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Targeted Attack in Kulgam Leaves Non-Local Dead, 1 Injured

The spectre of targeted killings resurfaced in Kashmir on Friday after suspected militants opened fire on two non-local labourers in the Kelam area of southern Kulgam district, killing one of them and critically injuring the other. The attack has once again raised concerns over the safety of migrant workers, who have repeatedly come under militant attacks in the Valley in recent years. According to police officials, unknown gunmen fired at the two labourers in Kelam, leaving both grievously injured. The victims were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, one of the injured labourers succumbed to his injuries soon after arrival, while the second victim remains under

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Future City To Beat GIFT City: Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said that the state government's Future City would be far superior to Gujarat's GIFT City. He said the state's ambition was to attract all Fortune 500 companies to the mega project. He said while GIFT City has been developed over about 700 acres, Future City would spread across nearly 30,000 acres and was being planned as a global destination for investment, innovation and employment.

Addressing a delegation of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Northern Regional Council here, the Chief Minister invited industrialists to invest in Telangana, particularly in Future City, and assured them of support from the state government. He said a Singapore-based firm is preparing the master plan for Future City, which is envisioned as one of the world's leading business destinations.

Revanth Reddy assured industrialists that the gov-



ernment would provide complete protection to their investments and extend support beyond their expectations. He said investors would have direct access to the government, with the Chief Secretary always available to resolve issues. He announced that the industries minister would hold review meetings with industry representatives once every two months, while he himself would personally interact with investors every three months to address their concerns and ensure speedy implementation of projects.

Revanth Reddy said Telangana was not competing with neighbouring states for investments but was benchmarking itself against global cities such as Tokyo and New York.

He said the state has the ecosystem to compete with international business centres and urged industrialists to consider Telangana as their own state. He said the government had retained several good policies introduced by previous administrations

while simultaneously implementing reforms to accelerate industrial growth. Stressing that there was no policy paralysis in Telangana, the Chief Minister said good policies would continue irrespective of which party or leader introduced them. He said the government was offering speedy approvals, attractive incentives and proactive governance to investors.

Referring to the state's growing technology ecosystem, Revanth Reddy said the promoters of Skyroot Aerospace belong to Telangana and the government would ensure a steady supply of skilled manpower to such high-technology industries through the Young India Skills University. He also revealed that nearly 200 companies have already

come forward to establish Global Capability Centres (GCCs) in Telangana. Highlighting major investments already being made in the state, the Chief Minister said Amazon is investing nearly '1 lakh crore in data centres, while the Adani Group is establishing a data centre with an investment of 35,000 crore.

He briefed them on the Global Summit at Future City in December last and the Telangana Rising-2047 vision document and pointed out Telangana was contributing around five per cent to the country's gross domestic product. Highlighting Hyderabad's infrastructure advantages, Revanth Reddy noted that metropolitan cities faced serious challenges—air pollution in Delhi, flooding in Mumbai caused by heavy rains, and worsening traffic congestion in Bengaluru. Telangana was addressing these issues through planned urban development and progressive policies, making it easier to attract investments.

Modi Urges Calm, Forgives 'Misguided' Student Protesters

Prime Minister again took to Instagram to appeal for calm and strike a conciliatory note amid simmering unrest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Reeling under mounting pressure, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a late night attempt on Friday to reach out to the agitating students, saying that although some had used "filthy language" against him and even his late mother, it was time to "embrace them." Describing the students' outbursts as the "mistake" of a few "misguided children," Prime Minister again took to Instagram to appeal for calm and strike a conciliatory note amid simmering unrest. The Prime Minister's late night address was also being viewed as an attempt to steal the thunder from the Opposition, which has been relentlessly targeting him for the "police brutality" against the protesting students on July 20. Modi said that some children used very abuses and it di-



rected at him and his late mother as well. The Prime Minister said that while society's anger was understandable, particularly over the language allegedly used by young women, the focus should be on showing them the right path rather than pushing them into legal battles.

"They are misguided children, and showing them the way is our duty and we will not be able to change circumstances by punishing them, making them run around the courts, or harassing them in society," he said, add-

ing that he wish to forgive these students and urged society to do the same.

He stated that just as people do not break their teeth after accidentally biting their tongue, society should not abandon its own children for their mistakes. "Sometimes our tongue comes under our teeth and blood comes out, but we do not break our teeth—because the teeth are ours, and the tongue is ours too. The children are also ours," the Prime Minister said, called on the students to move on from the episode. He invited students to contribute to nation-building. "Children, come, let us move forward together for the country. Let us learn something new, let us learn even from mistakes. I live for you, I toil for your bright future, so come, let us together take the country forward."

C'garh: Sai Calls On PM, Presents Growth Blueprint For Post-Maoist Bastar

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Friday called on prime minister Narendra Modi at the Parliament House in New Delhi and held extensive discussions on Chhattisgarh's overall development, the transformation of Bastar, once a Naxal stronghold, and the state's key infrastructure and industrial initiatives. Presenting a comprehensive roadmap



for a rapidly changing Chhattisgarh, with a special focus on Bastar, Mr. Sai sought the Centre's support for three major projects of the state, an official spokesman of the Chhattisgarh government said.

He said that Bastar is witnessing unprece-

ded transformation through an integrated strategy of security, trust and development. Once affected by the Leftwing Extremism, and consequent developmental challenges, the tribal-dominated region of Bastar is now making rapid progress in education, healthcare, roads, railways, electricity, air connectivity, livelihoods, sports and tourism, the chief minister said.

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India Asks Pakistan to Investigate Historic Gurdwara Vandalism: Govt

NEW DELHI
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The government is aware of the reported demolition of a portion of a 125-year-old gurdwara in Pakistan's Ferozabad, and has urged Islamabad to expeditiously investigate the matter and bring the perpetrators of this "despicable act" to justice, the Lok Sabha was informed Friday. The written response by Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh came to a



query on whether the government is aware of the alleged demolition of a portion of the historic Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Sahib in Ferozabad, and if so, what steps had the government taken in this regard.

"The government is aware of the reported

demolition of a portion of the historic 125-year-old sacred Gurdwara Sri Guru Singh Sabha Sahib in Ferozabad, Pakistan. The government strongly condemned the act, and urged the government of Pakistan to expeditiously investigate the matter and bring the perpetrators of this despicable act to justice," Singh said. In the last five years, the government has raised "at least 550 major incidents of atrocities against mi-

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Trump Announces "Historic" Deal For Hamas' "Complete Disarmament" In Gaza

HYDERABAD
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US President Donald Trump on Thursday announced an agreement for the "complete disarmament" of Hamas, calling it a critical step toward a new Palestinian government in Gaza.

Senior Hamas officials told AFP that the agreement reached with Israel includes provisions addressing the group's weapons and the gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Gaza Strip.

"An agreement has been reached regarding the issue of weapons... Furthermore, an agreement has been reached on a gradual withdrawal of (Israeli forces)" from the strip, a senior Hamas official said. There was no immediate statement from Israel.

Trump's announcement came after sources familiar with the ongoing talks with mediators in Cairo told AFP that the Palestinian Islamist movement was progressing towards a deal involving the decommissioning of its weapons.

"Today, the Board of

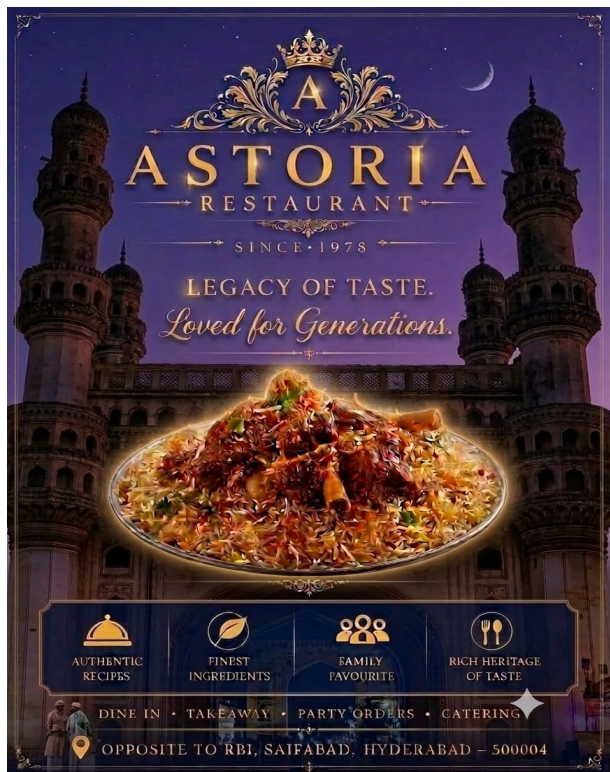
Despite the ceasefire, violence has continued in Gaza, with Israeli strikes killing at least four people including two children on Thursday, according to health officials.

Peace reached a HISTORIC agreement for the COMPLETE DISARMAMENT of Hamas and all other armed groups in Gaza. This is a monumental step toward lasting PEACE and SECURITY," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform, saying disarmament would take place in "carefully structured phases."

"As disarmament is completed, Israeli forces will withdraw, and the International Stabilization Force will work with a new Palestinian police force to take responsibility for Gaza being safe for its residents and its neighbors," he added, also thanking mediators from Egypt, Qatar, and Turkey.

The thorny issue of Hamas's disarmament has been one of the key sticking points in the advancement of the ceasefire deal that has been in place between Israel and the group in Gaza since October.

