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Trump Halts Attacks, Iran Follows Suit

US President Donald Trump halted the American bombing campaign against Iran after 13 nights of air strikes, giving diplomatic efforts more time, officials said on Sunday. No US attacks were reported on Saturday or Sunday after the Pentagon suspended operations late on Friday. US Ambassador to the United Nations Mike Waltz said Trump had decided to "give talks some space". A senior Trump administration official said the President preferred diplomacy but had demonstrated the consequences Iran would face if it failed to negotiate seriously. Iran later said it would suspend its own attacks as long as the US maintained the pause. A senior Iranian official said Tehran's position remained "attack for attack" and warned of a broad response if Washington resumed strikes.

PM Modi Forms New Task Force To Fix Exam System

Modi Forms Nandan Nilekani-Led Task Force to Overhaul NTA Examination System Transparency

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced the constitution of a high-powered task force, headed by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, to recommend reforms aimed at making the National Testing Agency's examination system more robust, transparent and foolproof. In a video message posted on Instagram, the Prime Minister said the multidisciplinary task force would examine the maximum use of technology and suggest structural reforms to strengthen the conduct of competitive examinations.

"The government will work on the recommendations of the task force to establish a foolproof examination system," Modi said, adding that the panel's suggestions would help revamp NTA examinations from both technological and institutional perspectives. According to the government, the task force will comprise experts



perts from technology, education, security and public administration. Besides Nilekani, the members include former Isro chairman S. Somnath, former Intelligence Bureau director Tapan Deka, IIT Madras director V. Kamakoti, former education secretary Anita Karwal and logistics expert Amrit Lal Meena.

The announcement came a day after the 36-day nationwide agitation over the alleged NEET-UG paper leak ended with the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. The Congress, however, dismissed the move, calling it an attempt to repair the government's image. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said the



Centre had already constituted a committee headed by former Isro chairman K. Radhakrishnan in 2024 following examination irregularities but had yet to fully implement its 101 recommendations.

He also alleged that the National Testing Agency (NTA) had functioned for nearly two years without a full-time director general and described the new panel as "a high-powered attempt to fix the Prime Minister's irretrievably compromised image." The government maintains that the new task force will recommend long-term technological and structural reforms to restore confidence in the country's competitive examination system.

Modi Urges Youth To Connect With Border Villages

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said the 'Viksit Vibrant Village' (VVV) programme aims to encourage youth to engage directly with border communities rather than rely on virtual interactions. Addressing participants of the VVV programme 2026, which covered 74 villages across Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, Modi said the initiative provides an opportunity for young people to understand rural India and connect with local communities.

"The idea was that why not have the youth, instead of using virtual medium, step onto the ground to know India, connect with India, try to live India, and understand India," he said. He said aspirations for development and a sense of patriotism were strong in border villages and noted that developed villages are key to building a developed India. "This journey of the developed Vibrant Village is itself a medium to connect everyone, to connect with everyone," he said, adding that youth engagement would strengthen the vision of a developed India.

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Let's Get Gen Z From Sadak to Sansad: Revanth

CM pitches for lowering minimum age for contesting LS, Assembly elections

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday announced that a special joint session of the state Legislative Assembly and Council would be convened in August to debate and pass a resolution recommending to the Central government to reduce the minimum age required for contesting the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 years to 21 years. He said the minimum age for contesting elections for upper houses may be fixed as 25 years.

After giving the entire credit for the success of Jantar Mantar agitation to the Gen Z, the Chief Minister came up with a clarification call for the "Sadak se Sansad" (from street to legislature) — a move aimed at integrating Gen Z into political system and empowering them to make legislations that suit their objectives and provide a strong future for the country. "When a 21-year-old can become an IAS officer or a Unicorn entrepreneur, why cannot he become a legislator," he asked.



The Chief Minister is also leaving for New Delhi on Monday to discuss with the party central leadership the possibilities of forcing the Centre to enact this legislation. The Centre is already proposing to introduce Bills in this session to increase the number of constituencies, handle delimitation, and implement women's reservation. Revanth Reddy wants the Congress to demand the introduction of a fourth Bill to reduce the minimum age required for a candidate to contest Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. He recalled that it was Congress prime ministers Rajiv Gandhi and P.V. Narasimha Rao, who reduced the voting age to 18 years, and the minimum age to contest local body elections to 21, respectively.

"Gone were the days for fancy slogans like 'Viksit

Bharat', 'Sab Ka Saath, Sab Ka Vikas', and programmes like Man ki Baat; Modi is only past and present, but has no future," the Chief Minister said adding that people who have future should be involved in the decision making. Revanth Reddy said the determination of youth during the recent agitation, which finally secured the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, clearly established that the time has come to integrate Gen Z into the political system. "India's future will change and it would become strong if the knowledge and determination of the youth is channelised properly," Revanth Reddy said, adding that to mark a beginning from his side, he had invited the ISB graduates to join CMO and give ideas for better administration.

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political metaphor 'Chappan inch ki Chaati', the Chief Minister said this was for the second time, after apologising to farmers, that Modi had to bow

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State Okays ₹2,278 Cr For Adilabad Airfield

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In a major infrastructure push for north Telangana, roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday announced that the state government has accorded administrative approval to sanction ₹2,278.14 crore for the establishment of the Adilabad Joint User Airfield. Komatireddy said the ambitious project will be developed over 2,009.23 acres, with 1,609.23 acres allocated to the Indian Air Force (IAF) and 400 acres ear-



marked for a civil aviation enclave, including an MRO facility, cargo terminal, aircraft hangars and future expansion. The minister said the project would emerge as a strategic asset for Telangana by strengthening industrial development, cargo connectivity, tourism, logistics and national defence, while creating

thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities for the youth. The administrative sanction also includes funding for critical enabling works such as road realignment, shifting of 765 kV high-tension transmission lines, diversion of streams, relocation of Mission Bhagiratha pipelines and other utility infrastructure, ensuring smooth execution of the project.

Komatireddy also attributed the project's progress to the special initiative of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who ensured con-

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Beware of 'Indiramma Towers' Scam Calls, Says CP Sajjanar

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City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar on Sunday cautioned citizens against rising cyber frauds being carried out in the name of house allotments under the government's 'Indiramma Towers' scheme in Hyderabad. With the commencement of the ₹10,000 Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) payment process for beneficiaries, the commissioner warned

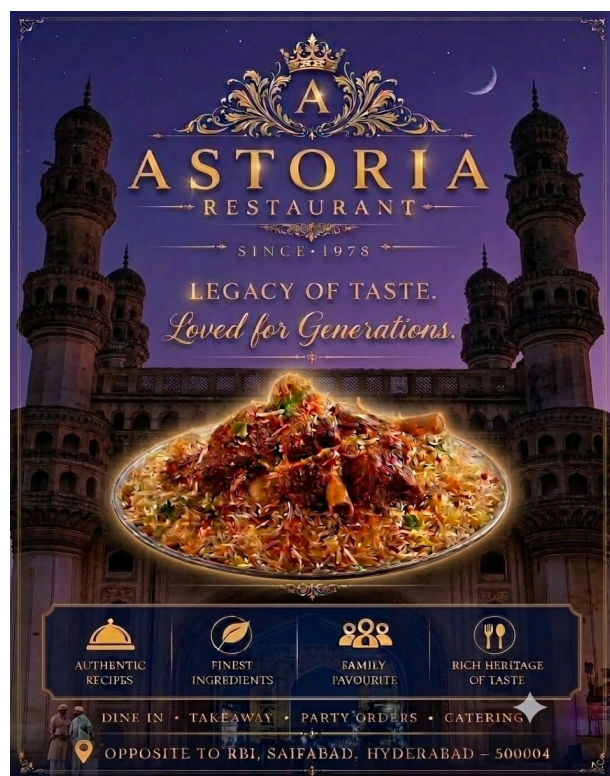


that cybercriminals may attempt to dupe applicants through fake calls, misleading messages and fraudulent links.

He clarified that there is no role for brokers or middlemen in the scheme

and that the selection process is completely transparent. Sajjanar assured that the EMD amount remains secure, and in cases where a house is not allotted, the entire amount will be refunded directly to the applicant's original bank account. Advising citizens to remain vigilant, he said people should not trust anyone claiming, "Pay money and we will ensure house allotment."

