

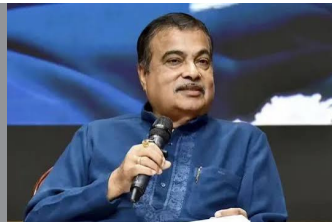


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## WEATHER

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RH : 23%  
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## SIR: CEO Seeks Guidance From ECI on FRCs

Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy has reportedly decided to seek 'clarification' from the Election Commission of India (ECI) on the Telangana government's decision to issue Family Register Certificates (FRC) to ration card holders amid the Special Intensive Review (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. According to official sources, the state government's decision to issue FRC is likely to be challenged in courts on various technical grounds. To avoid future controversies, Sudarshan Reddy decided to write to Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar seeking his guidance on the matter. Though the Telangana government's decision to issue FRC was inspired by the Karnataka government's Permanent Residence Certificate (PRC), sources said Karnataka

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# US, Saudi Arabia Strike Iran-Backed Groups in Iraq, Kill 20

Operation follows drone attacks on Saudi oil facilities, raising fears of wider conflict



Joint US-Saudi strikes in Iraq intensify regional tensions amid renewed hostilities with Iran.

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The United States and Saudi Arabia carried out joint strikes on Iran-backed armed groups in Iraq on Wednesday, marking an escalation in the ongoing regional conflict. Iraq's Popular Mobilisation Forces said at least 20 members were killed and 32 wounded in the strikes targeting multiple bases. Washington and Riyadh said the action

was in retaliation for drone attacks on Saudi oil facilities launched from Iraqi territory. US President Donald Trump signalled further action against Iran, saying, "We're going to beat the fuxxxx shit out of them." Iran confirmed it had fired missiles at US bases in Jordan and targeted vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. The renewed hostilities follow a brief pause in June when the US and Iran reached an

interim understanding. The conflict has since resumed, with tensions persisting for nearly five months. The joint operation marks the first publicly acknowledged participation by Saudi Arabia in strikes alongside the US in the current phase of the conflict, raising concerns of a wider regional escalation involving Sunni-majority Saudi Arabia and Iran-backed Shia groups. Iraq's government con-

vened an emergency meeting and urged all sides to avoid escalation. The presidency termed the strikes a violation of sovereignty while also calling for an end to attacks by armed groups on neighbouring countries. Iran said the strikes were an attempt to widen the conflict, while an Iran-backed group, Harakat Hezbollah al-Nujaba, warned that US and Saudi forces would face consequences. The situation has been further complicated by tensions in the Strait of Hormuz, a key global energy route. Iran reiterated its control over the strait and opposed a joint management proposal backed by Oman and Gulf states. The US military said it had earlier intercepted an Iranian missile attack targeting its personnel in the region, while Jordan reported shooting down five missiles. The developments come amid heightened regional activity, including attacks on shipping routes and oil infrastructure, and increased movement of pilgrims between Iran and Iraq.

## Jarange Calls For 'Final Battle' For Maratha Reservation

**NEW DELHI**  
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Activist Manoj Jarange Patil, who has already held nine hunger strikes regarding his demand for Maratha reservation, has announced a 'final and decisive agitation' from August 29. Alleging that the Maharashtra Government is turning a blind eye towards the demands of the Maratha community, he appealed to community members to participate in the agitation



in large numbers. "The Maratha reservation agitation completes three years on August 29 and now a final, decisive battle must be waged. No one should stay at home! Those who have been subjected to injustice should participate in the agitation," Jarange Patil said at his Antarwali

Sarati village in Jalna district. The Maratha activist accused the government of failing to issue Kunbi certificates under Other Backward Classes (OBCs) to the 58 lakh people who possess valid records. "As many as 58 lakh Kunbi records have been found in the state. Why is the government not issuing certificates to these Marathas despite the Hyderabad Gazetteer being accepted?"

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## Lok Sabha Passes Anti-Paper Leak Bill With Up to 10-Year Jail Term

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Lok Sabha on Wednesday approved a bill to amend the anti-paper leak law with stricter punishment of up to 10 years' jail and a Rs 50 lakh fine, amid sloganeering by opposition parties. The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, with stricter punishment, was introduced in the House by Union Minister Jiten-

dra Singh on July 27, days after large-scale student protests led by the Cockroach Janta Party forced Dharmendra Pradhan to resign as the education minister. Speaking in Lok Sabha, Singh said the government acted swiftly in the NEET paper leak case, and as many as 52 FIRs have been lodged since the anti-paper leak law came into force in 2024. The amendment bill indicates that the government is open to learning

from experience, he said, noting that the rate of suicide related to paper leaks has also reduced over the last few years. He criticised Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, stating that he lacks knowledge of parliamentary norms and the functioning of the government. Immediately after the passage of the bill, the Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day.

## India Gets First Military Medicine Facility

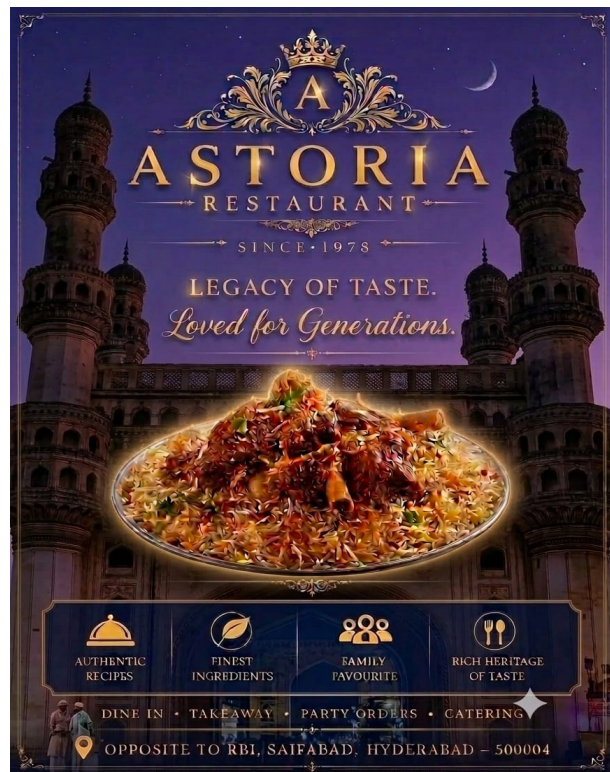
**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

Defence minister Rajnath Singh on Wednesday inaugurated the Department of Military Medicine at the Command Hospital (Central Command) in Lucknow, the country's first dedicated academic and operational facility in the field. Inaugurating the facility virtually, Singh said it would serve as a hub for research and development to address emerging threats, including those posed by weapons of mass destruction. "Our soldiers are deployed in some of the world's most complex regions and harshest climates, exposed to diverse challenges. This new department will develop medical protocols tailored for these operational environments," he said. He noted that military medicine studies the physical and mental stress faced by soldiers in combat situations and would enhance preparedness for evolving challenges. "In such a situation, the department



will serve as a hub for research and development, equipping the nation to deal with emerging threats arising out of the rapid technologies advancements," he said. According to the Defence Ministry, the department has been conceived as a centre of excellence and will function as the principal academic, research and doctrinal hub for the Armed Forces Medical Services. It will offer structured education and training in military and operational medicine, facilitate postgraduate programmes in areas such as combat medicine, combat surgery and trauma care, and promote indigenous research aligned with operational requirements. The ministry said the facility would strengthen expertise in disaster re-

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## Over 30 civilians killed in PoK protest crackdown by Pakistani

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

A brutal crackdown by Pakistani security forces on protesters in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) over the last two days has reportedly left more than 30 civilians dead and over 33 injured, government sources said on Wednesday. The Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) has been leading the protests amid local body elections in the PoK. The PoK has been witnessing massive protests since last month over in-



flated living costs, alleged administrative apathy and political discrimination and atrocities against minorities. New Delhi on Tuesday described the elections in PoK as an attempt by Islamabad to camouflage its illegal occupation and hide its "grave" human rights violations in the re-

gion. Pakistani security forces used lethal force against the protesters during JAAC's long march from Rawalakote to Muzaffarabad and the crackdown reportedly resulted in the deaths of over 30 civilians and left over 33 protesters injured, the sources said. Among the deceased is Usman Nazir, the brother of JAAC Central Committee member Umar Nazir, they said. The JAAC has officially appealed to United Nations Human Rights Council and international rights organisations for an

immediate, independent investigation into the unlawful killings, immediate halt of lethal force and accountability for any excessive or unlawful use of force, they pointed out. The phase one of the regional elections in Mirpur division saw an estimated voter turnout of below 10 per cent, the sources said citing independent reports. This sharply contradicting official figures of 45 per cent turnout, they said, adding major towns observed complete shutdowns in solidarity with JAAC's boycott call.

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# T'gana CEO Seeks ECI Clarity on Family Register Certificates Amid SIR Exercise

Telangana CEO C. Sudarshan Reddy has sought ECI clarification on issuing Family Register Certificates during the SIR exercise, amid legal concerns, BJP opposition, and possible court challenges.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), C. Sudarshan Reddy, has decided to seek clarification from the Election Commission of India (ECI) over the state government's move to issue Family Register Certificates (FRCs) to ration card holders during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The decision comes amid concerns that the introduction of FRCs at this stage could trigger legal challenges and political controversy. According to official sources, CEO Sudarshan Reddy will write to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar seeking guidance on whether the



issuance of FRCs is appropriate while the voter list revision process is underway. Election officials believe obtaining the ECI's opinion will help avoid future disputes and ensure that the SIR process remains legally sound. Although Telangana's proposal is inspired by Karnataka's Permanent Residence Certificate (PRC) model, officials noted a key difference.

