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WEATHER

MAX : 39.0°C
MIN : 27.0°C
RH : 23%
RAINFALL : 0MM
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Parliament Logjam Continue As Modi, Shah Skip Sessions, LS Adjourned

Logjam continued in the parliament with the Lok Sabha adjourning for the day, as opposition MPs demand statements from Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the police brutality against protesting students across India, while the home minister continued to not show up in the Lok Sabha house. The Opposition staged a walkout Rajya Sabha after the Chair disallowed their attempts to raise issues like alleged theft of Ram temple donations and the use of pellet guns against protesters.

In the Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla on Monday made an "emotional appeal" to floor leaders of parties, urging them to let the voice of the people be heard and allow the House to function without disruption. Since the Monsoon session began on July 20, the Opposition

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Revanth Joins Varuna Yagam For Rain In TG

The yagam (ritual worship of Lord Varuna) is held at Nagarjuna Sagar on the banks of Krishna river

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The Maha Varuna Yagam was performed on the banks of the Krishna River at Vijay Vihar in Nagarjuna Sagar of Nalgonda district on Monday, praying to Lord Varuna for abundant rains. The ritual was conducted by 108 priests and Vedic scholars at 11 Yaga kundams under the supervision of the Yadagirigutta Temple Devasthanam. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday participated in the purnahuti (final oblation) of the Maha Varuna Yagam at Nagarjuna Sagar, conducted to pray for rainfall across Telangana.

The Chief Minister prayed for bountiful rains in the Krishna and Godavari river basins. He said the Varuna Yagam was performed with a resolve that the people of Telangana should live in happiness, prosperity, and well-being. Performing Yagams, Yagnas, and Pujas for rain is a cen-



tures-old spiritual tradition inherited from ancestors in Indian culture. Praying to Lord Varuna, he said, "May there be abundant rainfall across the state and the Krishna and Godavari rivers brim with heavy inflows."

He also prayed for all projects, including Srisailem and Nagarjuna Sagar, to receive adequate water and for tanks and ponds across the state to overflow. He sought blessings for an increase in groundwater levels and bountiful crop yields. He also prayed for the prosperity of farmers, greenery across the state, and the health, happiness, and well-being of the people.

The Chief Minister, accompanied by his wife, participated in the ritual at Vijay Viharam on the banks of the Krishna River. He prayed for abundant rains, projects to fill with water, and a bountiful harvest this year.

The Yagam began at 4:05 a.m. Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, accompanied by his wife and Kodad MLA N. Padmavathi Reddy, participated in the rituals marking the commencement of the Varuna Yagam. The ritual concluded at 3:20 p.m., with purnahuti offered by Revanth Reddy. On his arrival at the venue, Vedic

priests welcomed the Chief Minister with a "purna kumbham" as per tradition. Wearing traditional clothes, he participated in the purnahuti at the main Yaga kundam at Vijay Viharam. As advised by the priests, the Chief Minister offered ghee, navadhanya, and clothes to the sacred fire, marking the purnahuti.

Speaking to the media after the Yagam, Uttam Kumar Reddy said he had great belief in God and that the state would be blessed with bountiful rains. He said Telangana had witnessed deficit rainfall due to the El Niño effect. Apart from scientific assessments and planning, the government is organising rituals like Varuna Yagnas, respecting cultural traditions that reflect the connection between rain, agriculture, nature, and human life. According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecast, rainfall in the state is likely to be below normal this year due to the El Niño phenomenon.

Colombia Scrambles to Find Survivors as Quake Kills 111

Colombian President Abelardo de la Escriella -- just three days after being sworn into the job -- declared a state of emergency

COLOMBIA
Wakeup telangana

Colombian volunteers and rescuers sifted through rubble with bare hands and buckets Monday, hunting for survivors following a massive 7.4-magnitude quake that has claimed the lives of at least 111 people. The quake struck several cities across Colombia's picturesque coffee region and Pacific shortly after 7:30 am (1230 GMT), sending panicked residents onto the streets and damaging at least 1,500 buildings.

"People ran out naked, people jumped from the second floor of their homes" Wilmer Cuesta, a law student in Quibdo told AFP, recounting violent shaking. Colombian President Abelardo de la Escriella -- just three days after being sworn into the job -- declared a state of emergency and vowed a concerted rescue effort. In Cali, volunteers quickly went to work with picks, basic tools and their own hands to try to find survivors. Andres Felipe Mejia was among those who



joined a make-shift crew. "We are trying to get everyone out alive," he told AFP. "One of the rescuers asked anyone trapped to whistle, and someone whistled back." "They pulled out a man and a baby, but the wife is still in there," he said near a pancaked multistory building. Rescuers formed human chains to remove bricks and masonry, stopping every few minutes to listen for signs of life from those trapped below. "A lot of people have come, with supplies, with food, helping the firefighters, helping the people," he said.

There were scenes of destruction in several cities, with furniture and fabrics sandwiched between con-

crete, walls and floors tossed into irregular angles, and cabling strewn across roads. The devastation comes less than two months after powerful twin quakes rattled neighboring Venezuela, killing over 6,300 people and leaving tens of thousands homeless. Hospitals in five Colombian cities were put on red alert Monday and a nighttime curfew was declared in Cali, according to local authorities.

At least six local airports suspended operations, the civil aeronautics agency said. Colombian pop megastar Shakira led the calls for unity. "All my strength and love to my homeland. Let's hold each

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Tirupati Airport Gets e-Visa Entry Facility, Awaits International Flights

TIRUPATI
Wakeup telangana

Tirupati international airport has been notified as an authorised entry point for foreign nationals holding Indian e-Visas, giving the airport an international entry facility even as it continues to wait for a scheduled international flight. The Union home ministry, in a notification issued on Monday, added Tirupati and Bhopal airports to the list of international ports through

which e-Visa holders can enter India. With the addition of the two airports, India now has 88 designated e-Visa entry points, including 37 airports, 38 seaports and 13 land ports.

Tirupati MP Dr Maddila Gurumurthy said the notification was an important step towards opening the airport to overseas travellers, but regular international connectivity would depend on an airline operating from Tirupati. He said efforts were

underway to discuss launching services from the airport with airlines, including IndiGo and Air India Express. However, the airlines have sought viability gap funding to offset their initial losses and support the launch of international flights.

The move is significant for Tirupati, which receives pilgrims from several countries for visits to Tirumala. Foreign devotees holding valid e-Visas can now use Tirupati air-

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Govt To Soon Notify Rules For Online Lower Or Nil TDS Certificate Applications

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The government on Monday said that the income tax department is currently in the process of framing rules to implement the 2026-27 Budget provision that allows taxpayers to electronically apply for lower or nil tax deducted at source (TDS) certificates electronically. A taxpayer typically applies for a lower or nil TDS certificate when their actual tax liability is expected to be lower than



the amount of TDS that would otherwise be deducted, thereby avoiding excess tax deductions and the need to claim a refund later.

In a written reply in the Lok Sabha, minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary said that Section 395(1) of the Income-tax Act, 2025 provides for

the issuance of certificates for deduction of tax at source at Nil or lower rates. "Vide Finance Act, 2026, to ease the compliance burden of small taxpayers, an option has been enabled for the payee, to file the application for issuance of certificates for lower or nil deduction of income-tax electronically and the certificate may be issued or rejected subject to fulfilment of conditions as may be prescribed. The enabling rule is currently under preparation and

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T'gana DGP Warns Officials of Action



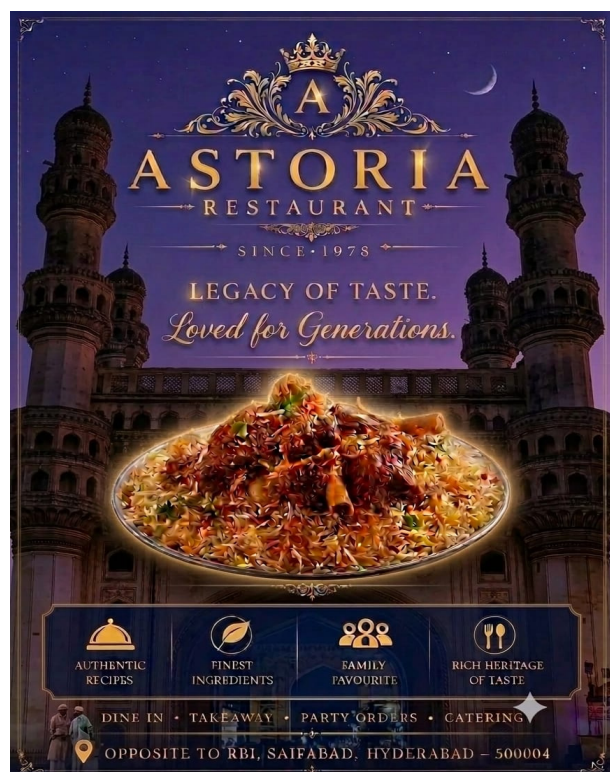
WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Telangana DGP C.V. Anand on Monday warned of strict departmental action against four officials who fail to improve their behaviour and work standards, while addressing a press conference held in the former Maoist stronghold of Karreguttalu. He unfurled the National Flag. The visit assumed significance as a rare instances of senior police leadership reaching a region that had remained largely inaccessible for decades due to entrenched Maoist presence.

Addressing the press conference, the DGP said the four officers had failed to change their behaviour and working style despite repeated instructions issued through meetings and video conferences. He expressed

concern over the lack of responsiveness among some personnel and stressed that such lapses would not be tolerated in the force. "If there is no improvement despite repeated directions, necessary departmental action will be taken," Anand said. He added that four such officers had already been identified and specific instructions had been issued to them. He underlined that discipline, professionalism and adherence to directions were essential for effective policing and public trust.

Earlier in the day, Anand visited the remote Karreguttalu region along the Telangana-Chhattisgarh border and reviewed the situation on the ground. He interacted with officials from both states after unfurling the National Flag in the former Maoist stronghold.



Farmers, Left Unions Rally for MSP, 200-Day Jobs

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

Left trade unions and farmers' organisations staged civil disobedience rallies at several district headquarters across West Bengal on Monday, pressing the government to address a range of agricultural, labour and livelihood-related demands.

Members of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC), All India Kisan Sabha (AIKS) and other Left-affiliated organisations participated in the protests. Rallies were taken out towards district magistrates' offices in Bankura, Bardhaman and several other dis-



tricts, where protesters submitted their demands.

A major demand was the effective implementation of a Minimum Support Price (MSP) for agricultural

produce across the country. The protesters said farmers should receive guaranteed remunerative prices to protect them from rising input costs and market uncertainties.

The organisations also demanded the restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in place of the newly introduced G RAM G job guarantee scheme. They called for increasing the guaranteed employment period to 200 days per person annually.