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Merchant Ship With Four Indians Struck in Odessa

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A merchant vessel carrying four Indian seafarers came under attack at Ukraine's Port of Odesa on Saturday, with two crew members confirmed safe while information on the other two is still awaited, the Indian Embassy in Kyiv said on Sunday. The vessel, MV AGN Ragnar, was struck at Odesa, one of Ukraine's key Black Sea ports that has frequently come under missile and drone attacks since the Russia-Ukraine



conflict began in 2022. The embassy said it was closely monitoring the situation and remained in constant touch with the concerned authorities. Search and rescue operations are under way to ascertain the status of the two unaccounted-for Indian crew members and provide all possible assis-

tance. The incident marks the third attack on a merchant vessel in the past week. In the previous two attacks, five Indian seafarers were killed. Issuing an advisory on Sunday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said the security situation in the Black Sea and adjoining maritime areas re-

mains highly volatile, with an increase in attacks on commercial vessels since April. It advised Indian nationals considering employment on ships operating in or transiting the conflict-affected region to carefully assess the prevailing security risks before accepting such assignments. The embassy did not disclose the identities or roles of the four Indian nationals on board. The cause of the strike and the vessel's total crew strength were not immediately known.

Every Inch Of HYDRAA Reclaimed Land Used For Public Purpose: Revanth



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"Every inch of land reclaimed by HYDRAA is put to use for public purposes only. Show a single instance of HYDRAA being used to serve interests of any private persons or lands reclaimed by it were given to private parties," asked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday. He reiterated that the prime objective of HYDRAA is to restore lakes and remove encroachments on government lands. His observations were in reply to queries of media persons on the Telangana High Court threatening to arrest HYDRAA chief A.V. Ranganath using military personnel. In a recent case involving a private builder, Shanta Shriram, the High Court took strong note of the IPS officer defying its orders and interfering in the

possession of land, whose ownership was claimed by the construction company. The Chief Minister said as per revenue records, the government land in Lothukunta village is 650 acres. The private company has been claiming the ownership of land in specific survey numbers but was in possession of different parcels of land which belonged to the state government and military. Government agencies should at least be allowed to find out where the government land is, he pointed out. With regard to the agitations against reclaiming government land in Bahadurpura for handing over to the Centre to build bullet train hub, the Chief Minister said it was a handiwork of a few BRS leaders, who encroached government lands. The government will soon unmask these leaders, he added.

Surekha Orders Probe After Leopard Killed in Road Accident

Forest minister Konda Surekha ordered an inquiry into the death of a leopard in Medak and directed officials to strengthen wildlife safety measures on highways.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Forests, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has expressed deep grief over the death of a leopard that was killed in a road accident on the National Highway near Gangapur village in Haveli Ghanpur mandal of Medak district. According to preliminary reports, the leopard was struck by a speeding vehicle while attempting to cross the highway. However, the minister said the exact cause of the incident would be established only after a detailed investigation. She directed the Forest Department to conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the circum-



stances leading to the animal's death and submit a scientific report. Konda Surekha instructed forest officials to perform the leopard's post-mortem in accordance with established wildlife protocols. The findings, she said, should help determine the precise cause of death and aid in identifying measures to prevent similar incidents in the future. Taking serious note of the

accident, the minister also directed officials to identify vulnerable stretches of National and State Highways passing through forested regions where wildlife movement is frequent. She asked the Forest Department to coordinate with the National Highways Authority and other concerned departments to install adequate warning signboards, improve road safety infras-

tructure and develop additional wildlife crossings wherever necessary. The minister emphasized that reducing animal-vehicle collisions requires coordinated efforts from multiple agencies. She stressed the need for long-term planning to safeguard wildlife while ensuring road safety. Appealing to motorists, Konda Surekha urged drivers to strictly adhere

to speed limits while travelling through forest areas and remain alert to wildlife crossings. She called on the public to cooperate in protecting the state's rich biodiversity by exercising caution on roads passing through forest habitats. Assuring the government's commitment to wildlife conservation, the minister said a comprehensive action plan would be prepared to strengthen preventive measures, enhance habitat connectivity and reduce the risk of such tragic incidents in the future. The government, she added, is determined to ensure better protection for wildlife across Telangana.

Telangana Govt To Distribute 1.05cr Smart Ration Cards to Beneficiaries in Aug

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana government is set to roll out compact Smart Ration Cards with QR codes for over 1.05 crore ration cardholder families, with printing completed and dispatch to districts underway. The formal launch date is awaited, pending a decision by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, official sources said. The distribution is expected to be launched at an event in Hyderabad, with ministers and MLAs overseeing rollout in districts and constituencies. Though the date is yet to be finalised, officials indicated it may begin in the first week of August or on August 15. The cards reportedly carry photographs of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. The new cards, intro-

duced in a compact format for the first time in the state, are waterproof and tear-resistant. They display the cardholder's name, address and photograph, with a QR code providing access to details of family members and transaction history of commodities such as rice, sugar and wheat. Beneficiaries can access rations at fair price shops by scanning the QR code or entering the card number, followed by biometric authentication by any eligible family member. They are required to download the T-Ration app, link the card using an OTP and create an M-PIN. Officials said the Civil Supplies Department will bear the cost of printing, and beneficiaries will not be charged. Telangana has 1,05,42,188 ration cards covering 3,39,96,239 beneficiaries. The Smart Ration Cards are aimed at improving access to bene-

ficiary data and streamlining distribution. The civil supplies department has directed officials to complete 100 per cent e-KYC of beneficiaries by July 31. Around five lakh beneficiaries are yet to complete the process, officials said. Special teams have been tasked with dividing areas into sectors and sub-sectors, with checking inspectors appointed as in-charges. Camps will be organised with support from local representatives, welfare associations, voluntary organisations, Anganwadi staff and ASHA workers. Officials have also been directed to identify deceased or migrated beneficiaries and prepare proposals to remove their names from ration cards. Ration shop working hours may be extended to facilitate e-KYC. Beneficiaries yet to complete the process have been asked to visit their nearest ration shop and complete.

Mancherial Leads Telangana in Govt School Student Enrolment

Mancherial topped Telangana in government school enrolment, achieving 95.72% of its target, with over 3,300 students shifting from private to government schools.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mancherial district has emerged as the top performer in Telangana in student enrollment for government schools, achieving 95.72 percent of the state's ambitious target of increasing admissions by 10 percent over the previous academic year's strength. The achievement was confirmed through the UDISE portal status report released on July 25 by District Collector Kumar Deepak and Additional Collector P. Chandraiah. The report highlights the district's sustained efforts to strengthen public education and attract more students to government institutions. According to official figures, government schools in Mancherial had a total enrollment of 43,072 students in the previous academic year. For 2026-27, the state government set a target of enrolling 47,379



students. By July 23, the district had successfully achieved 95.72 percent of this target, placing it first among all districts in Telangana. A significant highlight of the enrollment drive was the migration of 3,352 students from private schools to government schools, reflecting growing public confidence in the quality of education offered by government institutions. Out of the district's government schools, 275 exceeded their enrollment targets. At the mandal level, Mandamarri and Jaipur achieved a perfect 100 percent of their enrollment goals. Hajipur recorded 99.91 percent,

Naspur 99.76 percent, Bheemaram 98.24 percent, and Nennela 98 percent. Overall, 10 of the district's 18 mandals achieved enrollment levels between 96 and 100 percent of their respective targets. District Collector Kumar Deepak credited the success to continuous improvements in government schools, including qualified teachers and enhanced learning infrastructure. He said the availability of Smart TVs, ICT computer laboratories, laptops, tablets, and other digital teaching aids had significantly improved classroom learning and attracted parents to government schools.

He also noted that computer teachers were newly recruited in 82 government schools during the current academic year, while eight academic supervision teams were formed to regularly monitor educational standards and improve learning outcomes. District Education Officer P. Chandraiah said special efforts were made to ensure a seamless transition of students from primary and pre-primary government schools into higher classes within the government education system. He also highlighted the state's free residential education for girls from Classes VI to Intermediate through Kasturba Gandhi Residential Schools as another major factor encouraging enrollment. Rajanna Sircilla secured second place in the state rankings, while Jagtial district finished third in government school enrollment.

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha paid rich tributes to the brave soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, honouring their unparalleled courage, patriotism and supreme sacrifice in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty. In a



press note released on Saturday, the Minister said the heroic sacrifices made by the soldiers during the Kargil War remain a shining example of unwavering dedication and love for the nation. He

stated that the valour, commitment and selfless service of the Kargil heroes would continue to inspire generations of Indians to uphold the values of patriotism, unity and national integrity. The Minister also expressed deep gratitude to the families of the brave martyrs, acknowledging their immense sacrifice and unwavering support to the nation. "On this solemn occasion of Kargil

Vijay Diwas, I pay my heartfelt tributes to the brave soldiers who displayed extraordinary courage and made the supreme sacrifice in defending our nation. We salute our Kargil heroes and stand in gratitude with their families," the Minister said. Concluding his message, Damodar Rajanarsimha extended his greetings to all citizens with the patriotic slogan, "Jai Hind!"