Karnataka introduced the PRC before launching its electoral roll revision, whereas Telangana announced the FRC scheme after the SIR process had already begun and when the enumeration phase was nearing completion. "The Election Commission has already extended deadlines for various SIR phases in Telangana. Since the FRC decision came midway through the exercise, it raises procedural

questions that require clarification from the Commission," a senior official said. As of Wednesday, election officials had digitised 76.28 percent of the 2.58 crore Enumeration Forms collected across Telangana. Hyderabad lagged behind the state average, with less than 55 percent of its nearly 25 lakh forms digitised. Sources indicated that the BJP has strongly opposed the government's decision to issue FRCs and has urged election authorities to intervene. Party leaders have reportedly warned that they may challenge the move in court, arguing that it could influence the electoral roll revision process. Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao al-

leged that the Congress government was acting under pressure from AIMIM and attempting to project the Family Register Certificate as a valid document for individuals lacking proper documentation. He claimed the move was intended to safeguard what the BJP described as "illegal vote banks" during the SIR exercise. Meanwhile, during a videoconference with District Election Officers (DEOs) and Electoral Registration Officers (EROs), CEO Sudarshan Reddy stressed that the Special Intensive Revision is solely aimed at preparing an accurate and error-free electoral roll and has no connection with any government welfare schemes.

# AICC Coordination Committee Meets in Delhi; Telangana Leadership Reviews Party Strategy

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A high-level meeting of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Coordination Committee was held at Indira Bhavan, the All India Congress Committee (AICC) headquarters in New Delhi, with the participation of the Telangana Congress leadership to deliberate on key organisational and political issues. The meeting was attended by AICC Telangana In-charge, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister and Congress Working Committee (CWC) Member Damodar Rajanarsimha, Minister Seethakka, along with senior party leaders and office-bearers.



The leaders held detailed discussions on strengthening the party organisation across Telangana, improving coordination between the government and the party, and enhancing grassroots-level engagement. They also reviewed ongoing organisational activities and discussed strategies to further consolidate the Congress party ahead of upcoming political programmes. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasised the importance of maintaining close coordination among party leaders and ensuring the effective implementation of the government's

welfare and development initiatives. Senior leaders exchanged views on organisational priorities, public outreach, and strengthening communication with party workers across the State. The meeting reflected the Congress leadership's commitment to organisational unity, coordinated decision-making, and delivering people-centric governance in Telangana. Senior leaders reiterated their resolve to work collectively for the party's continued growth and to effectively address public aspirations through coordinated action.

# Telangana Announce Mega Police Recruitment Drive: 7,437 Vacancies Across Police, Fire, SPF & Prisons

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a major boost for government job aspirants, the Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) has officially issued four recruitment notifications to fill 7,437 vacancies across the Police, Special Protection Force (SPF), Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence, and Prisons & Correctional Services Departments. The long-awaited recruitment drive is expected to generate massive interest among unemployed youth across the state. According to the notifications, the Police Department alone accounts for the largest share of vacancies, including 148 Sub-Inspector (Civil) posts, 14 Reserve Sub-Inspector (AR) posts, 12 Reserve Sub-Inspector (TGSP) posts, 3 Reserve Sub-Inspector (SARCL) posts, 23 Assistant

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| TELANGANA STATE LEVEL POLICE RECRUITMENT BOARD<br>DGP OFFICE COMPLEX, LAKDI-KA-PULI, HYDERABAD                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |                            |
| Re. No. 189, 225, 234 & 279 / Res./1, 2 & 3 / 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Date:                           | 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 |
| RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATIONS OF<br>POLICE, SPF, FIRE & PRISONS DEPARTMENTS ISSUED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                 |                            |
| Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board has issued 4 (four) Notifications* today for the conduct of direct recruitment for various posts in the Departments of (a) Police, (b) Special Protection Force, (c) Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence and (d) Prisons & Correctional Services. The details are as follows:- |                                 |                            |
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| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Assistant Sub-Inspector (FPB)   | 23                         |
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Sub-Inspector (FPB) posts, 3,697 Police Constable (Civil) posts, 1,052 Police Constable (AR) posts, 24 Police Constable (SARCL) posts, 20 Police Constable (Driver) posts, and 7 Police Constable (Mechanic) posts, among others. Additional vacancies have also been notified

for the SPF, Fire & Disaster Response, and Prisons Departments. The recruitment notifications have been issued by the Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB), Hyderabad, and candidates are advised to carefully read the eligibility conditions, age criteria, educational qualifications, reservation rules, and selection procedure before submitting their applications. The board is expected to release detailed schedules for online applications, physical efficiency tests, written examinations, and other stages of the recruitment process. The announcement has brought renewed hope to thousands of aspirants preparing for uniformed services, with coaching centres and candidates gearing up for one of the largest recruitment exercises undertaken by the Telangana Government in recent years.

# 27 Government Officials Attend MCR HRDI Training on Urban Ecology & Sustainable Development Planning

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

A three-day Training Programme on Urban Ecology & Sustainable Development Planning (GoI) commenced on Wednesday at the Dr. MCR Human Resource Development Institute of Telangana (MCR HRDI), Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The programme, being conducted from July 29 to July 31, aims to strengthen the knowledge and planning skills of government officials in sustainable urban development. A total of 27 participants representing various government departments, including the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department (PRED), Integrated Child Development Services



(ICDS), and Municipal Corporation, are attending the training programme. Among the participants is Er. Damerla Mounesh, Assistant Engineer, Panchayat Raj Sub-Division, Municipally, Sangareddy District, who joined fellow officers from different departments to enhance their understanding of sustainable urban planning and environmental governance. The programme focuses

on key themes such as urban ecology, environmental planning, sustainable city development, green infrastructure, climate resilience, natural resource management, environmental governance, and best practices for sustainable urban planning. Participants will also gain exposure to strategies for preparing sustainable city action plans and promoting environmentally re-

sponsible development. The training is designed to equip Gazetted and Non-Gazetted officers with practical knowledge that can be effectively applied in urban and rural development projects. Through expert sessions and interactive discussions, the programme seeks to encourage inter-departmental coordination and strengthen the implementation of sustainable development initiatives across Telangana. The initiative reflects the Telangana Government's continued commitment to building institutional capacity and promoting environmentally sustainable, resilient, and people-centric development through professional training and knowledge sharing.

# Damodar Rajanarsimha Greet Teachers on Guru Purnima Celebration

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health and Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha extended warm greetings to teachers and students on the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima, describing teachers as the guiding force behind every successful individual and the true architects of the nation's future. In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Minister paid glowing tributes to the teaching fraternity, praising their selfless commitment to imparting knowledge, values



and discipline. He said teachers dedicate their lives to shaping responsible citizens and consider the achievements of their students as their greatest reward. Calling Guru Purnima a sacred occasion, Damodar Rajanarsimha said it is a time

to express heartfelt gratitude to gurus who illuminate lives with wisdom, inspire moral values and guide individuals on the path of righteousness. He noted that India's age-old tradition places teachers on the highest pedestal, recognising them as symbols of knowledge and character who transform society through education. The Minister appreciated the unwavering efforts of teachers across Telangana in nurturing future generations and strengthening society through quality education and value-based learning. He said their contribution goes

far beyond classrooms, playing a vital role in nation-building. Urging students to honour and respect their teachers, Rajanarsimha said the lessons and values imparted by gurus remain lifelong assets that shape both personal success and national progress. Conveying his best wishes to teachers, students and citizens, the Minister expressed hope that the timeless gurusshishya tradition would continue to inspire generations and contribute to building a progressive, enlightened and value-driven India.

# PAC Chairman Gandhi Inspects Flood-Hit Areas, Reviews Rescue Operations

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana  
Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi conducted late-night inspections in flood-affected areas of Visvesvaraya Colony, Chandanagar, along with CMC officials. He reviewed waterlogging, supervised dewatering works, and directed officials to strengthen monsoon preparedness and promptly address public complaints. Gandhi also visited the Vaishali Nagar Railway Underpass in Hafeezpet, where 70-year-old Ba-



layya reportedly went missing after falling into a stormwater drain. He instructed Police, HY-DRAA, NDRF, CMC, and Water Board officials to intensify rescue operations and assured the victim's family of full support. Public Advisory: Gandhi urged residents to avoid venturing out during

heavy rains unless necessary, stay away from flooded roads, open drains, and manholes, and immediately report any civic or electrical issues to the concerned authorities. He appealed to citizens to remain cautious and cooperate with officials to ensure public safety..

# Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran Visits Road Accident Victim at Hospital



Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, accompanied by BRS State leader Jaipal Reddy, visited Hope Neuro Hospital in Sangareddy to inquire about the health of Nani, son of former Kondapur Sarpanch Smt. Anita Ravinder, who was seriously injured in a recent road accident. The leaders met the attending doctors and reviewed Nani's medical condition in detail. They urged the medical team to ensure the best possible treatment and closely monitor his recovery. Interacting with the family members, Chanti Kranthi Kiran expressed concern over the unfortunate incident and offered words of encouragement during the difficult time. He wished Nani a speedy and complete recovery and assured the family of his continued support. Speaking on the occasion, the former MLA said that standing with people in times of distress is a collective responsibility and hoped that Nani would soon regain good health and return home safely. BRS State leader Jaipal Reddy also conveyed his best wishes for Nani's early recovery and prayed for strength and courage for the family.

