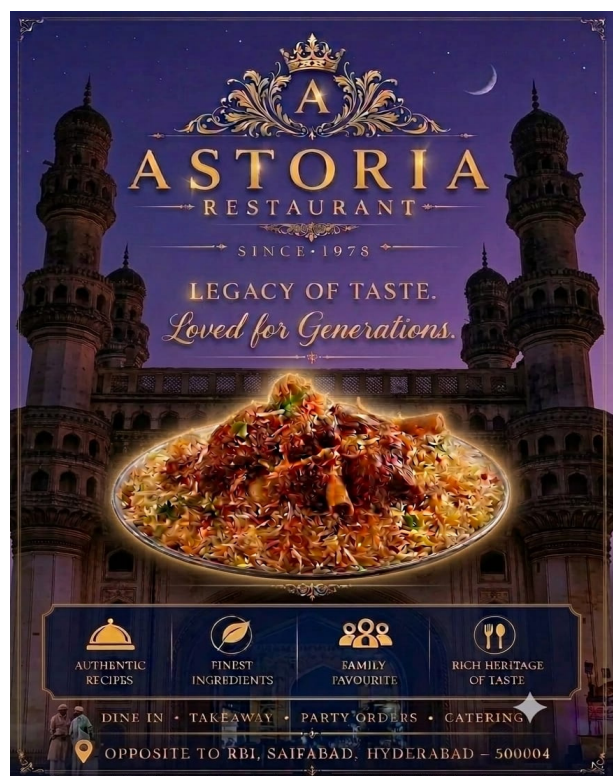


plague the education system. He said unemployment among the youth and rising inflation had left people with no clear path ahead, alleging that the government was disconnected from the ground realities.

Owaisi said nearly half of the country's population

had sent a message that it was unhappy with the government. He alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had tried to prevent Pradhan's resignation through a video reel and that his supporters had also made efforts in the same direction. However, he claimed, the government remained disconnected from the concerns of the youth, farmers and the unemployed, while people continued to struggle with inflation and unemployment.

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PM Modi must apologise in Parliament: Priyank Kharge urges Centre to outline educational reforms

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Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge on Saturday alleged that neither Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan nor Prime Minister Narendra Modi had expressed remorse or accepted responsibility for the NEET paper leak, underlining that the minister's resignation was forced by sustained nationwide student protests. Pradhan on Saturday re-

signed from his position following massive protests in the national capital and various other parts of the country over NEET paper leak. Speaking to reporters here, Kharge claimed that Pradhan's resignation letter did not acknowledge responsibility for the paper leak and instead justified his exit by citing the need to prevent "anti-national forces" from exploiting the situation. "It is very clear that Pradhan's resignation is not

one of consciousness, or it is not one because he's taken accountability; it is because he's been forced to by the students of this nation," Kharge said. He said it took Pradhan three months from May 15 to July 25 to acknowledge and resign. Kharge said the Centre had "failed" to show remorse over the controversy despite admitting the paper leak in May.

"In other words, he is not saying that he is resigning because he accepts re-

sponsibility for the paper leak. He is saying that he is resigning so that anti-national forces do not gain an advantage," he alleged. He urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to come to Parliament, apologise to students and explain the government's roadmap for educational reforms.

"The Prime Minister should come to Parliament and answer the students: What is the blueprint they have for

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Pradhan Exit Emboldens Oppn To Question Govt

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The success of the students' movement has galvanised the Opposition, which is now seeking to corner the government on other issues, including the Ram Mandir treasury theft, ethanol blending in petrol and the situation in Manipur. Hailing the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a victory for the students, Opposition leaders described it as the first major step towards reforming the education system and changing the style of governance.

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi called for a complete overhaul of the system, declaring, "Let's get rid of this regime." He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise for the police action against students and directly blamed Union home minister Amit Shah for authorising the use of force.

"Amit Shah is directly responsible for the violence against students as he authorised the use of lethal weapons and pellet guns. We will not accept forces shooting at our students. This will be our major



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issue in Parliament. The Prime Minister must apologise. You cannot continue to run the government the way you have been doing. If you do, what happened now will be ten times bigger," Gandhi said. He said Pradhan's resignation was also a message to other sections of society — farmers, labourers and the poor — who, according to him, were facing oppression under the government. Urging them to stand up without fear, he said, "Daro mat.

Charu Sinha To Lead SET Probe On Dharani Portal

The probe will examine procedural lapses in the tender process undertaken by Telangana Technology Services for the Dharani portal

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Senior IPS officer Charu Sinha will head the Special Enquiry Team (SET) constituted by the state government to probe alleged irregularities in the Dharani land records portal during the previous BRS regime. The government is expected to issue formal orders appointing the chairperson and members, official sources said. The SET will investigate alleged irregularities in registrations, mutations, changes in land records, land classifications, beneficiary details, official approvals and digital logs. Apart from Charu Sinha,

the criminal investigation department ADGP and ACB Director-General, the SET members include superintendents of police Sindhu Sharma (counter intelligence), and Harshavardhan (cyber security) It will also include the IAS officers Anudeep Durishetty, joint secretary, IT; Apurva Chauhan, project director, CMRVO, land administration; and Manda Makarand, project officer, ITDA, Utnoor. A technical expert from the National Informatics Centre (NIC) will be part of the team. The probe will examine procedural lapses in the tender process undertaken by Telangana Technology Services for the Dharani portal, which



was launched on October 29, 2020. It will scrutinise the bidding, evaluation, award of contract, design, development, operation and maintenance of the portal and examine whether the process complied with legal norms. Allegations concerning the financial position of the selected agency, including claims of insolvency, and questions over

investments in the company and their registration with the RBI and SEBI will also be examined. The SET will investigate allegations of unauthorised transactions, security breaches affecting sensitive land ownership records, deficiencies in the payment gateway and failure to deposit transaction fees with the government as required. It will also examine transactions allegedly conducted outside the Dharani system, after official working hours, without proper auditing or without evidence of authorised log-ins. The probe will cover transactions from the launch of Dharani until the Con-

gress government assumed office in December 2023, with particular focus on assigned and government lands. Allegations that assigned lands belonging to poor beneficiaries and vacant government lands were removed from the Section 22-A prohibited list and transferred to private individuals will be investigated. Rangareddy and Medchal districts, where officials reportedly found large-scale transfers of government land, will receive special attention. In Medchal-Malkajigiri, allegations include real estate developers acquiring ceiling and assigned lands and large companies gaining control.

Telangana Smart Ration Cards: 1.05 Cr Families to Get Credit-Card Sized

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The state government is preparing to roll out compact smart ration cards, similar in size to credit and debit cards, with integrated QR codes for more than 1.05 crore ration cardholder families. The cards have been printed and despatched to all districts, with the government now awaiting Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's decision on the launch date, sources said. The Chief Minister is expected to launch the distribution of the cards at an event here, while ministers and MLAs will distribute them in their respective districts and Assembly constituencies. The distribution is likely to begin in the first week of August or on August 15, Inde-



pendence Day. The cards were reportedly printed with photographs of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. Meanwhile, the civil supplies department has directed officials to complete 100 per cent e-KYC of ration beneficiaries by July 31. Officials have been instructed to visit the homes of beneficiaries who have not yet completed the process. Officials said around 5 lakh beneficiaries were still required to complete e-KYC. Teams have been asked to divide each circle into sectors and

sub-sectors, with checking inspectors appointed as in-charges, to ensure that beneficiaries complete the process. Special camps will be organised with the support of local public representatives, colony welfare associations, voluntary organisations, Anganwadi staff and ASHA workers. Officials were also directed to identify beneficiaries who have died or permanently migrated and prepare proposals to remove their names from ration cards. Ration shop working hours may be extended wherever necessary to facilitate e-KYC. Beneficiaries yet to complete the process have been urged to visit their nearest ration shop and complete biometric e-KYC before the month-end deadline.

OU Engineering Students Flag Administrative Delays, Seek Reforms

Civil Engineering Department Under Scanner for Procedural Hurdles, Students Seek Reforms

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Students of the Civil Engineering Department at the University College of Engineering (Autonomous), Osmania University, have raised concerns over alleged administrative delays, procedural hurdles, and difficulties in obtaining academic documents. Students pursuing post-graduate programmes, especially under the Centre for Engineering Education Programme (CEEP), claimed that getting original certificates, Transfer Certificates (TC), Bonafide Certificates, and other documents has become a time-consuming process involving repeated visits to different offices. According to students, applications submitted through official channels are often moved between various sections, with additional requirements being communicated at different stages. Even after completing formalities such as obtaining No Due Certificates from the library and other depart-



ments, students reportedly face delays before final approvals are issued. Students alleged that poor coordination between the CEEP office, departmental authorities, examination section, and administrative wings has created confusion. They said inconsistent instructions from officials force

students to make multiple visits, leading to unnecessary stress, financial burden, and loss of valuable time. They also highlighted a previous attendance-related issue, where an incorrect attendance entry reportedly showed a shortage despite the student meeting the required

attendance criteria. After verification, the error was corrected and permission was granted to appear for the examination, but students claimed the last-minute resolution caused considerable anxiety. Students have urged university authorities to introduce a single-window system for certificate services, establish fixed timelines for processing applications, improve co-ordination among departments, and strengthen grievance redressal mechanisms. They emphasized that along with academic excellence, efficient and transparent administration is essential for maintaining the reputation of the historic institution. Established in 1929, the University College of Engineering, Osmania University, is one of Telangana's oldest engineering colleges and continues to hold a significant position in technical education. Students believe administrative reforms would help improve efficiency and create a more student-friendly environment.