Dommati Shivakumar Conferred with Mahatma Jyotiba Phule National Award

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Dommati Shivakumar, State President of Chhatrapati Sai-nik Dal, was conferred with the prestigious Mahatma Jyotiba Phule National Award at a grand awards ceremony organised by the Bahujan Sahitya Academy on Sunday at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad. The award was presented by Telangana Minister Adluri Laxman, who attended the event as the chief guest. He congratulated Shivakumar for his outstanding contributions to society and wished him continued success in his public service ini-



tiatives. Speaking on the occasion, Bahujan Sahitya Academy Founder and National President Nalla Radhakrishna said the award was presented in recognition of Dommati Shivakumar's distinguished services in the Telangana movement, promotion of education, social justice, empowerment of Bahujan communities, youth awareness, and various pub-

lic welfare activities. Accepting the honour, Dommati Shivakumar said the award was not merely a personal recognition but a tribute to every individual dedicated to serving society. He reaffirmed his commitment to the ideals of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, stating that he would continue working with greater dedication towards social equality, educational development, and the welfare of underprivileged and marginalised communities. The ceremony was attended by prominent dignitaries, social activists, literary personalities, and members of the public.

BC Study Circle Invites Applications for Free Foundation Coaching for Competitive Exams



The BC Study Circle, Sangareddy, under the Telangana Government's Backward Classes Welfare Department, has invited online applications for its free 125-day Foundation Coaching Programme for various competitive examinations, including Group-I, Group-II, Group-IV, Banking, SSC, RRB, and Police Recruitment. In a press release issued on Saturday, District Backward Classes Welfare Officer A. Jagadeesh said that the coaching programme is aimed at helping eligible graduates prepare effectively for state and central government competitive examinations. The free coaching is open to graduate candidates belonging to BC, SC, ST, EBC, and orphan categories from Sangareddy and Medak districts. Online applications will be accepted from July 25 to August 14, 2026, through the official website. The list of selected candidates will be announced on August 18, followed by certificate verification from August 20 to August 24. The coaching programme is scheduled to commence on August 25, 2026.

Singareni Bans Use of Mobile Phones in Coal Mines

HYDERABAD
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The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has imposed a ban on the use of mobile phones in both underground and opencast coal mines, citing safety concerns and the need to improve operational efficiency. The order, issued on July 20, directs all workers and employees to deposit their mobile phones before entering mining areas. The decision comes amid a growing trend of employees recording selfie videos and creating social



media reels while on duty. In several instances, workers were found filming videos while travelling inside underground mines on man-riders and sharing them on social media. Employees have also been taking selfies and videos with political leaders during their visits to coal mines, prompting

concerns within the management. According to SCCL, the unrestricted use of mobile phones at mining sites poses serious risks. The management noted that distractions caused by mobile phones could lead to accidents, particularly in opencast mines where massive haul trucks and heavy machinery are operated continuously. Since nearly 80 per cent of Singareni's coal production comes from opencast mines, ensuring the undivided attention of vehicle operators is critical for worker safety and uninterrupted production.

The company also observed that the use of mobile phones while operating heavy equipment or performing mining activities could contribute to reduced productivity and increase the likelihood of workplace mishaps. SCCL further pointed out that carrying and using mobile phones in underground and opencast mines violates safety norms prescribed by the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS). The latest directive aims to ensure strict compliance with these regulations.

₹70 Lakh Drainage and CC Road Works Inspected at Hafeezpet Railway Underpass

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, along with former Hafeezpet Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth, senior leader Balling Gautham Goud, and CMC engineering officials, inspected the ongoing ₹70 lakh floodwater drain and CC road construction works near the Railway Under Bridge (RUB) at Vaishali Nagar Colony, Hafeezpet. Speaking on the occasion, Arekapudi Gandhi said the railway underpass on the road connecting Manjeera Pipeline Road to Masjid Banda has been facing severe traffic congestion



and waterlogging, especially during the monsoon season. He said the new drainage system and CC road are being constructed to provide a permanent solution and improve traffic movement. The PAC Chairman directed officials to complete the works at the earliest without compromising on quality. He also instructed engineering officials to follow proper planning and ensure the project is

completed on a priority basis for the convenience of commuters. He reiterated his commitment to strengthening civic infrastructure across Serilingampally Assembly Constituency and providing better roads, drainage, and public facilities for residents. CMC Engineering officials DE Anand, AE Bhaskar, local leaders, and colony residents participated in the inspection.

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.

BRS launches ‘Chalo Karnataka’ campaign, warns of threat to Telangana’s water rights

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS leaders on Sunday launched their ‘Chalo Karnataka’ campaign by inspecting illegal barges, check dams and hydraulic gates built by Karnataka on Krishna and Bhima Rivers.

A delegation led by former ministers V. Srinivas Goud, C. Laxma Reddy and S. Niranjan Reddy, along with former MLAs, MLCs and senior leaders from the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, visited Gudur in Karnataka to inspect hydraulic gates constructed across the Krishna River. They accused the neighbouring State of obstructing water flows meant for Telangana.

Addressing the media, Srinivas Goud alleged that Karnataka’s projects on the Krishna, Bhima and Tungabhadra rivers were depriving Telangana of its



rightful share of water. He said the hydraulic gates were preventing even a drop of water from flowing downstream and demanded their immediate removal. He also sought the release of at least 4 TMCft of water from the Tungabhadra reservoir, stating that Telangana had a legitimate share in its waters.

He accused the Congress government in Telangana of neglecting the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme (PRLIS) and warned that Mahabubnagar would face severe drought if the remaining works were not

completed immediately. He also criticised the appointment of irrigation adviser Adityanath Das, alleging that he had earlier opposed Telangana’s irrigation projects while serving in Andhra Pradesh.

Laxma Reddy said Karnataka’s upstream projects and the State government’s failure to complete the Palamuru-Rangareddy project were threatening irrigation in the region. He pointed out that water reaching Telangana from upstream had now stopped due to the installation of hydraulic gates. He urged the State gov-

ernment to safeguard Telangana’s water rights and complete the pending works on the lift irrigation project.

Stating that the BRS had transformed the Palamuru region by completing pending irrigation projects after Telangana’s formation, he said the party would not allow the district to turn into a desert again. “There will be no compromise on Telangana’s water rights,” he asserted.

Niranjan Reddy remarked that illegal projects by Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh under the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS) were preventing Tungabhadra waters from reaching Telangana, affecting farmers in the drought-prone Mahabubnagar region. He asserted that the party would continue its agitation until Telangana’s water interests were protected.

Clash erupts between MLA Samuel and Minister Venkat Reddy’s supporters in Nalgonda

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Tension prevailed at Tirumalgi in Tungaturthy constituency on Sunday after supporters of MLA Mandula Samuel and Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy clashed after a press conference seeking an apology from the MLA.

Supporters of both leaders engaged in a heated argument that soon escalated into a brawl, prompting police to intervene and restore order.

The confrontation comes after Mandula Samuel criticised the R&B Minister for visiting his constituency on Friday without informing him. Speaking to mediapersons, the MLA alleged that the Minister had ignored protocol and



claimed he had failed to respond to his request for development of a 2-km road stretch in the constituency.

According to reports, the Minister’s supporters organised a press conference to object to the MLA’s remarks and demanded that he apologise to the Minister. After learning about the event, Mandula Samuel’s supporters reached the venue and confronted the Minister’s supporters. The exchange turned heated and resulted in a scuffle. Reports said the

Minister’s supporters have decided to lodge a complaint with the Suryapet police against the MLA’s followers.

The latest incident comes less than three weeks after a similar clash on July 8, when Mandula Samuel’s supporters allegedly chased and assaulted supporters of Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy at Arvapally in Suryapet district over appointments to party mandal committees.

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan slams BJP leaders over remarks on student protesters

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan condemned BJP leaders Bandi Sanjay and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy for remarks against students protesting the alleged NEET paper leak, demanding an apology and warning of consequences.

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan strongly condemned BJP leaders including Union Minister Bandi Sanjay and MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy for their reported remarks against students protesting over the alleged NEET paper leak.

Demanding their unconditional apology, he warned that the BJP leaders would have to face the consequences of making derogatory remarks against students fighting for justice.

He accused BJP leaders of attempting to malign the protesters by branding them as anti-nationals and alleging that they were backed by Bangladesh and Pakistan.

“Such remarks are irresponsible and intended to discredit a genuine student movement demanding accountability



for the examination irregularities in the NDA (National Democratic Alliance) government,” he said. He warned them against underestimating the power of student movements.

Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday, Sravan said the protests at Jantar Mantar reflected an unprecedented student and youth uprising that spread across the country. He pointed out that the movement forced Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to resign and demonstrated the strength of democratic protests.

The BRS MLC criticised Konda Vishwesh-

war Reddy for allegedly making insensitive remarks suggesting that those agitating had no right to protest and in other countries, they would have been shot dead.

“Students are like burning embers. Do not provoke them or underestimate their strength,” he said, asserting that the agitation was conducted within the framework of democracy and the Constitution.

Stating that several students had died by suicide following the alleged NEET paper leak and that thousands of families had suffered mental trauma,

Sravan said the protests reflected years of accumulated frustration among students and youth. He said the movement exposed failures in governance and questioned the Centre’s handling of the issue.

Dommati Kiran Kumar Rao Honoured with Acharya Kothapalli Jayashankar National

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Social activist and Telangana movement leader Dommati Kiran Kumar Rao was honoured with the Acharya Kothapalli Jayashankar National Award at a grand felicitation ceremony organised by the Bahujan Sahitya Academy on Sunday at Doddi Komurayya Hall, Sundarayya Vignana Kendram, Hyderabad. The award was presented by Telangana Minister Adhuri Laxman, who attended the



event as the chief guest. Bahujan Sahitya Academy National President Nalla Radhakrishna felicitated Kiran Kumar Rao with a ceremonial shawl in recognition of his contributions.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Adhuri Laxman said that the Joint

Action Committee (JAC) played a pivotal role in the Telangana statehood movement. He noted that the hunger strikes, road blockades, rallies, and protest programmes organised across the state under the JAC banner exerted significant pressure on the Central Government and contributed to the formation of Telangana. He praised Dommati Kiran Kumar Rao for his dedicated service and leadership as a JAC Convener during the movement.

Industrial worker dies on duty at Sangareddy factory, family stages protest

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

An industrial worker died while on duty at GSB Forge Private Limited in Bonthapally Industrial Area in Gummadidala mandal on Sunday. He was Raju Prasad (58), who was on night duty in the industry. However, Raju collapsed all of sudden and fell unconscious. The colleague workers rushed him to a local hospital where the doctors declared him brought dead. His family



members and colleague workers took the body back to the industry and staged a protest, accusing the management responsible for the death. De-

manding compensation for the kin of the deceased, they have also sought an inquiry into the incident.

SIR Drive Intensified to Ensure Error-Free Voter Lists in Cantonment



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In a bid to ensure an accurate and error-free electoral roll, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, accompanied by election department officials, conducted an extensive inspection of the ongoing Summary Intensive Revision (SIR) process across several wards in the Cantonment area on Sunday.

The inspection covered Chinnathokatta, Peddathokatta, Soujanya Colony, Swarna Bharathi Colony, and Sitaram Puram, where officials reviewed the implementation of voter verification, house-to-house enumeration, and the collection of voter enumeration forms. During the inspection, Jampana Pratap expressed concern over the increasing migration of families from the locality, warning that the movement of residents could lead to duplicate voter registrations or omissions

if not properly monitored. He urged Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to ensure that every distributed enumeration form is collected and verified while taking special care to prevent duplicate entries in the electoral rolls.

Election officials acknowledged that some confusion persists among voters regarding the SIR process and instructed BLOs to conduct thorough field verification and maintain accuracy while updating voter records. They emphasized that meticulous house-to-house verification is essential to preparing a transparent and reliable voter list.

The inspection witnessed active participation from local representatives and community members, including Retired Wing Commander Saranjit Singh, Raju, Sadanand, Mukesh Yadav, BLO Manjula, and Jampana Ravi, reflecting a collective effort to strengthen the electoral process and ensure that every eligible voter is correctly enrolled.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Pays Rich Tributes to Former Minister Silarapu Rajanarsimha on Death Anniversary

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha paid rich tributes to his father, late Silarapu Rajanarsimha, former Minister of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, on his death anniversary, recalling his lifelong commitment to public service and the upliftment of the poor, weaker sections and Dalit communities. In a message released on the occasion, the Minister described Silarapu Rajanarsimha as a visionary



leader whose contributions to public welfare, democratic values and the development of the Andole Assembly Constituency continue to inspire future generations. Late Silarapu Rajanarsimha created history by winning the Andole Assembly constituency three consecutive times in 1967, 1972

and 1978, achieving a remarkable electoral hat-trick. He later served as the Minister for Housing in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Government, where he was recognised for his people-centric administration and commitment to inclusive development. Remembering his father’s legacy, Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha said that Silarapu Rajanarsimha dedicated his political life to safeguarding the interests of the poor, weaker sections, Scheduled Castes and other marginalised communities, while

working tirelessly for the progress of Andole and the welfare of society. He noted that the late leader’s ideals, integrity and unwavering commitment to social justice remain a guiding force for public representatives and young leaders. Paying heartfelt homage, the Minister said, “On the death anniversary of late Silarapu Rajanarsimha, I offer my respectful tributes to a great statesman whose life of dedicated public service and commitment to the oppressed will always be remembered with gratitude and reverence.”

Grand Birthday Celebrations for Social Activist Bandi Vinay

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Renowned social activist Bandi Vinay, son of prominent businessman Bandi Srinivasa Rao, celebrated his birthday in a grand and cheerful atmosphere at his residence in Sarva Sukhi Colony under the Cantonment area on Sunday. The event witnessed the participation of family members, public representatives, youth leaders, professionals, and well-wishers, who gathered in large numbers to convey their heartfelt wishes.



The celebrations began with a traditional cake-cutting ceremony, followed by the distribution of sweets among guests and supporters. The event reflected the affection and goodwill Bandi Vinay has earned through his continued social serv-

ice activities. Young businessman Manmohan Yadav played an active role in the celebrations, joining the cake-cutting ceremony and extending his best wishes to Vinay for a successful future. His presence added enthusi-

asm to the occasion. Several prominent personalities attended the event, including L. Girija Shankar, President of Mala Mahanadu; DP Srinivasa Rao, Telangana State Co-Convener of Ambedkar Sena; Sindhanur Vishwashanth, Official Spokesperson of Secunderabad Mahankali District Yuva Morcha; Varun Kutchan, Senior Youth Congress leader; software professionals Raja Bhushan, Sairam, and Verma; and Ramadugu Venkat, Senior Journalist and TUWJ City Vice President.

CJP Founder Thanks Supporters After 37-Day Protest



Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Sunday thanked supporters after the conclusion of the 37-day protest at Jantar Mantar, saying he could finally “sleep peacefully” without worrying about what would happen next. In a video message, Dipke expressed gratitude to students, volunteers and supporters who had participated in the agitation over the alleged NEET paper leak. He said the end of the protest had brought relief after weeks of uncertainty but maintained that the movement’s larger objectives remained unfinished. The agitation ended after Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned, one of the key demands raised by the protesters. Dipke described the outcome as only the beginning and said the party would continue to raise issues affecting students and young people.

Facial Tech At Protest Sparks Privacy Row

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Even as the CRPF reportedly examines allegations of “unjustified” and excessive force, including the use of pellet guns by Rapid Action Force personnel, the Delhi Police’s deployment of facial recognition technology during the July 20 student protest has triggered a wider debate over surveillance, privacy and civil liberties. Defending the use of AI-enabled Facial Recognition System cameras, DP-Drishti and Ikshana surveillance vans, and mobile command vehicles, Delhi police said the technology helped identify more than 2,500 people with criminal backgrounds and prevented anti-social elements from entering the protest site. Student organisations and digital-rights advocates have questioned the deployment of facial



recognition systems at a public demonstration. They argued that indiscriminate scanning of protesters, particularly in the absence of a clearly defined legal framework, could undermine privacy and have a chilling effect on the constitutional right to peaceful assembly. The parallel controversies over

crowd-control methods and technology-driven surveillance have intensified calls for accountability and greater transparency over the conduct of security agencies during the protest. The Delhi Police has also indicated that its investigation into the alleged conspiracy behind the clashes will continue even if the cases registered over the protest are withdrawn. Investigators are reportedly examining CCTV footage, digital evidence, mobile phone records and witness accounts to identify those suspected of planning or instigating the violence. Official figures put the number of injured students at nearly 70, including one protester who reportedly lost an eye after being hit by pellets. Police, however, claimed that around 200 security personnel were also injured in the clashes.

TET Paper Leak Mastermind Arrested In Bihar

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

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.