# Patancheru Congress In-charge Kata Srinivas Unveils Poster for August 7 BC National Convention

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The poster for the BC National Convention, scheduled to be held on August 7 in Bengaluru, Karnataka, was unveiled by Patancheru Congress Party In-charge Kata Srinivas during a programme held in Sangareddy on Tuesday. The event was organized to mobilize support for the convention and encourage the Backward Classes (BC) community to participate in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, the leaders emphasized that the convention would serve as a significant platform to raise issues concerning the rights of Backward Classes, political representation, social justice, and the protection of constitutional values. They appealed to members of the BC community from across the region to unite and make the August 7 convention a grand success. Prominent leaders who participated in the programme included Tatipalli Pandu, General Secretary of the



Employees' Association; Sudhakar, Working President of Sangareddy District; Goraganti Ramesh Kumar, President of Sangareddy District BC Youth; Yadagiri, President of TGVP United District; Lade Balu, President of the BC Welfare Association, Sangareddy Constituency; along with leaders of various caste associations, BC organizations, public representatives, and a large number of supporters. The speakers reiterated that the Bengaluru convention would strengthen the collective voice of the BC community and reinforce the demand for equitable opportunities, social justice, and meaningful participation in the democratic process.



IMD issues heavy rainfall alert for 16 Telangana districts

The spell of heavy rain in several districts across Telangana, after weeks of dry weather, is expected to continue, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Tuesday issuing a heavy rainfall alert for the next 48 hours for multiple districts in the State. The 16 districts placed under a heavy rainfall alert (64.5 mm to 115.5 mm) are Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy. Rainfall is also expected in Hyderabad, with the weather department issuing a thunderstorm, lightning and strong winds warning for Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, Yadadri-Bhongir, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.

Heavy Rains Lash Mulugu; Streams In Spate, Farmers Hopeful

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Heavy rains battered Mulugu district on Wednesday, bringing widespread relief to farmers, while triggering flood-like conditions in several parts of the district. According to the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS), Mulugu district received an average rainfall of 66.4 mm between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m., precipitating heavy to very heavy rains in several mandals. Eturnagaram recorded the highest rainfall of 122.8 mm, followed by Wazeedu (108.1 mm) and Kannayigudem (100.8 mm). Other significant rainfall figures included Mangapet (65.6 mm), Venkatapuram (62.9 mm), Tadvai (62.0 mm), Venkatapur (48.4 mm), Mallampalli (33 mm), Mulugu (32.8 mm), and Govindaraopet (27.3 mm). The incessant rain led to streams and rivulets overflowing, inundating roads and low-lying areas across the district. Officials have warned people against attempting to cross flooded streams. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast



continued rainfall over the next several hours. The famous Bogatha Waterfalls, popular as Niagara of Telangana, witnessed a massive surge in water inflow following continuous rains. Floodwaters cascading from a height of nearly 50 feet across a width of 160 metres submerged the safety corridor near the falls. As a precautionary measure, authorities stopped tourists from approaching the waterfalls. In Mangapet mandal, overflowing streams flooded agricultural fields in low-lying villages, while several tanks filled to capacity. Major streams, including Erravagu at Kamalapuram, Gouraramvagu at Mangapet, Musalamnavagu at Rajupet, and Kappavagu are in full spate.

Connectivity to Bommaigudem village suffered after the Gouraram stream overflowed between Bommaigudem and Kothur Motlagudem, cutting off road access. In Wazeedu mandal, floodwaters damaged the diversion road constructed near the bridge across Isuka Vagu between Cheekupalli and Pedda Gollagudem. This has forced authorities to temporarily suspend traffic on National Highway 163, which connects Telangana to Chhattisgarh. Mulugu district collector Borkhade Hemanth Sahadeorao reviewed the flood situation and directed officials to remain on high alert. Revenue, police and other departments have been instructed to closely monitor vulnerable areas and extend assistance wherever required. In the interim, moderate rainfall has been reported in Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Mahabubabad, and Bhupalpally districts. The sudden change in weather has brought optimism among farmers, many of whom have delayed agricultural operations due to the prolonged dry condition.

Guru Pournami Celebrated with Special Pujas, Annadanam at Sri Bhavani Temple

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Devotional spirit filled Tavai Pura on Wednesday as devotees gathered at the Sri Bhavani Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple in the sixth ward area to celebrate the sacred occasion of Guru Pournami with special prayers and community service activities. The temple committee organized special pujas and rituals dedicated to Lord Shiva as part of the celebrations. The spiritual programs witnessed the participation of devotees from the locality and nearby areas, creating a divine atmosphere at the temple premises. Following the prayers, a grand Annadanam program was conducted for devotees. The food distribution initiative was inaugurated by local leaders



and prominent community members, including Temple Committee Chairman and former Board President Sada Kesava Reddy, along with Shiva Reddy, Marri Shashikant Reddy, Rajinikanth Reddy, and Kittu. Temple Committee Secretary Galipalli Durgayya and Dhananjaya Goud actively participated in the arrangements and served devotees during the event. Speaking on the occasion, Sada Kesava Reddy said that Annadanam has been a regular tradition at the temple on every Pournami day with the bless-

ings of the Almighty. He thanked devotees and local residents for their continued support and participation in making the program successful. Several temple committee members and residents, including Nilesh, Praveen, Shiva, Rajasekhar, Pramod, Sanjay, Shankar, Nagarajuna Reddy, Balamani, Lalitha, Avinash, Manoj, Yogesh, and others, contributed to the smooth conduct of the celebrations. The event concluded with devotees seeking blessings and participating in the Annadanam.

Historic OU Engineering College Under Renovation; Students Call for Quality Conservation

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Renovation and restoration works are progressing at the University College of Engineering (Autonomous), Osmania University (OUCE), one of Telangana's oldest and most prestigious engineering institutions. While students and alumni have welcomed the ongoing infrastructure improvements, they have also urged authorities to pay greater attention to quality, heritage conservation, and long-term structural safety. According to observations made during the renovation, painting works are currently underway, with a few minor patch-work areas yet to be completed. Students hope the remaining works will be finished with proper quality control, preserving the architectural character of the nearly century-old institution. Vegetation on Walls Sparks Concern Students and alumni have expressed concern over small plants and creepers growing on portions of the heritage building walls. Civil engineering experts note that if such vegetation is not removed at an early stage, roots may gradually penetrate masonry joints, retain moisture, and contribute to deterioration of the structure over time. They have appealed to the concerned engineering and maintenance authorities to conduct regular inspections and remove unwanted vegetation before it develops into a larger structural maintenance issue. New Elevator Nears Completion In a significant infrastructure upgrade, a new elevator (lift) is being constructed in front of the Examination Hall. The civil construction work has been substantially completed, while painting and finishing



works are in progress. The installation of the elevator machinery is expected to commence shortly. Once commissioned, the facility will greatly improve accessibility for students, faculty members, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities, making movement within the building more convenient. Balancing Modernization with Heritage Students and alumni believe that modernization of campus facilities should go hand in hand with the preservation of OUCE's rich architectural heritage. They have requested the University administration to ensure that all renovation works adhere to high engineering standards and heritage conservation principles. As the University College of Engineering, established in 1929, continues to serve as a premier institution for engineering education, stakeholders believe that careful maintenance, quality renovation, and timely infrastructure development will help preserve its legacy for future generations.

Dr. Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao Receives National Distinguished Service Award

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Former Telangana BC Commission Chairman and senior BJP leader Dr. Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao was honoured with the prestigious National Distinguished Service Award by the National Telugu Saraswata Parishat during the "Hastinlo Telugu Velugu" celebrations held at the Andhra Association Hall in New Delhi. The award was presented by Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma in recognition of Dr. Krishna Mohan Rao's outstanding contributions to public service, backward class welfare, Telugu language and literature, and social development. The event was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Beeda Mastan Rao, National Telugu



Saraswata Parishat Working President Dr. Ram Prasad, literary personalities, artists, social activists, and several eminent personalities from the Telugu states. The celebrations highlighted the rich heritage of Telugu language, literature, and culture.

Jagadishwar Goud Inspects Site Where Man Went Missing in Vaishali

HYDERABAD  
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Srirangam Venkatesh

TPCC State General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress in-charge V. Jagadishwar Goud visited the accident site at Vaishali Nagar, Madinaguda Division, where a man reportedly went missing after falling into a flooded drain during heavy rains. Accompanied by Congress leaders and CMC officials, he inspected the ongoing culvert construction works and reviewed the situation. Jagadishwar Goud said the government is giving top priority to protecting people's lives and property and urged citizens to cooperate with authorities by following safety advi-



sories during the monsoon. He stated that the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has alerted all departments and taken preventive measures to minimise rain-related incidents. He also appealed to residents to remain vigilant and avoid venturing into flooded or low-lying areas during heavy rainfall.

Jampana Pratap Offers Guru Purnima Prayers at Temples



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Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap celebrated the auspicious occasion of Guru Purnima by offering special prayers at prominent temples across the constituency, highlighting the importance of India's rich spiritual and cultural traditions. He said Guru Purnima is a sacred festival dedicated to expressing gratitude to gurus, teachers, and parents, who guide individuals from darkness to knowledge and shape society with their wisdom and values. As part of the celebrations, Jampana Pratap first visited the Sai Baba Temple in Jayanagar Colony, New Bowenpally, where he participated in special pujas and prayed for the peace, prosperity, and good health of the people. He later visited the Sri Subramanya Swamy Temple in West Marredpally and offered traditional prayers, seeking divine blessings for the welfare of the constituency and the state.

Temple priests at both shrines performed Vedic rituals in accordance with traditional customs and blessed Jampana Pratap and the devotees with sacred Tirtha Prasadam after the ceremonies. Speaking on the occasion, he urged people to uphold the values of respect, discipline, and gratitude towards teachers and elders, emphasizing that they are the foundation of a strong and enlightened society. The devotional programmes witnessed enthusiastic participation from local leaders, devotees, and residents. Prominent attendees included Poorna Chander, Dr. Bhaskar Baba, Santosh Yadav, Rajesh Yadav, Mukesh Yadav, and members of the respective temple committees, who ensured the smooth conduct of the rituals and distribution of prasadam to devotees. The celebrations concluded in a spiritually vibrant atmosphere, with prayers offered for harmony, prosperity, and the well-being of all.