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Jaishankar Urges Iran to Avoid Attacks on Ships in Call with Araghchi

NEW DELHI
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India on Friday strongly urged Iran to avoid attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers under any circumstances with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar conveying to his Iranian counterpart Abbas Araghchi that New Delhi condemns any such strike by any party. Jaishankar said this during a phone conversation with Araghchi. "Conveyed our deep concerns at the ongoing hostilities in the region. Strongly urged that attacks on commercial shipping and seafarers be avoided under any circumstance," the external affairs minister said on social media.

"India condemns any such attack



by any party." Jaishankar said he was apprised of Iran's perspective of current developments and discussions which are underway. "India is always supportive of dialogue and diplomacy," he said. The phone conversation between the two foreign ministers came amid increasing hostilities between Iran and the US. India has been voicing serious concerns over attacks on commer-

cial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz. Minister of State for External Affairs Kirti Vardhan Singh told Rajya Sabha on Thursday that 16 Indian nationals, including 10 seafarers, have been killed and another 75 injured in the West Asia conflict since February.

"Since the outbreak of the conflict in the Middle East in 2026, 16 Indian nationals, including 10 seafarers have lost their lives in the Middle East (one in Saudi Arabia; two in Kuwait; eight in Oman; one in Iraq; and four in UAE), and 75 Indians have been injured (32 in UAE; 24 in Oman; four in Qatar; 13 in Kuwait; one in Saudi Arabia; and one in Israel)," Singh said.

Floods Disrupt Telangana-Maharashtra Road Link; Pranahita Inundates Crops

Floodwater was being released downstream from the Sripada Yellampalli Project after five of its 62 gates were lifted following heavy inflows from the catchment area.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Road connectivity between Telangana and Maharashtra was disrupted on Friday after floodwaters from the Penganga River overflowed the Anandpur bridge in Jainad mandal. The bridge connects Jainad in Telangana with Digras in Maharashtra. However, traffic on National Highway 44 remained unaffected, although the Penganga continued to flow above danger levels due to heavy inflows from upstream. All irrigation projects in the erstwhile Adilabad district received substantial inflows. Educational institutions in Adilabad



district remained closed after officials declared a holiday on Friday in view of the flood situation. Meanwhile, the Pranahita River was in high flood, and its backwaters inundated standing crops spread over hundreds of acres in Talai, Papanpet, Somini and Mogavelli villages located along its banks. Floodwater was being released downstream

from the Sripada Yellampalli Project after five of its 62 gates were lifted following heavy inflows from the catchment area. By 7 p.m., the project had received an inflow of 50,570 cusecs, while the outflow stood at 42,848 cusecs. The Kadam Project received an inflow of 10,128 cusecs, while the outflow was limited to 88 cusecs. Irrigation of-

ficials are storing water in the reservoir by keeping the remaining gates closed. In Nirmal, State Government Advisor P. Sudarshan Reddy reviewed the flood situation in Nirmal and Adilabad districts and directed officials to immediately repair any roads and bridges damaged by the floods and restore connectivity. Collectors Rajarshi Shah and Bhavesh Mishra participated in the review meeting. Sudarshan Reddy instructed irrigation officials to regulate water storage in irrigation projects based on inflows. He also stressed the need to promote crop diversification and rainwater harvesting in

view of the possible impact of the El Niño effect. Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, accompanied by Adilabad DSP Jeevan Reddy, Jainad Circle Inspector G. Shravan and Sub-Inspector P. Goutham, inspected vehicles stranded on NH-353B near Tarnam village in Jainad mandal. He directed gram panchayat staff to remain deployed at bridges and culverts where floodwaters were overflowing to prevent any untoward incidents. Minister for Irrigation Uttam Kumar Reddy is scheduled to inspect the Kadam Project and interact with irrigation officials in Nirmal on August 1.

Singareni Gears Up to Ensure Uninterrupted Coal Supply to Thermal Plants

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With power demand increasing during the monsoon season, Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) was geared up to ensure uninterrupted coal supply to thermal power stations, according to a statement issued by company chairman and managing director Dr Buddhaprakash Jyoti on Friday. Addressing a review meeting with general managers of SCCL areas, the CMD directed them to ensure transportation of at least 28 to 32 rakes of quality coal every day. He stated the targets must be met despite the continuous rainfall. targets. Officials were instructed to implement special action plans to enhance production



from underground mines during the monsoon season. He said SCCL is according top priority to the power requirements of Telangana and is presently supplying 75–80 per cent of its coal production to thermal power stations to meet the State's electricity demand. Keeping in view flooding in Singareni areas along the Godavari river during the monsoon, he directed that SCCL rescue teams and officials of departments should remain fully prepared to extend immediate assistance in

coordination with the local administration. He instructed officials to focus on achieving production targets in all opencast mines in line with coal output, accomplish the production targets set for the current financial year, and expedite the process of obtaining all statutory clearances for new mining projects to achieve SCCL's long-term targets of 70 million tonnes of coal production and 500 million cubic metres of overburden removal. The meeting was attended by Directors L. V. Suryanarayana (Operations), K. Venkateswarlu (Projects & Planning), Gowtham Potru (Personnel & Finance), M. Tirumala Rao (Electrical & Mechanical).

Kollur Housing Residents Seek Repairs for Leaking Homes at Prajavani

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of the Kollur double bedroom housing complex on Friday urged the Telangana government to take immediate steps to repair their homes, alleging that rainwater was leaking through the roofs and making the houses unsafe and unfit for living. The beneficiaries raised their grievances during the 243rd Chief Minister's Prajavani programme held at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan. They complained that even light rainfall resulted in water seeping through the ceilings, causing severe wa-



terlogging inside their homes. According to the residents, the persistent leakage has damaged household belongings and created unhygienic living conditions, leaving many families distressed during the ongoing monsoon season. Apart from the roofing issues, the residents also highlighted poor maintenance of the housing complex. They alleged that inadequate upkeep of common areas and the lack of proper civic amen-

ities had further worsened their living conditions. The beneficiaries also pointed to insufficient public transport connectivity, stating that commuting to workplaces, schools and healthcare facilities had become a daily challenge. Responding to the complaints, Prajavani in-charge G. Chinna Reddy immediately spoke to Housing Corporation Managing Director Gautam and instructed him to address the issues without delay. Gautam assured that officials would visit the Kollur housing complex at the earliest to inspect the damaged buildings and initiate re-

pair works. He also assured that necessary measures would be taken to resolve the maintenance-related problems reported by the residents. The Prajavani grievance redressal programme continued to receive a large number of public petitions from across the state. A total of 288 petitions were received during Friday's session. Of these, 136 petitions were related to the Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department, 40 pertained to the Revenue Department, 21 were related to the Municipal Administration Department, two were submitted under Pravasi Prajavani.

Mid May Meals For Teaching And Non-Teaching Staff

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The Telangana government has decided to extend the breakfast and midday meal scheme to teaching and non-teaching staff working in government, local body and other schools under the School Education Department. Orders issued on Thursday stated that teachers, headmasters and support staff will now be eligible to receive break-



fast and lunch along with students. The directive applies to regional joint directors, district educational officers (DEOs), mandal educational officers (MEOs), headmasters,

teachers and non-teaching employees. Officials have been instructed to implement the decision with immediate effect and ensure smooth execution across all eligible schools. To facilitate monitoring,

the Additional Director (Mid-Day Meals) has been directed to update the Telangana (TG) Breakfast and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) portals. The modifications will enable schools to record meal consumption by both teaching and non-teaching staff, ensuring proper documentation and transparency in the implementation of the expanded nutrition programme.

Centre Assures Telangana Of Adequate Fertiliser For Kharif 2026

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union minister of state for fertilisers Anupriya Patel told Parliament that Telangana had been provided with sufficient stock of fertilisers for the ongoing Kharif 2026 season. In a written reply in Lok Sabha to a question by Medak BJP MP M. Raghunandan Rao on Thursday, Patel stated that the availability of fertilisers in the state has remained adequate during the period from April 1 to July 26. The Union department of agriculture, in consultation with state governments, assesses month-wise and state-wise fertiliser requirements before each cropping season. On this basis, the department of fertilisers allocated adequate



quantities and continuously monitored availability through the online Integrated Fertilizer Management System (iFMS). Patel said Telangana's fertiliser availability exceeded requirements for all major categories during Kharif 2026. On a query regarding expansion of the Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited (RFCL) plant, the minister clarified that there was no such proposal under consideration.

She explained that urea produced at RFCL, like output from all indigenous manufacturing plants, was pooled at the national level and allocated to states based on assessed requirements to ensure equitable distribution across the country. The minister outlined steps taken to ensure timely fertiliser supply, including regular coordination with the railway ministry for priority movement of fertiliser rakes, and advising state governments to coordinate with manufacturers and importers for timely placement of indents. Distribution within the state at district level remained the responsibility of the state government concerned, she said.

NRI Couple Gifts ₹8 Lakh Gold Crown to Goda Devi



An NRI couple from America offered a gold crown worth ₹8 lakh to Goddess Goda Devi at Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in New Boynpally's New City Colony, adding grandeur to the temple's annual celestial wedding celebrations on Thursday. The special offering was made by VV Nagaraju and Srivani after the divine wedding rituals. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap received the gold crown from the couple and handed it over to the temple committee representatives. The event witnessed a large gathering of devotees who participated in special prayers and darshan amid spiritual chants and festive decorations. Jampana Pratap said the couple had earlier donated gold crowns worth ₹20 lakh to Lord Venkateswara Swamy and Goddess Lakshmi Devi. Responding to the temple committee's request.