Under the G RAM G scheme, which replaced MGNREGA, each eligible person is provided up to 125 days of employment a year. The

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BRS exposes massive scam in PM Ekta Mall tender, seeks cancellation and probe

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Terming the tender process for the proposed PM Ekta (Unity) Mall at Raidurg a massive multi-crore scam, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi demanded immediate cancellation of the tender, stoppage of further Central funds and an independent probe into the entire transaction. The party alleged that the Congress government in Telangana tilted tender conditions in favour of a private developer that could result in disproportionate benefits at the cost of public resources and urged the Centre to intervene before any irreversible decisions were taken. The proposed project has an estimated cost of Rs 2,059.81 crore, excluding the value of land, and has received around Rs 202 crore in Central assistance. It is proposed on about 6.3 acres of prime

land at Raidurg, with nearly 27 lakh square feet of built-up area. In a strongly worded letter to union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday, the BRS working president K T Rama Rao raised serious concerns over the distribution of commercial space. While the government’s minimum share is around nine lakh square feet, the private developer is entitled to a minimum of 18 lakh square feet, which is twice the government’s minimum built-up area. He questioned the rationale behind granting such extensive commercial rights to a private developer when the project involves valuable public land and substantial Central financial assistance. The selected consortium comprises Vamsiram Builders & Developers Pvt. Ltd. as the lead member and Aparna Infra-housing Pvt. Ltd. as the



partner. Rama Rao stated that the consortium offered an additional 18,000 square feet of Grade-A commercial office space over the government’s minimum entitlement, taking its total built-up area to about 9.18 lakh square feet. However, the private developer retains a minimum entitlement of 18 lakh square feet, apart from the possibility of additional area through future planning efficiencies or permissible FSI. The BRS working president also questioned the financial model under which the Rs 200 crore interest-free loan sanctioned

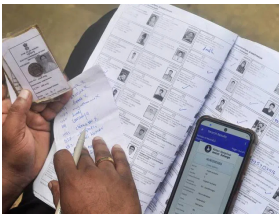
under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme is proposed to be routed through Telangana Trade Promotion Corporation Limited to the selected developer on a back-to-back basis. Rama Rao said the tender framework permitted expenditure already incurred on project preparation, consultancy, surveys, approvals and site preparation to be adjusted from the funds. He emphasised that the arrangement should be examined through an independent scrutiny before any further public money was released. “Public assets of Telangana cannot be used for private bargaining, and public money cannot become the foundation for private enrichment,” he said. He demanded scrutiny of the land valuation, project cost, financial model, tender conditions, bid

evaluation, government’s share, private developer’s commercial rights and utilisation of Central funds. He also sought examination of whether the tender conditions or financial structure resulted in any undue or unlawful benefit to a private entity. The former Minister called for the DPR, financial model, land valuation, tender documents and bid evaluation records to be made available in public domain. He also sought an independent examination by appropriate audit, vigilance and investigative agencies, including the CAG wherever applicable. He questioned the Centre’s response to earlier BRS complaints alleging irregularities in AMRUT tenders, coal-related issues and other matters, stating meaningful action had not followed despite the submission of details and evidence.

Telangana achieves 78.26 per cent digitisation of SIR forms

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana has achieved 78.26 per cent digitisation of enumeration forms under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, following multiple extensions to the house-to-house enumeration schedule. The Election Commission of India-mandated deadline for the enumeration phase ended on Monday evening. Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C Sudarshan Reddy released the final status report covering all 33 districts after the completion of the enumeration exercise. The data showed that a total of 3,38,26,448 enumeration forms were distributed to electors across the state. Of these, 2,64,73,616 enumeration forms were submitted by electors and subsequently digitised. This accounted for 78.26 per cent of the total forms distributed.



The remaining 73,52,832 electors were classified as those who either did not submit their enumeration forms or fell under the category of Absent, Shifted or Dead (ASD) electors. District-wise performance showed considerable variation in the level of digitisation. Yadadri-Bhongir emerged as the top-performing district, registering an impressive 94.31 per cent digitisation rate. The district’s performance placed it at the forefront of the SIR exercise in Telangana. On the other hand, Hyderabad recorded the lowest digitisation rate in the state at 58.89 per cent. According to the report, Hyderabad district has a total of 47,36,669 elec-

tors, while enumeration forms were submitted by 27,89,214 electors. With the enumeration phase now concluded, attention has shifted to the next stages of the electoral roll revision process. As per the revised SIR schedule, the draft electoral rolls will be published on August 17. Electors and other stakeholders will then have an opportunity to raise claims and objections. The period for filing claims and objections has been fixed from August 17 to September 16. Following this, notices will be served and claims and objections will be examined and disposed of between August 17 and October 15. The Election Commission has scheduled the final publication of the revised electoral rolls for October 19. The SIR process is aimed at ensuring that Telangana’s electoral rolls accurately reflect eligible voters

Health Minister Damodar Condoles Death of Dr. Kanike Priyanka



Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare and Science & Technology Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha expressed deep grief over the death of Dr. Kanike Priyanka and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to her bereaved family. In a press note released on Monday, the Minister described Priyanka as a young woman with a promising future and said her untimely death was extremely painful. “Priyanka had a bright future ahead of her. Her death in such circumstances is deeply distressing,” the Minister said. Expressing solidarity with the grieving family, Rajanarsimha prayed that God grant strength and courage to Priyanka’s parents and other family members to withstand the immense loss. The Minister also called upon the Andhra Pradesh Government to ensure accountability in the case and demanded strict action, in accordance with law, against anyone found responsible for Priyanka’s death. He stressed that the circumstances surrounding the death should be dealt with seriously and that those responsible, if established through due legal process, should face stringent action.

Major setback for Congress in Kothagudem’s Aswaraopet: 50 families join BRS

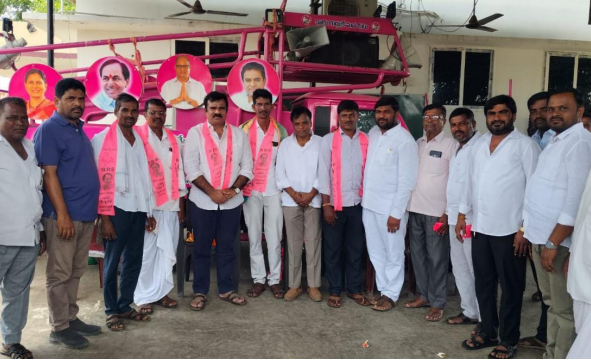
The ruling Congress party has suffered a major blow in Aswaraopet Assembly constituency as nearly 50 families left the ruling party and joined the BRS in the presence of former MLA Mecha Nageswara Rao on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the new entrants stated that they had been misled by Congress’s deceptive promises and that they were better off under the previous BRS government. They pledged to work hard to ensure that BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao becomes Chief Minister again and Nageswara Rao is elected as MLA again. The BRS constituency in-charge Nageswara Rao remarked that while Congress has a history of deceiving people with false promises, the BRS is a party that holds the people of Telangana close to its heart.

M. Venkatapur Deputy Sarpanch, Congress Leaders Join BRS

Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran Welcomes New Entrants: Calls for Strengthening Party Under KCR’s Leadership

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Several local leaders from Maktha Venkatapur village in Regode Mandal quit the Congress and joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in the presence of former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran. Deputy Sarpanch Keshaboyina Ramesh, along with senior leaders Kuruma Sangaiah and Koyyala Mallaiah, joined the BRS. Kranthi Kiran formally welcomed them into the party by draping them with the BRS pink scarves. Speaking on the occasion, the newly joined leaders alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil the promises made to the people. They said dissatisfaction over the implementation of the assurances was the main reason behind their decision to leave the Congress and join the BRS. Addressing the gathering, former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran criticised the Congress government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He alleged



that farmers were facing difficulties over the supply of urea and electricity and claimed that promises relating to farm loan waiver, gold assistance and several other commitments had not been fully implemented. He further alleged that the Congress had failed to fulfil its promised guarantees and accused the government of disappointing various sections of society. Kranthi Kiran called upon BRS cadres to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and work towards consolidating support under the leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). The programme was attended by former Chairman Veera Reddy, former Regode Mandal BRS

president Vinod Kumar, General Secretary Sunke Ramesh, PACS Chairman Raju Yadav, former AMC Director Bhoom Reddy, former MPTC Golla Narsimlu, former Sarpanch Narsimlu, Mandal Social Media Convener Santosh Rao, and leaders Anjaiah, village president Shadul, Hanmanthu, Kummari Anjaiah, Kistaiah, Jai Kumar, Janumula Sailu, Kapu Ravi, Nagaraju, Dade Raju, Jaloji Mallesh, Mallesham, Devaiah, Keshaboyina Mallesh, Erra Srikanth and Erra Hanmanthu. Mandal youth leaders Gurunath Reddy and Shanappa, along with several BRS workers and supporters, also participated in the programme.

Telangana Tradition & Devotion: Dadige Satyanarayana Family Celebrates Ashadam Bonalu

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS leader from Aleru Constituency Dadige Satyanarayana participated along with his family members in the traditional Ashadam Bonalu celebrations in Hyderabad, offering prayers to the Goddess with devotion and reverence. As part of the festivities, the family traditionally prepared the Bonam and offered it to Ammavaru as a mark of gratitude and



faith. Family members participated in the rituals and sought the blessings of the Goddess. Speaking on the occasion, Dadige Satyanarayana said Bonalu represents the rich culture, faith and traditions of Telangana. He prayed that

Ammavaru bless every family with good health, prosperity, peace and happiness and protect the people from hardships. Invoking the spirit of “Loka Samastha Sukhino Bhavantu,” he wished for the welfare and happiness of all and prayed for

peace and prosperity across society. He also conveyed his Ashadam Bonalu greetings to the people of Aleru Constituency and Telangana, wishing that the blessings of Ammavaru remain with everyone. The celebrations reflected a festive and devotional atmosphere, with family members joining together in carrying the Bonam and offering prayers in accordance with Telangana’s traditional customs.

Boda Srinivas Rao Joins ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ Campaign with Family

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Responding to the call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Boda Srinivas Rao, Har Ghar Tiranga Convener for Medchal–Malakajiri district and Advocate, hoisted the National Flag atop his residence along with his family members as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga – Intinta Trivarna Patakam campaign. Srinivas Rao appealed to citizens to enthusiastically participate in the



campaign and proudly hoist the Tricolour at their homes while maintaining the dignity and honour of the National Flag. “Following the call of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, I hoisted the National Flag at my residence along with my family members. Har Ghar Tiranga — Intinta Trivarna Patakam. Let us showcase the pride of our nation to the world,” Srinivas Rao said. He called upon people, particularly youth and families, to make the patriotic campaign a grand success and strengthen the spirit of national unity ahead of Independence Day.

Matoor Poet Mailaram Sathyam Earns Recognition in Online Poetry Programme

Mailaram Sathyam, a Hindi Pandit, poet and native of Matoor village in Motakondur Mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, has earned appreciation for his participation in an online literary programme and received a certificate recognising his contribution to poetry. Sathyam participated in the “Vaaram Vaaram Kavi Parishad” online literary programme, where poets and writers are provided a platform to present their literary talent and creative works. His participation and contribution were appreciated by the organisers, who presented him with a certificate.

A teacher by profession and a poet by passion, Mailaram Sathyam has been actively associated with Telugu literary activities, using poetry as a medium to reflect social values, human relationships, nature and contemporary issues. His literary journey has brought recognition not only to him but also to his native Matoor village. The recognition has been welcomed by fellow poets, teachers, literary enthusiasts, friends and villagers, who congratulated Sathyam and wished him greater success in his future literary pursuits. Sathyam expressed happiness over the recognition and said such literary platforms encourage poets to continue their creative journey and contribute to the enrichment of language and literature.