France And Spain Wildfires More Than 250,000 People Are Forced To Flee Homes

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France sent a hulking military cargo plane to dump tons of flame retardants as it battled raging wildfires on Saturday and slashed the final stage of Tour de France to redeploy security personnel to the blazes that forced tens of thousands of people to flee their homes. The latest wildfires in southern Europe this week have displaced more than 250,000 people, including some 70,000 people who were evacuated in central Spain. One man died in Manises, the municipality reported on its Facebook page, the first death so far in the blazes. In France, the giant A400M transporter swooped in low, its long plume of ochre-colored retardant trailing over drought-hit woodlands in the southwest as fire crews on the ground fought flames that authorities feared could spread toward the wine region city of Bordeaux. Race organizers and the Paris police department announced a truncated 21st and final stage on



Sunday for the three-week Tour, France's most famous annual sporting event, reflecting the immense strain that two large fires in the southwest are causing for emergency services. Tour riders will race Sunday inside Paris, rather than starting from Thoiry, west of the capital, on a circuit of 89 kilometers (55 miles) — down by a third from the 133-kilometer (82.5-mile) route that had been planned. Part of the race's security detail will instead “reinforce the response efforts in the areas affected by the wildfires,” according to the statement announcing the “exceptional measures made necessary by the situation.” Shifting winds raise concerns for

Bordeaux With winds expected to shift in a west-to-east direction on Saturday afternoon, potentially driving flames closer to Bordeaux, fire crews and authorities were digging trenches, using retardants and taking other blaze-blocking steps, French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said, predicting a “long and very difficult” battle. He said the fire was about 30 kilometers (20 miles) west of the city and lost some of its intensity overnight. The prefect of the Gironde region that includes Bordeaux said the blaze grew into “a firestorm” on Friday after igniting earlier this week and cautioned that it “remains dangerous” even though firefighters were

making progress. The government mobilized soldiers to join fire crews and was rushing in 1.5 million face masks to protect against choking smoke. Authorities ordered people between the fire and Bordeaux to evacuate, including from parts of the city’s western suburbs and other towns and villages. Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu described the fires as unprecedented and said the Gironde blaze became so strong on Friday that it had begun generating its own winds. Firefighting teams were being reinforced with the addition of hundreds of soldiers and breathing masks to filter out potentially noxious smoke particles were being rushed to those exposed, Lecornu said. In Bordeaux, authorities took in thousands of evacuees, offering them food and shelter in an exhibition center, and the city’s mayor said it could be equipped to welcome as many as 10,000 people if that became necessary. The city's airport said it remained open but that its bus and tram services were suspended.

Greta Thunberg Expresses Solidarity With Indian Students' Exam



NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

World-renowned Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg expressed solidarity with the Indian youth who led a movement against the authorities for the

irregularities in conducting the national-level competitive exams. Speaking at a meeting organised by SFI in London in support of the students' protest at Jantar Mantar, she said: "The Indian students made the youth across the globe proud as they stood united for a

cause, giving hope on what can be accomplished when people come together and resist." The Indian students' struggle for justice and democracy and liberation is also our struggle. So we need to come together and raise our voice in solidarity with India.

Maharashtra Congress chief targets Gadkari over ethanol-blended fuel

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra Congress president Harshwardhan Sapkal on Sunday demanded the resignation of Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, alleging that the Centre's ethanol-blended fuel policy has caused widespread damage to vehicles and benefited ethanol-producing companies at the expense of ordinary citizens. Addressing a press conference in Buldhana, Sapkal claimed that motorists using ethanol-blended petrol and diesel had suffered significant damage to their vehicles. He alleged that while consumers bore the repair costs, companies manufacturing ethanol made



huge profits under the government's blending programme. Drawing a parallel with the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan following the NEET-UG paper leak controversy, Sapkal argued that Gadkari should also step down over what he described as an “ethanol scam.” He accused the Centre of promoting a policy that

amounted to both “corruption” and “harassment” of citizens. The Congress leader further urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to apologise to vehicle owners who, according to him, faced financial losses due to the use of ethanol-blended fuel. He maintained that the government's ethanol policy had failed to protect consumers while benefiting private interests. The controversy revolves around the Centre's E20 ethanol-blending programme, which aims to blend up to 20 percent ethanol with petrol to reduce dependence on imported crude oil, lower emissions, and support sugarcane farmers. Critics have raised concerns over re-

duced fuel efficiency, possible engine wear in older vehicles, and the compatibility of certain vehicles with higher ethanol blends. The Union government, however, has consistently defended the policy, stating that E20 fuel is safe for vehicles designed or certified for its use. It has also clarified that there are no immediate plans to increase ethanol blending beyond 20 percent. According to the government, the initiative promotes cleaner fuel, enhances India's energy security, and provides additional income opportunities for farmers while reducing the country's reliance on fossil fuel imports.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Modi Urges Youth.....

Modi said the programme involved youth from different districts travelling to villages in border states. “When the youth of the country connects with the land, it makes the vision of a developed India even more expansive. This youth, in their heart, strengthens the resolve to live for the country, to do something for the country,” he said. He said participants from nearly 250 districts had taken part in the programme and highlighted the role of the MY Bharat platform in connecting youth across the country. Referring to border regions, the Prime Minister said these areas had strong developmental aspirations despite challenges. He noted that

the government now considers border villages as the country’s “first villages”. “We should be immensely proud that even under such severely deprived circumstances, the patriotism of the people in the border villages never weakened,” he said. Highlighting infrastructure development, he said improved access to electricity, roads, water, gas connections and internet was contributing to changes in daily life and local economies in these regions. The programme is aimed at strengthening youth engagement with rural areas and supporting development in border regions.

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Komatireddy also attributed the project's progress to the special ini-

tiative of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who ensured continuous coordination with the defence ministry, civil aviation ministry and the Airports Authority of India. The state government would bear the entire cost of land acquisition and infrastructure relocation. Komatireddy said the district administration has been directed to complete land acquisition and all utility shifting works by December 31, 2026, paving the way for early implementation of the airfield. Stating that balanced regional development remains the government's priority, the minister said the Adilabad Joint User Airfield would become a game-changing project for northern Telangana, enhancing connectivity, investment prospects and economic growth ac-

ross the region.

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Advising citizens to remain vigilant, he said people should not trust anyone claiming, “Pay money and we will ensure house allotment.” He also warned against panic tactics used by fraudsters, such as claiming deadlines like “today is the last date” to force immediate payments. The commissioner further cautioned against clicking on unknown links received via WhatsApp or SMS or installing APK files, which can lead to mobile hacking and financial loss. He noted that cybercriminals may also create fake websites resembling official government portals. Under the guise of assistance, fraudsters

may ask victims to download screen-sharing applications such as AnyDesk or TeamViewer to access sensitive banking details. He stressed that a UPI PIN is required only for making payments and never for receiving refunds. Citizens were advised not to share Aadhaar details, bank information, or OTPs with unknown individuals under any circumstances. For clarifications regarding the scheme, the government has set up a dedicated helpline at 040-24603572. In case of cyber fraud, victims should immediately call the toll-free helpline 1930 or lodge a complaint at www.cybercrime.gov.in to help authorities freeze the funds at the earliest.

Let's Get Gen Z.....

Referring to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's political metaphor ‘Chappan inch ki Chaati’, the Chief Minister said this was for the second time, after apologising to farmers, that Modi had to bow down to people's power. “Dharmendra (Pradhan) was asked to step down because otherwise, the situation would have reached a stage where Narendra (Modi) would have to do it.” The Chief Minister also demanded that Union home minister Amit Shah must apologise to the country for ordering police brutality against students. Asked about the BJP refusing to give any credit to the Congress for the recent developments, Revanth Reddy said Rahul Gandhi himself.

CRIME

Temple fire engulfs 17 toy shops, 15 pushkarts in Narketpally

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A major fire accident destroyed 17 shops and 15 pushcarts at the foothill of the Sri Parvathi Jadhala Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple in Chervugattu, Narketpally mandal of Nalgonda district, shortly after midnight on Saturday.

The incident caused an estimated property loss of around ₹2.5 crore, though no casualties were reported as the shops were closed when the fire broke out. According to the police, the blaze is suspected to have originated in a toy shop due to a short circuit. Within minutes, the flames spread rapidly to the adjacent shops, most

of which were selling toys, devotional items, and other merchandise for temple visitors. The intensity of the fire left little time for intervention, reducing the entire row of shops to ashes. The fire also engulfed 15 pushcarts parked beside the shops, adding to the extent of the destruction.

Residents living near the temple were jolted awake after two LPG cylinders stored inside the shops exploded with a loud, bomb-like sound, triggering panic in the surrounding area. Fortunately, no one was inside the shops at the time, preventing what could have been a major tragedy.

After receiving infor-

mation about the incident, the Fire Services Department rushed three fire engines to the spot. Firefighters battled the flames for several hours before bringing the blaze under control and preventing it from spreading further. Government Whip Vemula Veeresham visited the accident site on Sunday and inspected the damaged shops.