Open Excavation for Drinking Water Pipeline Poses Serious Traffic Hazard in Andaalu Mixer Lane

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Open Excavation for Drinking Water Pipeline Poses Serious Traffic Hazard in Andaalu Mixer Lane Residents and commuters have expressed concern over an open trench dug for drinking water pipeline works in Andaalu Mixer Lane, warning that the untended excavation has become a major safety hazard. The road has been dug up for pipeline installation, leaving a deep trench filled with water, mud, and construction debris. Barricading appears inadequate, increasing the risk of accidents for motorists,



cyclists, pedestrians, and especially during the monsoon season and at night. Local residents urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to immediately complete the

repair works, restore the road surface, and install proper warning signs and barricades until the work is finished. Citizens appealed to the authorities to treat the issue as an emergency to prevent accidents, ease traffic congestion, and ensure the safety of the public.

Rains bring back hopes to farmers in erstwhile Medak



Continuous rains during the last four days have boosted the hopes of farmers, particularly paddy farmers in the erstwhile Medak district. During the past one week, the erstwhile Medak district has received considerable rains. Until July 20, the three districts had recorded deficit rains. With the recent rains, all three districts' average rainfall improved considerably. Minor irrigation tanks, streams, and medium irrigation projects such as Ghanpur anicut, Pocharam dam, Manjeera dam, Nallavagu, several check dams and other projects came to life. Due to heavy rains in Godavari catchment area, the irrigation department has also started lifting water from Yellampalli to Mid Manir, which would eventually lifted to four reservoirs, built as part of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), located in Siddipet district.

Telangana To Roll Out AI-Powered TG-iPASS 2.0



The government is set to introduce artificial intelligence (AI)-powered TG-iPASS 2.0, upgrading its existing single-window on-line industrial clearance system to make approvals faster, smarter and hassle-free for investors and to introduce a slew of new features. Sources said the TG-iPASS 2.0 will be expanded from the existing 69 types of approvals to 162, by adding 93 new services. This is expected to allow entrepreneurs to obtain virtually all statutory permissions through a single digital portal without having to visit multiple government departments for individual clearances. The 2.0 platform will also feature an 'Intent to Invest Module', enabling prospective investors to register their preliminary investment proposals and engage with the government even before the formal approval process begins, sources added. The government is also introducing a comprehensive 'end-to-end digital inspection module', under which inspections can be conducted.

Residents Seek Clarity on Defence Road Project

Residents also sought fair compensation if acquisition becomes unavoidable.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of Vasavinagar and surrounding areas in Karkhana have sought clarity from the government over a proposed defence road project, fearing that land acquisition could lead to demolition of homes and displacement of families that have lived there for decades. The concerns were raised at a meeting of residents with Rajiv Rahadari Property Owners joint action committee chairman J. Satish Gupta at the Vasavinagar Welfare Association premises. Residents said they were worried about reports that land along the corridor could be acquired for widening or



development connected to defence requirements. A major concern was the extent of land that could be affected. Maria L, a resident, questioned "why additional acquisition was required" and sought a clear explanation of the alignment, measurements and properties likely to be impacted before any work begins. She said uncertainty over the proposal had left families worried about the future of houses and properties

built over several years. Gupta said they sought a comprehensive survey before any acquisition or demolition and asked the authorities to hold consultations with property owners. "We also want the government to disclose the proposed road alignment and explain how much land would be required on either side," he added. The meeting also discussed the possibility of reducing the proposed width of the project to minimise the impact on residential properties. Residents argued that alternatives should be examined before houses are affected and said technical options should be explored to reduce land requirements. Gupta

hoped that their concerns would be taken up with the authorities and said the government should provide complete information before proceeding with the project. He said residents "should be given an opportunity to understand the proposal and raise objections before decisions affecting their properties are taken." Residents also sought fair compensation if acquisition becomes unavoidable. They said compensation should take into account prevailing market values and the disruption caused to families, particularly those who have lived in the neighbourhood for decades.

Instant Inflows Continue in SRSP, Nizamsagar Projects

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Continuous heavy rains in the upstream catchment areas have led to a steady rise in floodwaters in the River Godavari and its tributary Manjeera, resulting in increased inflows into the Sriram Sagar Project (SRSP) in Nizamabad district and the Nizamsagar Project in Kamareddy district. In view of the evolving flood situation, Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy is scheduled to visit the Sriram Sagar Project by helicopter on Friday, August 1. During his visit, the minister will inspect the dam, assess the flood conditions, and conduct a review meeting with irrigation officials to

monitor reservoir operations and preparedness. According to irrigation department officials, the SRSP received an instant inflow of 62,121 cusecs on Friday. The reservoir's water level rose to 1,070.1 feet, against its Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 1,091 feet. The project currently holds 23,494 TMC of water, while its gross storage capacity is 80.5 TMC. Water is being released cautiously to maintain reservoir safety. At present, 300 cusecs are being discharged into the Kakatiya Main Canal, while 231 cusecs are being supplied to Mission Bhagiratha for drinking water needs. An additional 291 cusecs is being accounted for as evaporation losses. Offi-

cials stated that the SRSP authorities are maintaining constant coordination with the irrigation department in neighboring Maharashtra to closely monitor flood inflows from the upper reaches of the Godavari basin. Meanwhile, the Nizamsagar Project on the Manjeera River also witnessed increased inflows, receiving 4,530 cusecs on Friday due to continuous rainfall in the catchment area. The irrigation department is keeping a close watch on the reservoir levels and river flow, while authorities have urged people residing in low-lying areas along the Godavari and Manjeera rivers to remain alert as inflows are expected to continue over the next few days.

NDSA, State Teams Meet; Using KLIS Barrages for Now Not Part of Discussions

The two sides will meet again in a month to start examining detailed repair drawings for the barrages.



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Any hopes the opposition parties may have had that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) may give the go ahead for using the Annaram and Sundilla barrages of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) to pump water to Yellampalli reservoir on Godavari river came undone on Friday as the issue did not figure in the discussions state irrigation officials had

with a NDSA technical oversight committee in New Delhi on Friday. The committee was set up to assist the state government on the way forward on the barrages. Use of these two barrages has been a consistent demand from Opposition parties to pump water up to Yellampalli reservoir and then on to the rest of the KLIS system. Friday's meeting was focused on the various tests so far, and the results from the tests and planning the

next steps towards preparing designs for repairing Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages, a source said. It was, however, learnt that the NDSA officials questioned the irrigation department on the 'detailed' testing undertaken at the three barrages. Sources said that the state team, led by irrigation principal secretary E. Sridhar who met with the committee, informed the NDSA officials, that though the tests may seem somewhat overdone, they were essential to establish baseline data on various parameters which will help in modelling studies as designs for the repairs of the barrages get underway. The two sides will meet again in a month to start examining detailed repair drawings for the barrages.

Dharmendra Yadav Invited to Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Bhajana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Prominent community leader Thalasani Dharmendra Yadav, brother of former Telangana Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, was formally invited by the Ganesh Friends Association to participate in the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Jathara Bhajana Programme and grand procession. The invitation was presented at his residence near Addagutta,



Ghasmandi, Secunderabad. The Bhajana Programme will be held on Monday, August 3, with the grand procession beginning at 6:00 pm and the devotional programme at 7:00 pm on Subhash Road, Secunderabad. The event is open to all devotees free

of cost. Organisers said the celebrations will honour Sri Manikyalamma Amma- varu and Sri Mahakali Amma- varu, reflecting the spiritual significance of the Bonalu festival. They expressed confidence that the participation of Dharmendra Yadav and other dignitaries would strengthen community spirit and encouraged families and devotees to attend the festivities in large numbers.

New Bowenpally Urshu Showcases Communal Harmony

HYDERABAD
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The annual Urshu festival of the Hazrat Miskin Shah Qadri RH Dargah in Kadak Pura, New Bowenpally, was celebrated with religious devotion and communal harmony, with people from different faiths participating in the festivities and offering prayers for peace and prosperity. Organized by the official Dargah Committee, the celebrations featured the traditional presentation of a specially crafted ceremonial chadar to the shrine, followed by special prayers attended by devotees in large numbers. Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap attended the event as the chief guest and described the Urshu as a symbol of Hyderabad's enduring tradition of religious harmony. He said the festival reflects unity beyond



caste and religion, with Hindus and Muslims participating together in a spirit of mutual respect. Pratap said he prayed for the happiness, good health, and peace of all citizens. During the programme, the Dargah Committee felicitated Jampana Pratap and former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy with traditional shawls. Committee members Irfan, Sabri, Mohammad Suleman, Imtiaz, and local residents coordinated the successful celebrations.