BRS Seeks Justice for Shapur Nagar Street Vendors After Demolition Drive Alleges 12 shops were demolished without prior notice; MLA K.P. Vivekanand assures support

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has demanded justice for street vendors whose shops were allegedly demolished by CMC Town Planning officials at Shapur Nagar, near Rajiv Park. According to the party, around 12 small shops, which had been providing livelihood to poor vendors for several years, were demolished without prior notice.



BRS leaders described the action as inhuman and said it had left several families without a source of income. After learning about the incident, BRS Division

President Puppala Bhaskar visited the site, interacted with the affected vendors, and assured them of the party's support. The matter was later brought to the at-

tention of Quthbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekanand, who reportedly spoke to municipal officials and assured that steps would be taken to ensure justice for the affected vendors. Puppala Bhaskar criticised the demolition, stating that removing the shops without notice or providing an alternative arrangement was unjust. He said the BRS would continue to support the affected street vendors until they received justice.

Agastya Agro-Chemly Pact to Boost Crop Protection Solutions

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Telangana-based leading agrochemical company Agastya Agro Limited has entered into a strategic partnership agreement (MoU) with New Delhi-based innovative crop protection products manufacturer Chemly Agritech Private Limited. Through this collaboration, the companies aim to provide advanced patented crop protection solutions to farmers across South India. The agreement was signed at Agastya Agro's corporate office in Secun-



derabad by Agastya Agro Founder and Managing Director Murali Mallampati and Chemly Agritech Managing Director Rajan Kumar Ailavathi. Under the partnership, Agastya Agro will introduce Chemly's patented insecticides, fungicides,

herbicides, plant growth regulators, fertilizers, and plant nutrition products in the South Indian market. Both companies will jointly work in product development, manufacturing, marketing, and distribution. Murali Mallampati said

the objective is to combine Chemly's patented technology with Agastya Agro's strong manufacturing capabilities and extensive distribution network to deliver high-quality crop protection solutions to farmers. He described the partnership as a major milestone in the company's growth journey. Rajan Kumar Ailavathi said Agastya Agro is the right partner for expanding in South India and that the collaboration will help provide technology-driven solutions to improve farmers' productivity and income.



Delhi Police Book X Handles Over Anti-Modi Posts

The Delhi Police on Wednesday intensified its crackdown on social media activity linked to the anti-exam paper leak protests by registering an FIR against several X (formerly Twitter) handles for allegedly posting "derogatory, malicious and defamatory" content targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The FIR was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Special Cell under Sections 351(3) (criminal intimidation), 353(2) (circulating false information or rumours) and 356(2) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police also issued notices to X directing the platform to remove or disable access to the identified posts within three hours, preserve all electronic records related to the accounts and furnish subscriber details, including names, addresses, contact information, email IDs and login/logout records. Officials said the investigation was underway and further action would depend on the digital evidence received from the platform.

Govt Prioritising AI, Digital Skills Training for Civil Servants: Jitendra Singh

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The Central government has accorded high priority to strengthening the capacity of civil servants in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital technologies under its flagship Mission Karmayogi programme, Union Minister of State for Personnel Jitendra Singh informed the Lok Sabha on Wednesday. Responding to a written question, Singh said the government has adopted a future-oriented approach to equip its workforce with the skills required to meet the demands of modern governance. He stated that Mission Karmayogi, the Centre's flagship civil services capacity-building initiative, is focused on preparing government employees to effectively use emerging technologies in policymaking, administration, and public service delivery. The minister said that building competencies in AI and digital technol-



ogies has been identified as a key priority to empower the public workforce with the knowledge and expertise needed for technology-driven governance. As part of this initiative, the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) Karmayogi platform has introduced a wide range of learning modules on AI and emerging technologies. According to Singh, the platform currently offers 218 specialised courses designed to help government officials acquire essential digital skills and improve their understanding of advanced technologies. The iGOT Karmayogi

platform has witnessed significant participation from government employees across the country. Singh informed the House that more than 1.70 crore government employees from various ministries, departments, organisations of the Central government, as well as state governments and Union Territories, have been onboarded onto the digital learning platform. The minister further highlighted the growing acceptance of these courses, noting that learners have collectively completed more than 3.3 crore course modules related to AI and emerging technologies. The strong response

reflects the government's emphasis on continuous learning and skill development within the civil services. Mission Karmayogi aims to transform the traditional training system by promoting competency-based learning through digital platforms. The initiative seeks to create an agile, efficient, and technology-enabled civil service capable of addressing evolving governance challenges. The government's focus on AI capacity-building comes at a time when digital transformation is reshaping public administration globally. By enhancing the technological capabilities of government employees, the Centre aims to improve decision-making, strengthen service delivery, and ensure that India's civil services remain equipped to harness emerging technologies for better governance and citizen-centric administration.

Nitin Gadkari Defends E20 Fuel, Says Older Vehicles Face No Major Issues

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The government on Wednesday said some rubber parts and gaskets in BS-III vehicles, introduced from April 1, 2005, and manufactured before 2016, might need to be replaced when operated with petrol containing 20 per cent ethanol (E20). However, even legacy vehicles did not exhibit any significant variations in performance, nor do they show abnormal wear-and-tear when operated with E20 fuel, according to the government. The defence of the government came at a time when it faced strong criticism from opposition parties and some consumer groups over its impact on older vehicles not specially designed for higher ethanol blends. The critics have questioned the government on vehicle compatibility, raising concern about re-



duced fuel efficiency and higher maintenance cost of the consumers. In support of the E20 fuel use, the government further said that many extensive studies have found no significant performance or durability issues in vehicles running on E20 petrol, asserting that even older vehicles generally do not require engine modifications to use the fuel. "Studies have not shown any need to modify the car and two-wheeler engines. They confirmed that even legacy vehicles did not exhibit any significant variations in performance, nor do they show abnormal wear-and-tear when operated with E20 fuel," said road

transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha. Gadkari also said that a study for the evaluation of effects of E20 on two-wheelers and four-wheelers, was carried out jointly by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL), Indian Institute of Petroleum (IIP) Dehradun, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM) and Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI). "No issues were reported in parameters such as drivability, startability, metal compatibility, and plastic compatibility," he said. "Only in case of testing done on BS-III vehicles introduced from 1st April, 2005, and manufactured prior to 2016, some rubber parts and gaskets may require replacement, which can be easily managed during routine servicing regime of the vehicle," the minister added.

Youth Risks Life To Rescue Two Stranded In Odisha River; Firefighter Dies Of Electrocution

The incident occurred near Imaliguda village under Kolnara block when a tractor attempting to cross the river got trapped in the strong current: Reports

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A young man displayed remarkable bravery by rescuing two people stranded in the swollen Nagavali River in Odisha's Rayagada district, preventing what could have been a major tragedy. The dramatic rescue took place near Imaliguda village under Kolnara block after a tractor attempting to cross the river became trapped in the strong current. According to local reports, the tractor was being driven by Prakash Pedenti, who, along with a minor accompanying him, became stranded in the middle of the river as the water level rose rapidly. The powerful current made the situation extremely dangerous, leaving both occupants unable to move to safety. As news of the incident spread, villagers gath-



ered along the riverbank but hesitated to enter the river due to the life-threatening conditions. Amid the tense situation, a young resident from nearby Intaliguda village stepped forward without concern for his own safety. Braving the swift current, he entered the flooded river and successfully rescued both Prakash Pedenti and the minor, bringing them safely to the shore. The courageous act has earned widespread appreciation from residents across the region, with many hailing the youth

as a hero for his selfless and timely intervention. The incident has once again highlighted the long-standing demand for a permanent bridge across the Nagavali River. Villagers said nearly 10 villages and vast agricultural lands lie on the opposite bank, forcing farmers and residents to cross the river regularly for cultivation, transportation, education, and other essential activities. During the monsoon season, the river often swells dangerously, making crossings highly risky and disrupting

daily life. Residents urged the Odisha government to expedite the construction of a permanent bridge to ensure safe connectivity and prevent similar life-threatening incidents in the future. Meanwhile, in a separate tragedy in Keonjhar district, a Fire Services jawan, Chandan Pattanayak, lost his life after being electrocuted while attempting to evacuate people stranded by floodwaters. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi expressed deep grief over the firefighter's death, describing it as a tragic loss suffered in the line of duty. He extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed to Lord Jagannath to grant eternal peace to the departed soul, while acknowledging the firefighter's sacrifice in protecting others during the floods.

US Targets Iran's Hormuz Revenue with Fresh Sanctions

WASHINGTON Wakeup telangana

The United States on Wednesday announced new sanctions targeting entities linked to Iran's Revolutionary Guards that it accused of extorting ships transiting the Strait of Hormuz. The announcement came as President Donald Trump warned the United States would strike Iran "hard" after a missile attack against US bases in Jordan, reigniting the Middle East conflict after a days-



long pause. An "extortion scheme" backed by Iran's Revolutionary Guard "forces commercial vessels to purchase mandatory maritime 'insurance' to transit the Strait," the US Treasury Department said in a statement. "These entities

manufacture risk -- including the threat of vessel seizures -- and then charge commercial vessels for coverage against dangers created by the regime itself," a parallel State Department statement said. The sanctions target the Persian Gulf Marine Insurance Company and the HormuzSafe Marine Services Authority, which, according to Washington, are linked to Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Washington also sanctioned eight com-

panies operating ships that it accused of transporting Iranian crude oil and petrochemicals to China and the United Arab Emirates, in violation of other US sanctions. These ships are "part of Iran's 'shadow fleet,' which the regime relies on to evade sanctions," the State Department said. "With its economy in free-fall and inflation in the triple digits, the regime is desperate for cash," Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent was quoted as saying.