He interacted with the affected shopkeepers, consoled them over their losses, and assured them that the State government would extend all possible assistance to help them recover from the devastation. Veeresham also instructed officials to conduct a detailed assessment of the damage and ensure

prompt support to the victims. He directed authorities to take preventive measures, including improving electrical safety and fire protection arrangements, to avoid similar incidents in the future at the Chervugattu temple premises, which attracts thousands of devotees during festivals and special occasions. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation to determine the exact cause of the fire. Officials are examining the electrical installations in the affected shops, while revenue authorities are assessing the losses suffered by the traders.

Seven Arrested In Businessman Murder Case

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The Warangal police have cracked the sensational murder case of businessman Adupu Mahesh, who was allegedly set ablaze after being doused with petrol, with the arrest of seven accused. One more suspect is still absconding, Police Commissioner N. Shwetha said on Sunday. According to the police, the prime accused, Patti Kumaraswamy alias Kumar, allegedly harboured a longstanding grudge against Mahesh, a businessman from NTR Nagar in Enumamula.

Kumar reportedly suspected that Mahesh was spreading false information about him, affecting his political standing with a local public representative. Driven by this alleged rivalry, Kumar is said to have conspired with his associates to eliminate Mahesh.

Police said that on the night of July 18, the accused intercepted Mahesh near Road No. 2 in Parimala Colony, poured petrol on him and set him on fire. He suffered critical burn injuries and succumbed while undergoing treatment at a hospital the following evening. Based

on a complaint lodged by Mahesh's wife, Adupu Nagalakshmi, the Geesugonda police registered a murder case and formed special teams to investigate. Seven accused, including Kumar, have been arrested and remanded to judicial custody, while another accused, Suresh, remains absconding.

Commissioner Shwetha said efforts are on to apprehend the remaining accused and complete the investigation swiftly to ensure stringent punishment. She also appreciated the Mamnoor ACP, Task Force officials and Geesugonda police.

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.

Illegal Borewells Drying Hyderabad's Lifeline

HYDERABAD
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Growing concern is being expressed over the rapid depletion of groundwater in Hyderabad, SCAC alleging that the unchecked proliferation of illegal and excess borewells has severely affected the city's water resources. SCAC have questioned whether negligence in enforcement, and alleged corruption practices involving collusion between certain officials and borewell operators within the Mandal Revenue Department,



have contributed to the worsening groundwater crisis. According to groundwater experts, excessive extraction of groundwater through unauthorised borewells, coupled with rapid urbanisation, concretisation, and inadequate groundwater recharge, has pushed sev-

eral mandals in Hyderabad into the "over-exploited" category. Do you know in some premises 5, 6 illegally borewells were also drilled. SCAC have demanded a comprehensive survey to identify illegal borewells, strict enforcement of groundwater regulations, and criminal action against those operating unauthorised commercial borewells.

They also urged the authorities to strengthen rainwater harvesting measures and improve monitoring to prevent

further depletion of groundwater. SCAC warns that unless illegal groundwater extraction is effectively controlled, Hyderabad may face an acute drinking water crisis, forcing greater dependence on water tankers and increasing the burden on residents. They have called upon the State Government and the Revenue Department to take immediate corrective measures to protect the city's groundwater resources for future generations.

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?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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

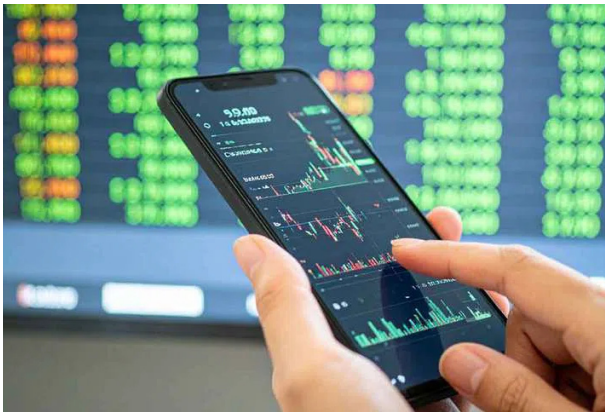


US Fed decision, West Asia conflict to steer markets this week

Stock markets are expected to remain driven by developments in the West Asia conflict, crude oil prices, the US Federal Reserve's policy decision and domestic earnings this week. Investors will also monitor June IIP data and key corporate quarterly results for market direction

HYDERABAD
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Developments around the West Asia conflict, crude oil prices and the US Fed interest rate decision will be the key drivers of market movement this week, analysts said. Besides, quarterly earnings will drive sentiment in the market, they added. “Developments surrounding the US-Iran conflict, shipping activity through the Strait of Hormuz, and movements in crude oil prices will remain key drivers of global risk sentiment. In addition, investors will closely monitor the US Federal Reserve’s policy meet-



ing, where interest rate guidance and commentary on inflation will be critical for global markets,” Ajit Mishra, SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. On the domestic front, market participants will track June Industrial Production (IIP) data, he added. Major companies reporting earnings this

week include Coal India, BEL, Larsen & Toubro, Hindustan Unilever, Adani Enterprises, Asian Paints, Adani Ports, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, Tata Steel, Maruti Suzuki, ITC and Sun Pharma, Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst at Swastika Investmentmart Ltd, said. “Investor attention in

the week ahead is expected to remain firmly anchored on developments in the Middle East, with the escalating conflict between the US and Iran continuing to dominate global market sentiment. The sharp rise in crude oil prices has revived concerns over inflation, economic growth and the outlook for monetary policy, keeping investors in a defensive, risk-averse stance,” Ponmudi R, CEO, Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth tech firm, said. The US Federal Reserve’s policy meeting will be the defining macro event of the week. While markets overwhelmingly expect

polymakers to leave interest rates unchanged, the recent surge in energy prices has prompted some investors to question whether inflation risks could remain elevated for longer, he said. “More important than the rate decision itself will be the Federal Reserve’s assessment of the inflation outlook, economic growth and the likely trajectory of monetary policy over the coming quarters,” Ponmudi added. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex tanked 2,091.68 points, or 2.67 per cent, and the NSE Nifty declined 566.85 points, or 2.32 per cent.

Nepal allows citizens, Indians to carry up to Rs 25,000 in post-2016 Indian currency notes

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Nepal has permitted Indian and Nepalese nationals to bring into or take out of the country Indian currency notes of Rs 200 and Rs 500 denominations up to a value of Rs 25,000, provided those were issued on or after November 9, 2016. The Nepal Rastra Bank (NRB), in a notice issued on Thursday, said Indian currency notes of Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 denominations issued before November 9, 2016, remain prohibited in Nepal. However, Indian currency notes of Rs 200 and Rs 500 issued after November 9, 2016, can be carried, brought into or taken out of Nepal by Nepali or Indian citizens up to a limit of INR 25,000 per person, in accordance with prevailing regula-

tions, it said. Though the provisions were already notified by NRB through a notice published in the Nepal Gazette on February 11, the central bank on Thursday issued the fresh notice reiterating the regulations and clarifying its implementation. Clarifying the new rules, NRB spokesperson Guru Prasad Paudel said on Saturday that Nepalese nationals cannot bring Indian currency into Nepal from any country other than India. Likewise, they cannot carry Indian currency from Nepal to a third country, except India. He said the new provision would facilitate Indian tourists visiting Nepal and Nepalese nationals engaged in trade and business with India. The latest move eases restrictions on the move-

ment of Indian currency between the two neighbouring countries, which share close people-to-people ties and an open border. India is Nepal’s largest trading partner and source of tourists, while thousands of Nepalese citizens work, study and conduct business in India. The notice also said Nepalese nationals and foreign visitors can bring up to USD 5,000 or its equivalent in other foreign currencies into Nepal without making a customs declaration. Amounts exceeding USD 5,000 must be declared to customs upon arrival. India had demonetised Rs 500 and Rs 1,000 currency notes on November 8, 2016, replacing them with redesigned Rs 500 notes and introducing new Rs 2,000 notes, which have since been withdrawn from circulation.