Veteran Health Worker Jhatothu Shobha Rani Accorded Grand Retirement Felicitation



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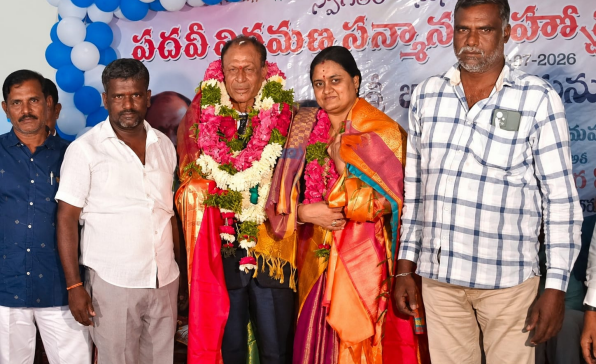
A grand retirement felici- tation was organised at PHC Sharajipet on Thursday to honour Jhatothu Shobha Rani, MPHA, who retired from government service after completing 33 years and six months of dedicated service in the Medical and Health Department. Medical and health officials, colleagues, family members and well-wishers attended the event and lauded her remarkable contribution to public health- care. Anuja Gurralla and Sathyavathi felici- tated her with a shawl, mementoes and a cita- tion in recognition of her exemplary service. Born on July 2, 1965, in Suryapet district, Shobha Rani com- pleted ANM training in 1990 and joined gov- ernment service as an

Auxiliary Nurse Midwife on June 26, 1993. Dur- ing her career, she served at LVH, several Primary Health Cen- tres, and later earned promotions as Public Health Nurse, Com- munity Health Officer and MPHO Grade-II in June 2024. Speakers praised her dedication, discipline and compassionate service, particularly her efforts in maternal and child healthcare, im- munisation, disease prevention and public health awareness. They said her commit- ment to rural health- care earned the respect of colleagues and the community. The programme con- cluded with the presen- tation of mementoes, floral tributes, group photographs and heart- felt wishes for a healthy, happy and peaceful retired life.

Senior Tahsildar Accorded Grand Farewell at Gandeed

HYDERABAD
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The retirement felici- tation ceremony of the Tahsildar of Gandeed Mandal was held in a grand and emo- tional manner on Thurs- day, with officials, public representatives, well- wishers, and local leaders gathering to honour the officer's dedicated serv- ice. On the occasion, Jagan Goud, Civil Contractor Venkataiah, and several others felicitated the re- tired Tahsildar by presen- ting shawls, flower garlands, and mementos in recognition of his dis-



tinguished career in public service. Speaking at the pro- gramme, Jagan Goud said the retired Tahsildar was known for his honesty, discipline, and people- centric administration. He noted that the officer al-

ways discharged his re- sponsibilities with sincer- ity and fairness, earning the respect of colleagues and the public alike. Civil Contractor Venkataiah praised the retired Tahsil- dar's commitment, integ- rity, and tireless service

throughout his career. He stated that the of- ficer's obedience to duty, hard work, and dedication would remain an inspira- tion to future generations and would always be re- membered by the people of Gandeed Mandal. The gathering extended heart- felt wishes for the retired Tahsildar's healthy, peace- ful, and prosperous post- retirement life. The programme concluded with warm felicitations and appreciation for his memorable contribution to public service.

CM's Assurance on Kuruma Corporation Welcomed: Goraganti Ramesh Kumar

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Sangareddy District BC Youth President Goraganti Ramesh Kumar has wel- comed Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's assurance to es- tablish the Kuruma Cor- poration before August 15, describing it as a sig- nificant step towards the welfare and empower- ment of the Kuruma com- munity. In a statement issued on Friday, Ramesh Kumar appreciated the efforts of Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiah and Kuruma Sangham



State Chairman and former MLC Egge Malle- sham, who recently met the Chief Minister and re- quested the formation of the Kuruma Corporation along with adequate bud- getary allocations. He said the Chief Min- ister's positive response

has brought renewed hope and happiness to the Ku- ruma community across Telangana. According to him, the proposed cor- poration will play a vital role in promoting education, employment opportuni- ties, economic empower- ment, entrepreneurship,

and social development for members of the com- munity. Ramesh Kumar also ex- pressed his gratitude to Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah and former MLC Egge Malleshham for their continued efforts in advo- cating for the welfare and progress of the Kuruma community. He conveyed thanks on behalf of the Telangana Kuruma com- munity as well as in his personal capacity, ex- pressing confidence that the corporation would contribute significantly to the community's long- term development.

NATO in Contact With Warsaw After ‘Russian Missile’ Crashes in Poland

NATO said Thursday said it was in close contact with Warsaw as it blamed Russia for a missile that crashed in Poland, and vowed to "continue to take all necessary measures to defend" alliance territory. "In response to a Russian missile of currently unknown type that entered Polish airspace and later crashed into Polish territory - one of many missiles fired by Russia at Ukraine overnight - NATO and Poland activated their air and ground defences," said Martin O'Donnell, a spokesman for NATO's Europe headquarters. "Two NATO fighter jets, which were Polish F-16s, a NATO Multi-national Multi-Role Tanker Transport Unit Airbus A330 refuelling aircraft, a Polish Saab 340 Airborne Early Warning aircraft, and a Polish Mi-24 helicopter, were scrambled," he added in a statement. O'Donnell said that NATO was "in close contact with the Polish authorities about the violation of Poland's airspace" and that the Supreme Allied Commander Europe General Alexus .

Targeted Attack in Kulgam Leaves Non-Local Dead, 1 Injured

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The spectre of targeted killings resurfaced in Kashmir on Friday after suspected militants opened fire on two non-local labourers in the Kelam area of southern Kulgam district, killing one of them and critically injuring the other. The attack has once again raised concerns over the safety of migrant workers, who have repeatedly come under militant attacks in the Valley in recent years. According to police officials, unknown gunmen fired at the two labourers in Kelam, leaving both grievously injured. The victims were immediately rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. However, one of the injured labourers succumbed to his injuries soon after arrival, while the second vic-



tim remains under medical care and is undergoing surgery at Anantnag's Government Medical College Hospital, officials said. The identity and native place of the victims were being ascertained at the time of filing this report. The attack triggered a massive security response in the area. Police and security forces rushed to the spot, sealed off the locality and launched an extensive search operation to track down the assailants. Additional forces were deployed across the re-

gion to prevent any further untoward incident and to aid the ongoing investigations. The latest attack has revived memories of a series of targeted killings that have periodically shaken Kashmir in the past, particularly those aimed at non-local labourers, migrant workers and members of minority communities. Militants have repeatedly sought to create fear among the non-local workforce employed across Kashmir's construction, horticulture, manufacturing and infrastructure sectors. Several labourers from different states have been killed or injured in similar attacks in recent years, prompting heightened security measures and concerns over the vulnerability of migrant workers whose presence is crucial to the Valley's economy and devel-

opment activities. The killing also comes amid heightened counter-terror vigilance in Jammu and Kashmir following the recent assassination of India Reserve Police (IRP) head constable Ashiq Hussain Qureshi. Earlier this month, Qureshi was shot dead in a chilling "shoot-and-scoot" attack by a lone gunman in the busy Lal Chowk-Acchabal Adda area of Anantnag, nearly 55 kilometres south of Srinagar. The attack occurred in a crowded commercial hub, sending shockwaves across the region and prompting an immediate security crackdown. The Resistance Front (TRF), which security agencies describe as a proxy outfit of the banned Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), later claimed responsibility for the killing through a social media post.

Bill to Give Statutory Status to Indian Statistical Institute Set for LS Introduction

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The government is set to introduce a bill in the Lok Sabha to widen the remit of the Indian Statistical Institute and align its legal framework with evolving needs. The Indian Statistical Institute Bill, 2026, seeks the institute's incorporation as a 'body corporate' to strengthen its governance, promote academic excellence and research and allow it to serve the emerging needs in the field of statistics and allied fields. The bill says the President of India will be the Visitor of the institute and provisions for a Board of Governors that will be its principal policy executive body. The board will be headed by the chairperson, who will be an eminent person from the field of acade-



mia, industry, education, public policy, and statistical sciences. The board will be accountable to the central government, the bill notes. The institute will have an Academic Council, which will act as its principal academic body and will be headed by the institute's director. All full-time professors and full-time faculty will be members of the Academic Council. The Indian Statistical Institute Act, 1959, declared the institute to be an institution of national importance and empowered it

to grant degrees and diplomas in statistics. The Act was amended in 1995 to empower the Institute to grant degrees and diplomas in statistics, mathematics, quantitative economics, computer science and such other subjects related to statistics as may be determined by it from time to time. The bill says the President of India will be the Visitor of the institute and provisions for a Board of Governors that will be its principal policy executive body.

Rahul Gandhi Visits Tamil Nadu for Congress Grassroots Strengthening

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi will visit Tamil Nadu on August 1 to participate in the Congress party's organisational outreach programme, Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan (SSA), aimed at strengthening the party at the grassroots level. According to Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) leaders, Gandhi will attend the valedictory session of a 10-day training camp for District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents at Mamallapuram, near Chennai. The camp, held from July 23 to August 1, focused on enhancing organisational skills, leadership development, public outreach, and ideological commitment among district-level leaders. AICC General



Secretary and Tamil Nadu in-charge Ghulam Ahmad Mir and TNCC President B. Manickam Tagore said Rahul Gandhi is expected to arrive in Chennai at 11 am and spend nearly six hours interacting with DCC presidents and their families before returning to Delhi at around 6 pm. Tagore clarified that Gandhi's visit is strictly organisational and not political in nature. Responding to questions about the

possibility of a meeting with Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay, he said the visit is exclusively focused on strengthening the Congress organisation under the SSA initiative. Mir said Gandhi would hold detailed discussions with district presidents on future strategies to build a stronger party structure and may also meet some senior Congress leaders during his visit. Tourism

Minister and Congress Legislature Party leader S. Rajesh Kumar described the Sangathan Srijan Abhiyan as a historic initiative designed to transform the Congress into a vibrant people's movement. He said the programme aims to nurture a new generation of leaders equipped with organisational skills, ideological clarity, and dedication to public service. The Congress believes the trained district presidents will now play a crucial role in expanding the party's presence across villages, towns, and districts. The TNCC stated that Rahul Gandhi's visit is intended to energise party workers, formulate future political strategies, and reinforce the Congress' grassroots network in Tamil Nadu.

