

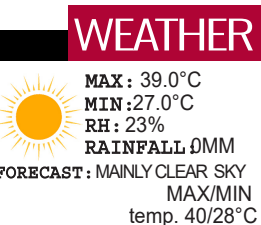


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Peace Is Key For Bilateral Relations, Says India

Amid reports of a Chinese incursion and a stand-off in Taksing circle of Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian government on Tuesday said that the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas was of utmost importance. The external affairs ministry also hit back at Chinese criticism of India for formally naming 27 places in Arunachal Pradesh, saying that the state was an inalienable and integral part of India and that nothing could change this indisputable reality.

"In matters relating to the border areas between India and China, we have always emphasised in discussions with the Chinese side that we consider these issues to be most serious and that the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in these areas is of the utmost importance. We have also stated that the state of affairs at the border will re-

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FCRA Bill Headed To JPC Amid Opposition Onslaught

NEW DELHI
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The Centre is considering sending the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 to a joint committee of both Houses of Parliament for detailed examination, even as the Congress, DMK, TMC and other Opposition parties have demanded that the legislation be withdrawn.

The issue was raised during Tuesday's meeting of the Rajya Sabha Business Advisory Committee (BAC), although the Bill was not on the agenda. Congress and TMC members asked the government when the legislation would be taken up. The government said a decision on its scheduling would be taken in due course.

Government sources said a proposal could be brought in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday to refer the Bill to a joint parliamentary committee. The move could provide an opportunity for detailed scrutiny of the proposed changes amid strong objections from Opposition parties and several Christian or-



ganisations.

DMK leaders Tiruchi Siva and P. Wilson said their party wanted the Bill withdrawn completely. DMK chief M.K. Stalin has also opposed the proposed amendments, while Wilson earlier led a delegation of Church representatives to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking withdrawal of the Bill and repeal of Section 15 of the existing FCRA.

Opposition parties have alleged that some provisions could disproportionately affect Christian NGOs and minority-run educational and social welfare institutions by making it harder for them to receive and use legitimate foreign funding. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma and representatives of Christian organisations have also urged

the Centre to refer the legislation to a joint committee.

The Bill, introduced in the Lok Sabha on March 25, proposes tighter regulation of foreign contributions and greater government oversight of NGOs. It also seeks to establish a designated authority to manage and dispose of assets when an organisation loses its FCRA licence.

The government has rejected allegations that the Bill targets any particular religion, saying it is intended to regulate foreign contributions and strengthen transparency. Congress leader K.C. Venugopal has strongly opposed the legislation, calling it unconstitutional and anti-people and warning that the Opposition would resist its passage in

Parliament.

The proposed amendments have also drawn criticism from some US lawmakers. India has rejected the concerns, describing FCRA legislation as an internal matter. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said India was fully entitled to legislate on the regulation of foreign funding.

India's Ambassador to the US, Vinay Mohan Kwatra, said the amendments were aimed at ensuring transparency and regulating foreign financial flows through established procedures. He pointed to similar laws in countries including the US, Australia, Canada and the UK, arguing that such regulations are linked to national security and sovereign interests.

Meanwhile, Tuesday's Rajya Sabha BAC meeting allotted two hours for the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, three hours for the National Co-operative Development Corporation (Amendment) Bill, and 1.5 hours for the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill.

Revanth Orders HMRL to Add Coaches, Speed Up Old City Metro

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials of Hyderabad Metro Rail Ltd (HMRL) to increase the number of coaches in metro trains in view of the steady rise in passenger traffic across Hyderabad. He also instructed officials to expedite works on the proposed Old City Metro corridor under Phase-II and ensure that the project moves forward without delays. During a review meeting, the Chief Minister observed that the number of metro passengers was increasing steadily and directed HMRL officials to take immediate measures to meet the growing demand.

He specifically asked them to explore the acquisition of additional coaches to enhance passenger-carrying capacity and provide more convenient public transport services. Revanth Reddy also reviewed the progress of the proposed 7.5-km MGBS-Chandrayangutta Metro corridor in the Old City. He directed officials to complete land acquisition and road-widening



works along the stretch at the earliest. He further instructed them to initiate the tendering process for the Metro Rail works once the required preliminary activities are completed.

The Chief Minister stressed the importance of adopting the latest technologies for the Old City Metro project. He directed officials to consult the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and obtain expert advice on contemporary technologies and construction practices that could be incorporated into the project. He said the use of modern technology and expertise would help ensure efficient implementation and timely completion of the corridor. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy also reviewed preliminary arrangements for the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026, which is scheduled

to be held at Future City in December. He directed officials to begin preparations well in advance to ensure the successful conduct of the international-level investment summit. The Chief Minister suggested that a special programme be formulated to honour prominent personalities from various sectors of the business and industrial world during the summit. He said the event should be organised to international standards with a clear focus on attracting fresh investments to Telangana. Revanth Reddy also directed officials to compile comprehensive details of investments attracted to the State and the progress achieved following the previous year's summit.

He asked them to prepare a detailed action plan to accelerate investment activity and further strengthen Telangana's position as a preferred global investment destination. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, government advisers K. Ramakrishna Rao and N.V.S. Reddy, HMRL Managing Director Sarfaraz Khan, and other officials were also present.

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AI Phuket Flight: Pilot Fails Drug Test; CEO Meets Minister

NEW DELHI
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The pilot-in-command of Air India's Phuket-Delhi flight that suddenly lost 300 feet in altitude last week has tested positive for a psychoactive substance in the confirmatory test, sources said on Tuesday, as civil aviation minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu and senior officials met with the Air India CEO and other executives to discuss the incident.

While there was no official statement from the airline or the authorities,

sources said the pilot tested positive for marijuana, a psychoactive substance.

On August 4, Air India's Airbus A320 aircraft with registration VT-EXO, operating flight AI 2379 from Phuket to Delhi, experienced a sudden altitude variation of approximately 300 feet during cruise. The aircraft, which had 145 people onboard, subsequently stabilised and landed safely in the national capital. In a statement on Tuesday, the Aircraft Accident Investi-

gation Bureau (AAIB), assisted by French agency BEA and Airbus in the probe, said 20 passengers and four cabin crew members were injured in the incident.

As the AAIB probes the serious flight incident that happened on August 4, leaving at least 24 people injured, Air India CEO Campbell Wilson, along with other senior executives, met Naidu, Civil Aviation Secretary Samir Kumar Sinha and other officials. After the meeting, Naidu said

Amit Shah to Speak on Student Protest Today

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Amid mounting Opposition pressure and no end in sight to the deadlock in Parliament, Union home minister Amit Shah is expected to make a statement in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday on the recent police action against the protesting students at Jantar Mantar. Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Tuesday



said that the government is ready for a detailed discussion in Parliament on students' protest and accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of "running away" from a debate.

Earlier in the day, a face-off between the ruling

NDA and the opposition INDIA bloc MPs came face-to-face at Parliament's main gate "Makar Dwar". Security personnel formed a cordon between the ruling and the Opposition MPs as they staged protests and raised counter-slogans over "brutal" police action on job aspirants in Jharkhand and issues surrounding the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya.

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Dipke Announces Campaign to Improve Govt Schools in Villages

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Monday announced a nationwide campaign to improve government schools in villages, calling on parents to conduct social audits of basic facilities and sarpanches to take up improvements at the institutions. The campaign will be launched on August 15, with the CJP calling upon citizens, parents and village leaders to work together to address what it termed "neglect of rural educational infrastructure".

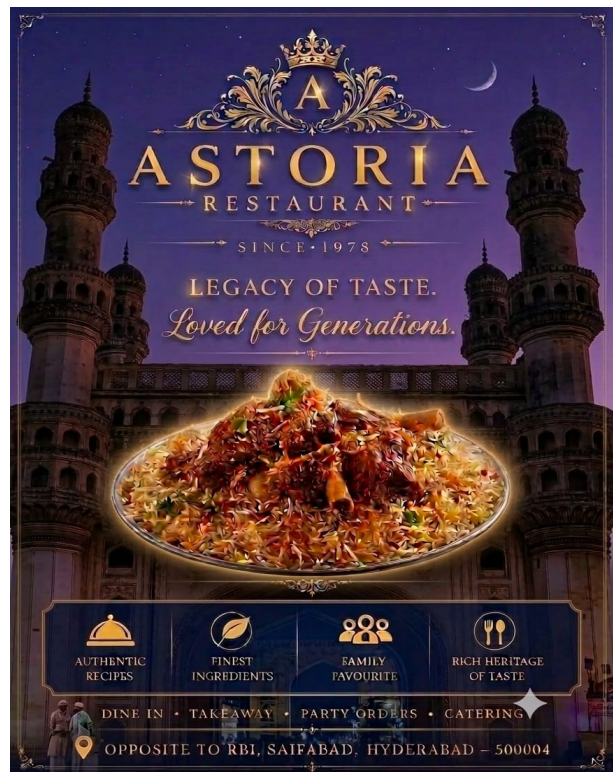
In a video message, Dipke said he would launch the initiative from his village in Hingoli, Maharashtra, by approaching the village head with a request to improve government schools there. "The coming 15th August is our 80th Independence Day. But, if anything has been neglected or ignored the most in the last 80 years, it is the government schools in our villages," Dipke said. "We have made a new Parliament,



a new PM house. Why have we not been able to build new schools in our villages? Do we not consider the children of farmers and labourers the future of our country?" he asked.