Deputy CM Visits QuantumScape HQ, Explores Next-Gen Battery Partnership Opportunities

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday visited the headquarters of US-based QuantumScape, famous for developing next-generation solid-state lithium-metal battery technology at San Jose in California. The minister held high-level talks with the company’s president and CEO, Dr Siva Sivaram and senior leadership on next-generation solid-state lithium-metal battery

technology and possible collaboration with India’s advanced-manufacturing ecosystem. Dr Sivaram gave an overview of QuantumScape’s work on solid-state batteries, which promise higher energy density, faster charging and improved safety compared to conventional lithium-ion cells. He also explained what sets the company’s technology apart and the challenges involved in taking such innovations from research to commercial-scale manufac-



turing. Discussions ranged across the global battery supply chain, covering critical min-

erals, advanced materials and components, cell manufacturing and integration with electric

vehicles. Both sides exchanged views on how emerging battery technologies could reshape existing supply chains and create opportunities for greater diversification and new manufacturing partnerships across geographies. Against this backdrop, Bhatti and QuantumScape leadership examined India’s growing electric-mobility and advanced-manufacturing ecosystem and the potential for future engagement. The talks explored possible opportunities in

advanced materials and components, engineering and R&D, supply-chain partnerships and, over the longer term, localisation or expansion of next-generation battery technologies in India. Highlighting India’s rising capabilities in advanced manufacturing, engineering talent and clean technologies, Bhatti invited QuantumScape to explore deeper engagement with the Indian ecosystem, including Telangana’s emerging industrial and innovation corridors.

Two boys drown in irrigation tank of Nirmal's Kubheer

In a tragic incident, two boys drowned in an irrigation tank at Dodarna village in Kubheer mandal on Monday. Police said that Sofiyan (10), OGanesh (11) and another boy went for a swim in the tank. They both entered the water, while the other boy sat on the bund. The two drowned as they were not familiar with swimming. Some locals tried to rescue the boys, but in vain. While Sofiyan died on the spot, Ganesh breathed his last while undergoing treatment at an area hospital in Bhainsa. Their bodies were recovered from the tank and were shifted to the area hospital in Bhainsa for post-mortem. A case has been registered and investigations have been taken up.

Narayanpur Land Acquisition Row Escalates Over Call to Acquire Entire

Villagers opposed to the survey entered into an argument with the officials and stalled the exercise.

KARIMNAGAR Wakeup telangana

The land acquisition process for the Narayanpur reservoir has triggered a dispute, with villagers launching a relay hunger strike demanding that the government acquire the entire village and pay compensation. The government had decided to acquire 34 houses in the village to strengthen the reservoir bunds, while around 150 houses are located there. Residents whose houses are not included in the acquisition have been demanding that the entire village be acquired. The issue was raised during a public hearing held in the village on July 15. However, revenue officials visited the village on July 25 to survey the 34 houses proposed for acquisition.



Villagers opposed to the survey entered into an argument with the officials and stalled the exercise. Those whose houses are proposed for acquisition subsequently confronted the protesters, leading to a clash between the two groups. Both sides lodged complaints with Gangadhara police. The dispute took another turn after Dikonda Madhu, husband of Narayanpur sarpanch

Babalaxmi, attempted suicide following an altercation with villagers, according to police. The incident followed pressure from villagers on July 5 to pass a gram panchayat resolution supporting acquisition of all houses in the village. Based on a complaint by the sarpanch, police registered an SC-ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act case against 13 persons. Twelve of them were reportedly ab-

sconding. The villagers launched a relay hunger strike on Sunday to press the government to acquire the entire village. They would continue the agitation until their demand was met. The half-TMC-capacity balancing reservoir supplies water to around 70,000 acres in the Choppadandi and Vemulawada constituencies. It receives Yellampalli water through the Nandi pump house and supplies it to agricultural lands up to Fazalnagar near Vemulawada. Though the reservoir project has been completed, works on the left and right canals and other components are pending. The state government sanctioned Rs 20 crore two days ago for completing the pending works.

BRS cadres unveils ex-MLA Sudharshan Reddy's statue at Narsampet amid tensions

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS cadres of Narsampet Assembly constituency have installed a statue of former MLA Peddi Sudharshan Reddy at the place where municipal staff demolished the pedestal on Sunday. The party cadres, along with former MLA Nannapuneni Narendar and others, reached Sarvaparam on the outskirts of Narsampet town after the 11th-day memorial ceremony held in honour of Sudharshan Reddy at his native place, Nallabelli village. They installed a bust-size statue of Sudharshan Reddy on a pedestal built again in a rush on private land located opposite Government Medical College. Tension prevailed

during the unveiling of the statue as police arrived at the site and tried to disrupt the unveiling of the statue. BRS leaders resisted, questioning the police's interference regarding a statue being installed on private land. The police backed down after the leaders warned them that they would take legal action against them for obstructing the statue unveiling. Earlier in the day, BRS Former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao, MLC Takallapalli Ravinder Rao and former MP Boinapally Vinod Kumar, along with senior BRS leaders and a large number of cadres, staged a rasta-roko on a main road in the town. Police tried to take the leaders into custody, dur-

ing which a scuffle ensued between BRS activists and the police, leading to tension in the town. The leaders strongly condemned the demolition of the pedestal at the behest of the ruling party leaders. Speaking to the media, former ZP chairman Akula Srinivas informed that the party cadres had performed 'Bhumi Pooja' a few days ago and built the pedestal to install Sudharshan Reddy's statue on the land belonging to Jangama Rama Rao of Narsampet. He alleged that officials demolished the pedestal just as preparations were being made to unveil the statue during the 11th-day memorial ceremony in honour of Sudharshan Reddy, who played a key role in sanctioning the Government Medical College.

Secunderabad to Host District Masters Athletics Meet on Aug 30

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Masters Athletics Association will conduct the District-Level Masters Athletics Championship on August 30, 2026, at the Secunderabad Gymkhana Ground. Association President Marri Laxman Reddy, Secretary Ragiru Prabhukumar Goud and Cantonment Sports Association Chief Patron Jampana Pratap announced the event at a press conference. Athletes aged 35 to 100 years can participate, promoting fitness and competitive sports among veterans. The entry fee is ₹500, with online registration mandatory. Participants will re-



ceive breakfast, lunch and participation medals. The meet will serve as a qualifier for the State-Level Masters Athletics Championship in November 2026. State winners will advance to the National Masters Athletics Championship. Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, Medchal MLA Chamakura Mallareddy, Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhar Reddy and other sports personalities are expected to attend.

Neelam Padma Venkataswamy Joins Quit India Day Tribute

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Neelam Padma Venkataswamy, Telangana Mahila Congress In-charge Coordinator, President of the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress and Member of the District DISHA Committee, participated in the Quit India Movement commemoration programme held at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad on August 9. As part of the programme, Neelam Padma took part in the traditional Charkha spinning activity, spinning cotton into thread as a symbolic tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and the countless freedom fighters who sacrificed for India's independence. She said the Charkha occupied a special place in India's freedom movement and emerged as a pow-



erful symbol of Swadeshi, self-reliance, dignity of labour and economic independence. She recalled the historic significance of the Quit India Movement and said its message of courage, unity and determination continues to inspire generations. Neelam Padma paid heartfelt tributes to the freedom fighters who participated in the struggle against British rule and said the sacrifices

made for India's freedom should never be forgotten. She stressed that the younger generation should be made aware of the country's freedom struggle and the values that shaped independent India. She said that commemorative programmes such as these provide an opportunity to reaffirm commitment to democracy, equality, national unity, secular values and social harmony. She called upon citizens to uphold the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and contribute to the nation's progress with a spirit of responsibility and service. The participation of women in the Charkha programme also highlighted the significant role played by women during India's freedom struggle and their continuing contribution to society and nation-building.

Ashadam Bonalu Celebrated with Grandeur in Zaheerabad's 14th Ward



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The traditional Ashadam Bonalu celebrations were held with great devotion and festive enthusiasm in Ward No. 14 of Zaheerabad on Sunday, marking the concluding day of the sacred Ashadam month. The locality wore a colourful festive look as residents, devotees, women, youth and children participated in the celebrations with bhakti and shraddha. Traditional dappulu, kommulu, folk performances and energetic Pothurajulu dances added grandeur to the festivities and reflected the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. Bhavani, LLB, along with her family members, enthusiastically participated in the Bonalu celebrations and joined the local community in witnessing the traditional rituals and cultural performances. Speaking on the occasion, Bhavani said that Bonalu represents the

unique identity, faith and cultural richness of Telangana. She described the celebrations as a memorable experience and said the traditional sounds of dappulu and kommulu, the vibrant Pothurajulu performances and the devotional atmosphere would remain cherished memories. "Telangana's traditions are truly great. Ashadam Bonalu brings families and communities together and reminds us of our rich cultural roots. These celebrations will remain memorable forever," she said. Women offered Bonam to the Goddess with devotion and prayed for the health, happiness and prosperity of their families and the well-being of society. The celebrations concluded on a joyous note, with residents appreciating the collective participation that made the Ashadam Bonalu festivities in Zaheerabad's 14th Ward a grand success.

Telangana Extends Indiramma Housing Application Deadline to August 15

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The state government late on Monday extended the deadline for applications under the Indiramma housing scheme by five days. Housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announcing that applications would now be accepted till August 15. The extension was announced in view of consecutive holidays, including the second Saturday and Bonalu, to ensure eligible beneficiaries do not miss the opportunity to apply. As of Monday evening, 46,121 applications had been received since the

application process began on July 21. Applications are being accepted through MeeSeva centres, online and the MeeSeva WhatsApp service. The government plans to construct one lakh houses within the Outer Ring Road limits of Hyderabad, covering all Assembly constituencies in the area. As part of the pilot project, 7,340 houses are being constructed across 16 constituencies. Kukatpally recorded the highest number of applications at 6,615, followed by Quthbullapur (5,571) and Khairatabad (5,518). Maheshwaram recorded the lowest with 734 appli-

cations. The minister directed housing department officials to make necessary arrangements for receiving applications during the extended period and ensure that the extension does not delay scrutiny, eligibility verification, allotment and the lottery process. He instructed officials to complete the house allotment process by the end of August and assured applicants that allotments would be made transparently and impartially based on eligibility criteria. INDIRAMMA INDLU TOWERS 46,121 applications received Constit-

uency-wise applications Kukatpally — 6,615 Quthbullapur — 5,571 Khairatabad — 5,518 Nampally — 4,372 Malakpet — 3,609 Serilingampally — 3,488 Amberpet — 3,073 Karwan — 2,184 Rajendranagar — 2,060 Secunderabad Cantonment — 1,755 Bahadurpura — 1,706 Medchal — 1,668 Sanathnagar — 1,404 Malkajgiri — 1,333 Ibrahimpatnam — 1,031 Maheshwaram — 734 Application deadline extended till August 15, 2026

Mala Mahanadu Leaders Perform Bonalu Pujas in Basheerbagh

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Mala Mahanadu national and state leaders joined Congress leaders in Bonalu celebrations at Chandranagar, Basheerbagh, on Monday. Invited by Mala Mahanadu Greater Hyderabad Vice President Pasula Vishwanath, the delegation performed special Amma Vari pujas and offered prayers for the prosperity and well-being of the region. Mala Mahanadu National President Chennaiyya, State President Burgula Venkateswarlu and Greater Hyderabad President Bindla Srinivas participated in the celebrations. Committee members Maripalli Srikanth,



Jaikumar, Gadamodla Ramesh, Jetty Giri, Obuleswar, Prem Kumar, Sunny, Rajesh, Netala Ramesh, Burengari Narsing Rao, Jawvaji Kumara Swamy, Vijay Kumar and Seshu also offered prayers. Later, senior Congress leaders Dilip Raj Reddy and Mahender, along with Committee President Salla Pawan Kumar, General Secretary Megastar Ramulu and Joint Secretary Gummala Kamal Kumar, felicitated the Mala Mahanadu members with traditional shawls.