Congo's Ebola Outbreak Turns Deadlier as Death Toll Surpasses 1,500

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The fastest-growing Ebola outbreak has killed more than 1,500 people in eastern Congo, official data released on Thursday showed, marking a 50 per cent increase in around a week that shows the emergency continuing to outpace response efforts. As of Tuesday, 3,442 cases had been recorded, with 1,521 deaths, according to



the latest government update. The outbreak, which was declared on May 15, has been linked to the Bundibugyo virus, for which there is no approved vaccine or treatment. There are currently 797 patients in isolation or hospitalised, while a

further 615 patients have recovered, the data showed. Contact tracing continues to lag, with only around 78 per cent of known contacts monitored nationwide, well below the 95 per cent target health officials say is needed to interrupt transmission. The outbreak is mostly concentrated in eastern Congo's remote Ituri province, which accounts for nearly 90 per cent of cases, but there

have been other confirmed cases in five provinces, including one of the country's largest cities, Kisangani. Neighbouring Uganda declared itself free of Ebola on Tuesday following the discharge of the country's last patient in mid-June. Ebola is rare, but highly contagious and can be contracted via bodily fluids such as vomit, blood or semen.

New US Bill May Fast-Track Green Card Option

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Lakhs of long-term immigrants in the United States, including thousands of Indians waiting for permanent residency, could benefit if a new Bill introduced by California's US Senator Alex Padilla becomes law. The proposal, if passed, would allow people who have lived continuously in the US for at least seven years, have no criminal record, and meet other eligibility requirements to apply for lawful permanent residency and obtain a green card. Senator Padilla has renewed the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929, often called the Registry Bill. The current US law allows only immigrants who have lived in the country since January 1, 1972, to apply for permanent residency through the



registry process. The Bill would replace this outdated cut-off date with a rolling seven-year requirement, making millions of long-term residents eligible. Supporters say more than 80 lakh people could qualify if Congress approves the proposal. "Congress cannot continue to ignore millions of long-term residents who contribute to our economy and communities every day. It's past time to modernise our immigration laws and create a fair pathway to lawful permanent residency," Padilla said in a statement. The legis-

lation has been backed by Senate Democratic whip Dick Durbin, along with a number of other US senators and over 30 human rights organisations. However, the Bill faces an uncertain future as it must secure enough support in both the Senate and the House of Representatives, where the Republicans have a majority, before it can become law. The proposal can bring a lot of Indian diaspora clearance for availing permanent residency in the United States. Padilla's office said that the bill would benefit highly skilled workers, including H-1B visa holders, who have spent years waiting for employment-based green cards because of long country-wise backlogs. It could also help children of long-term visa holders who risk losing their legal status after turning 21, who are referred to as "documented dreamers".

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He reiterated his government's commitment to integrate Bastar fully into the mainstream of development. Presenting the 'Bastar Vision' of his government, he informed the PM that government schemes and public services are being implemented across 5,542 villages through the schemes of 'Niyad Nella Nar 2.0' and 'Bastar Muhim', benefitting nearly 39 lakh people. Highlighting revival of education in Bastar, the chief minister said that 421 schools that had remained closed for years in Maoist-affected areas have been reopened. He informed the PM that the state government is working to develop 'Education Cities' at Orchha in

Abujhmad area of Narayanpur district under south Bastar and Jagargunda in south Bastar on the lines of the 'Education City' in Dantewada in Bastar, to provide quality education, residential facilities and enhanced opportunities for competitive examinations from remote tribal areas. He highlighted the measures undertaken by his government to improve the healthcare system in remote areas in Bastar by establishing a medical college and expanding super specialty facilities. He urged the PM to expedite approval for the proposed Rs 10,500 crore gas-based urea project at Rajnandgaon, special assistance to connect 461 villages to the permanent power grid and set up All India Institute of Ayurveda in the state.

IAF Chief Says.....

The thorny issue of Hamas's disarmament has been one of the key sticking points in the advancement of the ceasefire deal that has been in place between Israel and the group in Gaza since October. Despite the ceasefire, violence has continued in Gaza, with Israeli strikes killing at least four people including two children on Thursday, according to health officials. Cairo is set to host a meeting "soon" of the Gaza truce mediators, which also include the United States, Qatar and Turkey, state-linked Al-Qahera News reported early Friday in Egypt. The news outlet did not specify when the meeting would take place, but said that it would discuss

implementing the second phase of the Gaza ceasefire plan, a roadmap for which Hamas and Palestinian factions have agreed to. Under Trump's 20-point peace plan for Gaza, the second phase of the ceasefire was to involve Hamas's disarmament and a gradual withdrawal of Israeli forces from the territory. The plan also provides for a group of Palestinian technocrats, the National Committee for the Administration of Gaza (NCAG), to assume day-to-day governance during Gaza's transitional phase out of war. India Asks..... India has urged the Pakistan government to discharge its obligations to ensure safety, security, and

well-being of its minority communities and their places of worship, and "put a decisive end" to the prevailing environment of "sectarian violence and religious intolerance in Pakistan", the MoS said. The government said, through its diplomatic missions and posts abroad, it remains in touch with host governments to address issues related to minority communities including Sikhs. The government, from time to time, also raises these issues at multilateral fora, including at the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC), the minister said. In a separate query, the Ministry of External Affairs was asked for details on "measurable diplomatic outcomes" which the government has secured in terms of

stronger international action against cross-border terrorism and greater accountability for states that continue to shelter or support terrorist infrastructure. The government has been sensitising other countries on an ongoing basis on the issue of cross-border terrorism "emanating from Pakistan" during various high-level and other official visits, Singh said. India has also set up Joint Working Groups (JWGs) on Counter Terrorism with 31 countries and six multilateral groupings where such issues are regularly taken up, the government said. "Due to these persistent efforts, the global community has a greater understanding and appreciation of India's concerns on cross-border terrorism. Several countries.

CRIME

Telangana HC Set Asides the Appointment of Director to NITHM

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In a significant setback to the Telangana government, the Telangana High Court has quashed the appointment of the Director of the National Institute of Tourism and Hospitality Management (NITHM), ruling that the government acted beyond its legal authority by making the appointment without following the institution's statutory rules. Justice Renuka Yara passed the order while allowing a writ petition filed by the Centre for Better Governance. The court set aside GO Rt. No. 206, issued on July 15, 2025, through which the state government had appointed Prof. V. Venkata Ramana, a professor from the University of Hyderabad, as the Director of NITHM



on deputation for a period of three years. The High Court held that the appointment was legally unsustainable because the Memorandum of Association and the rules governing NITHM clearly vest the authority to determine the qualifications, select, and appoint the Director exclusively with the institution's Governing Council. The government, the court observed, had unilaterally exercised powers that legally belonged to the autonomous governing body. According to the

petitioner, the state government bypassed the Governing Council and directly issued a Government Order appointing the Director, despite Rule 12 of the NITHM Rules, which mandates that the council itself should decide the qualifications, tenure, and terms of appointment for the post. The petitioner also challenged the eligibility of Prof. Venkata Ramana, alleging that he did not possess the prescribed academic and professional background in tourism and hospitality required

for the position. It further argued that the appointment was arbitrary and allegedly influenced by favouritism rather than merit. After examining the relevant provisions, the High Court concluded that the state's action amounted to an unlawful usurpation of the Governing Council's statutory powers. The court emphasized that autonomous institutions must function in accordance with their governing regulations and that executive authorities cannot override established statutory procedures. With the judgment, the Government Order appointing the Director stands quashed, reinforcing the principle that appointments in autonomous institutions must strictly adhere to the rules and governance framework laid down under law.

Telangana High Court Pulls Up HYDRAA Over Kondapur Demolition Case

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The Telangana High Court on Thursday strongly questioned HYDRAA over the demolition of a private compound wall in Kondapur, observing that the agency appeared to have acted without proper authorisation. Hearing a petition filed by Pemmasani Sudha Rani, Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar noted that neither the Serilingampally Tahsildar nor the District Collector had di-



rected the demolition. The court also remarked that government agencies were acting without coordination and bypassing legal procedures. The Tahsildar informed the court that his office had not instructed HYDRAA to carry out the demolition. In its response, HYDRAA stated that it acted

based on information received from revenue officials and claimed it only removed a temporary shed on government land without entering the petitioner's property. The High Court directed all respondents to file their replies within one week, and the matter has been posted for further hearing.

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.

THRC Takes Suo Motu Cognisance of Miyapur Stormwater Drain Incident

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The Telangana Human Rights Commission (THRC) has taken suo motu cognisance of the Miyapur stormwater drain incident in which an elderly man was swept away during heavy rains. The Commission has directed the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), HYDRAA, State Disaster Response and Fire Services,



and other concerned departments to submit detailed reports on the incident, including the sequence of events, safety measures in place, rescue operations, and steps being taken to prevent similar incidents. The THRC has also sought clarification on whether

adequate precautions were taken at vulnerable locations during the monsoon and what measures are being implemented to improve public safety. The matter will be taken up after the concerned departments submit their reports.