Dipke said village children still had to walk long distances to attend school and often lacked basic facilities such as drinking water and toilets. "Even today, village children have to walk a long distance to go to school. After going there, they don't find water or toilet facilities," he said, highlighting the difficulties faced by girls in particular. "I feel that on this 15th August, if we should pay attention to anything, if we should make a new start, we should start by improving our government schools," he said.

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PM Modi Asks People to Hoist Tricolour

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged people to celebrate Independence Day by hoisting the Tricolour at every home across the country. In an Instagram post, Modi said, "Come, let us make Har Ghar Tiranga a celebration in every home." The Prime Minister urged people to celebrate August 15 with pride and honour and pay tribute to the freedom fighters who sacrificed



their lives for the country's independence.

"Come, let us celebrate August 15 with pride and honour, pay tribute to the freedom fighters, and pledge to build a developed India (Viksit Bharat). The Tricolour in every home, the Tricolour

in every household, the Tricolour in every heart. Come, let us hoist the Tricolour at every home," Modi said. The Prime Minister also shared a video of the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting, 'Mangal Milan', held at the GMC Bhalayogi Auditorium in the Parliament House Complex, where ministers and MPs greeted him by waving the national flag and raising 'Vande Mataram' and 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai' slogans.

Modi joined the NDA

parliamentarians, holding a national flag and waving it towards the members present. On August 9, Modi had called upon citizens to participate enthusiastically in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement and renew their collective resolve to contribute to wards building a 'Viksit Bharat'. He had said that the Tricolour was a symbol of India's pride and a constant source of inspiration for every citizen to give their best for the nation.

Sridhar Babu Refutes KTR’s Allegations, Defends Land Allotments

HYDERABAD
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Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu strongly rejected BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao’s allegations over industrial land allotments, asserting that the Congress government had followed all rules and regulations and had not extended any undue benefit to anyone.

Sridhar Babu said KTR was making false claims that land had been allotted to the brothers of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He pointed out that while the previous BRS government had allotted land at ₹90 lakh per acre, the present

government had fixed the price at ₹1.5 crore per acre. “We did not sell the land for even a rupee less than the price determined by the board,” he said.

He explained that 32 applicants had applied for the land and Tesseract was among them. Responding to allegations linking the company with the Chief Minister’s family, Sridhar Babu said there was no connection between Tesseract and the CM’s brothers. He questioned KTR for making allegations based on social media posts rather than verified facts.

The Minister also ridiculed KTR’s description of Tesseract as a ₹200-crore company,



saying a company established on five acres with an investment of ₹34 crore could not be portrayed in such a manner without evidence. He challenged KTR to explain why the previous BRS government had allotted land to companies at comparatively lower prices.

Sridhar Babu maintained that all allotments under the present government were made transparently and in ac-

cordance with established rules. He said anyone with genuine grievances was free to lodge a complaint, but cautioned against making irresponsible statements merely for media attention.

On the PM Ekta Mall, the Minister said the tender process had been conducted transparently under the PPP model and in accordance with Trade Promotion Corporation guidelines. Seven builders participated in the pre-bidding process, of whom two were shortlisted. He said the ₹200-crore soft loan would have to be repaid and asserted that the mall would generate revenue without imposing a finan-

cial burden on the government.

Sridhar Babu accused KTR of pursuing a hidden agenda to discourage industries from coming to Telangana and condemned his remarks. He said an inquiry would also be ordered into land allotments made during the previous BRS government.

Rejecting allegations of political vendetta, Sridhar Babu said the government was acting strictly according to law. He asserted that industries continued to invest in Telangana despite what he described as a prolonged opposition campaign to create fear and uncertainty.

Mallaiah Yadav Slams Revanth Govt Over Krishna Water Mismanagement

HYDERABAD
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Former MLA Bollam Mallaiah Yadav has launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy of failing to effectively utilise the state’s rightful share of Krishna and Godavari waters.

Reacting to the Varuna Yagam conducted at Nagarjuna Sagar, Mallaiah Yadav alleged that the ritual was performed merely to mislead the public and protect the political positions of the Chief Minister and the Minister. He said the government should have apologised to farmers before conducting the ritual.

Mallaiah Yadav alleged that Telangana had suffered due to the government’s failure to safeguard Krishna river waters and claimed that



Andhra Pradesh’s Banacherla project was diverting water while Telangana leaders remained silent. He also accused the government of ignoring alleged illegal projects being constructed by Karnataka on the Tungabhadra and Bhima rivers.

He criticised the government for failing to lift available water through Kannepalli, claiming that lakhs of cusecs were flowing away unused. According to him, effective pumping could have taken water towards Suryapet and provided relief to farmers.

The former MLA also targeted Uttam Kumar Reddy over the SLBC tunnel incident, alleging

that the minister had failed to retrieve the bodies of eight victims while making tall claims about irrigation management.

Mallaiah Yadav further accused Congress leaders of attempting to politically target BRS leader Harish Rao and alleged that the ruling party was more focused on commissions than farmers’ welfare.

He urged the government to immediately switch on the Kannepalli pumps and divert every available drop of Krishna and Godavari water into irrigation tanks and agricultural fields, stressing that human effort must accompany prayers.

Veteran Farmer Bokkalakshma Reddy Passes Away at 80; Sakampally Village Mourns



Bokkalakshma Reddy (80), a resident of Sakampally village under Peddabavi Gram Panchayat in Motakondur Mandal, passed away on Monday evening, according to his family members. Bokkalakshma Reddy had spent much of his life depending on agriculture for his livelihood. According to information available from the family, he had been suffering from health-related issues before his demise. His passing has cast a pall of gloom over Sakampally, with relatives, friends and villagers mourning his loss. Local residents remembered him as a simple, soft-spoken and gentle person who maintained cordial relations with everyone in the community. The Sarpanch and Upa-Sarpanch of Peddabavi Gram Panchayat expressed their deep condolences over his demise and conveyed sympathies to the bereaved family. Thalka family members also expressed heartfelt condolences on the passing of Bokkalakshma Reddy. They prayed for peace to the departed soul and conveyed their deepest sympathies to his family members during this difficult time.

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 Chandrashekharao 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.

Milad Procession Preparations Discussed

AIMIM Delegation Meets GHMC, Police Commissioners



HYDERABAD
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Office-bearers and members of the Central Milad Procession Committee, Hyderabad, along with AIMIM MLAs, met GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, IAS, and Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, to discuss arrangements for the historic Central Milad Procession.

The delegation, led by Malakpet MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala and Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, submitted a detailed memorandum to the GHMC Commissioner seeking comprehensive civic arrangements for the procession.

The committee stressed the need for proper sanitation, cleanliness, decorations, welcome stages and other civic facilities along

the procession route. It urged officials to complete all arrangements well in advance to ensure the smooth and peaceful conduct of the event.

GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan assured the delegation that concerned officials would be instructed to take all necessary measures and ensure adequate arrangements.

The delegation also met Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and submitted a memorandum seeking permission for the procession and adequate security arrangements. Sajjanar assured the committee that effective police bandobast would be provided and every necessary step would be taken to ensure the peaceful conduct of the procession.

He further said a meeting

with Hyderabad City Police officials would be held to finalize security and traffic arrangements.

The historic Central Milad Procession will be taken out from Makkah Masjid, Hyderabad, on the occasion of 12th Rabi-ul-Awwal.

The delegation included committee President Maulana Syed Ghulam Ghouse Shaikhan Ahmed Qadri Shattari Kamil Pasha, Joint Secretary Maulana Syed Saifullah Hussaini Qadri Al-Baqri Saif Pasha, Joint Convener Maulana Syed Ahmed Al-Hussaini Saeed Qadri, Publicity Secretary Moulana Dr. Khwaja Shujaud-din Ifteqari Haqqani Pasha and Committee Member Moulana Sheikh Fareeduddin Zahid Chishti.

Grand Phala Bandi Procession Enlivens Ashada Bonalu Celebrations

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A grand fruit cart (Phala Bandi) procession marked the Ashada Bonalu festivities at the Bapuji Nagar Nallapochamma Temple in New Bowenpally, with hundreds of devotees participating in the vibrant cultural and religious event organised by the temple committee and local youth under the aegis of Jairam Vyayamashala.

Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended as the chief guest and



inaugurated the celebrations by offering special prayers to Goddess Nallapochamma. He said presenting Naivedyam on a beautifully decorated fruit cart as the first prasadam is an age-old tradition associated with the Ashada Bonalu Jatara and reflects the community’s devotion

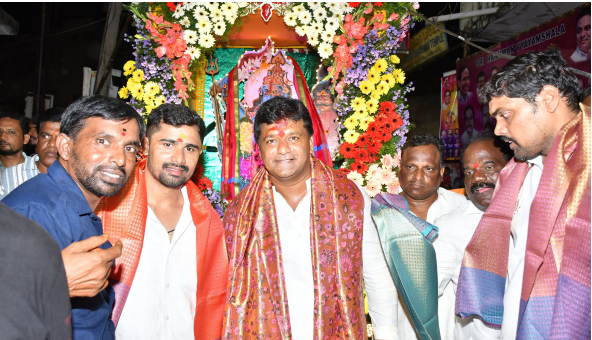
and cultural heritage.