State Information Commissioner Sri Deshala Bhopal Felicitated

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Newly appointed State Information Commissioner Sri Deshala Bhopal Garu was felicitated with warm greetings and best wishes during a cordial courtesy meeting held in Hyderabad. On the occasion, Sri Peravali Mohan Murali, Deputy Director, Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation (TGDDCF Ltd.), Lalapet, Secunderabad, along with Dr. Sugur Babu and other well-wishers, met Sri De-



shala Bhopal Garu and presented him with a shawl and a memento as a mark of respect and appreciation. Congratulating the newly appointed State Infor-

mation Commissioner, the dignitaries expressed confidence that his vast administrative experience, integrity, and commitment to transparency would further strengthen the functioning of the Telangana State Information Commission. They noted that his leadership would play a vital role in safeguarding citizens' Right to Information and promoting transparent, accountable, and citizen-friendly governance. Sri Peravali Mohan Murali conveyed his heartfelt

congratulations and wished Sri Deshala Bhopal Garu a successful and distinguished tenure. He expressed hope that the Commission would continue to uphold the principles of openness, fairness, and public service under his leadership. The felicitation programme concluded in a warm and cordial atmosphere, with the participants extending their best wishes for Sri Deshala Bhopal Garu's successful tenure as State Information Commissioner.

Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Attends TV9 Sweet Home Real Estate Expo in Hyderabad

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Telangana Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy attended the "Sweet Home Real Estate Expo", organised by TV9 at the HITEX Exhibition Grounds as the chief guest. The event was also attended by Khammam MP Raghuram Reddy, Telangana Yadav Kuruma Corporation Chairman Raghunath Yadav, and



several other dignitaries. Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponguleti said that owning a home is one of the biggest dreams in every person's life. He appreciated TV9 for

organising the real estate expo, stating that it provides homebuyers with a transparent and convenient platform to explore a wide range of housing options under one roof.

Dharmendra Pradhan's Resignation a Victory for India's Youth: Neelam Padma Venkataswamy



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkataswamy on Friday described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a significant victory for the country's youth, stating that it reflected the strength of democratic protest and student activism. Addressing the media, Neelam Padma said the controversy surrounding the NEET examination paper leak had raised serious concerns over the integrity of the country's examination system. She said the development would inspire students, women, and young people who had been demanding accountability and transparency. She alleged that the BJP-led Union Government had failed to safeguard the credibility of the education system and accused it of ignoring the aspirations of the nation's youth. According to her, the resignation marked the beginning of greater public accountability and demonstrated that sustained democratic movements could compel those in power to answer public concerns.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Says Students' Struggle Strengthened Democracy; Calls for Comprehensive Examination

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has stated that the reported resignation of the Union Education Minister reflects the strength of democracy and the determination of students, parents, and youth who fought for truth, justice, and accountability. In a press note released on Friday, the Minister said the development represents a significant mo-



ment for the country's youth, acknowledging the sustained efforts of lakhs of students and parents who raised their voices over issues affecting the

education system. Damodar Rajanarsimha also appreciated the role played by Opposition parties, stating that they stood by students, raised their concerns both inside and outside Parliament, and consistently demanded accountability from the Union Government. The Minister emphasized that the issue should not end with a resignation alone. He called for comprehensive reforms to build a transparent, credible, and merit-based examination

system that restores the confidence of every student across the country. "When the youth unite in the pursuit of justice, democracy will always respond," the Minister said, urging policymakers to ensure that the future of students remains protected through fair and accountable educational reforms. The statement was issued by the Office of Hon'ble Minister for Medical and Health, Government of Telangana.

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Warm greetings and best wishes were extended to Bro. Prof. Er. Gaddam Malleshm Garu on his appointment as the Registrar of Telangana Women's University during a cordial felicitation programme held in Hyderabad. On the occasion, Dr. Sugur Babu, Sri Peravali Mohan Murali, Deputy Director, Vijaya Dairy (TGDDCF Ltd.), and Sri B. Praveen Kumar, Deputy General Manager, Vijaya Dairy (TGDDCF Ltd.), felicitated the newly appointed Registrar and



conveyed their heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a successful and distinguished tenure. The dignitaries expressed confidence that Prof. Er. Gaddam Malleshm's rich academic background,

engineering expertise, and administrative leadership would significantly contribute to strengthening academic excellence, institutional governance, research, innovation, and women's empowerment through quality higher education. They wished him good health, success, and a fruitful tenure, expressing hope that Telangana Women's University would achieve greater milestones under his leadership and continue to emerge as a premier institution of higher learning in the State.

Karkana Nagaraju Extends Birthday Wishes to Bandi Ramesh



Kukatpally Congress Party In-charge, TPCC Vice-President, and Kamma Corporation Chairman Bandi Ramesh celebrated his birthday in a grand manner at N.K.N.R. Function Hall in Kukatpally on Wednesday, with party leaders, trade union representatives, and supporters extending their greetings. On the occasion, Kukatpally Constituency INTUC President and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) Workers Union Working President Karkana Nagaraju met Bandi Ramesh and conveyed his heartfelt birthday wishes. As a mark of respect, Nagaraju felicitated him with a shawl and presented a floral garland during the celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, Karkana Nagaraju lauded Bandi Ramesh's commitment to public service and expressed hope that he would continue to scale greater heights in public life.

Leaders React to Pradhan’s Exit, Call It ‘Victory for Youth’

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Political leaders across parties reacted to the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, calling it a victory for students and youth-led protests across the country. BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) took to X, stating, “Power of people is always greater than the people in power,” adding a “Gen Z” sign-off. Senior BRS leader and Former Minister T. Harish Rao described the development as a “major victory for the country’s youth,” saying “the vibe shift is real.” From the Congress, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar said the resignation reflects the strength of united student protests across the country, terming it not just an individual’s



exit but a moment where “arrogant politics bowed before student power.” He also attributed the development to sustained pressure from the opposition, particularly Rahul Gandhi. Meanwhile, Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy called it the “beginning of the end” of the NDA government, stating that youth protests forced the government to act. He termed the resignation a

“massive victory” for students and warned of further political repercussions ahead of the 2029 elections. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said Pradhan's resignation was a "victory of truth" and a defeat of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "stubbornness". He also said it was Modi's turn to apologise and take strict action against all those who used lathis, batons and pellet guns against the agitating students. In his first reaction after Pradhan resigned, Kharge said, "The echo of India's students has finally reached the doors of the arrogant power." "This is the victory of our millions of youth who raised their voices on the streets across the country to fix the education system... This is the victory of truth and the defeat of

Mr Modi's stubbornness," he said. "This is the victory of the united opposition, who raised their voices from Parliament to the streets in the interest of the students." "Now it is Mr Modi's turn to apologise to our young generation and to take strict action against those who unleashed lathis, batons and pellet guns on them," Kharge said. While as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said Pradhan resigned from his post taking into account the views and sentiments of the country's youth and students, "This resignation is a testimony of the fact that for Prime Minister Narendra Modi and our government, safeguarding the future of our students and youth is of paramount importance," the Defence minister said in a post on X.

Telangana Govt to Speed Up Land Monetisation, Replicate Uppal Model in Districts

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The state government has decided to accelerate land monetisation and land pooling processes across the state to enhance state revenues. Officials were directed to identify opportunities for land pooling in additional areas by adopting transparent models similar to the Uppal Bhagayat model. In this regard, the Cabinet sub-committee on revenue mobilisation held detailed discussions at Secretariat on Saturday on a comprehensive plan prepared by officials to utilise government land assets under HMDA jurisdiction. Collectors of Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts were specifically instructed to identify government land

parcels and explore the feasibility of land pooling in their respective districts. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, finance minister, directed officials to focus on mobilising additional revenue sources in line with budget requirements and ensure that revenue is generated as per targets to accelerate the state's financial growth. At Saturday's meeting, Bhatti and IT Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu conducted a detailed review with officials on exploring additional revenue avenues and the progress of various departments. Speaking on the occasion, Bhatti emphasised that resource mobilisation should align with the Budget estimates for the financial year 2026–27. He stated that all available revenue

sources must be leveraged to achieve budget targets. Officials were instructed to adhere strictly to the predefined timelines (calendar) and work towards enhancing revenue generation. He also called for strong coordination among all government departments to strengthen the State's financial position. During the meeting, progress in key revenue-generating departments such as municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD), Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), industries, excise, mining, revenue, transport, stamps and registration, and commercial taxes was reviewed. Clear guidelines were issued to officials regarding the revenue targets to be achieved.