Telangana HC Directs Malla Reddy College To Return the Certificates to the Student

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Holding that educational institutions had no legal authority to retain a student's original academic certificates for recovery of unpaid fees, the Telangana High Court has directed Malla Reddy Engineering College at Dhulapally to return all original certificates of a BTech graduate within a week. Justice Juvvadi Sridevi was allowing a writ petition



filed by E. Charan Tej, who alleged that the college had refused to return his original academic documents after completion of his BTech course, insisting that he first pay Rs 3.09 lakh towards tuition fees allegedly pending due to non-release of the

government's fee reimbursement. The petitioner said he sought the return of the certificates as he required them to pursue an MTech programme. The college allegedly refused to release the documents unless the outstanding amount was paid. During the hearing, despite service of notice, the college did not appear before the court. Emphasising that original academic certificates were the exclusive property of the student,

Justice Sridevi held that, in the absence of any statutory authority, the college had no legal right to retain them. The court ruled that even if the institution had a genuine monetary claim against the student, its remedy lay in initiating appropriate legal proceedings for recovery of the alleged dues. It could not withhold original certificates as security for payment.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

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



India’s gold demand falls 6 pc in April-June on weak seasonal demand, higher duty: WGC

India's gold demand declined 6% year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes in Q2 2026 due to higher prices, customs duty increase and reduced purchases. Despite lower volumes, gold demand value hit a record level as consumers continued investing, with festive demand expected to support future consumption

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India’s gold demand declined by 6 per cent year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes during the April-June quarter of 2026, compared to 139.7 tonnes in the corresponding period last year, according to the World Gold Council (WGC) in its Q2 2026 Gold Demand Trends report. Despite the decline in volume, the value of gold consumption reached a record high due to soaring prices. Gold demand by value surged 50 per cent to Rs 1,98,100 crore, up from Rs 1,32,500 crore in the same quarter of 2025. WGC Regional CEO (India), Sachin



Jain, said consumers continued to prioritise gold purchases despite record prices, reflecting the metal’s enduring appeal as both a cultural asset and a financial investment. The report attributed the fall in demand to seasonally weak jewellery sales, an increase in Customs duty, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s appeal in

May urging citizens to reduce non-essential gold purchases to help curb the country’s import bill and conserve foreign exchange reserves. Jewellery demand was the worst affected, falling 15 per cent to 75.1 tonnes from 88.8 tonnes a year earlier. However, investment demand remained robust, with purchases of gold bars and coins

rising 9 per cent year-on-year to 50.3 tonnes. Indian Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) also witnessed net inflows of 4.2 tonnes, even as global ETFs recorded outflows. Looking ahead, the WGC has maintained its annual gold demand forecast for India at 650-750 tonnes. Jain said demand is likely to remain around the midpoint of the projected range, although a correction in gold prices and a reduction in Customs duty could push consumption towards the upper end. The WGC also expressed concern over rising gold smuggling following the duty hike, warning that illicit

imports could pose a significant challenge to the organised gold industry in the coming months. Meanwhile, gold recycling in India declined 17 per cent to 19.2 tonnes during the quarter, while total gold imports fell sharply by 23 per cent to 98.1 tonnes, compared to 127.4 tonnes in the same period last year. The average international gold price rose to USD 4,506.3 per ounce, while the average domestic price during the quarter climbed to Rs 1,50,744.8 per 10 grams (excluding import duty and GST), underscoring the impact of elevated prices on consumer buying patterns.

IIRM Holdings Announces ₹1500 Million Strategic Capital Raise

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IIRM Holdings India Ltd (BSE: IIRM, 526530), the holding company of a group of companies engaged in asset protection, risk advisory, employees’ wellbeing solutions and insurance distribution across India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Kenya, is raising ₹1500 million through a combination of Equity Shares and Fully Convertible Warrants at a Price of Rs 143.28. The issue is subject to the approval of the shareholders of the Company and such other statutory, regulatory and governmental approvals, permissions, consents and sanctions as may be required. The investment is being led by Carpediem Capital and Sanshi Fund - I. The capital raised will support the Company’s funding requirements for, among



other stated objects, business expansion, strategic investments like acquisitions, capital expenditure, working capital, etc. The flagship company in the group - India Insure Risk Management and Insurance Broking Services Private Limited, is the first Licensed Insurance Broking company in India and has been a key player in the Indian Insurance Industry since 2003. “This investment endorses IIRM’s vision and growth trajectory. With Carpediem Capital and Sanshi Fund - I as partners, we are well posi-

tioned to accelerate expansion, pursue strategic acquisitions and strengthen our leadership in insurance and risk management.” — Ramakrishna V, Chairman, IIRM Holdings India Ltd. In FY26, IIRM Holdings handled business volumes (GWP) in excess of ₹16 billion, through operating companies spanning India, Singapore, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Kenya, supported by 18 offices and more than 500 employees, serving around 2,000 corporate clients, 100,000 retail customers and 100+ reinsurer partner-relationships worldwide. Organic expansion and disciplined acquisitions remain central to IIRM’s strategy. The Group is in the process of consolidating multiple insurance brokers in India and overseas.

Off-Market Sale of Unlisted Shares to 200 Buyers Isn't a Public Issue: SEBI

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The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has clarified that the off-market sale of unlisted equity shares by an existing shareholder through privately negotiated transactions will not be treated as a deemed public issue, provided the number of purchasers does not exceed 200 persons in a financial year. The clarification came in re-

sponse to an informal guidance request from IDBI Bank, which sought Sebi's opinion on its proposed sale of unlisted equity shares to non-qualified institutional buyers (non-QIBs) through off-market transactions. The bank wanted to know whether such transactions would attract public issue regulations under securities laws. In its guidance, made public on Friday, Sebi stated that such transactions are second-

ary transfers carried out by an existing shareholder and do not amount to an offer or invitation by the company itself to subscribe to securities. Therefore, these transactions do not fall under the definition of a public issue, as long as the statutory limit of 200 purchasers in a financial year is not exceeded. The market regulator also clarified that contractual rights, including the right of first refusal (ROFR) held by company pro-



motors, can continue to be honoured during such share transfers. This provides greater flexibility to companies and shareholders while ensuring compliance with existing legal

agreements. Sebi further explained that while the Companies Act does not prescribe or restrict the categories of persons to whom shares can be transferred through private place-

ments, it does impose a limit on the number of persons who can participate in such transactions. Under the law, any offer made to more than 200 persons in a financial year may be treated as a public issue. However, the regulator noted that qualified institutional buyers (QIBs) are excluded from this calculation. As a result, privately negotiated, non-advertised transfers can be made to identified investors, including

non-QIBs, provided the overall number of eligible purchasers remains within the prescribed threshold. The clarification offers greater regulatory certainty for banks, financial institutions and other shareholders looking to divest unlisted equity investments through private transactions. It also reassures market participants that genuine secondary share transfers, executed within the legal framework, will not inadver-

tently trigger public issue requirements. IDBI Bank had approached Sebi in May seeking guidance on the regulatory treatment of its proposed divestment of unlisted equity investments through negotiated off-market deals. Sebi's response is expected to facilitate similar transactions while maintaining investor protection and regulatory compliance.

Health Minister Invited to Welcare National Excellence Awards

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A delegation from the Welcare India Social Welfare Foundation, led by Founder and Managing Director Syed Taher Hussain, met Telangana Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha and formally invited him to attend the Welcare India National Excellence Awards 2026 – Independence Day Special Edition as the Chief Guest. During the meeting, the delegation briefed the Minister on the vision of the awards, which aim to recognize outstanding contributions in healthcare, education, business, corporate social responsibility (CSR), innovation, entrepreneurship, public service, women leadership, and social impact. The Foundation also highlighted its ongoing initiatives in healthcare, education, skill development, and community welfare. The National Excel-

lence Awards 2026 will be held on August 23 at the IMA Building, Koti, Hyderabad, bringing together healthcare professionals, educators, entrepreneurs, NGOs, CSR representatives, policymakers, and social leaders from across the country. The meeting was attended by Dr. Sairam C., Secretary, Indian Medical Association (IMA), Hyderabad; Dr. Siddharth Karan, Head of Department, Deccan Medical College; Vamshi Muthyapu; and Syed Taher Hussain. Organized by the Welcare India Social Welfare Foundation in association with THANA (Telangana Hospitals & Nursing Homes Association) as the Official Healthcare Partner, the awards aim to celebrate excellence, inspire leadership, and encourage impactful contributions toward nation-building and social development.