The procession transformed the streets of New Bowenpally into a colourful spectacle, with fruit carts adorned with flowers and electric lights moving amid devotional fervour. Traditional band melas and energetic Pothuraju performances added to the

festive atmosphere, while local youth enthusiastically danced alongside the procession.

Prominent organisers and community leaders, including Raju Yadav, Pot-huraj Sai, Kasula Damodar Goud, Durgayya, Ajith, Srikanth, Karan Singh, Dasharath, Narendar, Pawan Mudiraju and Sarath, played a key role in the successful conduct of the celebrations. If needed, I can also provide Gouda an SEO headline, Provide a meta description, Provide keywords, and Provide tags.

BRS Leader Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy Joins Vibrant Renuka Yellamma Fruit Procession



HYDERABAD
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The Cantonment First Ward witnessed vibrant celebrations on Monday night as the traditional Alahara Bandi (fruit cart)

procession was held at the Sri Renuka Yellamma Thalli Temple in Chinna Thokatta Sanjeevayya Nagar Colony as part of the auspicious Asha Bonala Jatara. Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader and

former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy (JMR) attended the celebrations as chief guest. He offered special prayers and performed puja to the deity, seeking peace and prosperity for the constituency.

The celebrations reached their peak when JMR joined the traditional Potharajus in their energetic dance. His participation drew loud cheers from devotees and residents. The performances by the Potharajus became the highlight of the evening..

“Govinda... Govinda”: Ravi Sagar Renders Srivari Seva at Tirumala



Amid chants of “Govinda... Govinda,” Ravi Sagar of Rapole village in Pargi Assembly constituency, Vikarabad district, participated in Srivari Seva at Tirumala, describing the opportunity to serve Lord Venkateswara as a deeply memorable and spiritually fulfilling experience. Ravi Sagar said that on the fifth day of his Srivari Seva, he was given an opportunity to perform assigned seva duties connected with the sanctum area. He expressed gratitude to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams for providing devotees and volunteers an opportunity to participate in the service of Lord Venkateswara. “Being given an opportunity to render service to Srivaru is a moment of immense happiness and devotion. I will cherish this experience throughout my life,” Ravi Sagar said, invoking “Edu Kondalavada Venkataramana... Govinda, Govinda!” Continuing his spiritual service, Ravi Sagar also joined fellow Srivari Seva volunteers ahead of the sixth day’s activities and participated enthusiastically in the assigned programmes. He said the collective discipline, devotion and spirit of service among the volunteers made the experience even more meaningful.

Waqf Record Error Brings Relief to Nearly 10,000 Malkajgiri Property Owners

HYDERABAD
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Nearly 10,000 property owners in the Malkajgiri area are set to heave a sigh of relief following the Telangana Waqf Board’s identification of errors that led to several survey numbers being wrongly included in the 22-A prohibited properties list.

The inclusion of these properties in the prohibited list had prevented owners from registering, buying or selling their properties and created serious difficulties in routine transactions. The

issue was traced to an error in Waqf property records, where several survey numbers actually belonging to Mallapur village were shown as falling under Malkajgiri.

The matter came to light after property owners raised objections and submitted documentary evidence, including relevant government records and Waqf Gazettes. Following verification, the Waqf Board clarified the distinction between survey numbers belonging to Malkajgiri and those pertaining to Mallapur.

In a communication dated July 29, the Waqf



Board recorded that Survey Nos. 3, 103, 104, 105, 145, 146, 147 and 148 to 154 belong to Mallapur village. The board stated that the remaining survey numbers mentioned in the relevant gazette notification pertain to Malkajgiri. The clarification followed a request from the Commissioner and Inspector General of Reg-

istration and Stamps seeking verification of the Waqf property list. After examining the records, the Waqf Board forwarded the matter for necessary correction and publication of the modification in the official gazette.

The board also pointed out discrepancies between various Waqf notifications, including Gazette

No. 35 dated August 27, 1987, Gazette No. 37 dated September 13, 2001, and the Gazette notification dated June 29, 1989. These differences require reconciliation and rectification to ensure that the correct survey numbers are reflected in official records.

Residents and property owners welcomed the development, describing it as a major relief after their properties were placed on the prohibited list despite having no fault in the matter.

“This happened in 2024 and we immediately alerted the Waqf Board.

We collected the relevant Gazettes and submitted them, seeking removal of the properties from the prohibited list,” said B.T. Srinivasan, general secretary of the United Federation Welfare Associations.

Subramanyam, a resident of Devinagam, said he discovered the problem while applying for an encumbrance certificate. “I learnt that I could not sell the property as it was on the prohibited list. This is a major relief, though the clearance process may take another month,” he said.

**BRS Leader
Paitara Saikumar
Calls on Kyama
Mallesh, Enquires
About His Health**



BRS State Leader Paitara Saikumar called on BRS Bhuvanagiri Parliamentary In-charge and Telangana State Kuruma Sangham Working President Kyama Mallesh Kuruma at his residence in Vanasthalipuram on Tuesday and enquired about his health. After learning that Kyama Mallesh had recently undergone treatment at a hospital, Saikumar, accompanied by leaders of the Kuruma community, visited him at his residence and personally enquired about his recovery and well-being.

During the interaction, the leaders wished Kyama Mallesh a speedy and complete recovery and expressed hope that he would soon return to his regular public and organisational activities in good health.

Along with Paitara Saikumar, Sangareddy District Kuruma Sangham senior leader Nawabgarhi Bhoomiah, Bandari Pandu Kuruma, and other leaders were present during the visit.

KTR Helps Rescue Warangal Woman Stranded in Muscat

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 45-year-old woman from Warangal, Mohamad Mahamuda, who was allegedly trapped and harassed in Muscat after being lured abroad with a fake domestic work offer, has safely returned to India following intervention by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR).

Mahamuda reached Hyderabad on Tuesday after spending nearly 25 days in distress. KTR personally assured her family that he would bear the expenses of bringing her back and coordinated with BRS NRI representatives and Indian Embassy officials for her safe return. Mahamuda had travelled to Muscat on July 16 on a tourist visa after an agent promised her a domestic employment opportunity.



According to her account, a sub-agent confiscated her passport and mobile phone after her arrival, confined her to a room and allegedly forced her to undertake work against her wishes. She also alleged that she was physically assaulted and harassed.

When she sought to return to India, the sub-agent allegedly demanded ₹1.13 lakh, claiming it was the amount spent on her. She was reportedly threatened with being implicated in a false theft case and sent to prison if she failed to pay.

Her plight came to the attention of RTV anchor Manoj, who informed

journalist and Balagam TV CEO Balu Kayithi. The matter was subsequently brought to KTR's notice. Responding immediately, KTR directed BRS NRI representatives to assist Mahamuda and assured that he would personally meet the expenses involved in her return.

Muscat BRS NRI Cell President Ahmed coordinated with Pichara Kiran Kumar, President of ETCA Dubai, and approached the Indian Embassy. With assistance from Muscat police, Mahamuda was traced and rescued from the sub-agent after efforts lasting about a week.

Sridhar Babu also said it was inappropriate for Rama Rao to politicise projects of national importance.

She was placed under Indian Embassy protection for three days. Her passport was later recovered from the sub-agent, following which arrangements were made for her return to India. Ahmed supervised the process until she reached Hyderabad. On her arrival, Mahamuda thanked KTR and the BRS NRI representatives for helping secure her release and safe return.

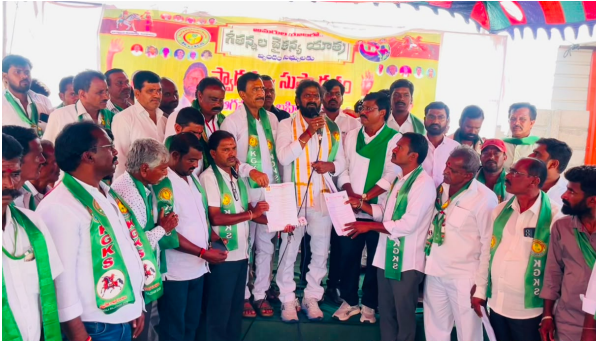
KTR appreciated Ahmed, Pichara Kiran Kumar, Balu Kayithi and journalist Manoj for their efforts. He also warned people against travelling to Gulf countries on tourist visas in search of employment.