Akhilesh Links Ayodhya Donation Row to Paper Leaks

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Wednesday alleged that the reported embezzlement of donations at the Ayodhya Ram temple reflected the BJP government's failure to safeguard public faith, linking it to concerns over examination integrity. Speaking in the Parliament House Complex, Yadav said, "The issue is the same. Those who could not protect donation boxes and the offerings made by devotees cannot be expected to prevent paper leaks or stop exami-



nations from being cancelled. Those who can play with people's faith can also play with the future of our youth." Samajwadi Party MPs staged a protest in the complex, holding placards and raising slogans against the government over the alleged donation theft. Yadav further al-

leged that the government itself was the "biggest crisis" facing the country. "The biggest crisis is this government itself. Until this government goes, these problems will continue," he said. SP MP Awadhesh Prasad, who represents the Faizabad constituency that includes Ayodhya, also criticised

the BJP over the alleged incident, accusing it of shielding those involved. "I congratulate Akhilesh Yadav for exposing the matter. But it is unfortunate that the BJP government is trying to protect the big fish. This is not an ordinary theft. It is a dacoity involving the faith of crores of devotees of Lord Ram," he said. He also said, "This government came to power because of Ayodhya, and it will also go because of Ayodhya. In 2027, Akhilesh Yadav will become the chief minister of Uttar Pradesh. The BJP will not even win 50 seats.

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Rahul Gandhi.....

Later addressing a press conference at the AICC office, the leader of opposition claimed that he was not allowed to speak in Lok Sabha and everytime he tries to speak there, he is "silenced". Shah ordered that students be shot with pellet guns and beaten with lathis having nails or he was unaware, Gandhi alleged, referring to the crackdown by security forces during the July 20 Cockroach Janta Party-led protest march to Parliament. "If he ordered it, he is culpable and if he did not know then he is incompetent," Gandhi said at the presser, adding that pellet guns cannot be used without the Home Minister's permission. He also said

both Delhi Police and RAF both report to Shah. Claiming that Shah was "guilty" and that is the reason he did not attend Parliament. "If he was not guilty, he could have come and replied". "Our advice to the government is to sack Amit Shah and order an independent high-powered committee monitored by the Supreme Court" to probe his involvement, he said, claiming that Shah will be held accountable in any case. "Shah must go, he has shot our students and he must be held accountable," Gandhi alleged. Over 30 civilians..... Organisations like Jammu Kashmir National Students Federation (JKNSF) have openly condemned

the repression, the sources said. They said the security forces continue to maintain a heightened presence in Rawalakote, Muzaffarabad and other major areas to prevent any gatherings. The election boycott call is an evidence of declining public confidence in the political process and continued dissatisfaction with the administration, the sources said. Authorities continue to impose communication blackouts and suspended services across PoK, stripping citizens of basic rights and shielding the brutal crackdown from scrutiny, they added. Jarange Calls..... Certificates must be issued by August 28; otherwise, an indefinite agitation will begin on August 29,"

he said. Jarange Patil is demanding the implementation of the Hyderabad Gazette – which enlists Marathas as Kunbis in the Marathwada region – and distribution of certificates to enable them to get reservation benefits as OBCs. If Jarange Patil holds a fast from August 29, it will be his tenth hunger strike regarding his demand for Maratha reservation. He had called off his ninth hunger strike within 15 hours of its launch at the end of May. However, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis stated Kunabi certificates are being issued to those who have requested them. The State Government is positive towards the demands of the Maratha community, he said in Nagpur. "Caste certificates are issued only upon

request. Everyone who has applied for a caste certificate has received it. To the best of my knowledge, the number of pending cases regarding this is very low. There is no situation where someone is asking for a certificate but not receiving it. No other government has taken or implemented decisions for the Maratha community like the Mahayuti government has. Nevertheless, if anyone has a grievance, a way forward can be found," the CM said. India Gets First..... The ministry said the facility would strengthen expertise in disaster response, field hospital deployment, mass casualty management and epidemic control, while also supporting humanitarian

assistance and disaster relief operations. Singh said the department would provide a training platform for young doctors of the Army Medical Corps in battlefield healthcare and advanced life support. "The department will open up a new career pathway for young medical professionals. Students will now be able to pursue specialisation in military medicine. This will not only enhance intellectual capital within the military, but also elevate India's stature in medical research on the international stage," he said. The department will focus on areas including military trauma, combat psychiatry, environmental and operational medicine, medical logistics, CBRNe response, emergency and critical care.



CRIME

No Impact of Supreme Court Green Permit Verdict on Telangana Projects

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The Telangana government on Wednesday got a huge relief on the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme project and the Seethamma Sagar project as the Supreme Court has exempted the ongoing projects from its judgment that quashed a mechanism devised by the Central government to issue environmental clearances. A three-judge Supreme Court bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justice Joy-malya Bagchi, and Justice Vipul M. Pancholi ruled that the 2021 Office Memorandum was legally unsustainable as it sought to alter the statutory environmental clearance framework established under the Environment



(Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, through an executive order. The court, however, made it clear that environmental clearances already issued under both the 2017 Notification and the 2021 Office Memorandum will continue to remain valid, unless they are individually challenged and set aside in accordance with law. If this

exemption was granted, some irrigation projects in Telangana, including Palamuru and Seethamma Sagar projects, could have suffered serious setbacks over the issue of environmental clearances. "Environmental compliance is a mandatory statutory requirement and not a procedural formality capable of being regularised through executive instructions," the court said. The Supreme Court, however,

also made it clear that any project in the future can be taken up and work started only after it receives all required environmental clearances before commencement. The Bench held that prior environmental clearance under the 2006 Notification is mandatory for projects falling within its ambit and cannot be replaced by a perpetual mechanism permitting retrospective approvals through an administrative office memorandum. The Bench held that the memorandum fundamentally altered the nature of environmental scrutiny envisaged under the 2006 Notification by allowing projects to seek approval after construction had already begun or operations had commenced.

Cyberabad CP Inspects Waterlogging Points, COD Pipeline Works

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Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh inspected the Malkan Cheruvu and City Wines waterlogging points in Raidurgam, along with the ongoing COD pipeline works in Madhapur, to review monsoon preparedness. During the inspection, he directed civic officials to take immediate measures to improve stormwater drainage, remove obstructions, and complete pending works



within the stipulated time to prevent inconvenience to the public. He also instructed officials to expedite the COD pipeline works while ensuring traffic movement is not affected and to maintain proper safety measures and traffic diversions. The inspection

was attended by Joint CP (Traffic) Sunpreet Singh, CMC Commissioner G. Srijana, Serilingampally Traffic ADCP Hanumantha Rao, Madhapur Traffic ACP Chandrasekhar Reddy, CMC officials, HYDRAA personnel, and other civic department officials.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

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

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.

Telangana HC Summons Serilingampally Tahsildar in Kondapur Land Dispute

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The Telangana High Court has summoned the Serilingampally Tahsildar to appear in person on July 30 over the demolition of structures on a disputed 350-square-yard plot in Kondapur. Hearing a petition filed by Pemmasani Sudha Rani, Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar questioned how revenue authorities declared the land as government prop-



erty and directed HYDRAA to demolish a compound wall and watchman room without prior notice. The petitioner stated that she purchased the land in 1996, got it regularised in 2008, and claimed offi-

cial surveys identified it as private patta land. She alleged that despite an earlier court order permitting construction of the boundary wall, officials demolished the structures in October 2025 without following due process. The High Court sought an explanation from the Tahsildar and questioned HYDRAA's action in carrying out the demolition, while further hearing in the matter is scheduled for July 30.

Two Students Killed in Gachibowli ORR Crash

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Two students were killed in a tragic road accident on the Gachibowli Outer Ring Road (ORR) after their Swift car rammed into a lorry parked on the roadside near the Neopolis exit late Monday night. The impact completely crushed the car, trapping the occupants inside. Gachibowli Police and rescue teams reached the spot and recovered the victims, who were declared dead by doctors. The

deceased were identified as Katravat Surender (19) and Praneethi Reddy, both natives of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. Praneethi was a student of ACE College, LB Nagar. They were travelling from Bommalaramaram towards Kollur via Gandipet when the accident occurred. Police shifted the bodies for postmortem, registered a case, and launched an investigation. The accident also caused temporary traffic congestion on the ORR.



EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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





# Adani Enterprises reports record quarterly EBITDA of Rs 5,642 crore in Q1 FY27

Adani Enterprises reported its highest-ever quarterly EBITDA of Rs 5,642 crore in Q1 FY27, registering 49 per cent year-on-year growth. The company highlighted strong performance across airports, copper, solar modules and infrastructure platforms, along with new milestones in its expansion journey

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Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), the flagship company of the Adani Group, has begun FY27 on a strong note by reporting its highest-ever quarterly EBITDA of ₹5,642 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026. The company recorded a 49% year-on-year growth in EBITDA, while its total income rose 50% to ₹33,546 crore, reflecting robust performance across its infrastructure and incubation businesses. The company also reported a profit before tax (PBT) of ₹1,295 crore, excluding the impact of the OFAC settlement of ₹2,644 crore. The strong financial performance



was driven by improved operational efficiency and higher contributions from key business verticals. Among the major contributors, Adani Airports posted a 49% increase in EBITDA to ₹1,633 crore, supported by rising passenger traffic and operational expansion. Meanwhile, the company's copper business contributed ₹749 crore in EBITDA, benefiting from higher capacity

utilisation. Chairman Gautam Adani said the record quarterly performance demonstrates the growing scale and maturity of Adani Enterprises' diversified business portfolio. He highlighted several strategic milestones achieved during the quarter, including the commencement of international operations at Navi Mumbai International Airport, the start of toll collections on the

Ganga Expressway, the expansion of the company's solar module manufacturing capacity, and securing a major hyperscale data centre order. The company also strengthened its financial position through a successful ₹15,000 crore Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP), which Gautam Adani said reflects strong institutional confidence in the group's long-term growth strategy and execution capabilities. During the quarter, Adani New Industries commissioned a new 1.7 GW solar module manufacturing line, further expanding its renewable energy manufacturing footprint. The Navi Mumbai International

Airport officially commenced international operations on July 15, while toll collections on the Ganga Expressway began on May 15, adding fresh revenue streams. Adani Enterprises stated that after years of disciplined investments in infrastructure and emerging businesses, it is entering a phase where higher capacity utilisation and operational efficiencies are expected to generate stronger financial returns. The company remains focused on building globally competitive infrastructure businesses aligned with India's long-term development priorities while creating sustainable value for shareholders.