AI Opens New Avenues, Startups Can Create Jobs

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

TPCC General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress in-charge V. Jagadishwar Goud urged youngsters to embrace AI, digital technology and innovation to create new career opportunities. He was speaking to students at 'Founder ForgeX — Journey of Excellence (Episode-2)' held at Draper Startup House in Gachibowli. Goud said technology is creating several opportunities for youth and encouraged students to turn their ideas into startups rather than



simply seeking jobs, thereby creating employment for others. He stressed the importance of communication, teamwork, leadership, creativity and practical experience along with technical skills. Goud also advised students to stay away from drugs, gutka

and alcohol, remain focused on their goals and learn from failures. He said their success would be the best reward for their parents' sacrifices. Around 100 students from KL University and Malla Reddy University attended the programme.

Srinivas Goud Calls for Recognition of Papanna Goud's Legacy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud attended the 376th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud at Ravindra Bhārati in Hyderabad as the chief guest and paid floral tributes to his portrait. Speaking on the occasion, Srinivas Goud described Papanna Goud as a pioneering emperor and a prominent leader of the Bahujan community in



Asia. He recalled that after the formation of Telangana, discussions with then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao led to the issuance of a Government Order

officially recognising the birth and death anniversaries of the historical leader. Srinivas Goud said ₹3 crore had been allocated for installing Pa-

panna Goud's statue at Tank Bund and urged the government to complete the project. He also called for an end to excise raids on toddy tappers, reopening of closed toddy shops and protection of traditional occupations. He urged authorities to inaugurate the completed Neera Centre at Nandanam in Nalgonda district and promote neera-based products. He demanded ₹10 lakh ex-gratia for families of toddy tappers who die

after accidentally falling from trees. Goud also proposed renaming Jangaon district as Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud district and urged the government to conduct Bhoomi Puja for the five-acre land allotted to the Goud community association at Kokapet. Telangana PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and several political and community leaders attended the programme.

Govt Seizes Thousands of Diageo Liquor Bottles in Crackdown

Indian inspectors have seized around 18,000 boxes of Diageo liquor bottles for allegedly lacking markings to show □they were made using safe recycled plastic, government sources said, in the latest blow to the world's largest spirits group. Diageo India confirmed the regulatory action, saying some of its bottles "have been quarantined by authorities until further direction". It said they were sourced from a recycler approved by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and mandatory tests were conducted by the suppliers. "Our products are completely safe for consumption ... We are engaging with FSSAI for further direction on this matter," Diageo India unit United Spirits told Reuters in a statement. FSSAI officials visited United Spirits' factory in Bengaluru last week where they were told that the Diageo India unit used recycled plastic bottles.

North Korean Hacking Group Builds AI Tools For Cyberattacks: Report

SEOUL Wakeup telangana

A North Korean-linked hacking group is expanding its use of artificial intelligence by developing and deploying tools that could automate cyberattacks, analyse stolen information and create more convincing phishing campaigns, according to South Korean cybersecurity firm Genians.

Genians said it identified evidence that the hacking group Kimsuky had established infrastructure for running and managing artificial intelligence models locally. The tools reportedly included Ollama, GPT4All and Msty, which allow AI models to operate on local systems rather than relying entirely on external services.

The cybersecurity company also found technology known as retrieval-augmented generation (RAG), which can help AI systems search



and analyse large collections of documents. Running these tools locally could enable attackers to process sensitive or stolen information without transmitting it to third-party AI providers, potentially reducing the risk of detection.

According to Genians, the infrastructure linked to Kimsuky also contained AI-agent development frameworks, speech-to-text software and Cursor, an AI-assisted coding platform. The combination of these technologies suggests that the group may be seeking to integrate AI more deeply into its cyber operations.

Genians said Kimsuky's

activities appear to be moving beyond the use of generative AI for creating phishing emails and other social-engineering content. The group may now be developing capabilities to use existing AI models for malware development, stolen-data analysis and attack automation.

The company also discovered finance- and cryptocurrency-themed documents that appeared to have been created using AI. These materials reportedly resembled legitimate investment reports and workplace documents, potentially making them more effective as decoys or phishing lures. However, Genians' findings have not been independently verified.

Kimsuky has long been associated with cyber-espionage operations targeting organisations and individuals, particularly those connected to South Korea and other countries.

U.S. and South Korean authorities, along with cybersecurity researchers, have repeatedly linked North Korean cyber units to espionage, financial theft and activities intended to generate revenue for Pyongyang.

In 2023, the U.S. Treasury Department sanctioned Kimsuky, describing it as a North Korean government-controlled cyber-espionage group. U.S. authorities said the group collected intelligence in support of North Korea's strategic objectives.

The latest findings highlight growing concerns about the use of generative AI by state-linked hacking groups. While AI can help legitimate organisations improve productivity and security, the same technologies can also give sophisticated attackers new ways to analyse information, develop malicious software and scale cyber operations.

Parliament Logjam Continue As Modi, Shah Skip Sessions, LS Adjourned

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana



Logjam continued in the parliament with the Lok Sabha adjourning for the day, as opposition MPs demand statements from Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the police brutality against protesting students across India, while the home minister continued to not show up in the Lok Sabha house. The Opposition staged a walkout Rajya Sabha after the Chair disallowed their attempts to raise issues like alleged theft of Ram temple donations and the use of pellet guns against protesters.

In the Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla on Monday made an "emotional appeal" to floor leaders of parties, urging them to let the voice of the people be heard and allow the House to function without disruption. Since the Monsoon session began on July 20,

the Opposition has been holding protests demanding a response from Home Minister Amit Shah on the police crackdown on students protesting NEET paper leak across the country and a debate on alleged theft of donations from Ram Temple in Ayodhya.

At the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee, Birla said key bills should be discussed in the House and there should be no disruption so that members can express their views on the laws being passed by Parliament, sources said. Emphasising the importance of constructive deliberations, meaningful participation and adher-

ence to the highest parliamentary traditions, the Speaker appealed to all parties to extend their cooperation in ensuring the smooth and orderly conduct of the proceedings so that issues concerning the people can be discussed in a comprehensive and productive manner, sources said. For the 16th straight day, the Lower House has not been able to complete the Question Hour due to persistent sloganeering by opposition members. As many as nine bills were passed by the Lok Sabha during the ongoing session, but a debate could take place only on two.

Amit Shah Ready to Discuss Student Protests: Rijiju

"The offer made by the government is very clear that it is ready to have a full and detailed discussion on students' movement and activities related to it," Rijiju said.

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Accusing the opposition of stalling parliamentary proceedings, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju asserted on Monday that while the government is fully prepared for a detailed debate on student-related movements, lawmakers must refrain from disrupting the Home Minister's official response. "The offer made by the government is very clear that it is ready to have a full and detailed discussion on students' movement and activities related to it," Rijiju said.

Emphasising the need for an uninterrupted parliamentary process, the Union Minister cautioned against disruptions during official statements. "My only point made to the Opposition is that while the discussion and a reply are being made, the Opposition should not create disturbances to prevent the statement of the Home Minister," he added. "They must listen to the reply of the Home Minister and the government. Once discussion begins,

we must have a threadbare discussion."

The message from the Union Minister came after LoP in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi lashed out at the Home Minister and demanded a court-monitored probe in alleged police action on the July 20 protests. "Pellet guns, nail-studded batons, and tear gas shells--these were used to attack students who were peacefully asking questions only about their future. The police beat the girls, leaving injuries on the private parts of several. Minors suffered broken bones. The Modi government responds to questions with such barbarity. And the Home Minister? Nearly 20 days have passed, but Amit Shah hasn't even come to Parliament to answer on this matter. Every opposition proposal for discussion has been re-

jected. Their silence is not just negligence or oversight--it is an endorsement of the violence. They are either guilty or incompetent. We demand an investigation under the supervision of the Supreme Court. And until they are held accountable, this fight will not stop," he said in a post on X.

Earlier, the four key Bills, including the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026, the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, the Kerala (AI-termination of Name) Bill, 2026, and the National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, were introduced in the Lok Sabha on Monday amid uproar by Opposition members. The House was later adjourned till 2 pm as Opposition MPs continued protests demanding a response from the government over the police action during the students' protest at Jantar Mantar and the alleged theft of Ram temple donations.

Lok Sabha proceedings have witnessed repeated disruptions during the

Monsoon Session, with six of the eight Bills passed by the House cleared without a debate. Earlier, Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Akhilesh Yadav launched a scathing attack on the Centre over ongoing parliamentary deadlocks, demanding answers on the alleged donation embezzlement at Ayodhya's Ram Temple. Addressing the reporters, the former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister questioned the Centre on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Amendment Bill.

"We ask the government the question of why lathis were used, tear gas shells were fired, and electric shocks were administered. Now they are introducing the FCRA. Yet, the Government of India and the BJP had assured us that Indian money would not flow out of the country. Countless people have taken vast sums of money out of India, both officially and unofficially... The truth is, they want to take over institutions. They are looking for ways to seize control of these institutions through the FCRA," Yadav said.

Jharkhand Exam Row: ED Probes Money Laundering in JSSC-CGL

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana



The Enforcement Directorate has launched a money laundering investigation into alleged irregularities in the conduct of multiple recruitment examinations in Jharkhand particularly the JSSC-CGL examination, officials said on Monday. They said the central agency took cognisance of a state police CID FIR and some other complaints and chargesheets to initiate a probe under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). The ED is soon expected

to initiate further action, including gathering evidence, summoning those linked to these cases and possibly attaching the accused's assets, officials said. Students have been agitating in the state for 16 days demanding a CBI probe into alleged irregularities in recruitment examinations, particularly the JSSC-CGL (Jharkhand General Graduate Level Combined Competitive

Examination).

The agitators are also demanding comprehensive reforms in the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) and the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC). They are also seeking cancellation of several recruitment tests, including the 14th Jharkhand PSC Civil Services Examination, and an independent probe into the alleged irregularities, either by the CBI or by a panel of retired high court judges from outside the state.