Srinivas Goud Demands Justice for Toddy Tappers, Warns Government

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Santosh Chowdary

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud and former Corporation Chairman Onteru Pratap Reddy participated in the 'Geethanna Chaitanya Yatra' organised by the Toddy Tappers' Union in Gajwel, Siddipet district. They paid floral tributes to the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud. Union Presidents M.V. Ramana and Bellamkonda Venkatesh Goud said the awareness rally was being conducted across

Telangana to remind the Congress government of its election promises concerning traditional occupations. Srinivas Goud strongly backed the toddy tappers' demands and alleged that excise officials and political leaders were increasingly harassing toddy shop operators and demanding bribes. He claimed that hundreds of toddy tappers had been jailed and nearly 50 toddy



shops closed during the past three years. He further alleged that several MLAs were collecting lakhs of rupees at the expense of toddy tappers' livelihoods. Goud warned that the community would not remain silent if harassment, arrests and false cases continued.

The former minister also criticised the government over the failure to implement the promised 42% reservation for Backward Classes. He questioned the status of assurances concerning Golla-Kuruma welfare funds, inclusion of the Mudiraj community in the BC-A category and support for weavers. The leaders demanded immediate

reopening of closed toddy shops, withdrawal of cases against toddy tappers, ₹10 lakh ex-gratia for families of deceased workers and implementation of the promised 25% reservation in wine shops.

They also demanded that Jangaon district be renamed Papanna Goud District, citing the government's reported assurance during Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud's birth anniversary celebrations. The union warned of intensified agitation if the government failed to address the community's grievances and implement its promises.

Ninadam Telugu Daily Celebrates 23rd Anniversary

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 23rd anniversary celebrations of Ninadam Telugu Daily were held in Hyderabad with the participation of Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, Minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar, Vimala Gaddar, daughter of legendary people's poet Gaddar, along with editors, CEOs of various media organisations, senior journalists and journalist leaders. Sridhar Babu addressed the gathering and appreciated the role of the media in highlighting public issues and strengthening democratic values.

On the occasion, the Ninadam Sangareddy District



team met Editor and CEO Bijigiri Srinivas and Mohan, extended anniversary greetings, presented bouquets and joined them in a cake-cutting ceremony. The team congratulated Ninadam on completing 23 years of dedicated journalism and public service and wished the newspaper greater success and public support in the years ahead.

Tension at CMC Office in Madhapur as Garbage Workers Stage Protest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Tension prevailed at the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) office in Madhapur on Tuesday as around 1,000 garbage collection workers staged a protest against the decisions of the CMC and Ramky.

The protest was organised by the Telangana Swachh Auto and Rickshaw Workers' Union. Police stopped the workers from entering the CMC office



by blocking the main gate, leading to a brief push-and-pull situation between the protesters and police.

The workers raised slogans against Ramky and alleged that the

ing system and opposed the collection of garbage charges along with property tax.

The workers also objected to the introduction of new electric garbage-collection autos, alleging that the move could affect their employment and income. Union leaders warned

that they would intensify the agitation if their demands were not addressed and urged the CMC authorities to take immediate steps to resolve their concerns.

'HAR GHAR TIRANGA' RALLY HELD WITH PATRIOTIC FERVOUR IN SANGAREDDY

SANGAREDDY
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A 'Har Ghar Tiranga' rally was organised on a grand scale in Sangareddy town, with participants displaying strong patriotic spirit and carrying the National Tricolour with pride.

Sangareddy District President Smt. Godavari Anji Reddy and Hon'ble MLC Anji Reddy participated in the rally and called upon citizens to ensure that the National Flag flies proudly atop every household, carrying forward the spirit of India's Independence celebrations.



Addressing the gathering, the leaders said that the Tricolour is a symbol of the nation's unity, sovereignty and the sacrifices made by countless free-

dom fighters. They urged people to keep the National Flag close to their hearts and demonstrate their patriotism by actively participating in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

They said that remembering the sacrifices of the freedom fighters should inspire every citizen to rededicate themselves to the nation and contribute towards taking India's progress forward.

The leaders appealed particularly to the younger generation to understand the significance of the freedom struggle, respect the National Flag and uphold the values of unity,

integrity and patriotism.

BJYM Sangareddy District President Praveen Yadav, along with BJP Sangareddy district leaders Rajeshwar Deshpande, Rajasekhar Reddy, Venkata Narasimha Reddy, Kulkarni and Anand Krishna Reddy, among others, participated in the programme.

The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation, with the Tricolour taking centre stage and slogans celebrating national unity and patriotism echoing through Sangareddy town.

"Har Ghar Tiranga — Let the Tricolour Fly Proudly at Every Home."

CPM Leader Madaram Venkataiah's Birthday Celebrated in a Fitting Manner

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The birthday celebrations of CPM leader Madaram Venkataiah were held in a fitting manner at Pargi headquarters in Vikarabad district on Tuesday. Friends, party activists, well-wishers and relatives joined the celebrations and extended their warm birthday wishes to him. On the occasion, Madaram Venkataiah was felicitated with a shawl and garland, followed by a cake-cutting ceremony. The gathering wished him good health, happiness and continued strength to serve the people. Speaking on the occasion, his friends and associates appreciated M Venkataiah's commitment to



the CPM and his contribution towards strengthening the party at the grassroots level. They said he has remained accessible to ordinary people and has consistently raised issues concerning workers, farmers and disadvantaged sections. They further stated that whenever an incident of alleged injustice or a public problem comes to his notice anywhere in Vikarabad district, M. Venkataiah makes efforts to stand with the affected people, take the matter to the attention of the concerned authorities.

Erdhanur Gram Sabha Focuses on Village Issues, Natural Farming



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A Gram Sabha was held at Erdhanur village on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Sarpanch Pambala Jyothi Durga Prasad, with villagers raising several local issues

and seeking solutions. Responding to the concerns raised by residents, the Sarpanch assured that the issues would be examined and necessary steps would be taken for their resolution and the overall development of the village.

RPI Rajesh Demands Answers Over Kiran Kumar's Alleged Ghost Posting

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Wakeup telangana

RPI party leader Rajesh has demanded answers from the Cyberabad Commissioner over allegations concerning the present posting, duties and salary of Dandotikar Kiran Kumar.

Rajesh questioned where Kiran Kumar is currently posted, where he reports for duty and under which official designation he is drawing his monthly salary. He alleged that water-maintenance work at Kiran Kumar's previous station was discontinued in



2018 and sought clarity on what duties the employee has performed since then.

The RPI leader also questioned the official basis for continuing salary payments, including the employee's

posting order, designation, work allocation, attendance and reporting authority.

Rajesh further alleged that local residents have complained of Kiran Kumar misusing his official position to interfere in private matters and harass members of the public. He urged the Cyberabad Commissioner to conduct a detailed inquiry and verify the employee's service records, attendance and current responsibilities. Rajesh said transparency is essential to ensure accountability and prevent any alleged misuse of taxpayer money.

Kavitha Demands Welfare Measures for Telangana Adivasis

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Wakeup telangana

Telangana Rakshana Sena president Kalvakuntla Kavitha has urged the state government to take immediate and special measures to improve the living conditions of Adivasis across Telangana, particularly by ensuring nutritious food and safe drinking water.

Several Adivasi leaders from Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, along with representatives of the Telangana Adivasi Tiger Sena, joined the Telangana Rakshana Sena at



the party office in Banjara Hills on Tuesday. Kavitha welcomed the new members by draping them with party scarves.

Kavitha demanded that the government complete the construction of a double-lane road between

Kerameri and Jodeghat before the death anniversary of legendary Adivasi leader Komaram Bheem. She also called for the modernization of canals under the Ada and NTR Sagar projects to ensure adequate irrigation water

for their entire 60,000-acre command area.

The TRS president further demanded an early resolution to the long-pending Podu land issue. She suggested that land covered under previously sanctioned rights documents should be handed over immediately to eligible Adivasis after conducting a joint survey by forest and revenue officials.

Expressing concern over the functioning of Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), Kavitha said

they had become largely nominal institutions instead of effectively supporting tribal communities. She cited Adivasi leader Soyam Bajorao cultivating crops on rocky terrain by piling soil as an example of the hardships faced by tribal people.

Kavitha assured the community that she would soon visit Adivasi areas and continue to stand with them in their struggles. Former minister, Sirpur constituency in-charge and other party 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.

Peace Is Key For Bilateral Relations, Says India

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Amid reports of a Chinese incursion and a stand-off in Taksing circle of Arunachal Pradesh, the Indian government on Tuesday said that the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas was of utmost importance. The external affairs ministry also hit back at Chinese criticism of India for formally naming 27 places in Arunachal Pradesh, saying that the state was an inalienable and integral part of India and that nothing could change this indisputable reality. "In matters relating to the border areas between India and China, we have always emphasised in discussions with the Chinese side that we consider



these issues to be most serious and that the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in these areas is of the utmost importance. We have also stated that the state of affairs at the border will reflect on the state of our larger bilateral ties," said Randhir Jaiswal, MEA spokesperson. The spokesperson added that this point was reiterated at the recently held 36th Meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) on August 6. "At this

meeting, the two sides engaged in frank discussions and reviewed the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The Indian side again underlined that maintaining peace and tranquillity in the border areas is essential for the overall development of bilateral relations. It was agreed to continue using existing diplomatic and military channels, including the WMCC, local commander-level meetings and other agreed mechanisms, to resolve outstanding issues and avoid misunderstandings and miscalculations along the LAC," Jaiswal added.