Telangana leads country in cybercrime refund modules: TGCSB

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The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB), working with field units across the state, has cleared refund orders in 24,268 cybercrime cases involving Rs 9.78 crore, bureau officials said. TGCSB Director Shikha Goel said Telangana ranks among the top states in the country in using the Money Restoration Module (MRM), the national system that returns money lost in cyber frauds to victims once law enforcement and banks complete verification. She said the state's lead extends beyond MRM to other national cybercrime platforms as well, including the Grievance Redressal Mechanism (GRM), Samanvay and Sahyog, where Telangana's performance is rated the best among states. The MRM, run through the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal, was rolled out nationally in June this year.



Victims who get a Ministry of Home Affairs notification about an earmarked refund log in with the mobile number linked to their complaint, complete OTP verification, select the relevant case and bank account, and submit the claim online. Refunds are credited directly to the victim's account after police and banks verify the request. Officials have repeatedly cautioned that the process is free and warned of fraudsters posing as police or bank officials to extract OTPs and banking credentials from those awaiting refunds. Goel also said the e-Zero FIR system is now active in the state. Under this, cases where the financial loss crosses a set threshold will have a Zero FIR automatically registered

by TGCSB, without the victim needing to first approach a police station. The MRM figures follow a broader pattern of recoveries in the state this year. Telangana had earlier facilitated the return of Rs 445.41 crore to 59,953 cybercrime victims through Lok Adalats since that initiative began, with Cyberabad Police alone accounting for nearly half the amount recovered in the latest round. Separately, Cyberabad Police said they had restored more than Rs 25 crore to victims through the MRM portal between January and July this year. Samanvay and Sahyog are both platforms run by the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Union home ministry. Samanvay serves as a shared data repository and coordination tool that helps police across states track cybercrime patterns and suspects, while Sahyog is used to speed up take-down notices to online intermediaries.

District Welfare Officer Participates in Child Protection Officers' Sensitization Programme

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The Women and Child Welfare Department, Sangareddy, actively participated in a One-Day Sensitization Programme for Child Protection Officers (CPOs) organized by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Sangareddy, under the NALSA (Child Friendly Legal Services for Children) Scheme, 2024. District Welfare Officer Smt. Lalitha Kumari attended the programme and emphasized the importance of strengthening child protection mechanisms through coordinated efforts among government departments, educational institutions, and law enforcement agencies. She highlighted the need to ensure a safe, child-friendly environment while safeguarding the rights and welfare of every child. The training programme



focused on enhancing the knowledge and capacity of Child Protection Officers and teachers nominated from across Sangareddy district regarding child rights, legal safeguards, protection mechanisms, and effective intervention strategies in cases involving children. The training programme

Final Call for Nominations for Prestigious Dr. CVN–PRSI National Award 2025–26

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The CVNPR Foundation, with the endorsement of the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI), has issued the final call for nominations for the prestigious Dr. CVN–PRSI National Award – "Best Public Relations Manager of the Year 2025–26." "The award aims to recognize outstanding Public Relations professionals who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, innovation, strategic communication, and significant contributions to enhancing the reputation and public image of their respective organizations. In a major encouragement for PR professionals across the country, the organizers have announced that no nomination fee is required, making the award accessible to deserving candidates from government, public sector, private organizations, educational institutions, and corporate entities. The last date for submission of nominations is July 27, 2026. The prestigious award will be presented during the National PR Education Day Celebrations on August 6, 2026, at the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce



and Industry (FTCCI), Red Hills, Hyderabad, in the presence of eminent communication experts, senior industry leaders, academicians, and distinguished public relations professionals. The organizers have appealed to institutions, organizations, and industry leaders to identify and nominate deserving Public Relations practitioners whose dedication and excellence have created a lasting impact in the profession. With the nomination deadline fast approaching, eligible organizations and professionals are encouraged to complete the nomination process without delay and help recognize excellence in the field of Public Relations. Key Highlights: Award: Dr. CVN–PRSI National Award – Best Public Relations Manager of the Year 2025–26 Nomination Fee: Nil Last Date for Nominations: July 27, 2026 Award Ceremony: August 6, 2026 (National PR Education Day) Venue: FTCCI, Red Hills, Hyderabad.

INTUC Leader Welcomes New Kukatpally CI Swamy Goud

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Kukatpally Constituency INTUC President Karkana Nagaraju met newly appointed Kukatpally Circle Inspector D. Swamy Goud and extended his greetings on assuming charge. Nagaraju felicitated the new CI with a shawl, presented a flower plant, and gifted a portrait of Bharat Ratna Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. He conveyed his best wishes for a successful tenure. Speaking on the occasion, CI



Swamy Goud appealed to citizens to cooperate with the police department in maintaining peace and law and order in the area. Karkana Nagaraju expressed confidence that the new CI would work with dedication, impartiality, and commitment to

ensure better policing services for the people of Kukatpally. INTUC leaders Jakkula Ashok, IC Container Union leaders Jagan, Karkana Mahesh, Ramesh Patil, and others participated in the programme.

Government Fears Lakhs Of Farmers May Leave Their Land Fallow

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Lakhs of farmers are set to face an uncertain future this Kharif crop season with the government fearing that 32 lakh acres of agricultural land, which in normal rain years would be under the plough, were likely to remain fallow resulting in an income less major crop season for these farmers due to the El Nino-affected rainfall. Upper estimates put the number of farmers likely to be affected at around 10 lakh if an average three-acre land holding

was taken into consideration. In a mixed land-holding scenario, the number of farmers caught in the dilemma of whether or not to plant anything or leave their land fallow, could be anywhere around seven lakh, according to sources. Worried over such a prospect, the government has decided to encourage farmers who are yet to take up sowing towards going for irrigated dry crops that can manage with little rainfall. Another major push is also coming in the form of a push towards fodder

crops, which are expected to become essential in a year that appears headed towards a drought. "The idea is to ensure that farmers who may not grow their 'normal' crops this season are not left without any income. These alternative ID (irrigated dry), or fodder crops, can ensure some measure of income," a senior government officer told Deccan Chronicle. "Another reason is if land is left fallow, then there will be issues related to crop loans." While 150 tonnes of fodder crop seeds are in



place, the government has urged the Centre to provide 700 tonnes more as it attempts to encourage farmers to raise at least fodder crops to generate

'some income' this crop season. The government, according to sources, continued to pin its hopes on long range forecasts from the India Meteorological

Department which, the sources said, has reported that there was still hope for some 'normal' rainfall in several districts. However, the statistical normal for the IMD – ranging between +19 to -19 per cent of rain – may not reflect in a similar fashion on the ground as if rainfall is in the negative territory, it will impact growth of crops, whether irrigated dry or otherwise. Incidentally, according to the latest 'El Nino Weekly Bulletin' for the week ending July 23 released by the agriculture department, only seven districts

– Kamareddy (minus-17.6), Medak (-15.2), Sangareddy (-11), Mulugu (-8.2), Ranga Reddy (-2.6), and Nalgonda (-3.6), and Nagarkurnool (minus-17.1) – have received 'normal' rainfall as per statistics shared with the department by the IMD. Officials also said the groundwater scenario was turning alarming with expectations that the average levels across the districts will fall by one metre every month from here on. The average groundwater level for Telangana at the end of July is expected to be 9.66 metres

below ground level (MGBL) expected to go down to 11.01 in August. It will only drop further in the following months as poor rainfall, with the IMD saying below normal rain will be the norm in August except in some parts of western and southern areas of the state that will get 'normal' rain. For September, the prediction is for below normal rain 'except for some isolated pockets' in southern Telangana, with the IMD adding that El Nino will be 'severe' from October to December this year.

Pradhan Exit Emboldens Oppn To Question Govt

The success of the students' movement has galvanised the Opposition, which is now seeking to corner the government on other issues, including the Ram Mandir treasury theft, ethanol blending in petrol and the situation in Manipur. Hailing the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a victory for the students, Opposition leaders described it as the first major step towards reforming the education system and changing the style of governance. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi called for a complete overhaul of the system, declaring, "Let's get rid of this regime." He demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise for the police action against students and directly blamed Union home minister Amit Shah for authorising the use of force. "Amit Shah is directly responsible for the violence against students as he authorised the use of lethal weapons and pellet guns.