Crude oil futures fall as West Asia shipping improves

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Crude oil futures declined nearly 3 per cent on Friday, mirroring weakness in global markets as improved tanker movement through key West Asia shipping routes eased immediate concerns over supply disruptions. The decline came despite continuing geopolitical tensions in the region, with traders reassessing the risk premium that had recently driven oil prices higher. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), crude oil futures for August delivery fell by Rs 226, or 2.81 per cent, to settle at Rs 7,811 per barrel. The September contract also witnessed selling pressure, declining Rs 190, or 2.43 per cent, to Rs 7,616 per barrel. Market participants attributed the fall to signs of improving crude shipments through the Strait of Hormuz and the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, two of the world's most critical maritime oil



transit routes. The increase in shipping activity has helped reduce fears of an immediate disruption in global oil supplies. According to Pinky Yadav, Commodity Fundamental Analyst at Choice Broking, MCX crude oil prices tracked losses in the international energy market as oil shipments through strategic West Asia sea routes improved, even though negotiations between the United States and Iran showed limited progress. In the global markets, Brent crude futures for September delivery dropped USD 1.81, or 2.03 per cent, to USD 87.22 per barrel on the Intercontinental Exchange. Meanwhile, West Texas Intermediate

(WTI) crude for September delivery slipped USD 1.80, or 2.15 per cent, to USD 81.79 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Analysts noted that crude prices weakened after tanker traffic through the Strait of Hormuz increased, allowing more vessels carrying millions of barrels of oil to resume operations. Saudi oil tankers also restarted movement through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, signalling improving maritime conditions. Shipping intelligence firm Kpler reported that 25 commodity vessels passed through the Bab el-Mandeb Strait on Thursday, although traf-

fic through the Strait of Hormuz remained relatively limited, with only two tankers making the transit. The improved shipping activity follows last week's threat by Yemen's Houthis rebels to blockade Saudi vessels, a development that had briefly pushed crude oil prices above the USD 100-per-barrel mark due to fears of supply disruptions. However, analysts cautioned that geopolitical risks remain significant. Fresh attacks have once again halted crude loading operations at Kazakhstan's major Black Sea export terminal, raising concerns over global supply stability. Additionally, Saudi Arabia has proposed the formation of an international maritime coalition involving representatives from 43 countries to safeguard shipping in the Red Sea and ensure the uninterrupted movement of energy supplies through the region.

Cipla Health Launches WHO ORS Awareness Campaign on World ORS Day

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Marking World ORS Day, Cipla Health Limited launched its nationwide awareness campaign, "W.H.O hai toh woh ORS hai," to encourage consumers to identify and choose World Health Organization (WHO)-recommended Oral Rehydration Solutions (ORS) for effective dehydration management. The campaign comes amid rising concerns over dehydration due to prolonged summers, extreme heat and increasing heat-related illnesses. According to the National Family Health Survey-5 (NFHS-5), only around 62% of children under five suffering from diarrhoea receive ORS treatment, highlighting significant gaps in awareness and adoption. Cipla Health's internal research found that while nearly 70% of consumers recognize ORS when prompted, over 75% cannot recall its full form, and only 61% remember seeing the WHO-recommended mark on ORS packs. The findings indicate the need for greater consumer education on selecting the correct ORS formulation. As part of the campaign,



Cipla Health is collaborating with MGM Group of Hospitals to conduct awareness sessions for doctors, patients and caregivers. The initiative also includes educational programmes by nutritionists and healthcare professionals, consumer outreach, product sampling, outdoor promotions and trade engagement activities. Cipla CEO Shivam Puri said the initiative aims to improve public understanding of scientifically validated hydration solutions, while Senior Director Medical Services Dr. Usha Chennuru emphasized that recognizing dehydration early and using WHO-recommended ORS promptly can help people manage dehydration effectively and make informed healthcare decisions.

Tollywood's Young Heroines Spark Fierce Competition



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

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

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

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

Hyderabad's Teja Kalvakota Leads Aha's Trending Series Azadi 501

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Hyderabad-based actor Teja Kalvakota, originally from Karimnagar, is steadily carving a niche for himself in the Telugu entertainment industry with his latest project, Azadi 501. The talented youngster, who plays the lead role in the much-talked-about Aha OTT series, considers the project a significant milestone in his acting journey. A graduate of the Indian Institute of Management and Commerce (IIMC), Teja chose to follow his passion for cinema despite having a conventional academic background. Determined to establish himself in the industry, he attended numerous auditions before finally getting his breakthrough. His acting career began with the popular Telugu web series Pilla Pillagadu in 2018, directed by Sumanth Prabhaskar of Memu Famous fame. The series earned widespread appreciation and introduced Teja to audiences across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Reflecting on his journey, Teja says Pilla Pillagadu brought immense positivity and encouragement, moti-



vating him to continue pursuing his dream despite facing several setbacks. He later worked alongside actor Naga Chaitanya in the 2019 romantic drama Majili, further strengthening his credentials in the industry. Another promising project, Shivan, directed by VJ Shivan, was unfortunately stalled during the COVID-19 lockdown, delaying its release. Like many aspiring actors, Teja experienced disappointments, including narrowly missing a role in Niharika Konidela's web series Hello World. However, those setbacks only strengthened his deter-

mination to succeed. Today, Teja is winning appreciation as the lead actor in Azadi 501, directed by Shiva Teja and produced by Rachana Reddy under the Thursday Cinemas banner. The Aha OTT series is inspired by one of India's biggest smartphone scam stories, where thousands of people were lured by the promise of an unbelievably cheap mobile phone, leading to a massive nationwide fraud. With Azadi 501 emerging as a favourite among Gen Z audiences, Teja Kalvakota's career continues to gain impressive momentum.

U17 Wrestling World Championships: Sandhya Vishnoi, Akshara win silver medals as India bags four medals

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India's women wrestlers continued their strong showing at the 2026 U17 World Championships in Baku, Azerbaijan, adding two silver medals and two bronze medals to the national haul across four podium bouts. In the 46kg category, Sandhya Vishnoi put together an impressive tournament run to reach the championship final. Facing Japan's Kokona Makino in the title clash, the Indian grappler fought hard but ultimately sustained a 2-13 defeat on points, finishing second on the podium to capture a silver medal. India picked up a second silver medal in the 53kg weight division through Akshara, who adds this world-level accolade to her recent bronze medal finish at the U17 Asian Wrestling Championships 2026. Cruising into the gold medal match, Akshara faced a tough challenge from USA's Marlee J Solomon. The Indian wrestler succumbed to an 0-11 defeat

against her American opponent, settling for a well-earned silver medal. In the 61kg bronze medal play-off, Avanshika delivered a disciplined performance against Kazakhstan's Aruzhan Bakytur. Displaying tactical control throughout the bout, Avanshika secured a 5-1 victory on points (VPO1) to claim a spot on the podium. Adding to the day's success, Taniya secured a hard-fought bronze medal in the 69kg category. Displaying excellent attacking intent, Taniya outclassed Poland's Maja Wejchan with a commanding 12-2 victory to take home the bronze. Earlier on Thursday, India's women wrestlers delivered a strong performance by bringing home a silver and two bronze medals in highly competitive weight categories. Leading the charge in the 57kg division, Nikita Schrawat put together a brilliant campaign to reach the championship final. Facing a for-

midable opponent in reigning U17 World silver medalist Epenesa Elison of the USA, Nikita fought valiantly but ultimately sustained a 0-6 defeat. She finishes second on the podium, securing a well-deserved silver medal for India. The action will now shift to the Men's Freestyle (FS) events. Beginning tomorrow, the freestyle grapplers will take to the mat in the 48kg, 55kg, 65kg, 80kg, and 110kg weight categories. Final results (WW): 46kg Gold Medal Match: Sandhya Vishnoi (India) vs. Kokona Makino (Japan). Sandhya wins Silver (2-13) 53kg Gold Medal Match: Akshara (India) vs. Marlee J Solomon (USA)- Akshara wins Silver (0-11) 61kg Bronze Medal Match: Avanshika (India) vs. Aruzhan Bakytur (Kazakhstan)- Avanshika wins Bronze (5-1, VPO1) 69kg Bronze Medal Match: Taniya (India) vs. Maja Wejchan (Poland)- Taniya wins Bronze (12-2)

Jammu Kashmir, Arunachal Register Big Wins In Junior Hockey

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India's gold demand declined by 6 per cent year-on-year to 131.4 tonnes during the April-June quarter (Q2) of 2026, primarily due to seasonally subdued jewellery purchases, higher Customs duty and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to reduce non-essential gold buying. However, the overall value of gold consumption reached a record high as prices of the precious metal continued to surge, according to the World Gold Council (WGC). The WGC's Q2 2026 Gold Demand Trends report showed that total gold demand stood at 131.4 tonnes, compared with 139.7 tonnes in the corresponding quarter of 2025. Despite the decline in physical demand, the value of gold consumption rose sharply by 50 per cent to Rs 1,98,100 crore, up from Rs 1,32,500 crore a year



earlier. WGC Regional CEO for India Sachin Jain said the figures demonstrate that Indian consumers continue to prioritise gold even in a high-price environment, reflecting its enduring role as both an investment and a store of wealth. Jewellery demand witnessed the biggest decline during the quarter, falling 15 per cent to 75.1 tonnes, compared with 88.8 tonnes in the same period last year. Jain attributed the slowdown to seasonal weakness, the increase in Customs duty and the Prime Minister's public

appeal in May urging citizens to limit non-essential gold purchases to help reduce the country's import bill and conserve foreign exchange reserves amid volatile crude oil prices. In contrast, investment demand remained strong. Demand for gold bars and coins increased 9 per cent year-on-year to 50.3 tonnes, highlighting investors' continued preference for gold as a safe-haven asset during uncertain global economic conditions. Indian Gold Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) also attracted net inflows of 4.2 tonnes, even as global

gold ETFs experienced net outflows during the same period. The WGC retained its full-year demand forecast for India at 650-750 tonnes. Jain said demand is likely to remain around the middle of the projected range given prevailing geopolitical uncertainties, inflationary pressures and interest rate trends. However, he added that any correction in gold prices or reduction in Customs duty could lift demand towards the upper end of the forecast. The council also expressed concern over increasing reports of gold

smuggling following the hike in import duty. Jain warned that illicit gold entering the domestic market poses a significant risk to the organised gold industry and said the WGC would closely monitor the situation in the coming quarters. The report further noted that gold recycling in India declined 17 per cent to 19.2 tonnes, while total gold imports dropped 23 per cent to 98.1 tonnes from 127.4 tonnes a year earlier. International gold prices averaged USD 4,506.3 per ounce during the quarter, while the average domestic price rose to Rs 1,50,744.8 (excluding import duty and GST), significantly higher than the corresponding period last year. Looking ahead, the WGC expects the upcoming festive and wedding season to support demand, although elevated prices may continue to influence consumer purchasing patterns..