Referring to the row with China over the renaming of places in the border state, the MEA reiterated that Arunachal Pradesh was an inalienable and in-

tegral part of India. "Let me reiterate once again that Arunachal Pradesh is an inalienable and integral part of India and that this is a self-evident fact. At the same time, let me also underline that nothing can change this indisputable reality," Jaiswal stated. His comments came after India formally identified 27 locations in Arunachal Pradesh by their standard names on the official Survey of India map, amid China's repeated attempts to assign Chinese names to places in the Indian state. The Indian government maintains that the formal naming of these 27 locations is intended to ensure their precise geographical identification while enhancing public awareness of their historical and geographical significance.

MEA Slams Pakistan For Crackdown On Protesters in PoK

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Tuesday strongly condemned Pakistan's ongoing crackdown on protesters in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), accusing Islamabad of responding to public discontent with bullets, blackouts and repression. The MEA urged the international community to hold Pakistan accountable for alleged gross human rights violations against its own people. Addressing a media briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted the scale of unrest in PoK over the past several months, including protests held before and during elections. He said public grievances had been met with severe repression, resulting in significant loss of life and injuries. "We



would like to highlight the human rights violations being committed in PoK and other parts of the country. We call upon the international community to hold Pakistan accountable for its misdeeds, abuses and gross violations of human rights, including against its own people," Jaiswal said. He added that more than 90 people had been killed and many others injured during clashes in June and July, with protesters, security personnel and bystanders among the casualties. According to the MEA, the developments have attracted international at-

tention. The remarks came amid continuing tensions between Pakistani authorities and members of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), who have been leading protests over public grievances in PoK. On Tuesday, Pakistan reportedly sent Masood Ilyas Kashmiri, described as a senior commander of the Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), as part of a delegation seeking to persuade JAAC members to withdraw their agitation.

However, the reported peace talks failed to resolve the standoff. Protesters said on Monday that they would make a major announcement on August 13. They have also called for United Nations peacekeeping forces to replace Pakistani forces in the region, escalating the confrontation further.

Congo Ebola Outbreak Crosses 2,000 Deaths

BUNIA Wakeup telangana

The Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) has claimed more than 2,000 lives, making it the fastest-growing Ebola outbreak on record, according to the latest government data. Health authorities are struggling to contain the disease as rebel conflict, poor roads, disrupted communications and payment-related work stoppages hamper the response. Government figures released overnight showed 4,381 confirmed Ebola cases, including 2,011 deaths, putting the case fatality rate at 45.9 per cent. The outbreak has reached the 2,000-death mark almost three times faster than the 2014-2016 West Africa outbreak, which remains the deadliest Ebola epidemic in history. The current outbreak was officially declared on May 15, although genetic sequencing indicates that the virus began circulating months earlier, in February. It took around nine



weeks for the outbreak to record its first 1,000 deaths, but only about three additional weeks for the death toll to double. Dr Jean-Marie Akandabo, who is helping treat patients in Ituri province, described the situation as alarming and called for response efforts to be significantly strengthened in affected communities. The outbreak, centred in eastern Congo, has already become the second-largest Ebola outbreak ever recorded, behind the 2014-2016 West Africa epidemic, which caused more than 28,000 infections and over 11,000 deaths. A major concern is that the outbreak involves the

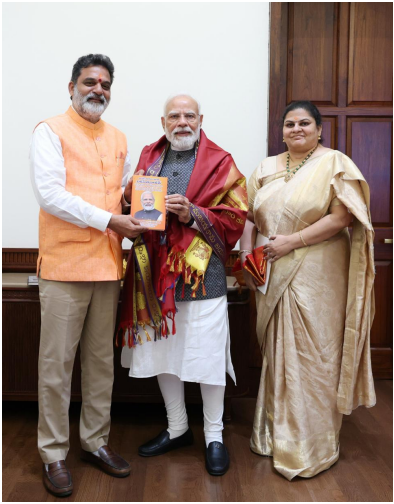
Bundibugyo virus, for which there are currently no approved vaccines or treatments. Clinical trials for potential vaccines and therapies have begun in Ituri, the epicentre of the crisis. Aid workers say the virus continues to spread faster than response operations can expand. Health workers have staged strikes over unpaid salaries, while authorities have cited difficulties in distributing available funds. The World Health Organization has also warned that many new infections are being detected among people who were not previously identified as contacts, indicating that transmission

remains largely uncontrolled. The conflict-affected region presents enormous challenges for surveillance and treatment. Poor roads, interrupted communications, population displacement and movements linked to trade and mining make it difficult to identify cases early. Authorities have restricted public gatherings and closed Ituri's main airport, but movement across areas bordering South Sudan, Uganda and Rwanda continues. WHO officials said some early cases were initially mistaken for malaria or typhoid, while testing was also conducted for a different Ebola strain. "The virus is ahead of us," WHO Africa regional director Dr Mohamed Yakub Janabi said, underscoring the urgency of the response. The current outbreak is Congo's 17th Ebola outbreak and its largest so far, with health officials warning that expanded treatment, surveillance and community engagement are urgently needed.

PM Modi Praises Dr. Vakulabharanam for His Work on BC Issues and Books

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met former Telangana State BC Commission Chairman and author Dr. Vakulabharanam Krishna Mohan Rao and his wife Sudhashree at the Prime Minister's Office in Parliament House on Tuesday. During the nearly 10-minute meeting, Dr. Vakulabharanam presented three books authored by him to the Prime Minister, including the trilingual book "Sri Narendra Modi – The Great Leader Who Placed India on the Global Stage," "From Antyodaya to Viksit Bharat" and the trilingual book



"GST: Social Justice, Economic Equality and the Journey of Development." After examining the

books, Modi congratulated the author and reportedly praised his efforts, saying that his work for the BC community was significant. The Prime Minister also enquired about Dr. Vakulabharanam's educational background, his journey in the BC movement and his services as a member and chairman of BC commissions. Dr. Vakulabharanam said Modi appreciated his commitment and encouraged him to continue his writing. He also expressed gratitude to the Prime Minister and several Telangana BJP leaders and Union ministers for supporting and facilitating the meeting.

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

Dipke Announces.....

As part of the campaign, the CJP has appealed to sarpanches across the country to improve government schools in their respective villages. Dipke said he would personally approach the village head in Hingoli and urged other village heads to take up the initiative. The organisation has described the initiative as a "Sarpanch Challenge", under which it would publicly recognise village heads who improve schools by sharing before-and-after photographs on its social media platforms and giving credit to the sarpanches concerned. "We will give you credit so that after seeing you, after seeing the schools that you have improved, many other village heads also start

improving schools in their villages," Dipke said. The CJP also announced a citizen-led social audit of government schools. Parents whose children study in government schools have been asked to visit the institutions and check the availability of electricity, clean drinking water, functional washrooms and mid-day meals. "You go to your children's schools and see if basic facilities are available. See if there is electricity, water. Do your children get washroom facilities? Do they get mid-day meals?" Dipke said, urging parents to record videos if the facilities were unavailable. The CJP said it would soon issue a printable audit form through which citizens could record facilities available and those missing in their children's schools.

The form will be shared through a link on campaign videos on the CJP's official social media platforms. Completed forms and video evidence can be emailed to contact@cockroachjantaparty.org. The CJP said the campaign seeks to ensure that children of farmers and wage labourers studying in village schools have access to facilities comparable to those available to children in cities.

Tirupati Airport Gets....

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the Opposition is not changing the goalpost. He asserted that the Opposition's stand has been consistent from the beginning, including the demand that Shah must make a statement on police brutalities against students.

The Congress president also said that the students' protest in Jharkhand is a "separate issue". Speaking to the media in the Parliament House complex, Rijiju said that the government is willing to go beyond a statement and hold a full-fledged discussion on the issue. "Rahul Gandhi has been saying from the beginning that the Union home minister should make a statement. We are saying, why just a statement? We will have a full discussion. A statement is only a formal written document. We are ready to go beyond a statement and have a full-fledged discussion for the entire day, or even for two days, and give answers to every single point," he said, adding that a detailed discussion will bring clarity on all aspects related to students'

protest. "The protest has several aspects. If we discuss it in detail, everything will come out in the open and the truth will become clear," the Union parliamentary affairs minister said, adding that the NDA MPs have also urged Rahul Gandhi not to "run away" from the debate. "It is unfortunate that the Congress has again run away from a discussion. Today, our NDA colleagues also demanded that Rahul Gandhi should not run away. But he ran away again today," he said.

Revanth Orders.....

During the meeting, Revanth Reddy also reviewed preliminary arrangements for the Invest Telangana Global Summit 2026, which is scheduled to be held at Future

City in December. He directed officials to begin preparations well in advance to ensure the successful conduct of the international-level investment summit. The Chief Minister suggested that a special programme be formulated to honour prominent personalities from various sectors of the business and industrial world during the summit. He said the event should be organised to international standards with a clear focus on attracting fresh investments to Telangana. Revanth Reddy also directed officials to compile comprehensive details of investments attracted to the State and the progress achieved following the previous year's summit. He asked them to prepare a detailed action plan to accelerate investment activity.