Student Protest Victory Is Beginning of the End for BJP Govt: CPI(M)

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CPI(M) general secretary MA Baby on Saturday described the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan as a landmark victory for the student-led agitation over the alleged NEET examination irregularities, asserting that it marked "the beginning of the end" of the BJP government at the Centre. Addressing reporters here, Baby said the success of the agitation was the BJP government's second major political setback after it was forced to repeal the three contentious farm laws following the year-long farmers' protest. "Some television channels described this as the first time the Narendra Modi government had been forced to bow be-



fore a public agitation. We should not forget the historic farmers' movement under the Samyukta Kisan Morcha, which compelled the government to withdraw the three anti-farmer laws after more than a year of struggle," he said. Calling the latest development an equally significant victory, Baby said the Union minister directly responsible for the education sector had ultimately been forced to resign despite attempts by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to shield him.

"The beginning of the end of BJP rule has been marked through the victory of this student protest," he said, expressing hope that the remaining demands of the agitation would also be achieved through continued public campaigns. Baby said the agitation at Jantar Mantar, which began on June 20 and continued for 35 days, witnessed an unprecedented mobilisation of students and youth from across the country. "This is the victory of one phase of the struggle led by students and

youth. It is also the victory of opposition political parties and a large section of public figures who normally do not intervene in political issues," he said. He said eminent personalities, including cricketer Sachin Tendulkar, actors Mammootty, Naseeruddin Shah and Manju Warrier, and writer N S Madhavan, had publicly supported the movement, making it a broad-based democratic campaign rather than merely a student agitation. Baby said students affiliated with organisations such as the Students' Federation of India (SFI), All India Students' Federation (AISF), and All India Students' Association (AISA) supported the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), which spearheaded the movement.

TET Paper Leak Mastermind Arrested In Bihar

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Following a three-week manhunt, the Thane Police on Saturday arrested the alleged mastermind behind the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) paper leak, Bijendra Gupta, in Bihar along with his associate, Indrajit Singh. With these arrests, the total number of accused held in the case has risen to 14. A senior police officer said both men were produced before a Bhiwandi court, which remanded them in police custody until July 30. Police are also searching for a few others in Maharashtra who allegedly agreed to purchase the leaked question papers. According to the police, Gupta, the prime accused in the case registered at Kongaon police station in Bhiwandi, had been absconding since



the paper leak came to light two days before the examination. Acting on technical surveillance, mobile location tracking, intelligence inputs and coordination with the Bihar Police, a special team traced and arrested Gupta and Singh in Patna. "Gupta and Singh were taken to Hawaii Adda Police Station in Patna before being flown to Pune early on Saturday. They were then brought to Bhiwandi," the officer said. The investigation has revealed that Gupta and Singh allegedly played a key role in leaking the TET question paper in

conspiracy with previously arrested accused Dheeraj, Akash and Rajeev. Investigators are now probing the wider network behind the racket and attempting to identify other beneficiaries and conspirators. The TET examination was scheduled for June 28. However, the leak was uncovered in Bhiwandi two days earlier after police received a tip-off that three persons had arrived in the city to sell the question paper. The trio was detained on June 27, and the question papers recovered from them were later confirmed to be genuine by the Maharashtra State Examination Council. The examination was subsequently postponed. Deputy Commissioner of Police (Bhiwandi Division-II) Pawan Bansode said.

US Bill Proposes 3-Year Pause On H-1B Visas, Codify \$100,000 Fee

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A Republican senator has introduced a Bill in the US Senate seeking a three-year suspension of new H-1B visas while proposing sweeping reforms to the employment-based immigration programme. The legislation, introduced by Senator Tim Sheehy of Montana, aims to tighten eligibility rules, curb alleged misuse of the visa system, and prioritise employment opportunities for American workers. Named the End H-1B Abuse Act, the Bill argues that the H-1B programme has drifted from its original purpose of addressing shortages in highly specialised occupations. Senator Sheehy said the programme should not be used to replace qualified American workers with lower-cost foreign labour. "The H-1B programme was created to address workforce shortages for specialised, difficult-to-



fill positions—not to displace qualified, hard-working Americans with cheaper, foreign labour," Sheehy said while announcing the legislation. He added that the proposal would restore the programme's original intent by closing loopholes, strengthening safeguards, and protecting US national security interests. The H-1B visa programme allows US employers to hire foreign professionals in specialised fields such as information technology, engineering, healthcare, finance, and research. Indian professionals account for the majority of H-1B visa recipients each year, making the proposed changes par-

ticularly significant for Indian technology workers and IT services companies. Besides pausing new H-1B visa approvals for three years, the Bill proposes replacing the current lottery-based selection process with a wage-based system that gives preference to higher-paid positions. It also seeks to prohibit concurrent employment and third-party staffing arrangements, practices commonly used by consulting and outsourcing firms. Another key provision would formally establish a \$100,000 fee for each H-1B petition, reviving a measure introduced during former President Donald Trump's admin-

istration. That fee was later struck down by a federal court, which ruled it amounted to an unauthorised tax because it had not been approved by Congress. The proposed legislation would also eliminate the "dual intent" provision, preventing H-1B holders from simultaneously pursuing permanent residency while working in the US. Additionally, it seeks to bar H-1B visa holders from bringing dependents, prohibit federal agencies from employing non-immigrant visa holders, and end work authorisation programmes for certain foreign students and exchange visitors. Backed by immigration advocacy groups including the Immigration Accountability Project and the Federation for American Immigration Reform, the Bill is expected to face significant debate in Congress before any changes to the H-1B programme can take effect.

Priyanka Gandhi Visits Wayanad Landslide Site, Meets Survivors

WAYANAD
Wakeup telangana

Congress MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Saturday made her first visit to the landslide site at Kalladi here since the disaster claimed eight lives, and interacted with some of the survivors. The Congress MP landed at Kannur airport in the morning and travelled by road to the landslide site in Meppadi, Wayanad constit-



uency. On the way to the disaster site, Vadra was greeted by students of Wayanad Engineering College, who thanked her for leading the protest by students and the Cock-

roach Janata Party in Delhi against alleged irregularities in the NEET exam, party sources said. She subsequently reached the disaster site near the Anakkampoyil tunnel road project at around 2 pm and met some of the survivors, hearing how they had a narrow escape. She is scheduled to visit those injured in the incident who are undergoing treatment at WIMS

Hospital here, and will also visit the site where the Congress is building homes for survivors of the Chooralmala landslides, the sources said. Eight people were killed in the landslide that occurred on July 7 at the site of the Anakkampoyil-Meppadi tunnel project, which is intended to connect Wayanad and Kozhikode districts.

Lawyers Protest Police Crackdown on Students

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Lawyers at Delhi's Tis Hazari court on Saturday protested the police crackdown on demonstrators during the July 20 march towards Parliament organised by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP), hours before Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned. The protest, organised by Youth for Justice inside the court complex, saw advocates alleging excessive use of force by police against protesters. Participants sang the National Anthem and recited the Preamble to the Constitution, stating that the exercise reaffirmed their



commitment to justice, liberty, equality and fraternity, and to the right to peaceful protest under the Constitution. Addressing the gathering, Youth for Justice founder and advocate Ashu Bidhuri said students had been exercising their constitutional right and that police should have engaged in dialogue. Bidhuri said: "The students were peacefully protesting at the designated

place under the rule of law. The rule of law doesn't allow police to lathi-charge or teargas peaceful student protesters. In such a situation, dialogue should be promoted between police and the protesters... Protest is a constitutional right which police cannot curtail with brutal force. Freedom of speech and expression was also put in danger on July 20." He also called for a judicial inquiry overseen by a retired Supreme Court judge and action against erring personnel. "We are against the atrocities committed against the students, the lathicharge, the use of tear gas, pellet guns, etc. We demand a judicial inquiry, overseen

by a retired Supreme Court judge. We demand that the guilty police officers be punished, terminated and that the students be given justice," he said. The July 20 march witnessed clashes after protesters attempted to move towards Parliament seeking Pradhan's resignation over the NEET paper leak issue. Police used lathis and tear gas to disperse crowds at multiple locations, and FIRs were registered at Connaught Place, Parliament Street and other police stations. The protesting lawyers expressed solidarity with the students and sought accountability for the alleged use of force.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Govt Bows Down.....

In his detailed note in Hindi announcing his resignation, Pradhan said he was disturbed to see the series of events that unfolded in the last 10 days. "I took responsibility of NEET paper leak from day one," he said. It is his resolve not to let the country's youth get ensnared in a web of confusion, he said. "Considering the situation at Jantar Mantar and across the country - with the aim of preventing anti-national forces from exploiting it, preserving national unity, ensuring that not a single Indian student's future gets entangled in legal complexities, and allowing our children to devote their time to studies and focus on building their careers - I have submitted my resignation to

prime minister," he said. The two-time Education minister, who was faced with a similar controversy in 2024 over alleged NEET and NET paper leaks, added that he respects the aspirations, sentiments, and legitimate expectations of the country's youth. "I have always held unwavering faith in the strength of our democracy and have deeply respected the aspirations, dreams, and expectations of the youth. They are not merely India's future; they are the torchbearers, creators, and architects of a new and developed India," he said. The protests at Jantar Mantar, demanding Pradhan's accountability over the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak and irregularities in the CBSE's on-screen marking process besides seeking wider reforms in the con-

duct of public examinations, quickly grabbed attention and the imagination of an entire generation of young. All roads led to Jantar Mantar it seemed as climate activist Sonam Wangchuk and several students went on a fast unto death and many thousands of people gathered there.