# Pre-Portioned Frozen Foods Help Urban Homes Cut Food Waste

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Urban households are increasingly adopting pre-portioned frozen foods to reduce food wastage while ensuring food safety and convenience, according to Godrej Foods. With growing awareness about sustainable living, consumers are turning to frozen and Individually Quick Frozen (IQF) products that allow them to cook only the required quantity, minimizing spoilage and unnecessary waste. The company highlighted that fresh fruits, vegetables, and proteins spoil quickly during humid weather, making proper storage and handling essential. Citing the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS), it noted that harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and Campylobacter multiply rapidly between 4°C and 60°C, known as the "Danger Zone," increasing the risk of foodborne illnesses.



Godrej Foods said frozen and IQF products help preserve nutrition, taste, and quality for longer periods while enabling families to reduce food wastage. It also stressed the importance of the farm-to-fork approach, which improves transparency and gives consumers confidence in the safety and quality of their food. The company urged consumers to pay attention to food labels and understand terms such as "Best Before End (BBE)," "Individually Quick Frozen (IQF)," "High Pressure Processing (HPP)," and

"Freeze Dried (FD)" to make informed decisions about freshness, shelf life, and storage. Anushree Dewen, Head of Marketing & Innovation at Godrej Foods, said the company is integrating food safety practices at every stage, from sourcing to packaging. She added that the growing preference for frozen foods reflects consumers' demand for convenient, hygienic, and nutritious meal options that also help reduce food waste and promote smarter kitchen habits.

# Gold Loan Market Set To Hit Rs 30 Lakh Crore By FY 28: ICRA

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The organised gold loan (GL) market in India, comprising banks and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), is expected to witness strong growth over the next two years, expanding at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of more than 30 per cent between 2026-27 and 2027-28, according to rating agency ICRA. The total gold loan portfolio, which stood at

around Rs 18 lakh crore in March 2026, is projected to surpass Rs 30 lakh crore by March 2028. The growth will be supported by increasing demand for secured credit, expansion of branch networks, entry of new players and rising focus of financial institutions on gold-backed lending. ICRA said NBFCs are likely to strengthen their position in the gold loan segment, with their market share expected to increase to nearly 23 per cent by 2027-28. However,

increasing competition among lenders may put pressure on business yields and restrict profitability gains for NBFCs. The rating agency highlighted that gold loan-focused NBFCs will need to enhance their risk management practices as they diversify their products and customer offerings. The shift from high loan-to-value (LTV) lending models towards regular repayment-based loans could result in some increase in delinquencies in the short term. However,



ICRA expects credit losses to remain limited due to the liquid nature of gold as collateral. The gold loan sector has already witnessed significant expansion in recent years. The overall gold loan book grew at a CAGR of 38 per cent between 2024-25 and 2025-26, with growth

accelerating to around 50 per cent in 2025-26. During this period, banks recorded a CAGR growth of 35 per cent, while NBFCs expanded at a much faster pace of 54 per cent. As a result, the share of NBFCs in overall gold loan assets under management (AUM) increased in 2025-26 after declining consistently for three years. The share of banks reduced from around 82 per cent in March 2024 to about 78 per cent in March 2026, while

NBFCs gained market presence. Recent acquisitions also highlight the growing interest of large financial institutions in the gold loan business. Godrej Capital announced the acquisition of the gold loan business of Kanakadurga Finance through its subsidiary Godrej Finance. Similarly, Tata Capital announced plans to acquire an 88.6 per cent stake in Thrissur-based Yogakshemam Loans Ltd (Yogloans). According to ICRA, the entry of new players and

expansion plans of large NBFCs, both organically and through acquisitions, are expected to drive further growth in the sector. Banks are also increasing their gold loan offerings through their extensive branch networks, providing additional momentum to the segment. ICRA noted that the growth of NBFC gold loans over the past five years was largely supported by rising gold prices. Between 2021-22 and 2025-26, the loan book of major players ex-

panded by nearly 24 per cent, while growth in branch additions and gold jewellery pledged as collateral remained modest at 3-4 per cent. With more companies entering the market, concentration among leading NBFCs has reduced. The share of the top four gold loan NBFCs declined to around 70 per cent of NBFC gold loan AUM in March 2026, compared with nearly 90 per cent in March 2022, indicating increasing competition and broader participation

# Early Detection Key to Brain, Spine Care: Experts



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Early diagnosis and advancements in minimally invasive and navigation-guided surgeries are significantly improving treatment outcomes for patients suffering from brain and spine disorders, experts at KIMS Hospital said on Wednesday. Addressing a media interaction, Dr. Krishna Chaitanya Kondety, Head of the Department of Spine Surgery, and Dr. Savitr Sastri BV, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon and Minimally Invasive Spine Surgeon, highlighted the growing burden of neurological and spinal disorders and the importance of timely medical intervention. The specialists urged people to seek medical attention if they experience persistent back pain,

weakness, numbness, imbalance, chronic headaches, or changes in speech and vision, stating that early diagnosis greatly enhances treatment success and quality of life. The experts said treatment is tailored to each patient's condition and may include conservative management, minimally invasive spine surgery, or advanced brain surgery. They noted that modern minimally invasive procedures reduce tissue damage, blood loss, hospital stay, and recovery time compared to conventional open surgeries. They also explained that navigation-guided and endoscopic brain surgeries have improved surgical precision while reducing risks to critical brain structures, resulting in safer procedures and quicker recovery.

# Rupee gains 16 paise to 95.66 against US dollar

NEW DELHI  
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The rupee rose 16 paise to 95.66 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, extending its gaining streak for the fourth straight session, amid hectic buying in domestic equity markets and lower global crude prices. Foreign capital inflows and a weak American currency ahead of the US Federal Reserve's interest rate decision also supported the local unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.70 and touched the intraday low of 95.80 against the greenback. The unit hit the day's high of 95.48 before ending the session at 95.66 (provisional) against the dollar, up 16 paise from its previous close. The local currency settled 17 paise higher at 95.82 against the US



dollar on Tuesday, after gaining 74 paise in the previous two consecutive sessions. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee gained on positive domestic markets and fresh FII inflows. A soft dollar also supported the rupee. The US dollar has eased ahead of the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting decision, Choudhary said, adding that, "USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 95.20 to Rs 95.90". Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength

against a basket of six currencies, was trading down 0.04 per cent at 101.22. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, were trading 3.78 per cent higher but remained lower at USD 87.27 per barrel. According to analysts, even as mediators tried to get the US and Iran back to negotiations and towards a ceasefire, crude oil prices rose overnight as the brief pause in fighting was shattered after the US military said that Iran launched multiple ballistic missiles at American forces on Tuesday. All Iranian missiles were successfully inter-

cepted, US Central Command said in a statement, adding that US forces "remain vigilant and at a high state of readiness". On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex surged 888.68 points, or 1.16 per cent, to settle at 77,654.60, while the Nifty closed up 264.85 points, or 1.10 per cent, at 24,250.20. Foreign Institutional Investors purchased equities worth Rs 755.33 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On the macroeconomic front, government data released on Tuesday showed the country's industrial output rose by 7.3 per cent in June compared to 5.1 per cent in the preceding month, backed by improved manufacturing sector performance and strong growth in the electricity and gas supply sector.

# ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Records Strong Q1 Growth



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ICICI Prudential Life Insurance reported a strong financial performance for the first quarter of FY2027, with its Profit After Tax (PAT) rising 27.8% year-on-year to ₹386 crore. The company paid total benefits of ₹4,666 crore to policyholders during the quarter, including ₹1,306 crore towards death claims and ₹3,360 crore as maturity and survival benefits. The insurer achieved an industry-leading claim settlement ratio of 99.3%, with non-investigative claims being processed in an average turnaround time of just one day. The company's retail protection business witnessed significant growth of 60.4% year-on-year in Q1-FY2027, highlighting increasing demand for

term insurance solutions among customers. ICICI Prudential Life MD & CEO Anup Bagchi said the company remains focused on a customer-first approach while leveraging technology, artificial intelligence, and digital capabilities to enhance service quality and operational efficiency. The company also announced that its Board has approved a proposal to rename the organisation as 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited', subject to necessary approvals. The proposed name aims to reflect the trust, strength, and legacy associated with the ICICI brand. The insurer said it will continue expanding its reach, improving customer experience, and capitalising on opportunities in India's growing life insurance sector.



# Spider-Man inspires people to become heroes, says ‘Brand New Day’ director Destin Daniel Cretton

Spider-Man’s greatest strength isn’t his web-slinging abilities but his power to make people believe they could be the hero too, says filmmaker Destin Daniel Cretton, explaining why the friendly neighbourhood superhero has inspired generations across the world.

That Spider-Man belongs as much to Mumbai as he does to New York was evident recently when a local resident went viral after dressing up as the superhero to manage traffic, warn motorists about hidden potholes and help commuters navigate waterlogged roads following heavy rains.