CRIME

Banjara Hills Land Regularisation: HC Gives Govt Last Chance to File Stand

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday gave the state government a final opportunity to place on record its stand on the controversial regularisation of valuable government land in Banjara Hills in favour of the son and daughter of former MP and government adviser K. Keshava Rao at rates far below the prevailing market value. The case will be heard again on September 3, A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin expressed displeasure over the government’s failure to comply with its direction issued on December 10, 2025, when it had questioned the justification for regularising the land at nomi-

nal rates and indicated that the government order concerned required rectification. The bench granted three weeks as a “last indulgence” to additional advocate-general (AAG) Imran Khan to file an affidavit setting out the government’s stand on the issue. It specifically directed the state to explain in the affidavit the steps taken by the department concerned between December 10, 2025, and August 2026, pursuant to the court’s earlier order. The PIL was filed in 2024 by Gadeela Raghuveer Reddy, represented by counsel Y. Shreyas Reddy, challenging the validity of GO Ms. No. 56, revenue department, dated May 23, 2023. The GO provided for regularisation of 1,161 square yards in Survey No.129/1 and New Survey No.140

at NBT Nagar, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, in favour of K. Venkateswara Rao, son of Keshava Rao, at ₹2,500 per square yard. Another extent of 425 square yards in Survey No.129 and New Survey No.403 in the same locality was regularised in favour of Vijayalaxmi Gadwal, former mayor and daughter of Keshava Rao, at ₹350 per square yard. The petitioner contended that the regularisations were contrary to the state’s land regularisation policy and violated Article 14 of the constitution, as similarly placed applicants were required to pay substantially higher amounts. Petitioner’s counsel Shreyas Reddy submitted that the regularisations were made by invoking amendments relating to notified slum areas and al-

leged that the two parcels were granted at nominal rates instead of the prevailing basic value/card rate. According to the petitioner, the applicable value under the regularisation policy was around ₹60,300 per square yard, while the market value of land in NBT Nagar, Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, had risen to several crores of rupees. During an earlier hearing, the division bench had questioned whether the benefit extended to the two beneficiaries was being uniformly offered to other applicants seeking regularisation of government land. The bench had stressed that the government’s policy should be applied equally to all citizens and questioned the rationale for treating the two cases differently.

SC stayed further proceedings in 1958 suit related to estate of Nawab Salar Jung

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court has stayed further proceedings in the long-pending Civil Suit (CS) No. 13 of 1958 concerning the sprawling estate of late Salar Jung III, Mir You suf Ali Khan, tempo rarily halting proceedings before the Telangana High Court.The original suit was filed seeking par tition of the properties, possession of the claim

ants’ respective shares and a declaration regarding their entitlement to the commutation amount associated with the jagir of Salar Jung III. Several connected claims were sub sequently brought before the court during the course of the proceedings.A preliminary com promise decree was passed on March 5, 1959. However, proceedings continued for decades over implemen

tation of the decree and claims raised by various individuals asserting rights in the estate.Re cently, the Telangana High Court considered applications filed by certain persons claiming to be legal heirs of the deceased Ashrafunnisa Begum, who was defen dant No. 123 in the con nected proceedings. The applicants sought to be impleaded in the case or have their claimed rights in the estate recognised..

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.

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 Wanaparthy. 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 Wanaparthy 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.

37 Seized Dogs: HC Gives Gachibowli Woman 2 Months to Find Home

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

After months of legal wrangling over 37 dogs seized from a Gachibowli apartment, the Telangana High Court on Tuesday gave their owner a final period of two months to find suitable accommodation for them, failing which the younger dogs would be given up for adoption. After seizure, the dogs were kept at the animal care centre of the People For Animals (PFA) at Nagole. Five of them and PFA raised concern over the prospect of maintaining

the dogs for months to gether. Considering the PFA’s concern and the request of the dogs’ owner Kameshwari Pida parthi, a division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohi uddin gave her a final opportunity to find suitable accommodation where she could keep the dogs. In case the owner was not able to do so, a decision would be taken on the question of giving the younger dogs for adoption as they are about six to seven months of age, the court said.

Two-Year-Old Boy Dies of Electric Shock in Chandanagar, Family Alleges Power Department Negligence

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Srirangam Venkatesh

A two-year-old boy died of electric shock at the Rajiv Gruhakalpa complex in Papireddy Colony, Chandanagar, on Tuesday evening. The child’s family alleged that negligence by electricity department officials led to the tragedy.According to the family, Ganesh Ra-



thod, son of Sunil Rathod and Swapna, was playing near their residence when he accidentally came into contact with exposed electrical wires inside an open and unpro-

tected meter panel.The boy suffered a severe electric shock. Family members immediately rushed him to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead.The incident left the family devastated, while local residents expressed concern over the alleged poor maintenance of electrical infrastructure in the complex. They claimed that exposed wiring and un-

protected electrical panels pose a serious risk to residents, particularly children.The family alleged that they had previously brought electrical issues to the authorities’ attention but that the problems were not properly addressed. They demanded a thorough investigation and immediate safety measures to prevent similar incidents.

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?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



RBI Governor Flags Geopolitical, Trade and Cyber Risks

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra has identified geopolitical tensions, global trade uncertainties and rising cyber threats as some of the key risks facing India’s economy and banking sector over the medium term. However, he said the country and its financial system are well positioned to withstand these challenges. Speaking at FIBAC 2026, the annual banking conference organised by FICCI and the Indian Banks’ Association, Malhotra was asked about the major risks confronting India’s financial system. He pointed to sev-

eral global vulnerabilities, including high public debt in advanced economies, growing interconnectedness among non-banking financial companies and unregulated financial entities, and elevated equity valuations that could trigger spill-over effects if markets undergo sharp corrections. The RBI Governor also highlighted uncertainties arising from the continuing West Asia crisis, changes in global trade policies and tariffs, as well as increasing cyber risks. Despite these challenges, Malhotra expressed confidence in the resilience of India’s banking system. He noted that banks have a strong capital position,

with the capital-to-risk-weighted assets ratio (CRAR) at around 17-18 per cent. Gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) are below 2 per cent, while net NPAs remain below 0.5 per cent. Banks also maintain healthy liquidity coverage ratios and continue to report strong profits. Malhotra said inflation remains under control, economic growth has stayed resilient and India’s external sector continues to remain robust. He pointed to the country’s ability to emerge stronger from previous crises, including the Covid-19 pandemic and the Ukraine conflict, supported by measures taken by the government and other

stakeholders. He also revealed that BRICS nations are discussing ways to connect their fast payment systems and central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) to make cross-border transactions cheaper and more efficient. While several options are being examined, including CBDC integration and linking fast payment systems, the discussions are still at an early stage. Malhotra further urged Indian banks to view artificial intelligence as a board-level strategic priority rather than simply another technology investment. He warned that institutions that delay their AI transition could eventually

find themselves adapting to changes shaped by others. He identified several AI-related risks, including lack of explainability, bias in lending decisions, concentration among a limited number of AI models and vendors, third-party dependencies, data privacy concerns, cyber vulnerabilities and the weakening of human accountability. Malhotra stressed that fairness must be built into AI systems from the design stage and that banks must retain ultimate responsibility for decisions made with the help of algorithms or external technology providers.

Acumatica Opens Global Capability Center in Hyderabad

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Cloud-based enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions provider Acumatica has opened a new Global Capability Center (GCC) in Hyderabad, marking a significant expansion of its engineering operations in India. Located in Nanakramguda, the new facility has started operations with more than 30 employees, with additional hiring planned in the coming months. The center will initially focus on engineering and product development, while potentially expanding into other functions as Acumatica grows its presence in the region. The Hyderabad GCC is part of Acumatica’s broader international expansion strategy and will serve as an engineering hub supporting product innovation and customer needs across global markets. The company currently has operations in the United States, Canada,



Serbia and Sri Lanka. “We have created the core of our growth engine in India with an initial seed, and we look forward to it becoming a mature tree and a major contributor to the success of Acumatica customers and Acumatica itself,” said Miten Mehta, Chief Engineering Officer of Acumatica. He said India’s strong engineering talent pool and expanding technology ecosystem made Hyderabad an ideal location for the company’s next phase of global innovation. The new center is designed to provide a collaborative environment for Acumatica’s India-

based engineering team to develop products and capabilities for customers worldwide. The company said the facility reflects its long-term commitment to building a diverse and globally distributed engineering organization. Acumatica established the Hyderabad GCC in partnership with Summit Consulting Services, an ANSR company, which is supporting the company with capability development, talent strategy and operational scaling. Acumatica is currently hiring engineering professionals for its Hyderabad operations as it continues to expand its India presence.

Apple Pay to enter India in October: Everything you need to know

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Apple is reportedly preparing to launch its digital payments service, Apple Pay, in India by September-end or October 2026, but the service is unlikely to support Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions at the time of launch. According to a Business Standard report citing three people fa-

miliar with the development, Apple will initially enable payments through credit cards issued on global networks such as Visa and Mastercard. The service is expected to follow the framework Apple uses in several other international markets. Apple Pay to focus on card payments At launch, Indian users are expected to add eligible credit cards to the Apple Wallet app and

make payments at compatible point-of-sale terminals using near field communication (NFC). Customers will be able to authenticate transactions through Face ID or Touch ID, avoiding the need to physically swipe or insert cards. Apple has reportedly been preparing for the India launch for several months, with the company targeting the end of September or October, according to the



report. However, the absence of UPI support could limit Apple Pay’s initial reach in a market where QR-code-based digital payments have become deeply integrated into everyday transactions.