UN Urges Freedom...

India's Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned on Saturday after weeks of protests over exam paper leaks. The protests were spearheaded by the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) - a satirical collective that turned into a national movement in weeks. It started on June 20 in New Delhi's Jantar Mantar, with CJP taking up the issue of the NEET exam paper

leak in May, for which around 2 million students had to sit for a re-test. There were also reports of students dying by suicide in several states. The protesters demanded education reforms in the country and Pradhan's resignation. On July 20, thousands of protesters marched towards the parliament, defying a police ban and barricades, which triggered a crackdown that left several injured. The protest was called off after Pradhan's resignation.

PM Modi must.....

"The Prime Minister should come to Parliament and answer the students: What is the blueprint they have for their future? Who ordered the lathi-charge and the tear-gas firing on students? These questions

need to be answered in Parliament," he said. Tracing the sequence of events, Kharge said the NEET examination was held on May 3, complaints of a paper leak surfaced on May 7, the National Testing Agency approached the police on May 8, and Pradhan publicly acknowledged the leak on May 15 before resigning only on July 25. He alleged that lakhs of students had suffered uncertainty over admissions, around 20 students had died by suicide and many others had remained on hunger strike while the government delayed action. Kharge also accused BJP leaders of branding protesting students as "anti-nationals" and alleged that Karnataka BJP leaders had described them as "cock-

roaches" who should be eliminated.

Paper Leak Bill in.....

The amendment seeks to mandate time-bound investigations into such offences and their trial in fast-track courts, along with enhanced penalties. Under the proposal, individuals involved in paper leaks or use of unfair means could face imprisonment ranging from five to ten years and a fine of up to Rs 50 lakh. For organised offences, the Bill provides for a minimum sentence of seven years and a fine of up to Rs 10 crore. The Bill also proposes that states and Union Territories set up fast-track courts and complete trials within three months of filing of the chargesheet, indicating an expedited process.

CRIME

Miyapur Police Arrest Two Foreign Nationals in ₹20 Lakh Fake Currency Multiplication Scam



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Miyapur Police, along with the CCS Narsingi team, have cracked a major cheating case involving a fake currency multiplication scam and arrested two foreign nationals accused of duping a businessman of ₹20 lakh. The arrested accused have been identified as

Toure EL Hadji Mahamane (49) and Tchouanyou Adolphe (62), who were allegedly operating the fraud by claiming they could double money using a chemical-based process. According to police, the accused convinced the complainant, Krishna Kanth Vadlani, by demonstrating a fake currency multiplication trick using black papers and chemicals. Believing the demonstration, the victim

handed over ₹20 lakh. The accused packed the cash in a box, instructed him not to open it until they returned with a special chemical, and fled. When the victim later opened the box, he found only white sheets and coloured photocopy papers. Following a complaint, Miyapur Police launched an investigation using technical and scientific evidence and apprehended both accused

during patrolling. During interrogation, they confessed to the offence. Police recovered ₹10 lakh, fake Indian ₹500 notes, fake US dollar notes, activation powder, chemical bottles, and black paper bundles used in the fraudulent demonstrations. Investigators also found that the prime accused was previously involved in cheating cases in Telangana and Gujarat. Cyberabad Police have advised the public not to believe claims of money multiplication, quick-profit schemes, or chemical-based currency conversion tricks. Citizens are urged to verify such offers and immediately report suspicious activities to the nearest police station or by calling 100/112.

Police Promote Road Safety Awareness Among Students at Pallavi International

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Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a road safety awareness programme at Pallavi International School, Tumukunta, as part of the “Arrive Alive” campaign during the school’s Founder’s Day and Investiture Ceremony. The programme was held under the guidance of Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Smt. B. Sumathi, IPS, and DCP (Traffic-1) Sri K. Rahul



Reddy, IPS. Chief Guest ACP Sri G. Shankar Raju highlighted the importance of parents setting responsible driving examples for children. Police officials educated students on key safety measures,

including wearing helmets, using seat belts, avoiding mobile phones while driving, and preventing minors from riding vehicles. Newly appointed student leaders were encouraged to act as Traffic Safety Ambassadors and spread awareness about zebra crossings, lane discipline, and speed control. Group Captain D.V.N. Rao (Retd., IAF), SI Somi Reddy, school management, and parents appreciated the initiative.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years’ rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage. He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

A 19-year-old youth allegedly died by suicide at his residence in BJR Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Kapra, on Sunday night. According to the police, the deceased, Lingala Ganesh, was alone at home after his parents had gone to their native village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, while his siblings were staying at a relative’s house. When Ganesh did not respond to phone calls during the night, the family assumed he was asleep. On Monday morning, the victim’s father, Lingala Ramulu, was informed by his elder son that Ganesh had allegedly hanged himself.

HC Fines Retired Teacher Rs 1 Lakh for Abusing Court Process

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The Telangana High Court has imposed costs of ₹1 lakh on a retired government school teacher for suppressing material facts and misusing the judicial process. Justice E.V. Venugopal dismissed a writ petition filed by P. Srinivas, a retired school assistant, and directed him to pay the amount to the Government Girls’ School for the

Blind, Malakpet, within one month. The petitioner, who had earlier served as headmaster of a Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School in Nirmal district, sought action against a fellow teacher alleging violations of service rules and dereliction of duty based on incidents said to have occurred in 2016. Counsel for the petitioner argued that disciplinary proceedings should have been initiated. However, the government pleader

informed the court that an inquiry had already been initiated and sought time to complete the process. After examining the record, the court noted that the petitioner had raised the complaints only in 2022 and 2023, several years after his retirement in 2017, and had remained silent during his service. The court also observed that cross-complaints existed between the petitioner and the respondent.

Gachibowli Police Bust Holiday Membership Fraud; 15 Held for Alleged Cheating

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Gachibowli Police have busted an alleged holiday membership fraud operated under the name “The Pacific Holiday World,” a unit of 4R Seasons Holidays Private Limited, New Delhi, and apprehended 15 organisers and holiday consultants for allegedly cheating customers through false promises and deceptive marketing. The action followed a complaint by Vuturi Swaraj, who alleged that company representatives persuaded him to



purchase a holiday membership for ₹3.40 lakh on July 16 during a promotional event at a star hotel in Gachibowli. After receiving the payment, the company allegedly failed to provide the promised benefits and

stopped responding to his calls. During the investigation, police found that the accused were staying in a flat in Kondapur while conducting promotional campaigns at star hotels. The organisers allegedly lured customers through

free gift coupons, attractive offers, and luxury holiday promises before convincing them to make immediate payments. Police said the company offered memberships claiming annual stays at five-star destinations in India and abroad. However, several customers reportedly did not receive the promised services, leading to allegations of cheating. All 15 accused have been taken into custody, and further investigation is underway to identify additional victims and determine the extent of the fraud.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre’s latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn’t. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it’s less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government’s operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That’s not just a posting — it’s a signal. It tells you who’s in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn’t an iso-

lated reshuffle; it’s part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029. There’s a logic to it. Governments don’t run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let’s not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There’s also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don’t always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There’s a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Bihar is about to do what Indian states do best when power changes hands: reshuffle the bureaucracy and call it a reset. The difference this time? There’s a clearer sense of what that reset is meant to achieve. Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



India-UK FTA May Double Bilateral Trade to \$115 Billion by 2030: Assocham

The India-UK Free Trade Agreement could elevate bilateral trade to \$115 billion by 2030 and generate up to 10 lakh jobs, according to an Assocham study. The deal entered into force on July 15, 2026, boosting key export sectors

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The India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA), which came into force on July 15, 2026, is expected to significantly strengthen economic ties between the two countries, with bilateral trade projected to rise from \$58 billion in 2025-26 to \$115 billion by 2030, according to a study by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (Assocham). The study, conducted by the Assocham Global Research and Strategy Centre, estimates that the agreement could generate 7-10 lakh new jobs, particularly in labour-intensive sectors such as textiles, leather, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals,



cals, and automobiles. Assocham President Nirmal K. Minda said the FTA provides Indian businesses with greater market access and export opportunities. He, however, stressed

that companies must improve product quality, comply with Rules of Origin, meet certification requirements, and adopt international sustainability standards to fully benefit from the agreement. The

study highlighted that continued reforms to improve ease of doing business, along with investments in infrastructure and supply chains, will be essential to maintaining India's competitiveness in global markets. The engineering goods sector is expected to witness significant growth under the FTA, benefiting micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) and creating additional employment opportunities. Simplified customs procedures and digital trade provisions are also expected to reduce compliance costs and speed up cross-border trade. Assocham noted that the agreement brings together two complementary economies. While India offers

a large consumer market, a young workforce, and a strong MSME ecosystem, the United Kingdom contributes advanced technology, innovation, and expertise in high-value services. The chamber said these complementary strengths would support long-term economic cooperation, promote innovation, strengthen supply chains, and boost bilateral trade despite global economic uncertainties. Describing the agreement as a major milestone in India-UK economic relations, Assocham expressed confidence that the FTA would enhance exports, attract investment, and create sustainable employment opportunities over the coming years.