On Monday, the Jharkhand CID arrested ex-JPSC chairperson L

Khiangte in connection with alleged irregularities in recruitment exams. The CID had earlier questioned Khiangte four times since July 28 and raided 18 locations across Ranchi, Palamu, Hazaribagh, Bokaro and Dhanbad as part of its probe into the alleged recruitment irregularities. The state agency also arrested 14 people before Khiangte as part of this probe, while the JPSC postponed the Combined Civil Services Mains Examination, scheduled from July 25 to 27, citing "unavoidable circumstances" amid mounting protests.

Gen Z Aspirations Important Than Ministership: Dharmendra Pradhan MP

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

BJP MP Dharmendra Pradhan said the aspirations and resolve of the younger generation are more important than any ministerial position, asserting that the country's interests remain the top priority. He said he had tried to explain the aspirations of the younger generation to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who later engaged directly with Gen

Z. Addressing the 'Matira Mahaka' programme organised to felicitate Padma awardees of Western Odisha on Saturday, Pradhan said, "Gen Z belongs to us. Some people tried to deceive Gen Z. The ministerial position was not at all a prestige issue for me... My responsibility is nothing compared to the resolve of the new generation."

"I tried to explain the reality of the resolve of the new generation to the PM,

who later engaged directly with Gen Z. There is nothing more important than the country's interest. We are committed to fulfilling the aspirations of the younger generation," he further said. Last month, on July 25, Pradhan resigned from the Union Council of Ministers amid nationwide protests over the NEET-UG 2026 paper leak controversy.

He said he was stepping down in the larger interest of students to ensure that

the country's youth do not become "trapped in a web of confusion". In his resignation letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Pradhan highlighted his long-standing association with the education sector and reaffirmed his commitment to the aspirations of India's youth. "For more than four decades, I have been associated with students, teachers, and the cause of education reform.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Colombia Scrambles...

Let's hold each other tight," she said. Authorities warned the toll could rise as rescuers searched collapsed buildings across several cities. In Manizales, an AFP journalist saw many damaged buildings, including the crumpled tower of the city's beloved neo-Gothic cathedral. - People prayed - Dentist Julian Pena was at home in Quibdo when he felt "very, very strong" shaking. "People were praying in the street. It was overwhelming," he told AFP. "I ran outside carrying nothing and found hundreds of people there." "There are many buildings with gaps, with cracks. There are others that have completely collapsed." The quake was felt across Colombia, including the

capital Bogota, where crowds of people rushed out into the street in their pajamas. At a depth of 110 kilometers (68 miles), the quake was felt in neighboring Ecuador and Panama. Experts at the US Geological Survey said the quake was likely caused by movement along a deep fault within the Nazca tectonic plate. All upcoming professional football matches have been postponed. Messages of support came in from countries across the region and the world. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said the United States was "closely monitoring" the situation and "stands ready to support the people of Colombia." The US later announced \$15.5 million in emergency relief. European Union chief Ursula von der Leyen said the EU had mo-

bilized Copernicus, a satellite service, to help with rescue operations. Israel, Mexico, Ecuador and France also offered assistance.

Tirupati Airport Gets....

Foreign devotees holding valid e-Visas can now use Tirupati airport as their authorised point of entry into India, subject to the availability of international flights. Until now, overseas visitors generally had to arrive at international airports such as Chennai, Bengaluru or Hyderabad and travel to Tirupati by road or domestic flight.

India introduced the e-Visa facility in 2014 for nationals of 43 countries to simplify the visa process, particularly for tourists. The facility has since expanded to 172 countries and is available under 17

categories. Around 95 per cent of e-Visa applications are processed within 72 hours, while nearly 78 per cent of visas issued by India are electronic.

For Tirupati, however, the latest notification does not resolve the issue of international connectivity. The Union Cabinet cleared the airport for international status in 2008, and the formal Gazette notification was issued in 2017-. Nearly nine years after the notification, the airport still has no scheduled international service.

The civil aviation ministry, in a February 2025 reply in the Rajya Sabha, said airlines decide international routes based on bilateral air service agreements, market demand and their own policies.

Govt To Soon.....

The application will be processed based on information already available on the income-tax portal, including previously filed returns, the Annual Information Statement (AIS), Taxpayer Information Summary (TIS) and Form 26AS. If the prescribed conditions are met, the certificate will be issued electronically. Applications with discrepancies may be rejected," it said. The proposed provision would eliminate physical documentation, repeated visits to tax offices, make the process faster, paperless and more transparent. "The income tax department has disposed off 2.24 lakh appeals in 2025-26 fiscal, up from 1.11 lakh in 2023-24. Also, 2.13 lakh faceless assessments were completed in FY26, lower

than 2.73 lakh in FY24," the minister said.

Left Unions,.....

The organisations also demanded the restoration of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in place of the newly introduced G RAM G job guarantee scheme. They called for increasing the guaranteed employment period to 200 days per person annually.Under the G RAM G scheme, which replaced MGNREGA, each eligible person is provided up to 125 days of employment a year. The protesters argued that the guarantee should be expanded to provide greater livelihood security for rural workers and agricultural labourers.

CRIME

Priyanka Cremated in Native Village, Family Seeks Justice

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The mortal remains of Dr K. Priyanka, a postgraduate medical student who died after a hit-and-run incident in Andhra Pradesh, were cremated at her native village Eklaspur in Gadwal district on Monday evening. Family members and colleagues gathered at the village with placards seeking justice for Dr Priyanka as her final rites were performed. The cremation was initially delayed due to the visit of officials and was held later in the evening. Her father Venkatesh demanded the death penalty for those responsible for her death. The family said it would continue to pursue the case. Two persons, Suravarapu Daswanth of

Morampudi and Desabhakhtula Andrew Joseph Edward of Lalacheruvum, have been charged with culpable homicide after they drove their car over the medico, at a mall in Rajamahendravaram on August 3. "Initially, a case was registered for rash and negligent driving. It was later altered to culpable homicide. We want the accused to be booked for attempt to murder, and officials have assured us that necessary action will be taken," Dr Priyanka's brother Varaprasad said. He said the family had travelled from Hyderabad to Andhra Pradesh after learning that Dr Priyanka's condition was critical, fearing that local influence could affect the case or that the accused could escape. "The police assured us that the ac-

cused would be booked and that the evidence would be protected," he said. Priyanka, 29, was pursuing MD DVL at GSL Medical College, Rajamahendravaram. After the incident at the mall, she was initially treated at a hospital in Rajamahendravaram and was later shifted to a private hospital in Hyderabad for treatment. She died on Sunday afternoon. A post-mortem examination was conducted at Gandhi Government Hospital on Monday. Venkatesh, who broke down while speaking about his daughter, said the family was originally from Gadwal mandal but had shifted to nearby Kurunool in Andhra Pradesh to facilitate the education of his daughters. Varaprasad said the family had been

following the practice of performing cremations on their farmland for five generations. "Priyanka was very close to all of us and was the only doctor in our family. We are struggling to come to terms with her loss," he said. Sports minister Vakiti Srihari and former Congress MLA S.A.A. Sampath Kumar paid floral tributes to Dr Priyanka's mortal remains at Gandhi Hospital and consoled her parents. Srihari said the Telangana government would extend assistance to the family. Sampath Kumar accompanied the family when Priyanka's body was taken to Eklaspur. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu had announced an ex gratia payment of ₹20 lakh for the family.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

A 43-year-old woman died in a tragic lift accident at an apartment in Annapurna Enclave, Chandanagar, under the Chandanagar Police Station limits on Tuesday. According to police, Anasuya, a resident of Nallagandla SC Colony, had visited her relative's residence at Chatwaz Mansion Apartment along with her husband, Dhadi Srinivas. As the couple entered the lift, Anasuya was reportedly still stepping inside when the lift suddenly moved upward before the doors had completely closed, trapping her between the lift and the entrance. Apartment residents rushed to the spot after hearing cries for help and managed to stop the lift before rescuing her. She was immediately shifted to a private hospital.

Cybercrime Call Centres Busted In Delhi

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) has busted a cybercrime network operating through fraudulent call centres in Delhi, arresting 21 Telugu-speaking women and one male bank account holder. The network had been active for 18 months, targeting victims in the Telugu states. Coordinated raids at three centres in Shiva Market in Delhi led to the arrests, while organisers Lalith Singh, Kuldeep

Singh and Anil remain absconding, TGCSB director Shikha Goel said. The organisers recruited women aged 25 to 40 from Korutla, Saidabad, Borabanda and Mahbubnagar, using their fluency in Telugu to gain victims' trust. The telecallers impersonated representatives of a finance company and offered fake loan approvals. During the raids, 23 mobile phones and two bank passbooks were seized. Links to 22 cybercrime cases across Telangana have been established, with further investigation

underway. Modus operandi: · Recruit Telugu-speaking women in Delhi as telecallers. · Impersonate finance company staff, promise loan approvals. · Collect payments under false heads: processing fees, verification charges, documentation, insurance. · Stop communication or demand more money with false promises. · Resort to intimidation and blackmail when victims seek refunds, threatening legal action or misuse of personal documents.

Drunk driver kills man, injures son in Kothaguda

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A man died and his son was injured when an allegedly drunk driver rammed his SUV into their bike early on Monday in Kothaguda, police said. Madhapur police identified the victim as Chella Srinivas, 50, of Wanaparthi. He had gone to Hafeezpet on Sunday to meet his son Shiva Kumar. Early Monday, they were heading towards Gachibowli for Srinivas to catch a bus to Wanaparthi when SUV

driver P. Abhinay allegedly hit them near the Kondapur RTO office. Srinivas died on the spot, while Shiva Kumar survived with injuries and was discharged from hospital later. Police said Abhinay, a native of Vijayawada, had come to the city a few days ago for job hunting and was staying with friends in Hafeezpet. He was caught in an inebriated state and taken into custody. A case under BNS 106 (1) for rash and negligent driving was registered.

Two youths attacked with knives, injured

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Two youths were injured in a group clash at Kisanannagar in Karimnagar town on Sunday evening. According to police, Guguloth Srikanth and his brother Shekhar were allegedly attacked by a group of six youths with knives and broken beer bottles. Srikanth sustained stab injuries, while Shekhar also suffered injuries. The injured brothers were shifted to the district

headquarters hospital for treatment. Srikanth alleged that followers of BJP corporator from the 29th division, Somidi Venu, attacked him and his brother. He said an old rivalry between the two groups was behind the attack. Srikanth alleged that the group had consumed liquor before attacking them. Shekhar identified the alleged attackers as Bhanuchander, Madhukar, Chintu, Nagaraju, Nagender and Charan. Police visited the hospital.

Traffic Police Conduct 'Arrive Alive' Awareness Programme at Army Public School

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a road safety awareness programme under the "Arrive Alive" initiative at Army Public School, R.K. Puram, under the jurisdiction of Trimulgherry Traffic Police Station. The programme aimed to educate students, teachers and school staff on responsible road-user behaviour and the importance of following traffic regulations. The programme was conducted as per the directions of Malkajgiri



Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-I, Malkajgiri, K. Rahul Reddy, IPS. ACP Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, G. Shankar Raju, addressed the gathering and highlighted the need for greater awareness and discipline among road users

to prevent accidents and save lives. Participants were sensitised on the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, obeying traffic signals, maintaining lane discipline and strictly following traffic rules. The officials also urged students and parents to avoid underage driving

and cautioned motorists against using mobile phones while driving. Inspector of Police, Trimulgherry Traffic Police Station, I.V. Ramanaiah, along with police personnel, attended the programme. Principal Archana Rai, counsellor Dr. Sudha Menon, school management, teachers and staff also participated. Students and staff actively interacted with the officials, appreciated the initiative and pledged to promote road safety and responsible driving practices.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply? 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.