UPI unlikely at initial launch Apple Pay is not expected to support UPI when it launches in India. To introduce UPI functionality, Apple would need approval from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and would also have to work with a sponsor bank to facilitate UPI transactions. As a result, the initial version of Apple Pay is likely to concentrate on

NFC-enabled physical stores and card-based online payments rather than competing directly with India’s extensive UPI ecosystem. The company has also reportedly been negotiating with major Indian credit card issuers over the revenue it would receive from transactions made through Apple Pay. Apple seeks share of interchange fees Apple has reportedly

sought between 15 and 20 basis points of the interchange fee generated from each credit card transaction. Some major Indian banks, however, have pushed for a lower rate of around 10 basis points. One basis point is equal to 0.01 per cent. The interchange fee is paid by a merchant’s bank to the card-issuing bank for processing a card transaction. Apple’s proposed share

would reportedly come from banks’ earnings from these transactions and would not be directly charged to customers or merchants. Apple Pay could boost credit card spending Industry observers expect Apple Pay’s entry to potentially increase credit card usage in India, particularly among customers who regularly use Apple devices.

AM/NS India Launches Advanced Steel Plates for Infrastructure



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ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India) has launched two next-generation heavy steel plate brands, STRUCTROMAX and WELDSTAR, aimed at meeting the evolving requirements of India’s infrastructure, construction, manufacturing, transportation, energy and heavy engineering sectors. The products have been developed at AM/NS India’s advanced plate mill in Hazira, Gujarat, using modern rolling, heat-treatment and metallurgical control technologies. STRUCTROMAX is manufactured using Thermo-Mechanical Controlled Processing (TMCP) and is designed for demanding applications such as bridges, high-rise buildings, offshore structures, railways

and wind energy projects. The product offers enhanced weldability, toughness, load-bearing strength, corrosion resistance and fabrication performance. WELDSTAR comprises ultra-high-strength steel plates designed to help manufacturers reduce structural weight while improving payload capacity and fuel efficiency. The plates are targeted at applications including cranes, mining equipment, transportation systems and offshore projects, helping lower long-term operating and lifecycle costs. Ranjan Dhar, Director and Vice President – Sales & Marketing, AM/NS India, said the new products would provide Indian engineers, fabricators and manufacturers with advanced steel solutions for increasingly complex projects.

Govt okays introduction of 1 billion polymer Rs 10, 20 banknotes

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The government has approved the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) proposal to introduce one billion polymer banknotes each in the denominations of ₹10 and ₹20 for field trials, Parliament was informed on Tuesday. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, said the RBI’s central board had recommended the move under Section 25 of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. The proposal covers the introduction of one billion pieces each of ₹10 and ₹20 polymer notes for field trials, followed by regular issuance if the trials are successful. “The government has approved the proposal,” Sitharaman said. According to the RBI, the polymer banknotes will be issued alongside existing paper substrate-based currency notes. The procurement process is currently at an initial stage, the Finance Minister said. As a result, the government is not yet in a position to provide a defi-



nite timeline for the introduction of polymer notes or estimate the expenditure involved. Polymer banknotes are generally considered more durable and resistant to moisture and wear compared with conventional paper-based currency. The field trials will help assess their suitability for wider circulation in India. Retail Inflation Remains Below RBI Target Sitharaman also informed Parliament that India’s average retail inflation has declined steadily in recent years. Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation fell from 5.4% in 2023-24 to 4.6% in 2024-25 and further to 2.1% in

2025-26. Inflation, however, increased to 3.9% during the first quarter of 2026-27, driven by factors including commodity price shocks, elevated global energy prices linked to the West Asia crisis, seasonal increases in vegetable prices and expectations of unfavourable El Niño conditions. Despite the rise, inflation remained below the RBI’s target of 4%. GST and Manufacturing Measures The Finance Minister also highlighted recent tax and economic measures aimed at supporting consumption and domestic manufacturing. The 56th

GST Council meeting introduced a two-rate structure comprising an 18% standard rate, a 5% merit rate and a special 40% demerit rate for select goods and services. The government has also rationalised GST rates on several products, with goods earlier taxed at 28% moved to 18%, while some items under the 18% and 12% slabs were shifted to lower rates. To reduce input costs and improve manufacturing competitiveness, the government rationalised Basic Customs Duty on several goods from February 2, 2026. Measures were also taken to reduce duties on crude palm, soybean and sunflower oils and masur. The government further reduced central excise duty on petrol and diesel by ₹10 per litre in March 2026. Sitharaman said income-tax exemptions for annual incomes up to ₹12 lakh, and ₹12.75 lakh for salaried individuals after the standard deduction, have increased disposable income and supported household consumption.

Telangana’s homestay policy to invite families into tourism

NEW DELHI
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Telangana is preparing to launch a dedicated homestay scheme that will enable homeowners to host tourists in their residences, opening up a new source of income for families through the tourism sector, reports said on Tuesday, August 11. The tourism department is likely to start accepting applications from eligible homeowners for registration and classification of their accommodations as homestays, said the Times of India. The idea is to take tourism beyond major cities and hotels while helping households to become entrepreneurs. According to the report, applications would be disposed of in 30 working days, and the registration would be valid for two years, with the government playing a facilitator. “Tourism has become one of the fastest-growing contributors to employment,

entrepreneurship, cultural preservation and balanced regional development,” it quoted an official as saying. Homestays help in expanding a city’s accommodation capacity without much expenditure in the form of land requirements or high capital costs, as is the case with commercial projects, they pointed out. Houses, heritage homes, traditional dwellings, rural and tribal houses, and residential apartments are all eligible properties. Hotels, resorts, lodges, hostels, paying-guest facilities, dormitories and serviced apartments do not qualify as homestays. Registered properties will be classified into three categories by a committee of officials from various departments. The final approval will come from the department. Owners will be given a certificate and listing on Telangana Tourism’s promotional platforms. said the report.

Harshvardhan Rane Reveals First Look Test for RGV's 'Police Company'

Actor Harshvardhan Rane has offered fans a glimpse of his first trial look as he prepares to portray celebrated police officer Daya Nayak in filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma's upcoming film Police Company. The project, produced by T-Series, is set against the backdrop of Mumbai's underworld and the police crackdown that followed the rise of organised crime.

Rane shared a video on X, formerly known as Twitter, showing himself removing his beard as part of the initial transformation for the character. The actor clarified that the look is still in its early stages and that Varma will introduce more permanent details as the character's appearance is gradually developed.

"This was my 1st trial look test for stepping into #DAYANAYAK sir's world. @rgvzoomin Sir will now add more permanent details and build the look slowly," Rane wrote alongside the video.

The actor's transformation has generated interest because Police Company marks his collaboration with Ram Gopal Varma on a story inspired by one of Mumbai's most prominent anti-underworld police operations. Varma



officially announced the film on Monday, describing it as a project that explores what happens when a powerful police institution begins functioning like an organised company.

Announcing the film, Varma revealed its tagline as, "It Is More Dangerous Than D Company." He explained that while an underworld company is primarily a money-making organisation, a police institution given extraordinary powers can potentially become something far more powerful.

The filmmaker's narrative traces the turbulent period of the Mumbai underworld following Dawood Ibrahim's consolidation of rival gangs. According to Varma, after Dawood eliminated several rival groups, his gang evolved into D Company, with Chhota Rajan eventually handling operations from Mumbai. A subsequent split between Dawood and Rajan created a significant vacuum in the city's criminal underworld.

The resulting power struggle saw several gangs compete for dominance, triggering a surge in criminal activity. The deteriorating situation also attracted young men from states including Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Bihar into the underworld.

Amid the growing threat, a special police squad was formed to counter organised crime. Varma said that between 1997 and 2004, the squad killed more than

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.

Riddhi Toro Wins CBSE Cluster VII U-14 Girls Singles Title

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Telangana table tennis talent Riddhi Toro of T.I.M.E. School, Bandlaguda Jagir, emerged champion in the Under-14 Girls Singles category at the CBSE Cluster VII Table Tennis Championship 2026-27, held at Sir C. R. Reddy Public School, Eluru, Andhra Pradesh, from August 7 to 10.

Riddhi produced an impressive display of skill, consistency and determination throughout the tournament. In the semi-final, she defeated fellow Telangana player Mokshika Pogaku of Olive Mount Global School, Hyderabad, 3-1. Riddhi won the four-game encounter 11-9, 9-11, 11-6 and 11-8 to book her place in the final.

In the championship match, Riddhi continued her strong run against Hethvika Kolli of VPS Public School, Vijayawada. After losing the opening game 7-11, she made a determined comeback to win the next three games 11-9, 11-8 and 11-5, sealing a convincing 3-1 victory and the U-14 Girls Singles title.