Signature Packaged Drinking Water Marks Three Years of Mangrove Restoration

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Marking World Mangrove Day 2026, Signature Packaged Drinking Water celebrated three years of its community-led mangrove restoration initiative in Odisha, reaffirming its commitment to coastal conservation while announcing plans to expand the programme to Goa. The brand has restored over 62 acres of degraded coastal land in Astaranga, Odisha, and planted more than 30,000 mangrove saplings across five coastal villages over the past three years. The initiative has not only strengthened fragile coastal ecosystems but also created sustainable livelihood opportunities for local communities. Building on



the success of the Odisha project, Signature Packaged Drinking Water plans to extend its mangrove regeneration efforts to Goa, continuing its long-term focus on restoring coastal biodiversity and supporting communities that safeguard these vital ecosystems. To increase public awareness about the importance of mangroves, the brand has also adopted innovative engagement initiatives over the years.

Through fashion, music, immersive experiences, and interactive digital gaming, it has sought to make mangrove conservation more relatable and accessible, particularly for younger audiences. As part of this year's World Mangrove Day observance, the company has launched an interactive digital game highlighting the crucial role mangroves play in protecting coastlines from tidal surges, erosion, and other coastal threats.

ONGC Kicks Off Landmark Deepwater Drilling in Mahanadi Basin

NEW DELHI
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State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on Saturday commenced drilling its first deepwater exploratory well in the Mahanadi offshore basin, marking the start of an ambitious campaign to tap India's deep and ultra-deep-water hydrocarbon resources. ONGC spudded exploratory well, MN-DW18-1-H-

D under the government's Samudra Manthan mission, the firm said in a statement. The well is being drilled around 23 nautical miles from the Konark discovery off the Odisha coast, building on ONGC's recent Utkal and Konark discoveries that have strengthened the hydrocarbon prospectivity of the Mahanadi Offshore Basin. The drilling campaign forms part of the push

to accelerate exploration of India's offshore oil and gas reserves. In his Independence Day address on August 15, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had called for harnessing the country's untapped offshore hydrocarbon potential. In line with that vision, the government has opened nearly one million square kilometres of previously restricted offshore areas for exploration, paving the



way for fresh acreage to be offered under upcoming rounds of the Open Acreage Licensing Policy (OALP). India's eastern and western offshore basins,

extending to water depths of up to 3,000 metres, are estimated to hold more than 5,600 million metric tonnes of oil equivalent (MMTOE) of hydrocar-

bon resources. Recent exploration successes in the Cauvery, Mahanadi and Andaman basins have further strengthened the outlook for offshore exploration, according to the statement. To support the deepwater exploration programme, ONGC in January this year launched its flagship Deepwater Exploration Mission Centre, DeepX, in Mumbai. The centre integrates the company's geoscientific ex-

pertise, advanced interpretation capabilities, specialised training and global collaborations under its "One Company, One Data" philosophy. The company said the commencement of drilling marks the beginning of one of India's most challenging deepwater exploration campaigns, aimed at boosting domestic oil and gas production, reducing import dependence and strengthening

the country's energy security. "The commencement of drilling marks the beginning of one of India's most challenging deepwater exploration campaigns. Every prospect evaluated, well drilled and discovery made will contribute towards enhancing domestic production, reducing import dependence and strengthening India's energy security and self-reliance," the statement said.

Pharma Pro & Pack Expo 2026 Sets New Records with 19,206 Visitors

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Pharma Pro & Pack Expo 2026 concluded at HITEX, Hyderabad, after three days of technology showcases, product launches, business networking and industry discussions, emerging as its biggest edition to date. Jointly organised by Messe Muenchen India and the Indian Pharma Machinery Manufacturers' Association (IPMMA), the event attracted 19,206 visitors, featured 353 exhibiting brands, and covered over 35,000 square metres across seven exhibition halls. The expo witnessed participation from more than 30 countries, including Germany, the United States, Japan, Italy, the United Kingdom, Singapore and the UAE, strengthening its reputation as a global platform for the pharmaceutical manufacturing industry. Compared to the previous edition, exhibition space increased by 30 percent, while visitor attendance more than doubled. More than 120 new products and technologies were unveiled, covering pharmaceutical process-

ing, packaging, automation, quality control, cleanroom technologies, software solutions and digital manufacturing. The event also featured a dedicated International Pavilion and an expanded software segment highlighting manufacturing execution systems, track-and-trace platforms and production analytics. The structured buyer-seller programme brought together 350+ hosted buyers from India and overseas, facilitating over 1,000 business meetings focused on sourcing, plant expansion and technology investments. A three-day conference under the theme "Future of Pharma Manufacturing: Trends Transforming the Industry" explored artificial intelligence, digitalisation, sustainable packaging, anti-counterfeiting technologies and manufacturing excellence. Industry leaders from Messe Muenchen India and IPMMA described the event as a major milestone that has strengthened the expo's position as a leading business platform for pharmaceutical manufacturing.

India's cotton production falls to 290.91 lakh bales in FY26 as acreage declines

Cotton Output Falls as Acreage Shrinks; Government Launches ₹5,659 Crore Productivity Mission

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India's cotton production has witnessed a steady decline over the past five years, largely due to a reduction in cultivation area as farmers shifted to more remunerative crops, the Centre informed the Rajya Sabha on Friday. Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita said cotton production declined from 352.48 lakh bales in 2020-21 to 290.91 lakh bales in 2025-26. Despite the fall in overall output, cotton productivity has remained broadly stable, ranging between 428 kg and 451 kg per hectare during the same period. The government attributed the decline primarily to shrinking acreage rather than lower yields. The area under cotton cultivation reduced from 132.85 lakh hectares in 2020-21 to 114.82 lakh hectares in 2025-26, reflecting farmers' preference for alternative crops offering better returns. Responding to concerns over domestic cotton



availability, the minister said the country's textile industry continues to receive adequate supplies through a combination of domestic production, carry-over stocks and imports. The Centre continuously monitors the cotton situation to ensure that projected consumption requirements are met. The government also highlighted trends in cotton prices, noting that international cotton prices increased by around 19 per cent, while domestic prices for the S-6 cotton variety rose by nearly 18 per cent. To maintain sufficient

raw material availability for the textile sector, the Centre has taken several policy measures. It has exempted the 11 per cent import duty on raw cotton imports from June 1, 2026, to October 31, 2026, allowing textile manufacturers to source cotton at competitive prices. Additionally, the government has continued the exemption from import duty on Extra Long Staple (ELS) cotton, effective from February 20, 2024, to support the availability of premium-quality cotton required by the industry. Looking ahead, the Cen-

tre has approved the Mission for Cotton Productivity (Kapas Kanti) for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31, with an outlay of nearly ₹5,659 crore. The mission aims to improve cotton productivity, enhance fibre quality and strengthen the competitiveness of India's cotton sector. The government also noted that the programme includes a ₹300 crore allocation for New Age Fibres as part of the broader cotton productivity initiative. This component forms part of the National Fibre Mission, announced in the Union Budget 2026-27, which seeks to boost fibre production, promote innovation and strengthen branding efforts across the textile value chain. The Centre expressed confidence that these measures would improve cotton productivity, ensure raw material security for the textile industry and enhance India's position in the global cotton market.

Study Finds Major Gap Between Public Confidence and Road Safety Reality

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A new global study by Economist Enterprise, supported by Brembo, has revealed a significant gap between how safe people feel on the roads and how safe transport experts believe they actually are, raising concerns about overconfidence and road safety awareness. The report, Safety in Motion: Driving Trust in Modern Mobility, found that 90% of road users across ten major vehicle-producing countries feel safe during daily travel, while only 45% of transport professionals share that confidence. The study covered Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, South Korea, the UK and the US, which together account for nearly 75% of global vehicle production. The widest trust gap was recorded in Brazil, China and India, where 94% of users reported feeling safe, compared with just 18% of transport experts. These countries also recorded an average road fatality rate of 16.2 deaths per 100,000 people, nearly double the study

average. The report warns that misplaced confidence can encourage risky behaviour, making roads more dangerous despite improvements in infrastructure and vehicle technology. According to UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Road Safety Jean Todt, trust is important, but overconfidence can lead people to take unnecessary risks. The study also found that safety concerns are shifting from mechanical failures to human interaction with advanced vehicle technologies. Only 3% of experts cited mechanical defects as the leading cause of crashes, while 30% blamed misuse of driver-assistance systems and 24% pointed to distracting in-vehicle technologies. Despite high confidence levels, 88% of respondents supported stricter road safety measures, including lower speed limits and stronger enforcement. Experts said better coordination between governments and the automotive industry is essential to improve safety and ensure public trust is based on real performance.