Rupee falls 11 paise to 95.28 against US dollar

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The Indian rupee declined 11 paise to settle at 95.28 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday, pressured by a stronger greenback and rising global crude oil prices. Continued uncertainty over the possibility of a breakthrough in West Asia talks also weighed on the domestic currency, while foreign portfolio investment inflows offered some support. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.18 against the US dollar and moved in a narrow range of 95.18 to 95.31 during the trading session. It eventually settled at 95.28, compared with its previous close of

95.17 on Friday. Market analysts attributed the rupee's weakness primarily to the increase in crude oil prices and geopolitical uncertainty. Brent crude rose above USD 84 a barrel, raising concerns over India's trade deficit and increasing the country's import bill. "Rupee marginally dipped from last Friday's closing of 95.17. The slight weakness was due to the rise in Brent crude above USD 84 and the consequent expected impact on trade deficit," said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments Ltd. However, Vijayakumar noted that foreign portfolio investment inflows were providing a degree



of support to the rupee. He said FPI inflows had turned positive in July and were continuing in August, although the quantum remained relatively small. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said uncertainty surrounding a possible agreement between the US and Iran, coupled with an overnight jump in crude prices, contributed to the rupee's decline. He also pointed out that the US dollar had strengthened from lower levels. Despite these pressures,

gains in domestic equities helped limit the rupee's downside. Choudhary said traders were likely to remain cautious ahead of the release of US inflation data later this week. He expects the USD/INR spot rate to remain in the 95 to 95.60 range. The US Dollar Index, which measures the greenback's performance against a basket of six major currencies, was trading 0.13 per cent higher at 99.66. Meanwhile, Brent crude futures gained 0.96 per cent to USD 84.35 per barrel. Indian equities ended Monday's session with marginal gains. The BSE Sensex rose 43.27 points, or 0.06 per cent, to close at 78,542.44, while the Nifty 50 advanced 13.15

points, or 0.05 per cent, to 24,583.80. Foreign institutional investors provided further support to domestic markets, purchasing equities worth Rs 480.24 crore on a net basis on Friday, according to exchange data. Meanwhile, India's foreign exchange reserves continued to remain robust. Reserve Bank of India data released on Friday showed that forex reserves increased by USD 10.512 billion to USD 692.866 billion during the week ended July 31. The rupee's movement in the near term is expected to remain influenced by crude oil prices, global dollar trends, developments in West Asia and upcoming US inflation data.

MDR May Take Shape as Platform Fee Says Expert

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Even as the government on Saturday issued a clarification that a future Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on UPI payments would apply to a limited set of merchants and not to customers, payment experts believe that there is a high probability that merchants would pass on the MDR charges disguised as 'platform fee', 'convenience fee' or may embed the costs directly into the price of the product or service. The debate on levying MDR on large merchants have gathered steam after the government proposed amendment to Section 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, through the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 to remove the blanket ban on charging MDR on UPI, which was enforced over six years ago. "MDR will be an expense on the busi-

ness of the merchants. There is a 200 per cent chance that merchants may pass MDR charges to customers in the product/service pricing, and customers may not even notice it. In some cases the merchant could camouflage the MDR charge as a platform fee or give it a different name" said Sai Krishna Musunuru, Director & CEO, Payinstacard. "Another factor that should be considered is that the payment aggregators who are running the UPI payment infrastructure for the entire ecosystem have been bearing losses for a very long time and would want to monetise UPI. If UPI is monetised, the payment aggregators' books will make decent profits," added Musunuru. Another payment expert emphasised on protecting the smaller merchants. "As and when MDR for UPI transactions is introduced, it is important to have

guard rails to ensure that only such merchants and transactions are charged MDR as is intended by the government, RBI and there is no indirect charging of other (small) merchant transactions by way of hidden platform fees or charges," added an expert. According to an industry official, MDR charges on UPI transactions that may be introduced would be similar to MDR on debit card transactions as both are debited from the customer's account. MDR is the commission that merchants pay to the banks and other payment companies for facilitating the transaction. There is no MDR on UPI payments, while debit cards transaction for small merchants (with turnover upto Rs 20 lakh) have MDR of 0.40 per cent while for other merchants it is 0.90 per cent. The MDR is much higher for credit cards.

Sensex rises 43 points, Nifty gains marginally amid crude surge

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Market benchmark indices ended marginally higher on Monday, with the Sensex climbing over 43 points and the Nifty ending flat, amid a spike in crude oil prices due to geopolitical uncertainties. The 30-share BSE Sensex was up 43.27 points, or 0.06 per cent, to settle at 78,542.44. During the day, it hit a

high of 78,676.98 and a low of 78,298.92, gyrating 378.06 points. The 50-share NSE Nifty went up marginally by 13.15 points, or 0.05 per cent, to end at 24,583.80. From the Sensex pack, Titan, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Tata Steel, Asian Paints, and Infosys were among the major winners. State Bank of India, Eternal, NTPC, ITC, and Tata Consultancy

Services were among the laggards. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, jumped 1.10 per cent to USD 84.47 per barrel. "Markets remained on a tight leash as uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz continued to temper risk appetite, even as encouraging corporate earnings lent support to broader sentiment," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Invest-



ments Limited, said. Globally, softer-than-expected US jobs data weakened the case for Fed tightening, shifting investor focus to upcoming US inflation readings for fresh direction on rates and bond yields, he added. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought

equities worth Rs 480.24 crore on Friday, according to exchange data. "Indian equity markets ended largely unchanged on Monday as rising crude oil prices and lingering uncertainty over developments in the Middle East offset optimism stemming from weaker-than-expected US jobs data, which reinforced expectations of a less restrictive Federal Re-

serve policy stance," Ponmudi R, CEO – Enrich Money, said. With key inflation readings due in both India and the United States later this week, investors largely remained on the sidelines, awaiting fresh macro-economic cues, he added. In Asian markets, South Korea's KOSPI, Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index ended higher. Markets in Europe were trading on a mixed note. US markets ended in positive territory on Friday. On Friday, the Sensex dropped 455.59 points, or 0.58 per cent, to settle at 78,499.17. The Nifty dipped 65.35 points, or 0.27 per cent, to end at 24,570.65.

Centre Mulls Raising CCEA Approval Threshold For FDI Proposals To ₹15,000 Crore

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The Centre is mulling a proposal to raise the threshold for foreign direct investment (FDI) proposals requiring approval from the cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA) to Rs 15,000 crore from Rs 5,000 crore at present to further improve the country's overseas investment climate, according to a top source. The CCEA is a high-level panel headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi with its key members include Union cabinet ministers such as the home minister and finance minister. As per the existing FDI policy, in case of proposals involving total foreign equity inflow of more than Rs 5,000 crore, the competent authority places the application for consideration of the CCEA. Below this limit, respective line ministries take a decision. The existing limit has remained unchanged since November 2015. "The prevailing economic conditions, inflation, the growing scale of investments over the years, and

the objective of promoting ease of doing business necessitate a review of the existing threshold," the source said. Earlier, a committee of secretaries, in its meeting, also suggested upward revision of the CCEA approval limit for FDI proposals requiring the government approval route. "The proposal is at a discussion stage. Besides, the government is also considering a proposal to ease FDI norms for downstream investments to boost overseas fund inflows and create jobs," the source added. As per the proposal, the government is considering exempting indirect foreign investment in Indian companies from obtaining its fresh nod where the upstream domestic firm has already received such approval. At present, prior government approval is required for downstream or indirect foreign investment in two cases -- sectors under the government approval route for FDI and investments from countries sharing a land border with India.

India Weighs Curbs on Sugarcane Ethanol to Boost Sugar Supplies

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India is considering restricting the quantity of sugarcane that can be diverted for ethanol production in the sugar season beginning October, as the government seeks to increase domestic sugar supplies and contain record-high prices, according to government and industry sources. The move is being considered amid growing concerns over sugar production next year following below-normal rainfall in Maharashtra and Karnataka, the country's two largest sugarcane-producing states. Four sources familiar with the deliberations said the government could take a decision by the end of September. They requested anonymity as the discussions have not been made public. The proposed restrictions could prioritise sugar production over ethanol and help India avoid importing sugar at a time when domestic output is expected to decline. The government has already taken measures to protect local supplies, including



banning sugar exports and imposing limits on the stocks that traders can hold. Around 3 Million Tonnes of Sugar at Stake During the current sugar season, which ends in September, sugar mills diverted around 3 million metric tonnes of sugar, equivalent to roughly 10% of total production, towards ethanol manufacturing. Restricting sugarcane-based ethanol production next season could potentially return a similar volume of sugar to the domestic market, partly compensating for the expected decline in production caused by weaker rains. Indian sugar prices have

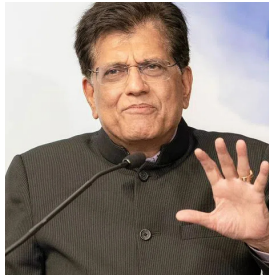
climbed around 10% over the past month to record levels. Prices are expected to remain elevated in the coming months as supplies tighten and demand rises ahead of the festival season, when consumption and travel typically increase. Under the proposal being discussed, mills could be asked to stop or reduce ethanol production from sugarcane juice and B-heavy molasses, which contains relatively high levels of sugar. Instead, mills may be encouraged to produce ethanol primarily from C-heavy molasses, a residue left after most of the sugar has been extracted. Ethanol Blending Target Remains

Any reduction in sugarcane-based ethanol production could create challenges for India's ambitious 20% ethanol blending target for petrol. To keep the programme on track, the government would need to encourage greater use of corn and rice for ethanol production. Government and industry sources said stocks of both corn and rice are currently considered adequate, providing an alternative feedstock for ethanol manufacturers. The ethanol allocation for the sugar industry for the marketing year beginning in November is expected to be finalised before the new sugar season starts. Following the allocation, state-owned fuel retailers are expected to invite tenders for ethanol procurement. Industry officials believe the proposed restrictions would not significantly hurt sugar mills. With sugar prices at record levels, mills could potentially earn more by selling sugar directly rather than diverting cane into ethanol production.

Military Affairs Department's GeM orders cross Rs 1.35 lakh crore: Piyush Goyal

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Orders placed through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) by the Military Affairs Department have crossed Rs 1.35 lakh crore, and defence accounts for nearly 15 per cent of the total procurement on the platform, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. Addressing an event to celebrate the 10 years of the public procurement portal Government e-Marketplace (GeM), the minister said goods and services procured by central and state government departments and agencies have crossed Rs 5 lakh crore annually. "The orders through GeM of the Department of Military Affairs have crossed Rs 1.35 lakh crore, and today defence accounts for nearly 15



per cent of all the procurement being carried out on GeM," Goyal said. He added that the platform is under revamp now and the project is being carried out by IT major TCS. Goyal said that in the last 10 years, goods and services worth over Rs 20 lakh crore have been bought through the portal. Citing a study by IIT Delhi, the minister said the platform has led to a saving of an estimated Rs 86,571 crore in three years. Another study has shown that prices of 101 items on the portal are about 74 per cent cheaper than those of commercial retail e-commerce firms.