“I think it’s so cool that people are able to see themselves behind the mask of Spider-Man. If there is going to be a character to emulate, I can’t think of a better character than Spider-Man,” Cretton, who has directed the new Tom Holland-starrer superhero film “Spider-Man: Brand New Day”, told PTI in an interview.

“For somebody to help other people during a very difficult time in life, I think is so beautiful and represents the heart of Peter Parker,” he added.

Like millions of fans around the world, Cretton, who is of Japanese, American, Slovak, and Irish descent and was raised in Hawaii, said he spent his childhood imagining himself behind Spider-Man’s mask.

“... Even though I’m from a very different culture from Peter Parker, there’s something so universal about him that allows me to imagine myself behind that mask,” he added.

“Spider-Man: Brand New Day”, which will hit Indian cinemas on Thursday, is the fourth instalment in Holland’s solo Spider-Man series.

Set four years after the events of “Spider-Man: No Way Home”, the film follows Peter as he fights crime full-time in a world that no longer remembers him, while confronting a mysterious new villain and the personal con-



sequences of living an anonymous life.

Cretton said the new film focuses on the emotional journey of Peter Parker. “This movie is about the importance of human connection. In the beginning of the movie, Peter Parker is completely alone and he’s trying to survive that way. He is pouring all of himself into his work, but not really into things that make him human, like his relationships or any part that feeds his humanity,” Cretton said.

The director praised Holland for effectively getting into the skin of his character and conveying loneliness through his performance.

“In this movie, he’s a bit older and is dealing with more adult problems. This is the first time that we are seeing him completely outside of his community of friends and family. So, to see Peter Parker for the first time operating completely alone and Tom was able to portray this feeling of loneliness, even though he is in the middle of a very busy city like New York.”

Speaking about the film’s scale and

action, Cretton said the team has tried to push the boundaries while staying true to the character.

“Both technology and our stunt department were able to try things that we’ve never seen Spider-Man do before and not only the swinging but also in the action design and the moves that we’re seeing him do and the amount of things that we were able to do practically in this movie was very exciting,” he said.

“When people see the action of this movie you will feel the adrenaline rush of knowing that those are real people doing these wonderful choreographed stunts. But the same is true on just the performance side too,” he added.

“Spider-Man: Brand New Day” marks Cretton’s third outing in the superhero genre after “Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings”, centred on Marvel’s martial arts superhero, and “Wonder Man”, which follows an aspiring actor who gains superpowers and navigates life as a reluctant superhero.

The filmmaker sees vulnerability as the shared quality that links Spider-Man, Shang-Chi and Wonder Man.

“There’s something in their past that haunts them and that they have to learn to overcome it. At their core, they all need the same thing, they’re all trying to do this on their own, but they all need to learn to connect to the people around them and lean on the people who truly care about them.

And that’s a subject and a theme that is worthwhile.”

“Spider-Man: Brand New Day” also brings back Zendaya as Michelle “MJ” Jones-Watson and Jacob Batalon as Ned Leeds, while Sadie Sink joins the cast in an undisclosed role alongside Jon Bernthal, who reprises his role as Frank Castle/The Punisher. In India, the movie will open across all premium large formats in both 2D and 3D in six languages — English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam .

# Mumbai police trace Sweden VPN in Aamir Khan threat probe

MUMBAI  
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As per the latest update in the Aamir Khan threat case, police sources revealed that a Sweden-based VPN was allegedly used to send the viral threatening audio message received by the actor.

Police authorities are now examining the digital trail to trace the person behind the message.

According to sources, the threatening audio message was allegedly linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. In the clip, a person claiming to be Arzu Bishnoi allegedly made remarks against Aamir Khan and accused him of promoting “love jihad,” claiming it was against Indian culture and Sanatan Dharma. The audio message further contained a threat to “teach Aamir Khan a lesson.”

Police have not registered an FIR in the case so far. Sources said that officials are working to identify the person responsible for sending the message.

As part of the investigation, police officials reportedly traced the initial IP address to Sweden. However, authorities suspect that the actual location may have been concealed as



the message was allegedly sent using a VPN and Tor browser.

The use of such tools can make it difficult to identify the original source of an online activity, and investigators are now analyzing available digital evidence to trace the sender.

On July 18, Aamir Khan allegedly received a threat from individuals claiming links to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang through a purported social media post. The alleged threats were issued by people identified as Arzu Bishnoi and Tyson Bishnoi. The purported post allegedly accused Aamir of promoting “love jihad,” with the claim seemingly linked to his recent marriage.

An excerpt from the post read, “I, Aarzo Bishnoi and Tyson Bishnoi (Lawrence Bishnoi Group), want to say that people like Aamir Khan are pro-

moting what is being called ‘Love Jihad’ in our country, which is against our culture. We will not tolerate this man, and he will soon be made to face the consequences. This is against Sanatan Dharma and against the nation. We promise our brothers, sisters, and fellow citizens that whoever promotes such disgraceful acts will be dealt with in our own way. Those who are encouraging this in the name of stardom will be silenced.”

According to sources, police became aware of the alleged threat through a Facebook post and a voice note. Aamir Khan recently tied the knot with his longtime partner Gauri Spratt in a private registered marriage ceremony held at his Mumbai residence on July 5. The wedding marked the 61-year-old actor’s third marriage.

# Odisha AM/NS Kho Kho Centre Marks Two Years of Sporting Excellence



BHUBANESWAR  
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The Odisha AM/NS India Kho Kho High Performance Centre (Odisha AM/NS KHPC), Puri, celebrated its second anniversary by honouring outstanding athletes and welcoming a new batch of talented players selected through the Kho Kho Selection Trials 2026. A joint initiative of Arcelor-Mittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) and the Government of Odisha, the centre has emerged as a major hub for developing Kho Kho talent and nurturing future champions. Over the past two years, athletes from the centre have made their mark at several prestigious national and international competitions, including the Kho Kho World Cup 2025, National

Games 2025, Khelo India Youth Games 2025, and various national championships.

The centre’s athletes have participated in more than 30 competitions and secured 48 medals across different categories, highlighting its success as a structured talent development programme.

AM/NS India Director & Vice President – HR & Administration, Ashutosh Telang, said the centre has become a symbol of disciplined training and sporting excellence in a short span. He congratulated the athletes and reaffirmed the organisation’s commitment to building a strong ecosystem for developing world-class Kho Kho players.

The anniversary event was attended by Indian Men’s Kho Kho Team

Captain Pratik Waikar, along with senior officials from the Kho Kho Federation of India, Odisha Kho Kho Association, AM/NS India and Sports for All (SFA).

During the induction ceremony, 31 existing athletes retained their positions, while 19 new players, including 10 boys and 9 girls, joined the centre. The fresh intake ensures a continuous talent pipeline as athletes progress to higher categories. The celebrations also featured athlete felicitations and an exhibition match showcasing the speed, skill and competitive spirit of modern Kho Kho. Entering its third year, Odisha AM/NS KHPC aims to strengthen India’s position as a global powerhouse in the sport.

# CWG 2026: Indian boxers assure five more medals; Toor, Gill reach shot put final

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India enjoyed another memorable day at the Commonwealth Games on Wednesday as its boxers continued their impressive campaign, with five more pugilists advancing to the semifinals and assuring at least bronze medals. The stellar performances further strengthened India’s medal prospects, while athletes Tajinderpal Singh Toor and Samardeep Singh Gill progressed to the men’s shot put final.

In boxing, Narender Berwal (90+kg), Ankush Panghal (80kg), Sakshi Chaudhary (51kg), Arundhati Choudhary (70kg), and Sachin Siwach (60kg) all registered convincing victories in their respective quarterfinal bouts to book places in the semifinals. Their success ensured five more medals for India, as every semifinalist in Commonwealth Games boxing is guaranteed at least a bronze medal.

The latest victories take India’s tally of semifinalists in boxing to nine, already surpassing the country’s overall boxing medal haul from the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, where Indian boxers secured three gold, one silver, and three bronze medals. The five winners joined Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), Priya Ghanghas (60kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), and Jadumani Singh (55kg), who had earlier sealed their semifinal

berths.

In athletics, national record holder Tajinderpal Singh Toor comfortably qualified for the men’s shot put final. After opening with a throw of 19.93m, Toor crossed the automatic qualification mark with a 20.14m effort in his second attempt.

Competing in Group B, Samardeep Singh Gill produced his best throw of 19.95m in his opening attempt, followed by 19.75m in his second before recording a foul in his third. Gill finished fifth overall among the 15 competitors, with both Indian athletes advancing to Thursday’s final.

There was more encouraging news from the track as national record holder Animesh Kujur clocked a season-best 20.46 seconds to win Heat 4 of the men’s 200m and qualify for the semifinals. The 23-year-old finished seventh overall, earning his place among the 16 fastest athletes advancing to the next round.

However, it was a disappointing day in weightlifting and swimming. Sanjana exited the women’s 77kg weightlifting event after recording a Do Not Finish (DNF). In the pool, Sajan Prakash and Aneesh S. Gowda failed to qualify for the men’s 200m freestyle final, finishing 20th and 18th overall respectively.

India, however, found consolation in para swimming, where Suyash Narayan Jadhav and Chaitanya Vishwas Kulkarni.