Sensex faces resistance at 76,300 as market pressure persists

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Indian stock market is expected to remain under pressure in the coming week after benchmark indices posted sharp losses amid rising crude oil prices, geopolitical tensions, weak banking stocks, and mixed corporate earnings. Analysts believe investors are likely to stay cautious, with the Sensex and Nifty approaching

crucial technical support zones that could determine the market's near-term direction. The BSE Sensex ended the previous week at 76,059.77, declining 2.68 percent, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped 2.33 percent to settle at 23,767.45. The correction erased the gains made during the previous week and pushed the Sensex below the psychologically significant 77,000 mark, reflecting growing

concerns over global and domestic market conditions. Technical analysts said the 76,300 level has now emerged as an immediate resistance for the Sensex. On the downside, support is expected in the 75,800–75,700 range, and if the index falls below this zone, it could slide further toward 75,500–75,400. Sustained weakness below these levels may trigger additional selling pressure. For the Nifty,



analysts noted that the index has broken below the lower end of its month-long consolidation band of 23,800–24,400 and tested support near the rising trendline around 23,600

before recovering slightly at the close. The 23,600 level is now seen as a crucial support. A decisive break below it could accelerate the correction toward the previous swing low near 23,100. On the upside, the Nifty is expected to face immediate resistance in the 24,000–24,100 zone, while 24,400 remains a stronger hurdle that bulls need to overcome for a meaningful recovery.

Market sentiment during the past week remained subdued as global crude oil prices climbed amid renewed geopolitical tensions, raising concerns over inflation and import costs. Mixed first-quarter earnings from major banking companies further dampened investor confidence, while the weakening rupee and a broader global risk-off environment limited buying interest. Despite

the cautious outlook, analysts believe resilient domestic macroeconomic fundamentals and stock-specific opportunities emerging from the ongoing earnings season could provide selective support. However, overall market direction will continue to depend on global developments, corporate earnings, foreign investor activity, and crude oil price movements in the days ahead.

Honda Brings Premium SUV ZR-V To Woo Millennials

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Japanese car giant, Honda has re-entered the premium SUV segment in the world’s third largest car market with its flag-ship Honda ZR-V e:HEV priced at Rs 47.99 lakh at Delhi showroom to woo millennials. “The first two batches allotted to India have been sold out,” said Kunal Behl, Vice President, Marketing & Sales at Honda Cars India, adding that the customer response to the new SUV has been encouraging. He said deliveries of the imported hybrid car from Japan have already started after bookings were opened in May. The Honda ZR-V is a midsize SUV, rivaling Volkswagen Tiguan and Skoda Kodiaq, even though its pricing is at the higher end of the segment due to import duties unlike locally assembled competitors. The Honda ZR-V is powered by a 2.0-litre, 4-cylinder petrol engine paired with two electric motors. It has a com-

binated output of 181 BHP and 315 Nm torque. Power goes to the front wheels via an e-CVT. It has paddle shifters for battery regeneration. The ZR-V comes equipped with Honda Sensing, the brand's Level 2 ADAS suite, which includes features such as Collision Mitigation Braking System, Adaptive Cruise Control, Lane Keeping Assist System and Road Departure Mitigation System. The SUV also gets a 360-degree camera, 8 airbags and TPMS. It features a hexagonal grille with vertical slats flanked by LED headlamps with integrated L-shaped LED DRLs. The SUV has wraparound LED tail lights, a roof spoiler and a shark fin antenna. It rides on 18-inch alloy wheels. Inside, the ZR-V gets a simple dashboard with horizontal vents and a free-standing 10.25-inch touchscreen infotainment system. It has a 3-spoke steering wheel and a digital instrument cluster.

‘Continental Hospitals’ ContiRun 2026 Inspires Community Fitness on Kargil Vijay Diwas

Around 800 participants join the community fitness initiative; winners honoured with cash prizes, medals and certificates

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Marking Kargil Vijay Diwas, Continental Hospitals successfully organized ContiRun 2026, a community fitness initiative led by its Department of Internal Medicine (Primary Gate Keepers of Health), bringing together around 800 fitness enthusiasts, healthcare professionals, families, and citizens to promote preventive healthcare, healthy living, and awareness on preventing chronic diseases through regular physical activity. Held under the theme “Run for Your Health – Run for a Fit Community,” the event featured a 2K Fun Run and a 5K Timed Challenge Run. The run commenced and concluded at Continental Hospitals, Gachibowli, creating an energetic atmosphere that inspired participants of all age groups to embrace fitness as a way of life. The event was attended by Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad, Mr. Ajay Kumar, DIG, CISF, Hyderabad Airport, actor



Sree Vishnu, and actor, powerlifter and fitness enthusiast Pragathi. The run was formally flagged off by Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, along with Mr. Raghu N. Reddy, Director, Continental Hospitals, and Pragathi. Addressing the gathering, Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, appreciated Continental Hospitals for organizing a fitness awareness run on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas. He said it was a commendable initiative that inspires people to adopt healthier lifestyles and expressed hope that Continental Hospitals would continue organizing many more such community wellness events in the future. The competition witnessed enthusiastic participation and impressive performances. In the 5K

Timed Run, Ms. Rajeshwari secured the first place, completing the race in an impressive 19 minutes. Mr. Ramlakhan Singh finished second, while Ms. M. Uma secured the third position. In the 2K Fun Run, Mr. Akash emerged as the winner, followed by Mr. Naidu in second place and Mr. Pradeep in third. The winners were presented with cash prizes, certificates, and medals, with the first prize carrying ₹10,000, second prize ₹7,500, and third prize ₹5,000 in both race categories. The prizes and medals were presented by Mr. Ajay Kumar, DIG, CISF, Hyderabad Airport, and actor Sree Vishnu. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Raghu N. Reddy, Director, Continental Hospitals, who

actively participated in the run along with the distinguished guests, said, “ContiRun 2026 reflects Continental Hospitals’ unwavering commitment to promoting preventive healthcare beyond hospital walls. It is heartening to witness nearly 800 people coming together on Kargil Vijay Diwas to celebrate health, fitness, and community spirit. Regular physical activity remains one of the most effective ways to prevent chronic diseases, and through initiatives like ContiRun, we hope to inspire individuals and families to make healthy living a lifelong commitment.” Sharing his message, Dr. Guru N. Reddy, Founder & Chairman, Continental Hospitals, who was away from the city, said, “I am delighted by the overwhelming response to ContiRun 2026 and congratulate every participant for taking a positive step towards better health. Running strengthens both the body and the mind while significantly reducing the risk of lifestyle diseases.

Maruti To Boost Sales With New Brezza



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Maruti Suzuki is betting high on pushing sales volume on its updated compact SUV Brezza priced aggressively affordable at Rs 7.40 lakh in a price conscious world's third biggest car market. "We have given more torque, more power and underbody CNG kit to give more luggage space to attract young buyers," Partho Banerjee, Senior executive officer, marketing and sales, told Financial Chronicle at the sidelines of the launch on Friday. He said at present Brezza was selling more than 15,000 units per month with a total mar-

ket size of 4 lakh units monthly and this compact SUV segment was gaining sales momentum. In fact, the launch of the 2026 facelifted Brezza marks the major update for this second-generation model introduced in 2022. "There is a strong demand for compact SUVs in the country," Banerjee noted. About 3.97 lakh units of compact SUVs were sold in India in Q1 2027, growing 24 per cent year on year and Maruti is looking to capitalize on this segment with its new Brezza. Its competitors are popular Tata Nexon, Tata Punch and Hyundai Creta, among others.

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

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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

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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-



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Rail connectivity to Komuravelly will boost spirtual tourism: Kishan Reddy

Union Minister G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the Komuravelly railway station and said improved rail connectivity would boost temple tourism and benefit farmers. He also announced infrastructure upgrades, electrification works and progress on railway projects, including extensions towards.

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy inaugurated the Komuravelly railway station on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, he said spiritual tourism to the Komuravelly temple would get a boost with railway connectivity, as rail travel was relatively much cheaper than other modes of transport. Stating that the railway station has just one platform now, Reddy said railway authorities would construct two additional platforms and a loop line. The Union Minister said the South Central Railway



would take up the electrification of the Kothapalli-Manoharabad railway line with an outlay of Rs 330 crore, apart from spending another Rs 40 crore on additional platforms and a loop line at the Komuravelly railway station. Since the temple is lo-

cated a few kilometres away from the railway station, the Union Minister asked the railway authorities to operate special buses from the railway station to the temple whenever trains stop there. He further said the rail connectivity would help

farmers transport their produce to Hyderabad and other places without any difficulty. The Union Minister said the railway line works up to Sircilla would be completed by the end of this year. Thereafter, he said, the railway line would be extended up to the Vemulawada temple and Kothapalli in a phased manner. Explaining the Centre's efforts to provide rail connectivity to the Yadadri temple, he said it had sanctioned Rs 500 crore to provide MMTS rail connectivity to the temple. Reddy asked the State government to expedite land acquisition for the project.

Giving Telangana top priority, the Union Minister said the Centre had allotted three bullet train projects to the State apart from introducing multiple Vande Bharat trains. Reddy also elaborated on the various railway projects being undertaken in Telangana. Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay, Rajya Sabha member Dr K Lakshman, Medak MP M Raghunandan Rao, Bhongir MLA Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, MLC Anji Reddy and Jangaon MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy were present.