Yash's Bold Scene in Toxic Triggers a Storm

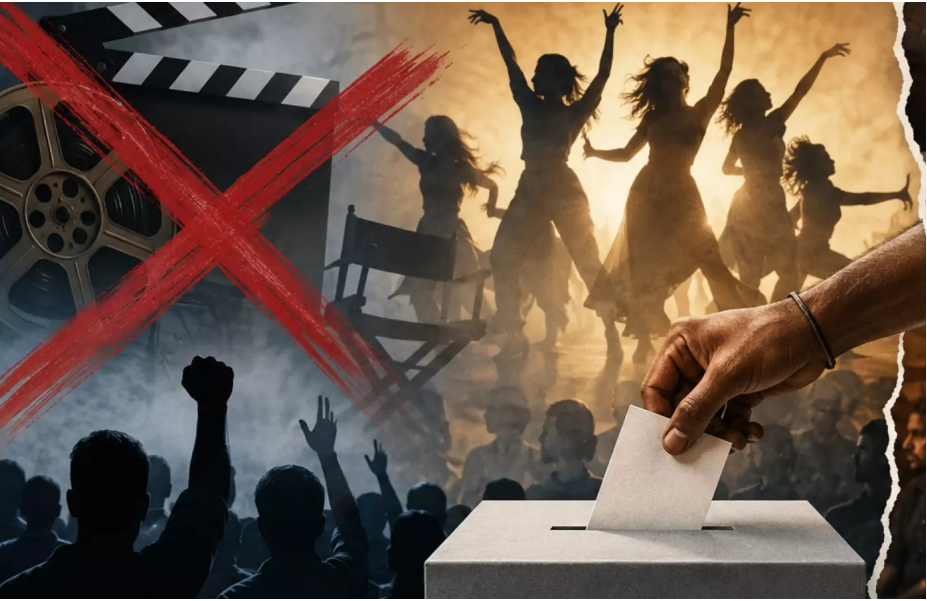


Kannada superstar Yash's latest film Toxic is pushing the boundaries of mainstream Indian cinema, with a bold nude sequence featuring the actor in the recently released trailer triggering widespread discussion on social media. The scene has reignited debate over how far leading Indian stars are now willing to go to portray complex and unconventional characters. Filmmaker Ashok Teja said the sequence could have been presented purely for shock value but was instead handled aesthetically. He compared Yash's decision with Ranbir Kapoor's bold scenes in Animal, noting that Yash appears to be the latest major star willing to experiment with boundaries that mainstream heroes have traditionally avoided. Teja pointed out that Telugu

cinema's leading stars have generally been more restrained in intimate and bold portrayals. Stars including Prabhas, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun and Jr NTR have largely preferred conventional romantic portrayals, he observed. Despite their enormous popularity, they have generally avoided scenes that could potentially surprise or unsettle their vast fan bases. According to Teja, Yash possesses the screen presence and acting ability required to make unconventional choices work. His physical stature, looks and ability to portray vulnerability alongside strength give him an advantage, he said. The filmmaker also believes younger audiences are becoming increasingly receptive to stars who challenge established conventions. Producer Lagadapati Sridhar said Yash's transformation from

KGF to Toxic reflects a broader change in the definition of a mainstream hero. The traditional image of a purely virtuous protagonist is fading, he said, with contemporary characters increasingly occupying shades of grey. Sridhar highlighted Yash's contrasting upcoming roles, including Ravana in Ramayana and a ruthless gangster in Toxic, as evidence of his expanding range. He also noted that Yash's involvement as a co-producer and co-writer demonstrates his growing creative control over his projects. The producer said audiences today are increasingly interested in a character's motivations, goals and journey rather than simply categorising the protagonist as good or evil. In this changing landscape, unpredictable heroes can become a major attraction in action-driven films. Yash's rise from a regional star to a major pan-Indian name has been remarkable, Sridhar said, adding that his films increasingly blend action, emotion and romance while presenting him in different avatars. With Toxic, Yash appears determined to challenge conventional expectations once again. The question now is how far the actor is prepared to push the boundaries of the mainstream hero.

Dancers' Union Conducts Elections Despite Federation Boycott?



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Overlooking the boycott threat issued by the Telugu Film Industry Employees Federation (TFIEF), the Telugu Film & TV Dancers Association, led by Ms. Sumalatha, conducted its elections today from 9 am to 5 pm. "One team participated in the elections, while several other members boycotted them. Of the 10 executive committee members who had resigned recently, six members were elected unopposed to key positions, including general secretary and treasurer," says a source. Of the around 600 members of the union, only about 120 members participated in the voting, which amounts to roughly 20

per cent of the total membership. "The majority of the members boycotted the elections. Some members who turned up at the venue also chose not to exercise their franchise," the source adds. "We have to see whether the Federation will accept or reject the newly elected members," the source says. Earlier, the Federation had issued a letter stating that it would no longer support the Dancers' Union or take up its issues. It alleged that the Federation's advice was being ignored despite the intervention of Megastar Chiranjeevi and objected to the union's continued defiance of its decisions. The Federation also expressed concern over the Dancers' Union's failure to re-

voke the suspension of some of its members. It made it clear that the remaining 23 affiliated crafts would not extend support to the Dancers' Union or its members. The Federation further stated that it would not negotiate wage-related issues on behalf of dancers and asked the union to address them independently. "Camera, editing and fighters' unions, among others, will not support the Dancers' Union from now onwards," the Federation stated in its communication. The dispute, which initially emerged as a disagreement between choreographers Jani Master and Sekhar Master, has now escalated into a larger confrontation between the Federation and the Dancers' Union.

UEFA-Led Group Discusses Rival Tournaments in Challenge to FIFA: Report

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Football organizations led by the European governing body UEFA have begun discussions over holding rival international tournaments to FIFA, according to people familiar with the matter. The conversations between UEFA, north and central American federation CONCACAF and the Asian Football Confederation are at a preliminary stage, the people said, asking not to be named discussing private information. Rival competitions are the latest challenge to FIFA boss Gianni Infantino after his failed plan to spin off FIFA's commercial operations in a deal involving JPMorgan Chase. They would threaten FIFA's lucrative tournament circuit, which includes the World Cup that brought in over \$9 billion during the 2026 edition, a record. UEFA, whose members are home to the richest leagues in the world, has led the push to oust Infantino. Even after he shelved the plan to further monetize the game, the European



body is still considering a boycott of the World Cup and other FIFA tournaments if Infantino remains president. Spokespeople for UEFA and Concacaf declined to comment. A spokesperson for the AFC could not be reached for comment in time for publication. The first major tournament that would be impacted by any boycott would be the 2027 Women's World Cup in Brazil, although there are youth tournaments set to start in the coming months. The early-stage discussions are considering competitions that would give players an opportunity to compete in international tournaments during any disruption, one of the people said. The three federations demanded an independent

review of Infantino's World Cup proposal in an open letter on Monday. As president of the Switzerland-based FIFA, Infantino is required to act in the interests of the association. "When trust is broken through deception, when an individual places himself above the collective that entrusted him with authority, that duty has been abandoned," UEFA, Concacaf and the AFC said in the letter. FIFA consists of more than 200 national associations that are organized into six regional confederations. In addition to UEFA, Concacaf and the AFC, there is the Confederation of African Football, South American Football Confederation and Oceania Football Confederation.

GEPL Season 3: Chennai Falcons Beat Mumbai Grizzlies to Retain Crown

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Season 3 of the Global e-Cricket Premier League (GEPL) concluded with a high-stakes finale. The defending champions Chennai Falcons retained their crown after quelling a strong challenge from Sara Tendulkar-owned Mumbai Grizzlies in the final of the third season of the JetSynthesys' Global e-Cricket Premier League (GEPL) on Sunday. In the title clash, Chennai Falcons endured some nervous moments on their way to a 2-1 victory over Mumbai Grizzlies in a best-of-



three title clash. With the teams tied at 1-1 following the second final, the Falcons won the third and final contest by two wickets. Peyush Bansal-owned Delhi Sharks ended the tournament as the second runners-up while Bengaluru Badgers, co-owned by Nikhil Kamath, Ankit Nagori and

Prashanth Prakash, went home after finishing fourth. Mumbai Grizzlies' Jetha Ram finished the tournament as the leading run-scorer with 488 runs, earning him the Orange Cap. Nadeem of Chennai Falcons claimed the Purple Cap after topping the bowling charts with 19 wickets. Chennai Falcons' Deepak, who also finished as the tournament's third-highest run-scorer, was named the Emerging Player of the Tournament. Jetha Ram capped his impressive campaign by also being named the Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the Tournament, having contributed

488 runs and 14 wickets for the Mumbai Grizzlies. After a successful second season, the Season 3 had expanded to eight full franchises with the addition of Kolkata Hawks (owned by music icon Sonu Nigam) and Gujarat Wolves (owned by veteran esports player Scout - Tanmay Singh), along with the existing six franchises, -- Delhi Sharks (Peyush Bansal), Bengaluru Badgers (Nikhil Kamath, Ankit Nagori, Prashanth Prakash), Chennai Falcons (Gopal Srinivasan, Madhusudan R, Arjun Santhanakrishnan), Mumbai Grizzlies (Sara Tendulkar).

Scotland, Netherlands Criticise ICC's World Cup Format Changes

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Cricket Scotland and the Royal Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB) have strongly criticised the International Cricket Council (ICC) over changes to the format of the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup, describing the lack of consultation and communication as "disappointing and disrespectful." The ICC has introduced a new Super Series phase in the qualification process. Under the revised structure, teams finishing 12th,

13th and 14th will compete in a tri-series, with only one team advancing to the second round. The next phase will feature 12 teams divided into two groups. The two Associate Member boards expressed concern that the revised format could significantly reduce opportunities for emerging cricket nations. In a joint statement issued on Monday, they said the changes represented a setback for Associate Member cricket and could undermine the progress achieved in recent years in



expanding the global reach of the sport. "At a time when cricket is seeking to expand its reach, attract new audiences and strengthen its position on the international sporting land-

scape, reducing meaningful opportunities for emerging nations sends entirely the wrong message," the boards said. Associate Members are ICC-affiliated nations that do not have Full Member status, which is traditionally reserved for the leading cricket-playing countries. Cricket Scotland and KNCB also stressed that changes made less than 18 months before a major global tournament create uncertainty for teams working through the qualification pathway.

The 2027 Men's ODI World Cup will be jointly hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. The tournament is expected to feature teams from across the cricketing world, making qualification opportunities particularly significant for Associate nations seeking greater exposure and development. The criticism highlights growing concerns among Associate boards over the balance between competitive structures and the ICC's stated ambition of expanding cricket globally.