Tollywood's Young Heroines Spark Fierce Competition



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

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

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

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

Devil Wears Prada 2 OTT India Release Date is Here



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Two decades after "The Devil Wears Prada" became one of the most beloved fashion films of all time, its much-awaited sequel is finally set to make its OTT debut. Earlier this year, the film was released in theatres and received an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences. The sequel was released on May 2, 2026, nearly two decades after the original film, which hit cinemas in 2006. The sequel brings back the original cast while placing the beloved characters in a vastly changed media and fashion landscape. Fans can once again see "Miranda Priestly," "Andy Sachs," and

"Emily Charlton" sharing the screen. The Devil Wears Prada 2 will begin streaming on JioHotstar in India from July 29, 2026. The film will also be released simultaneously on Disney+ and Hulu in select international markets on the same day. For viewers in India, the film will be available in both English and Hindi language. The story picks up two decades after the events of the first film. Andy Sachs is laid off as a journalist and is later hired as Runway's features editor to help a scandal-plagued and struggling Miranda Priestly navigate the digital age. As they face corporate interference and a power struggle involving former col-

league Emily Charlton, Andy and Miranda join forces to save the magazine. To the astonishment of fans, the film also features cameo appearances by Lady Gaga, Donatella Versace, Marc Jacobs, Ciara, Calum Harper, and Ashley Graham. The second installment reunites many familiar faces while introducing several new ones. The film is directed by David Frankel and is based on a story by Lauren Weisberger. The cast includes Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, Stanley Tucci, Justin Theroux, Kenneth Branagh, Lucy Liu, B.J. Novak, Simone Ashley, and Tracie Thoms.

Suvarna Is Chief Of Hyderabad Women's Cricket Selection Panel

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

B. R. Suvarna Lakshmi has been appointed chairperson of the Hyderabad Cricket Association's Women's Selection Committee for the 2026-27 season, the HCA announced on Saturday. "Anita Mishra, G. Sangeeta, M. Keertana and Ekta Saxena are the other members of the selection panel which has been approved by the Single Member Committee (Justice Naveen Rao)," HCA secretary M. Jeevan Reddy stated in a press release while expressing "confidence that the committee would carry out its responsibilities with the highest standards of fairness, transparency, integrity and professionalism, ensuring that deserving talent is identified and given the opportunity to represent Hyderabad in the Senior and Junior Women's teams." "The Women's Selection Committee will play a vital role in strengthening the women's cricket structure in Hyderabad. I wish the Chairperson and all members success in their tenure and look forward to their valuable contribution towards the continued growth and



development of women's cricket in the state," he added. Under Suvarna's leadership last season, the Hyderabad U-19 women's team qualified for the knockouts in One-dayers while the U-15 girls qualified for the knockouts in the T20 tournament. Also, five girls from the U-19 team were selected for NCA camp and one girl selected for India the U-19 team. From the U-15 team, one girl got selected for NCA camp. Four players from the senior women's team found places in the South Zone side while four girls made it to the Women's Premier League. Ishi, Diya clinch regatta golds Hosts Secunderabad Sailing Club enjoyed a memorable outing at 6th YAI GMR Sports Youth Open Regatta which concluded at the Hussain Sagar Lake on Saturday. Shringhari Roy was the standout per-

former, winning the Optimist Main girls' title with a flawless record, while the Club also took gold in the 420 girls' class through Ishi Gupta and Diya Ajay Patel. B. Ravi Kumar of the Telangana Sailing Association dominated the Optimist Main boys' fleet. The week also carried an international flavour, with Malaysia's Khairul Ilzani Mohd Afendy taking silver in the Optimist Main boys' class. The regatta closed with the Optimist team racing, the most tactical format in the sport, where Trishna Sailing Club were crowned champions after a deciding final race against the Telangana Sailing Association. The regatta, a National Ranking Event, brought together 115 sailors in 105 boats from clubs across India racing in the Optimist, ILCA, 420 and 29er classes.

Ishan Kishan Sets Up 90-Run Win Over Zimbabwe As India Clinches T20 Series

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Ishan Kishan hit 81 off 44 balls as India crushed Zimbabwe by 90 runs in the second Twenty20 and clinched the three-match series with a game to spare on Saturday. Kishan struck nine fours and two sixes as India piled up 219-5. Tilak Varma contributed 60 not out off 29 balls, including three sixes, while the 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi made a speedy 20. In reply, Zimbabwe was bowled out for 129 in 17.5 overs. India debutant Yash Thakur picked up 2-30, Abhishek Sharma took 3-17 and Prince Yadav claimed 2-10 in 1.2 overs before walking off with an injured hamstring. Put into bat, Sooryavanshi provided a blistering start, hitting three fours and one six in the powerplay, but Sharma fell to Blessing Muzarabani for the second match running. Muzarabani then caught Sooryavanshi off Rich-



ard Ngarava as India slipped to 29-2. Kishan, however, put on 66 off 42 balls with skipper Shreyas Iyer, who scored 25 before being caught at backward point off Brian Bennett. It brought Kishan and Varma together and they added 94 off 43 balls for the fourth wicket. Kishan scored his 13th T20 half-century off 31 deliveries, while Varma hit three sixes to race to his half-century off 23 balls. Kishan fell in the 18th over but Varma saw India past 200.

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CM Revanth Proposes Gen Z Push: Lower MLA, MP Election Age to 21

The DGP stressed that cybercrime is evolving rapidly and directed officers to adopt innovative approaches.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday announced that Te-
langana would launch a national
movement to enable Gen Z youth
to contest Lok Sabha and As-
sembly elections at the age of 21,
instead of the present minimum
age of 25. He said the govern-
ment would convene special ses-
sions of the legislature in the first
week of August and pass a res-
olution urging the Centre to re-
duce the minimum age for
contesting Assembly and Lok
Sabha elections from 25 to 21
years.
Another resolution will also be
passed seeking reduction in the
age limit from 30 years to 25
years to become MLC and Rajya
Sabha member, the Chief Minis-
ter while seeking at a candlelight
rally in support of students pro-
testing in Delhi over the NEET
paper leak issue. The resolution
would be sent to Prime Minister
Narendra Modi, seeking the in-



tro-
duction of a Bill in Parliament.
Revanth Reddy said he would
meet leaders of all political
parties and seek their support for
the passage of the proposed legis-
lation.
He said said the resignation of
Union education minister Dhar-
mendra Pradhan had turned the
rally at Necklace Road into a
"victory rally". The Chief Minis-

ter, accompanied by Deputy
Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vik-
ramarka, ministers and senior
Congress leaders, participated in
the rally from People's Plaza to
the Indira Gandhi statue, which
witnessed a large turnout of
youths. Revanth Reddy said the
"Gen Z tsunami" triggered by the
NEET paper leak issue, which he
said had resulted in the defeat of
Prime Minister Modi and the res-
ignation of Pradhan, should now
enter the country's legislative
bodies. Youth should become
MLAs, MPs, ministers, Chief
Ministers and Prime Ministers,
make laws and run the country
efficiently, he said.
Describing Pradhan's resignation
as the defeat of the political
image of "chhappan inch ki
chhaati" (56-inch chest), a phrase
associated with PM Modi's
claims of strong leadership, Re-
vanth Reddy said the victory be-
longed to the protesting youth
and should not be claimed by any
political party. Making a case for
reducing the eligibility age, Re-

vanth Reddy pointed out that
people could contest elections at
18 in the UK and Germany and at
21 in Singapore, where they
could also become Prime Minis-
ter at that age. He questioned
why a 21-year-old in India could
become an IAS, IPS or IFS of-
ficer and contest local body elec-
tions but could not become an
MLA or MP. He recalled that the
Rajiv Gandhi government had re-
duced the voting age from 21 to
18 through the 61st Constitu-
tional Amendment Act of 1988,
while the P.V. Narasimha Rao
government had brought the 73rd
and 74th Constitutional Amend-
ments, enabling 21-year-olds to
contest local body elections.
Citing examples, he said a 21-
year-old woman had become
mayor of Thiruvananthapuram,
while a Telugu woman, Sri
Lakshmi, became an IAS officer
at the same age and D. Ananya
from Mahbubnagar district at 22.
He also referred to Telangana
DGP C.V. Anand, who, he said,
entered the IPS at 22.