# Cancer screening must for women aged above 40: Harish Rao

Former minister T Harish Rao urged women above 40 years to undergo regular cancer screening while inaugurating a two-day camp in Siddipet. He announced support for a new screening centre and criticised the Congress government for neglecting the Siddipet hospital

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Wakeup telangana

Former minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao urged women above the age of 40 to undergo regular cancer screening tests, stressing that early detection is the key to saving lives. He was speaking after inaugurating a two-day cancer screening camp organised by Sindhu Cancer Hospital at Vipanchi Auditorium in Siddipet on Wednesday. Expressing concern over the rising incidence of cancer in Telangana, Harish Rao said the State was recording more than 50,000 new cancer cases every year, making preventive healthcare and



timely diagnosis more important than ever. He appealed to women not to neglect their health and to make cancer screening a routine practice, particularly after the age of 40. The former minister announced that Dr. Parthasarathi, chairman of Sindhu Cancer Hospitals, had agreed to establish a dedicated cancer screening

centre near the LV Prasad Hospital in Siddipet. He appreciated Dr. Parthasarathi for his commitment to providing quality cancer care and assured him of all possible support in setting up the facility, which would benefit thousands of people in and around Siddipet. Speaking on healthcare infrastructure, Harish Rao

highlighted the initiatives undertaken during the previous BRS government. He said a government medical college and a 1,000-bed hospital were established in Siddipet during his tenure as minister to improve access to advanced medical services. However, he alleged that the Congress government had failed to complete the remaining works at the hospital. According to Harish Rao, the State government had not released even five per cent of the funds required for the pending works over the last two-and-a-half years. He accused the Congress administration of neglecting the Siddipet hospital after assuming office, re-

sulting in delays in expanding healthcare facilities for the public. Later in the day, Harish Rao felicitated students from Siddipet who excelled in the IIT-JEE examinations and secured admissions to prestigious institutions, including the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs). Congratulating the students on their achievements, he encouraged them to pursue excellence in higher education and contribute to the nation's development through innovation, research, and technology.

## Guru Purnima Celebrations Held Grandly at Dattatreya Temple

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Guru Purnima celebrations were organised with great spiritual fervour at the historic Pahad Dattatreya Temple in Sitarambagh. The temple premises witnessed a large gathering of devotees who participated in special prayers and religious programmes held on the auspicious occasion. Temple organisers Gopal Singh and Badrinath Singh performed special pujas and inaugurated the celebrations. Speaking on the occa-



sion, they said that Guru Purnima holds immense significance in Indian spiritual tradition and that grand celebrations were organised at the historic temple to honour gurus and spiritual teachers. Several prominent personalities, including Go-

shamahal MLA Raja Singh and Telangana PCC Congress Fisheries Department Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar, visited the temple and offered prayers. Devotees from various parts of the city participated in the celebrations and sought divine blessings.

## BRS MLC Sravan accuses govt colleges of withholding certificates of students

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan accused the Congress government of allowing government and aided colleges to withhold students' original certificates over pending fee payments following delayed fee reimbursement payments. He demanded that the government immediately issue instructions for the unconditional release of all original certificates irrespective of fee reimbursement arrears. He also sought disciplinary action against principals allegedly withholding certificates. He further demanded immediate clearance of pending fee reimbursement dues with a time-bound repayment schedule, and also the establishment of a dedicated toll-



free grievance redressal mechanism for students facing harassment. In an open letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Wednesday, Sravan alleged that students in institutions like Nizam's College, Koti Women's College, Saifabad Science College, Arts and Science College and several autonomous colleges affiliated to universities, were

being denied original documents, including transfer certificates, provisional certificates and marks memos. He said they were allegedly being forced to pay pending fees to obtain original certificates, despite the government itself delaying fee reimbursement. Stating that the practice violated High Court orders as well as UGC and AICTE norms, he said educational institutions had no legal right to retain students' original certificates. He contended that the issue had severely affected students from SC, ST, BC and minority communities, many of whom were losing opportunities for higher education and employment due to lack of their original certificates.

## Man held for sexually assaulting 4-year-old

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A 36-year-old man from Hyderabad was found hanging at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur on Wednesday, July 29. When Deepak Reddy Pullaguram's colleagues found he was unresponsive and the door locked from inside, they called in the police, broke open the room and found his body. Doctors at the BC Roy Hospital declared him brought dead, Kharagpur Town Police said. Reddy lived alone at the residential quarter inside

the IIT campus. His family has been informed. A probe is underway to determine if the assistant professor was involved in any personal or mental health issues, police said. "The body of an IIT Kharagpur professor has been recovered. A proper investigation has been initiated to determine the exact cause and circumstances surrounding this death," said Additional Superintendent of Police (Kharagpur) Bushra Bano. IIT-Kharagpur is yet to respond.

Jantar Mantar protest exposed BJP's authoritarian approach and misuse of power against citizens, Says TPCC Secretary Mohd Saleem

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee's (TPCC) Secretary Mohd Saleem on Wednesday alleged that the Jantar Mantar student agitation exposed the "authoritarian attitude" of the BJP government and questioned its handling of public protests. Saleem claimed that the police action against protesting students reflected the government's intolerance towards dissent and alleged that excessive force was used against young protesters, including women. He said the incident raised concerns about democratic values,



citizens' rights, and the functioning of law enforcement agencies. Drawing comparisons with previous farmers' protests against the now-repealed agricultural laws, Saleem alleged that similar treatment was meted out to farmers from Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh. He accused BJP-ruled gov-

ernments of using selective action against political opponents and minority communities. Saleem further alleged that misuse of police powers and filing of false cases against citizens damaged public trust in the administration. He demanded accountability from authorities and said that protecting justice, equality, and fairness should be the priority of any elected government. He accused the BJP of following a divisive political approach influenced by RSS ideology and said such incidents highlighted the need to safeguard democratic freedoms and constitutional values.

## Three girls flee Hyderabad by train, traced via Instagram

**HYDERABAD**  
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Three minor girls who had allegedly fled their home on July 24 after being scolded by their parents were found on a train in Madhya Pradesh and reunited with their family, police said on Wednesday, July 29. According to the police, the girls left their house at 3 pm and took an auto-rickshaw from Katedan to

Budvel Railway Station. They proceeded to Secunderabad Railway Station and boarded the Dakshin Express bound for Delhi. A missing complaint was registered by one of the girls' mothers at Mailardpally Police Station on July 25, after which five special teams were formed. Investigators found that one of the girls was carrying a mobile phone and using Instagram.

## Trainee IPS officer threatens to leak private chats after victim marries another man

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Trainee IPS officer M. Uday Krishna Reddy, who has been arrested and sent to judicial custody in sexual assault case, threatened to release private chats after the victim broke up relationship with him and married another person, police said on Wednesday. Krishna Reddy, who was arrested by the police on Tuesday, was produced before First Class Additional Judicial Magistrate of Ranga Reddy District at Rajendranagar. After the court remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days, he was shifted to Chanchalguda Central Jail. According to the police, Krishna Reddy, earlier worked as Police Constable in Andhra Pradesh and later joined as IPS in 2025 Batch after clearing the UPSC and has been undergoing training from December 2025 at Sar-



dar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) in Hyderabad. The accused came into contact with the victim woman via Instagram in mid-2025 following her response to his post regarding his journey towards success in joining the Indian Police Service (IPS). The victim is also a fellow IPS officer trainee. "After exchanging contact details and building a rapport through conversations about his humble background, the accused and victim had entered into a relationship," said a statement from Hyderabad City Police Deputy Commis-

sioner of Police (DCP) (Rajendranagar zone), S. Srinivas. According to police, throughout his training period at Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) and SVPNPA, the relationship was marked by frequent arguments, emotional manipulation, possessiveness, and volatile behaviour. The accused repeatedly threatened of committing suicide, displayed weapons, insulted the victim, made persistent demands for multiple relationships, and engaged in acts of harassment, including throwing, and damaging her laptop, creating fake social media accounts after being blocked, threatening to release private chats, and contacting her family and colleagues without her consent. "With this unbearable attitude, the victim broke up her relationship with the accused, and married another person.

## IIT Kharagpur assistant professor from Hyderabad found hanging

**HYDERABAD**  
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A 34-year-old man was arrested by Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) Police on Monday, July 27, for allegedly harassing the clients of his catering service. The accused allegedly abused customers over phone calls, used caste-based slurs in some instances, and posted defamatory and offensive content against them on social media. The accused has been identified as Mudiraj Van-

nuru Swamy, a native of Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur currently residing in Masab Tank. According to the police, the accused had started a catering business in 2022, offering staff for functions and events on a contractual basis. However, several customers later complained that the workers were unprofessional, citing poor dressing, late arrival at venues and unsatisfactory service. As a result, some customers either withheld payment or refused to pay the agreed charges.

## TGSPDCL increases ex gratia for electrocution deaths to Rs 8L

Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana (TGSPDCL) on Tuesday, July 28, enhanced the ex gratia amount for electrocution deaths to Rs 8 lakh. This order applies to deaths that occurred from April 1 this year. Earlier, the ex gratia amount for electrocution deaths of non-departmental persons was Rs 5 lakh. The amount will be payable to a legal heir, with Rs 7.2 lakh being paid as a fixed deposit and Rs 80,000 being paid in cash. For animals, the amount is still Rs 40,000 for cattle and Rs 7,000 for goats and sheep.

## Food safety officials find flies, rust at RC Puram Pista House

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A food safety raid at Pista House in RC Puram on Wednesday, July 29, revealed several violations, including houseflies in the bakery section, dirty drains and rust inside a refrigerator. One of the dishwashing areas did not have hot water provision; the kitchen windows were kept open, and items were

not labelled with commodity names. Marinated biryani mix was assigned a three-day shelf life without technical evidence, and water leakage was observed inside the walk-in chiller. Medical fitness, pest control, water testing, food testing and packaging records were not available either. An improvement notice has been issued by Cyberabad Municipal Corporation. At Mandi

King in Manikonda, officials found dark cooking oil in deep fryers, water stagnation on the kitchen floor, a dirty exhaust system and uncovered dustbins. Food waste was not being removed regularly and one freezer was found rusted and corroded. Spices and raw materials were stored in corroded plastic containers and No Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC)-trained staff.

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