Hyderabad Bonalu 2026 concludes with Mahankali ghatam immersion in Musi River

Hyderabad's Old City witnessed a grand conclusion to its Bonalu festivities as Mahankali ghatams were taken in a colourful procession from Hari Bowli to Nayapul. Thousands of devotees gathered along the route before the ghatams were ceremonially immersed in the Musi River.



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The two-day Bonalu festivities in Hyderabad’s Old City came to a colourful conclusion on Monday evening with the ceremonial immersion of Mahankali ghatams in the Musi river at Nayapul. The grand procession, marked by devotion, music and traditional performances, began near Lal

Darwaza and proceeded towards Nayapul. The ghatams of several Mahankali temples, including the Sri Simhavahini Mahankali temple and the historic Akkanna Madanna temple at Hari Bowli, were taken out in the procession. The ghatam of the Akkanna Madanna temple, carried on a caparisoned elephant, led the procession. It passed through

Hari Bowli, Shahalibanda, Charminar, Gulzar Houz and Pathergatti before reaching Nayapul. Thousands of devotees gathered along the route to witness the colourful procession and seek the blessings of Goddess Mahankali. The atmosphere remained festive as traditional drums, devotional music and cultural performances accompanied the procession. Pothara-



jus, dressed in traditional attire and smeared with turmeric and vermilion, led the procession with energetic dances to the beat of drums. Folk artists from different parts of Telangana also performed traditional numbers, adding to the festive spirit. Hyderabad Commissioner of Police VC Sajjanar flagged off the procession from the Akkanna Madanna temple at

Hari Bowli. Senior police officials and personnel were present along the route to facilitate the smooth movement of the procession and devotees. On reaching Nayapul, special rituals were performed before the ghatams were ceremonially immersed in the Musi River, marking the conclusion of the Bonalu celebrations in the Old City.

Grand Bonalu Procession Held in Bowenpally

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A grand Ashada Bonalu procession was held in Krishna Reddy Colony, New Bowenpally, with hundreds of devotees participating in the annual religious and cultural celebrations organized under the aegis of the Orange Youth Association. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, who attended the event as chief guest, performed special Vedic rituals and traditional pujas before formally flagging off the Goddess procession. He prayed for the prosperity, peace and well-being of the local community. The procession passed through the streets of



Krishna Reddy Colony and visited several local temples, creating a vibrant devotional atmosphere. Traditional band melas accompanied the procession, while Pothurajus performed energetic folk dances, adding colour and fervour to the celebrations. Local youth also participated enthusiastically, dancing to the beats of Teenmar music as devotees carried bonams and offered prayers to the Goddess. Community members and organizers, including Jampana Rajesh, Kavin, Monu, Abhishek and Surya, played a key role in coordinating the arrangements. A large number of residents, elders and devotees took part in the procession, turning the Bonalu celebrations into a vibrant display of Telangana's religious traditions, folk culture and community spirit.

Start immediate pumping of Kaleshwaram water to fill reservoirs: Harish Rao

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BRSLP deputy leader T Harish Rao demanded that the Congress government immediately switch on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme’s pumps at Kannepalli and start pumping water to fill reservoirs, to safeguard farmers’ interests during the ongoing Vaanakalam (Kharif) season. In a letter to Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday, Harish Rao said farmers were under stress due to inadequate rainfall attributed to El Nino, coupled with the delay in filling reservoirs. He said this was affecting the progress of crop cultivation. He appealed to the



government to set aside politics and utilise the available water for irrigation without further delay. The former Minister said the Mid Manair reservoir, a key component of the Kaleshwaram project, had a full reservoir level capacity of 27 TMCft and currently held around 22 TMCft. With inflows expected from rainfall in the upper reaches, he urged the government to utilise the available water and begin pumping from Mid

Manair. He sought filling of the Annapurna (Ananthagiri), Ranganayaka Sagar, Mallanna Sagar, Kondapochamma Sagar and Nrusimha (Baswapur) reservoirs, besides the tanks and check dams linked to them. He stated that the move will help provide irrigation to nearly four lakh acres under the project. Harish Rao also urged the government to pump water from Mid Manair to the Lower Manair Dam (LMD), which has a capacity of 24 TMCft but currently holds about 6.9 TMCft. He remarked that filling the LMD will help meet the irrigation requirements under SRSP Stage-II.

Hyderabad Infrastructure Hit as Major Projects Face Central Clearance Delays

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A series of major infrastructure projects in Hyderabad are facing severe delays because crucial approvals, no-objections, working permissions, land transfers and financial clearances from the Centre and its agencies remain pending, according to a list compiled by the municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy

heads. The document lists the efforts that the state government put in with the Centre despite which there had been no progress. The proposed underground tunnel at Hakimpet, which forms part of the elevated corridor on SH-1 (Rajiv Rahadari), is awaiting revised working permission from the defence ministry. Telangana had written to the ministry’s joint secretary (lands and works), seeking time-bound completion of the required activities. The tunnel proposed under the

runway at the Begumpet Airport as part of the Paradise-Dairy Farm Road elevated corridor on NH-44 has similarly encountered delays in securing clearance from the Airports Authority of India. Though working permission has been accorded by the defence ministry, the MoU with AAI and the necessary construction sanction remain pending. HMDA officials have met the AAI chairman, executive director and senior officials on several occasions since 2024. The metropol-

itan commissioner again met the AAI chairman on February 13, seeking early approval of the MoU and sanction for commencement of work. However, no sanction had been received, the document states. The Rs 17,212.69-crore comprehensive sewerage master plan is also pending at the Centre. The project envisages development of sewerage network infrastructure covering the core city, GHMC and urban local bodies within the ORR area. The detailed

project report and related documents are under examination by the Union urban affairs ministry. The proposed Rs 4,000-crore trunk sewer main along the Musi River is another pending project. The proposal has been prepared under National River Conservation Plan guidelines and is linked to pollution abatement of the Musi. The Chief Minister had taken up the matter with the urban affairs ministry in October 2024.

Double-Deck Corridor Planned for Miyapur–Patancheru Metro Extension

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A double-deck corridor has been proposed on the Chandanagar–Gangaram stretch of the Hyderabad–Mumbai National Highway, with a road flyover below and a metro viaduct above. The design has reportedly been finalised by NHA and HMRL to coordinate with the proposed Miyapur–Patancheru Metro extension. Officials said the integrated corridor could re-

duce land acquisition and space constraints. A similar system is already operational in Nagpur. A similar proposal has been suggested for LB Nagar–Hayathnagar, but officials say changing the already finalised metro alignment along the service road could delay the project and increase costs. With Hyderabad Metro Phase-II approvals expected in the coming months, co-ordination between road and metro projects is likely to remain crucial for the city’s future transport needs.

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KTR vows to name Narsampet medical college after former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao vowed to name the government medical college in Narsampet after former MLA and Telangana activist Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, after the BRS returned to power. He asserted that the party will work to realise his vision for the constituency. Addressing a memorial meeting at Nallabelli on the occasion of Peddi Sudarshan Reddy’s 10th-day ceremony, Rama Rao said the former MLA left an

enduring imprint on people despite not holding major positions for long. He said the massive turnout for Peddi’s final journey, with lakhs of people braving heavy rain and remaining on the streets for nearly 12 hours, had shown the respect he had earned through his commitment to the Telangana movement and public service. The BRS working president recalled Sudarshan Reddy’s role in the Telangana movement and his efforts for the development of Narsampet. He said the former MLA con-



tinued to raise public issues even during the last phase of his life, including the demand for Devadula project water and protests in support of students agitating in Delhi. Rama Rao stated that Peddi Sudarshan Reddy had persuaded the then BRS government to sanction a special Rs 100-ac-

re project for Narsampet farmers despite budgetary constraints. He also pointed to the initiative to provide piped gas to households in Narsampet, terming it as an achievement secured during difficult conditions such as the Covid-19 pandemic and economic stress. He said the former MLA’s contribution will remain inseparable from Narsampet and also erstwhile Warangal district. He assured Sudarshan Reddy’s wife Swapna, children and family that BRS and its chief K Chandrashekhhar Rao will

continue to stand by them. He said the BRS will return to power within two years and will pursue further development of Narsampet constituency to realise Sudarshan Reddy’s vision and aspirations. Harish Rao, who shared a nearly 25-year association with Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, became emotional while recalling their years together during the Telangana movement. He called the former MLA as a selfless fighter who risked his life, property and political prospects during the struggle for statehood. He remembered their par-

ticipation in the Manukota incident and the Parakala and Station Ghanpur by-elections, stating that Sudarshan Reddy was always at the forefront of the movement. He said Sudarshan Reddy stood against supporters of undivided Andhra Pradesh without fearing stones or bullets. After Telangana was formed, Harish Rao said Peddi Sudarshan Reddy continued to work for Narsampet’s development. He credited him with securing Devadula waters for the Ramappa, Pakhal and Laknavaram reservoirs.

Retired army man killed, two injured in hit-and-run incident

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Barely a day after the death of Andhra Pradesh medico Dr K Priyanka following a horrific hit-and-run in Rajahmundry, a similar incident allegedly involving suspected drunk driving has shocked the city. In the latest, a retired Army jawan was killed on the spot and three others were injured after a speeding Mahindra SUV travelling on the wrong side of the road rammed into them at Hydershakote in Narsingi on

Monday. The accident occurred near SMP School when a speeding Mahindra SUV, allegedly being driven on the wrong side of the road in a rash and negligent manner, struck pedestrians. The victim was identified as Ravinder (55), a resident of Hydershakote and retired Army personnel. According to his family, Ravinder had served in the Army for nearly 20 years before retiring. He was subsequently working at the Artillery Centre, Golconda, and was returning home from work

when the accident occurred at around 6 am. Ravinder had put his children in an Army school at Hydershakote and was staying with his family in a rented house nearby. According to relatives, he was only a few minutes away from reaching home when the speeding SUV struck him. “The SUV allegedly came from the wrong side of the road and hit Ravinder with considerable force. The impact reportedly threw him into the air before he fell onto the road.

Four held for cheating people with ‘hidden treasure’ scam

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The Task Force (Shamshabad) along with Rajendrarang has busted a cheating racket in which unsuspecting people were allegedly duped on the pretext of discovering hidden treasure buried beneath their houses. Four persons were arrested in connection with the racket and police seized 25 duplicate gold-coated coins, 6 kgs of coal, 4 kgs of soil and pooja material from them. The arrested persons

were identified as Mohd Munawar alias Munna, a car denting and painting worker from Gudimalkapur, Syed Ali Ashraf, an electrician from Jawaharnagar Mohd Haji, an auto-rickshaw driver from Jawaharnagar and Mohd Salman, a bike mechanic from Keesara. According to police, Munawar, who was struggling to meet his family expenses through his regular work, allegedly devised the plan to make easy money by convincing people that he possessed special knowledge

to locate ‘Gupta Nidhulu’ (hidden treasure) buried underground. He allegedly roped in his associates Ashraf, Haji and Salman, who agreed to join the operation. The group then approached unsuspecting people and claimed they could identify locations where gold and other valuables had been buried. As part of their alleged deception, the suspects would dig up the ground at a targeted house and secretly plant a sack containing coal and duplicate gold-coated coins.