KTR appears before ACB court in Formula E case; hearing adjourned to August 25

BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao appeared before the Nampally ACB Special Court in the Formula E race case following the filing of the chargesheet. The court directed him to furnish a Rs 1 lakh personal bond and adjourned the matter to August 25.

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday appeared before the Nampally ACB Special Court in the Formula-E race case, marking his first court appearance since the Anti-Corruption Bureau filed its chargesheet. The court adjourned further proceedings to August 25. Rama Rao who is accused No. 1, appeared along with former IAS officer Arvind Kumar and former HMDA Chief Engineer BLN Reddy, who are also accused in the case. The court directed the BRS working president to furnish a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh along with two sureties. The ACB has filed a 77-page chargesheet on March 23, naming Rama



Rao, Arvind Kumar, BLN Reddy and Formula E Operations (FEO) as accused. The chargesheet contained statements of 14 witnesses and alleges

procedural violations in conducting the Formula E race in Hyderabad. According to the ACB, funds for Formula E Season 10 were released

without mandatory approvals from the Finance and Law Departments and the State Cabinet. It alleged that prescribed government procedures were

bypassed while executing agreements related to the event. The agency has alleged a direct loss of Rs 54.88 crore to HMDA and claimed that the agreements created an additional financial burden of nearly Rs 600 crore on the State government. It also alleged that private firm S Next Gen received undue benefits and raised allegations of a quid pro quo. The accused have denied the allegations. Former Ministers P Sabitha Indra Reddy and Mohd Mahmood Ali, MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar and party workers accompanied Rama Rao to the court. Later, they left for Narasapur to attend the funeral of former MLA and senior BRS leader Peddi Sudarshan Reddy.

Kishan Reddy Slams CM’s Remark on Engineers

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Union minister G. Kishan Reddy sharply criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for describing engineering education as a “criminal waste”, calling it a sign of irresponsibility and an insult to the state’s youths. In a statement issued here on Thursday, Kishan Reddy said instead of initiating a healthy, constructive debate on problems in the education system and working for change, the Chief Minister chose to use derogatory words against

students. “It appears the CM, after learning a couple of words in a weekend class at Harvard University, has come here and is trying to use them, forgetting that he is insulting the Gen-Z,” Kishan Reddy said. Kishan Reddy questioned what Revanth Reddy, education minister for two-and-a-half years, had done to bring about changes in the sector. “He is trying to prove himself an intellectual by using known and unknown words, which is unfortunate,” Kishan Reddy said. He added that it was unclear why Re-



vanth Reddy suddenly woke up to talk about engineering education standards. The Union minister alleged that the CM’s remarks were driven by frustration over students demanding payment of fee reimbursement dues. He recalled

that Revanth Reddy had threatened private engineering colleges demanding fee reimbursement arrears and even ordered vigilance raids on educational institutions. Kishan Reddy also noted that then-Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had, in 2015, said in the Assembly that engineering students’ standards were poor and that he felt ashamed hearing about it, even calling their education “monsoon studies”. “But despite being in power for nine years, KCR made no effort to bring changes in

the very issue that caused him anguish,” Kishan Reddy said. In a separate video message from the US, where he is visiting, Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao demanded that Revanth Reddy apologise to engineering students and the student community for his “criminal waste” remark. The BJP leader alleged that the CM was pressurising engineering college managements and students even as he criticised the quality of education.



Renowned poet Abrar Kashif, Irfan Qureshi of Andaz-e-Hind, Rehan Siddiqui of Andaz-e-Bayaan and Ali Masqati, Director of Masqati Group, felicitated Mohammed Omer Khan in recognition of his dedicated support and valuable contributions towards the successful organization of the mushaira.

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Tomcom to Lead Overseas Jobs Mission for Telangana Youth

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy proposes establishing a research centre at the Young India Skill University to foster innovation.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (Tomcom) to take complete responsibility for facilitating overseas employment opportunities for the state’s youth. The initiative will cover the entire process, including skill training, job fairs, passport assistance, and securing reliable employment opportunities in foreign countries. The Chief Minister held a review meeting on the Skill Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives (SHAKTI) department on Friday, where Minister Vivek Venkataswamy and senior officials participated. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy emphasised the need to protect Telangana workers seeking jobs abroad from fraud and exploitation. The Chief Minister pointed out that many workers, particularly from North Telangana districts,



were being cheated by agents and facing difficulties after reaching foreign countries. He instructed Tomcom officials to establish agreements with authorised manpower agencies in destination countries to provide support to workers throughout the migration process. According to the Chief Minister, such arrangements would allow Tomcom to directly intervene whenever workers encounter problems abroad. The organisation would be able to communicate with agencies, address grievances, and work towards ensuring justice and protection for affected

employees. Revanth Reddy also instructed officials to gather complete details of agents involved in overseas recruitment and maintain records of every individual being sent abroad through these channels. He stressed the importance of transparency and accountability in the overseas employment system. The Chief Minister announced that a former Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer would be appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Tomcom to strengthen its functioning and effectively monitor overseas employment activities.

AAP Telangana Demands Choice Over E20 Petrol Policy

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AAP Telangana on Friday urged the Centre to reconsider the nationwide implementation of the E20 (20 per cent ethanol-blended petrol) policy, alleging that it should not be imposed on the public without adequate scientific evidence and wider stakeholder consultations. The party demanded that consumers be given the freedom to choose between pure petrol and E20 fuel at every petrol station. Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad, Dr. Diddi Sudhakar, Advisor and Chief Spokesperson of AAP Telangana, questioned whether the E20 policy was genuinely aimed at serving national interests or benefiting select corporate entities. He expressed concern over



the lack of transparency regarding the impact of E20 fuel on vehicle safety, engine performance, maintenance costs, mileage, and environmental outcomes. Raising key concerns, the party sought clarity on the future of millions of vehicles manufactured before 2016, many of which were not designed to run on E20 fuel. It also questioned who would bear responsibility if vehicle owners faced engine damage, increased maintenance costs, or financial losses due to the new fuel. The party further asked why independent scien-

tific studies on E20’s environmental benefits had not been made public and why the policy was being implemented without consulting automobile manufacturers, experts, consumer organisations, and the public. AAP Telangana demanded that the government make pure petrol available alongside E20 at all fuel stations and reduce E20 prices if its lower calorific value results in reduced fuel efficiency. While supporting efforts to reduce fuel imports and save foreign exchange, the party maintained that such goals should not come at the expense of consumers and called for a comprehensive review of the policy before its implementation. Dr. Sudhakar also announced that AAP National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal would address

Mir Hyder Invites Azharuddin for Akhbari Arbaeen Procession

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Mir Hyder Ali Jaffery, General Secretary of Markazi Matami Grouhan Akhbari, senior Congress leader, and former Da-beerpura Division corporator candidate, met Telangana Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin and invited him to attend the Akhbari community’s Arbaeen procession on August 4. The procession will commence from Darulshifa and culminate at Bibi-ka-Alawa, marking an important religious observance



for the Akhbari community. The invitation was extended on behalf of the organisers, with the procession to be conducted under the supervision of Sael-e-Babul Yaqeen, Maulana Syed Waheed Uddin Hyder Jaf-

fery Sahab Qibla Akhbari, President of Markazi Matami Grouhan Akhbari. Minister Azharuddin appreciated the invitation and conveyed his best wishes for the peaceful and successful conduct of the religious procession.

Fernandez Foundation Opens Women’s Clinic at GVK Health Jubilee Hills

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Fernandez Foundation (FF) has partnered with GVK Health to launch a dedicated Fernandez Outpatient Clinic at GVK Health, Jubilee Hills, bringing 77 years of expertise in women’s and newborn healthcare closer to patients across Hyderabad. The newly launched clinic will provide comprehensive obstetrics and gynaecology services, including pregnancy care, fertility assessments, preventive gynaecology, adolescent and menopausal health services, and treatment for complex gynaecological conditions. Experienced Fernandez consultants will offer evidence-based and compassionate care to women at every stage of life. As part of the launch, Fernandez Foundation has introduced a special Independence Day Women’s Health Package from August 1 to 15, 2026. Priced at ₹1,947, the package includes a gynaecology consultation, TSH test, pelvic ultrasound, CBC, Pap smear, and HbA1c screening. The consultation facility under the package will be available from 10 AM to 1 PM at GVK Health, Jubilee Hills. Prior appointment booking is mandatory, and the consultation will be provided only along with the package. The partnership combines Fernandez Foundation’s decades of experience in women’s healthcare with GVK Health’s integrated outpatient facilities, including advanced diagnostics, radiology,



speciality clinics, pharmacy, daycare procedures, diabetes care, and corporate health services. Speaking on the occasion, GVK Health Chief Operating Officer Suman Raju J said the collaboration would strengthen access to trusted and quality healthcare services for women. Fernandez Foundation CEO Samir Vieira said the partnership would help extend the organisation’s legacy of compassionate and patient-centred care beyond its hospitals. Located at GVK Health, Jubilee Hills, the Fernandez Outpatient Clinic aims to provide women with convenient access to specialist consultations, diagnostics, and comprehensive healthcare support under one roof.