Who Did BRS Sell Donated Blood, Asks Revanth

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday accused the Bharat Rashtra Samithi of selling blood collected from its cadre recently. Speaking to mediapersons here, the Chief Minister dared BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao to reveal the details of the recent blood donation camp organised by the party purportedly in protest against the former's remarks that blood of the family members of

party president K. Chandrashekar Rao should be sprayed across paddy fields in case of water shortage. After giving a call to the cadre to donate blood and organising blood donation camps, none of the Chandrashekar Rao' family members including Rama Rao and senior party leader T. Harish Rao donated blood. "Why did they avoid it? To whom the blood was donated," Revanth Reddy said and accused the BRS of selling the blood collected in the



donation camps to private blood banks. Reiterating his charges of nexus between Rama Rao and Globarena, the Chief Minister said if the previous government had blacklisted the company for bun-

gling the Intermediate results, it would not have got the CBSE and NTA contracts. Maintaining that the previous government closed cases against the company, Revanth Reddy said he directed the vigilance and enforcement department to explore the possibilities of getting the case re-opened. Revanth Reddy also dared former IPS officer and BRS leader R.S. Praveen Kumar to seek inquiry into the procurement of materials for welfare hostels

during the BRS regime. Maintaining that there were large scale irregularities, Revanth Reddy said the former IPS officer would land in jail. He ridiculed Rama Rao's claims of the Congress' survey projecting defeat of the party in the next elections. He reminded the BRS leader that the gap between the vote share of the Congress and the BRS, which was just 2.5 per cent, has widened to more than 12 per cent in the recent municipal polls.

572 booked for drunk driving in Hyderabad over the weekend

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As many as 572 people were booked for drunk driving in Hyderabad over the weekend during a special drive on July 24 and 25. Among all those booked, 475 were two-wheeler riders, 54 were four-wheeler and heavy vehicle drivers, and 43 were three-wheeler drivers. Out of these, 250 offenders recorded a blood alcohol concentration(BAC) of 51-100, 130 had a BAC ranging

from 30-50, 102 had a BAC of 101-150, 57 recorded a BAC of 151-200, 15 recorded a BAC of 251-300, 13 had a BAC of 201-250, and five recorded a BAC above 300. Police have warned that if someone causes a fatal accident while inebriated, they will be booked under Section 105 (culpable homicide not amounting to murder) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, and might face a jail term of 10 years.

Hyderabad records 40 pc rainfall deficit as temperatures rise; IMD forecasts light rain

Hyderabad's seasonal rainfall deficit has widened to 40 per cent as dry weather pushes up temperatures across the city and neighbouring districts.

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Light-to-moderate rain across several parts of Hyderabad on Sunday afternoon brought much-needed relief from the dry and humid weather that had gripped the city over the past few days. The showers also offered respite from rising daytime temperatures, even as the city continues to face a significant seasonal rainfall deficit. Rainfall was reported from several localities, including Gachibowli, Madhapur, Hitec City, Tellapur, Nanakramguda, Shaikpet, Tolichowki, Kukatpally, Kapra, Moula Ali, Ghatkesar, Keesara and the Charminar area. Though the spells were brief, they helped cool temperatures and improved weather conditions across the city. The showers followed several days of hot and humid weather that had pushed maximum tem-



peratures higher. Earlier in the day, data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPs) and forecasts issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, showed that the city and its surrounding regions had received virtually no rainfall during the previous 24 hours. According to weather data recorded since Saturday morning, Hyderabad registered a maximum temperature of around 33.4 degrees Celsius, while Amberpet recorded 32.6 degrees Celsius. Several districts across Telangana also experienced above-normal temperatures, with Suryapet emerging as the hottest location at 38.3 degrees

Celsius. Despite Sunday's showers, Hyderabad continues to face a substantial rainfall shortfall this monsoon season. Since June 1, the city has received only 152.3 mm of rainfall against the seasonal normal of 255.8 mm, resulting in a rainfall deficit of nearly 40 percent. Neighbouring Medchal-Malkajgiri district has recorded an even steeper shortfall. The district has received just 102.6 mm of rainfall compared to the normal 251.5 mm, translating into a 59 percent rainfall deficit, highlighting the impact of prolonged dry conditions across the region. The India Meteorological Department has forecast a gradual improvement in weather conditions over the coming days. According to the IMD-Hyderabad's seven-day outlook, light-to-moderate rain or thundershowers are likely at isolated places across Telangana.

Telangana BJP demands Revanth's resignation as education minister

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Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Sunday, July 26, demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy give up the education portfolio if his government fails to clear the Rs 12,000 crore in pending dues under the students' tuition fee reimbursement scheme. Taking exception to Reddy leading a candlelight rally here on July 25 over the NEET paper leak issue, Rao said the Congress government would face public backlash if it failed to clear the pending dues under



the scheme, which concerns about 20 lakh students. Referring to the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, he said the BJP had proved its sincerity and that the CM should now take moral responsibility for the pending dues as well as the unfilled promise of an unemployment allowance. "The certificates of students have been withheld

by educational institutions because of the pending dues of Rs 12,000 crore. You don't talk about that and instead take out a candlelight rally," the BJP leader told reporters here. Commenting on the protests in Delhi over the NEET paper leak issue, Rao expressed suspicion that "foreign forces" could be behind them. Rao, who paid homage to the martyrs at the Veerula Sainik Smarak on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, said patriotism should be promoted among the youth to make the country strong and secure.

Former BRS MLA suffers heart attack

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Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy suffered a heart attack on July 24 and was admitted to a private hospital in Hanamkonda, where doctors managed to stabilise his condition after prolonged emergency treatment. Addressing the media, cardiologist Dr. Mamta Reddy said the medical team performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Sudarshan Reddy 10 times before successfully reviving him. She said the former MLA is now stable and will be shifted to Yashoda Hospital in Hyderabad for advanced treatment and specialised cardiac care.



The doctor also appealed to the public and party workers not to believe or spread rumours regarding his health, assuring that he is under constant medical supervision. On Sunday, senior BRS leaders, including Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), former minister T. Harish Rao and several party leaders, rushed to the hospital to enquire about Sudarshan Reddy's condition. They spoke with doctors at Rohini Hospital over the phone, reviewed his medical status and expressed con-

fidence that he would make a full recovery. Peddi Sudarshan Reddy began his political career with the then Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) from Nallebelli mandal in the erstwhile Warangal district. He was first elected as a Zilla Parishad Territorial Constituency (ZPTC) member in 2001 and gradually rose through the party ranks. During his political career, he served as the BRS district president and a State politiburo member before being elected as the MLA from Narsampet. He is regarded as one of the senior BRS leaders in the erstwhile Warangal region and enjoys a strong support base among party workers and local residents.

Hyderabad police traces three missing girls from Domalguda, reunite them with family

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The police have traced three minor girls who had gone missing from Domalguda and reunited them with their family. According to DCP (Secunderabad) Rakshita Murthy, the police received a complaint on July 19 that three minor girls had gone missing from their residence in Domalguda. Police immediately launched a search and traced the children to

Chattisgarh before bringing them back safely to Hyderabad. The family had migrated from Chhattisgarh to Hyderabad around two months ago in search of livelihood. The children's father was employed at a hotel in the city. During questioning, the girls told the police that they had decided to leave home because their parents frequently quarreled. They said they wanted to find work and earn a living on their own. After leaving Hyderabad, they

travelled to Nagpur, where they approached a woman seeking employment. The woman reportedly advised them to contact another person in Chhattisgarh for work. Acting on these leads, the Domalguda police coordinated efforts and traced the girls, who were found safe and reunited with their family. DCP Rakshita Murthy said the prompt response and coordinated efforts of the police teams ensured the safe recovery of the minors.

Vegetables with fungus, houseflies found at Kachiguda restaurant

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A food safety inspection at Sweekar Hotel located on Kachiguda X Roads revealed multiple serious food safety and hygiene violations on Sunday, July 26. Officials found fungus on cabbage, lemons, and tomatoes. Boiled potatoes were used without proper cleaning and

peeling, and prepared food was stored uncovered and unlabelled in refrigerators. Poor sanitation and housefly infestation was observed in the kitchen, and raw vegetables were stored with semi-prepared food, posing a risk of cross-contamination. Officials also flagged the absence of Food Safety Training & Certification (FoSTaC)-

trained personnel and non-maintenance of employee health, pest control, water analysis, and used cooking oil disposal records. Noodles kept without batch number and nutritional information were seized. Necessary action has been initiated under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

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