Hyderabad Celebrates Dharmendra Pradhan's Exit

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Students and residents
gathered at the Dr B.R.
Ambedkar statue near
Liberty and Tank Bund in
Hyderabad to celebrate
the resignation of Union
education minister Dhar-
mendra Pradhan over the
alleged NEET paper leak.
People distributed choco-
lates, popcorn and snacks
at the venue as part of the
celebrations. Sahasra Rao
Gaikwad, a NEET aspi-
rant, said she had been
part of earlier protests and
had planned to travel to

Delhi. "I took part in most
of the protests against the
alleged NEET paper leak
in Hyderabad. I had
booked a ticket to travel
to Jantar Mantar in Delhi
this Sunday, but cancelled
it after the minister's res-
ignation."
She added, "I could not
secure a seat because of
the alleged corruption in
the examination system.
When I saw the protests, I
could relate to the stu-
dents' struggle. I joined
the movement because I
did not want others to
suffer the same fate." Mu-
tuala Hari Prasad, a stu-

dent of Osmania Univer-
sity, said students had
been actively involved in
the agitation. "Around 20
students from the univer-
sity took part in the agita-
tion at Dharna Chowk and
on the campus. The pro-
tests intensified after July
20, and the strength of the
movement eventually
compelled the Prime Min-
ister to act," he said. Fire-
works were burst later in
the evening as part of
another event, but stu-
dents describing them as
part of the celebrations
marking what they called
a victory for the student



Relative held for sexually assaulting minor girl in Hyderabad

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A 13-year-old girl was al-
legedly sexually assaulted
by her relatives in Hyder-
abad in June 2026. One of
the accused was arrested
on Friday, July 24.
The incident occurred
under the Keesara police
limits, where the girl was
staying with her grand-
mother in the Turkapally
area. According to the po-
lice, the girl was sexually

assaulted by her maternal
uncle and two other re-
latives while she was alone
at the residence.
Following the incident,
the accused allegedly
threatened the girl and
asked her not to reveal the
sexual assault to anyone.
However, the victim later
disclosed the incident to a
relative during a conver-
sation, after which a com-
plaint was filed with the
Keesara police.

BJP moves CEO against Telangana CM over voter roll remarks

The BRS alleged that the Chief Minister threatened rural people with denial of Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, and Indiramma housing benefits.

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Alleging that Telangana
Chief Minister A Revanth
Reddy had threatened
voters with denial of wel-
fare benefits if they were
not included in the voters'
lists during SIR, the BJP
on Saturday, July 25,
urged the state Chief Elec-
toral Officer (CEO) to
issue a notice directing
him to withdraw his re-
marks.
In a memorandum and a
video submitted to the
CEO, Telangana BJP's
Election Commission Af-
fairs Committee Chairman
Marri Shashidhar Reddy
claimed that the CM
threatened people in rural
areas that they will not get
the benefits of the govern-
ment's welfare schemes
such as 'Kalyana
Lakshmi', 'Shaadi Muba-
rak' and 'Indiramma'
housing.
"This video exposes the
gravity of the threat of the



Chief Minister," the mem-
orandum said.
"Threatening citizens
with the withdrawal or de-
nial of such government
welfare benefits based on
where they choose to re-
gister as voters is legally
flawed and violates estab-
lished electoral and con-
stitutional principles."
Such threats raise severe
concerns in view of the
provision of "undue in-
fluence" under election
law and also because of
the disconnection between
welfare benefits and voter
registration, it added.
If such statements are de-
liberately made by the

Chief Minister during an
active election cycle or a
sensitive administrative
roll-revision phase like
the SIR, they are "intimi-
datory".
The BJP urged the Elec-
tion Commission to im-
mediately issue a notice to
the Chief Minister on var-
ious alleged violations
and "insist that he should,
through the electronic
media and his social
media handles, to rescind
from his earlier statements
and clarify to people that
voter ID is not mandatory
for any government
scheme".
It also requested the CEO
to release a video for elec-
tronic media and publish
it across all social media
handles of the CEO Telan-
gana, explicitly citing the
clarification issued by
Chief Election Commis-
sioner Gyanesh Kumar
that "a voter ID card is not
mandatory for govern-
ment schemes".

Helpline launched for queries on Indiramma houses in Hyderabad

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To clear all confusion
among the public regard-
ing the Indiramma Hous-
ing Scheme in
Hyderabad, a special call
centre was launched at
the Housing Board office
on Saturday, July 25, by
Revenue and Housing
Minister Ponguleti Srimi-
vas Reddy.
Through this, the gov-
ernment will provide
complete information on
application procedures,
eligibility, required docu-
ments, payments, allot-
ment methods, and other
related matters.
The helpline number
040-24603572 is active
between 9 am and 6 pm.
Citizens should apply in



Information is being pro-
vided in Telugu, Hindi,
English, and Urdu for
the convenience of appli-
cants.
A foundation has been
laid for 7,680 houses in
16 constituencies in the
first phase. The minister
said that Indiramma
houses are being con-
structed taking the con-
stituency as a unit.
Citizens should apply in

their own constituencies.
Applications can be sub-
mitted through MeeSeva
centres, online portals, or
WhatsApp.
The scheme has been
designed for families re-
siding in the Greater Hy-
derabad Municipal Cor-
poration (GHMC)
area, with annual income
up to Rs 6 lakhs.
Only one application per
family will be accepted.

24-hour water supply disruption in several areas of Hyderabad

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Drinking water supply
will be disrupted for 24
hours in several parts of
Hyderabad from Mon-
day, July 27, as the Hy-
derabad Metropolitan
Water Supply and Sewer-
age Board (HMWSSB)
undertakes pipeline
works at Uppal Junction.
According to the Water
Board, the interruption is
necessary to facilitate the
construction of the Grade
Separator (flyover) at
Uppal Junction by the
Malkajgiri Municipal
Corporation (MMC). The
work involves the 1600-
mm diameter MS Gravity
Main Pipeline of the

Krishna Drinking Water
Supply Project (KWSP)
Phase-2 Ring Main-2.
The water supply will re-
main suspended from
10:00 am on July 27 to
10:00 am on July 28.
The affected areas in-
clude Fatehnagar, Has-
matpet, Prakashnagar,
Nacharam, HMT Nagar,
Birappagadda, Habsi-
guda, Ramanthapur,
Venkata Reddy Nagar,
Uppal, Mekalamandi,
Bholakpur (partially),
Padmarao Nagar, Bansi-
lalpet, Bouddhanagar,
Tarnaka (partially), Sita-
phalmandi, Mettuguda,
Lalpet (partially), North
Lalaguda, Addagutta, Ba-
lanagar, South Central
Railway, MES and the

Secunderabad Canton-
ment Board.
The Water Board said
the works are being car-
ried out on an urgent
basis to expedite the con-
struction of the P15
flyover foundation and
reduce traffic congestion,
as the road from Uppal
Junction towards the Wa-
rangal Highway has al-
ready been closed.
Residents in the affected
localities have been ad-
vised to use water spar-
ingly and make necessary
arrangements in advance.
The Water Board said the
pipeline will be restored
after the work is com-
pleted, following which
water supply will resume
in a phased manner.

TGCSB cautions people against fake online shopping advertisement

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The Telangana Cyber Se-
curity Bureau (TGCSB)
has cautioned the public
against falling victim to
fake online shopping ad-
vertisements circulating
on social media platforms
such as Instagram, Face-
book, WhatsApp and
Telegram.
According to the advi-
sory, cybercriminals are
increasingly using spon-
sored advertisements of-
fering attractive discounts
on branded shoes, elec-
tronics, clothing, insur-

ance and luxury products
to lure unsuspecting
buyers. While these ad-
vertisements often appear
genuine, they are de-
signed to steal money,
banking details and per-
sonal information from
users.
The bureau has urged
people to verify the au-
thenticity of websites and
sellers before making on-
line purchases. Con-
sumers should avoid
clicking on suspicious
links, be wary of deals
that seem too good to be
true, and make payments
only through trusted and

secure platforms. Users
are also advised to check
customer reviews and
avoid sharing OTPs, debit
or credit card details,
CVV numbers or internet
banking credentials with
anyone. In the event of a
cyber fraud, victims
should immediately report
the incident by calling the
national cybercrime helpline
1930 or filing a com-
plaint through the
National Cyber Crime Re-
porting Portal. Prompt re-
porting increases the
chances of freezing fraud-
ulent transactions and re-
covering lost funds.

Cantonment Temples Witness Grand Ekadashi Celebrations

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A devotional atmosphere filled temples
across the Cantonment area on the oc-
casion of the first Ekadashi festival, with
devotees gathering in large numbers to
participate in special prayers and rituals.
Grand celebrations were organised at Sri
Venkateswara Swamy Temple in New
City Colony, New Bowenpally, where
devotees performed traditional pujas
with deep faith and devotion. At Shiva
Panchayat Hanuman Temple in Seetha-
rampuram (Ward 6), former Cantonment
Board Vice President Jampana Pratap at-
tended the special prayers as chief guest.



Temple committee members actively
participated in the arrangements. Repre-
sentatives Gopal, Jagannadham, Naray-
ana, and Lakshman, along with Shiva
Panchayat Hanuman Temple Committee
Chairman Sai Baba Vaidya and
members, contributed to the successful
completion of the sacred celebrations.

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