T.I.M.E. School also secured runners-up honours in the U-14 Girls Team Championship. The team, comprising Riddhi Toro, Vanshika Chalkapurkar and Ananya Nenavath, displayed commendable teamwork and resilience to finish second among the participating schools.

In the team final, Sri Prakash Synergy School of East Godavari defeated T.I.M.E. School 3-1. Vanshika lost to K. Nayana 2-3, while Riddhi registered a commanding 3-0 victory over D.V. Geetanjali. Ananya Nenavath went down

1-3 to M.V. Satya Sai, before K. Nayana defeated Riddhi 3-2 in the decisive match.

Sri Prakash Synergy School finished first, followed by T.I.M.E. School, Hyderabad, in second place. Birla Open Minds International School, Medak, and VPS Public School, Vijayawada, shared third place.

Riddhi's singles triumph and the school's team success underline T.I.M.E. School's growing sporting credentials and its commitment to nurturing young table tennis talent.

India Para Cyclists Win 12 Medals at Denmark Grand Prix

HYDERABAD
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Indian para cyclists delivered a commanding performance at the UCI Paraspport Denmark Grand Prix in Odense, Denmark, securing 12 medals — two gold, five silver and five bronze across a range of track cycling events. Leading India's medal campaign was Paralympian para cyclist Arshad Shaikh from Andhra Pradesh, who emerged as the standout performer with an impressive haul of six medals. Shaikh won two gold, three silver and one bronze, demonstrating consistency and competitive strength across multiple disciplines during the three-day international event. Shaikh secured a silver medal in the Individual Time Trial, followed by a bronze in the 200-metre Sprint. He then claimed gold in the Elimination Race and another silver in the Individual Pursuit.

His strong run continued with a silver medal in the Scratch Race, before he added another gold in the Elimination event. His six-medal performance was a major highlight for the Indian contingent and underlined the growing competitiveness of Indian para cyclists on the international track cycling circuit. Seventeen-year-old Vishwa Vasani from Gujarat also delivered an impressive performance, winning four bronze medals across different events. The young cyclist finished on the podium in the 1 km Individual Time Trial, Scratch Race, 200-metre Sprint and Elimination Race. Vasani's performance reflects the emergence



Aditya Mehta Foundation trained Indian para cyclists Arshad Shaikh (centre), Andhra Pradesh; won 2 Gold, 3 Silver & 1 Bronze medal; Vishwa Vasani (right), Gujarat won four Bronze medals and Anshuman Dhumal (left), Maharashtra; won two Silver medals at the UCI Paraspport Denmark Grand Prix in Odense, Denmark.

of a promising new generation of Indian para cyclists capable of competing at international level.

Her consistency across four different track disciplines added significantly to India's overall medal tally. Adding to the country's success, 16-year-old Anshuman Dhumal secured two silver medals in the Elimination Race. The young cyclist's performance provided another encouraging indication of the depth of talent developing within India's para cycling programme. The three-day competition in Denmark showcased India's growing strength in para track cycling, with athletes maintaining a high level of per-

formance across a demanding schedule. The medal haul also highlighted their ability to compete across different race formats while handling the intensity of an international competition. The results are particularly significant as Indian para cycling continues to expand its presence on the global stage.

Performances by established athletes such as Shaikh, alongside emerging talents including Vasani and Dhumal, point to a strong pipeline of cyclists capable of representing India at major international championships.

The Indian para cycling athletes are trained under Chief Coach Aditya Mehta, whose coaching and preparation have helped the cyclists compete at the highest levels of international para cycling.

The team's international journey is supported by Invesco, NTT DATA Business Solutions India, Alcon, Flutter Entertainment and GMMCO.

Their continued support is helping Indian para athletes gain access to international competitions, training opportunities and high-level exposure required to compete against the world's best cyclists. India's 12-medal haul at the UCI Paraspport Denmark Grand Prix therefore marks another important milestone for the country's para cycling movement. The performances of Shaikh, Vasani and Dhumal not only strengthened India's medal tally in Denmark but also demonstrated the increasing depth, determination and potential of the country's para cycling talent.

TG EAPCET 2026 internal sliding schedule announced



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The Technical Education department on Tuesday announced the TG EAPCET 2026 centralised internal sliding schedule for engineering admissions. Students who want to change their course in the same college can exercise web options on August 12 and 13, and seats will be allotted on August 15. They have to report to the college with the new seat allotment order either on August 16 or 17. Guidelines for spot admissions will be placed on the website <https://tgeapcet.nic.in/> on August 16.

BRS Alleges ₹200-Crore Land Scam, Demands Probe Into Tesseract Allotment

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has accused the Congress government in Telangana of misusing public office to extend undue benefits to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s brother, Anumula Kondal Reddy, through the allotment of prime government land to his company, Tesseract Advanced Systems Private Limited. BRS working president KT Rama Rao alleged that around five acres of government land, estimated to be worth nearly ₹200 crore, was allotted to Tesseract for just ₹7 crore. Questioning the basis for the concession, he demanded a comprehensive investigation into the transaction. Speaking to reporters at Telangana Bhavan on



Tuesday, Rama Rao alleged that Tesseract had no employees as of March 31, 2025, according to the company’s own disclosures. He also questioned how a company with a stated capital of only ₹1 lakh could qualify for such a valuable parcel of government land. Rama Rao further claimed that the company’s listed address was a small house in Patancheru and questioned its credentials and operations. He pointed to social media profiles identifying Kondal Reddy as the

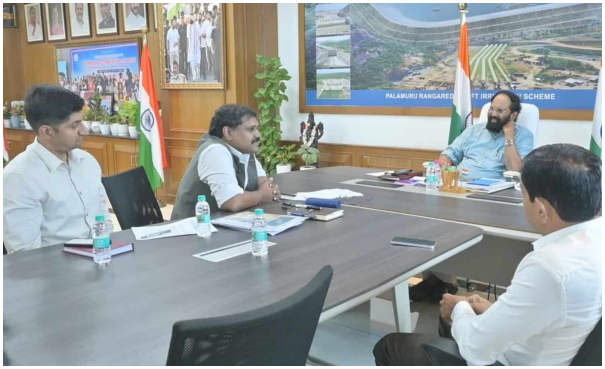
company’s chairman and said a US Consulate social media post had also referred to him in the same capacity. According to Rama Rao, Tesseract claims to manufacture aerospace and defence equipment and has interacted with representatives of the US Embassy in Hyderabad. He also raised questions over Kondal Reddy’s educational qualifications and his reported appointment to the executive board of the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum. Drawing a parallel with Karnataka, Rama Rao referred

to allegations surrounding land allotted to the wife of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, which resulted in a Lokayukta inquiry. He questioned why Telangana should follow different standards and asked whether the alleged ₹200-crore-to-₹7-crore land transaction did not amount to a scam. Rama Rao also rejected Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu’s claim that Tesseract had no connection with the Chief Minister’s brother, citing Kondal Reddy’s designation as chairman. He further alleged that other members of the Chief Minister’s family had benefited from government contracts, including an alleged ₹1,137-crore AMRUT contract and a ₹1,000-crore deal involving Swachh Bio.

Uttam reviews arrangements for smart ration card lunch on Aug 15

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Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will launch the statewide distribution of new smart ration cards on Independence Day at Sangareddy town, marking a major expansion of the state’s food-security network, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy said on Tuesday, August 11. Reviewing preparations for the programme with senior officials including the Commissioner of Civil Supplies M Stephen Raveendra and Civil Supplies Corporation Additional Director Rohit Singh, he said the smart ration card distribution by the Chief Minister at Sangareddy would be followed by simultaneous programmes at all 33 district headquarters, an official release said. The Minister said Telan-



gana now has 1.06 crore ration cards covering 3.43 crore beneficiaries, with every eligible beneficiary entitled to six kg of fine rice free of cost every month. He directed the Civil Supplies Department and district administrations to make elaborate arrangements for the August 15 rollout and ensure that beneficiaries face no inconvenience. Uttam Kumar Reddy further said the state spends about Rs 14,000 crore annually on ration rice, apart from nearly Rs 20,000 crore on paddy

procurement. Since January 26, 2025, the Telangana government has issued 16,32,810 new Food Security Cards. These cards cover 61,08,544 beneficiaries. As of August this year, the state has a total of 1.6 crore Food Security Cards. Together, these cards provide food-security coverage to 3.43 crore beneficiaries. The introduction of smart ration cards will further strengthen transparency, efficiency and convenience in the public distribution system, he added.

Rahul Gandhi Should Conduct Chhatron ki Goonj in Hyderabad: Ramchander Rao

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Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Tuesday challenged Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to conduct his “Chhatron Ki Goonj” programme in Hyderabad and address the concerns of students in the State, particularly over pending tuition fee reimbursement dues and the alleged failure to fulfil the Congress

promise of providing two lakh government jobs. Rao said Rahul Gandhi should organise the student outreach programme at Ashok Nagar in Hyderabad, which is known as a major hub for coaching centres and competitive examination aspirants. He recalled that Gandhi had visited Ashok Nagar before the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections and interacted with students preparing for various government

recruitment examinations. “I am asking Rahul Gandhi. You conduct your Chhatron Ki Goonj in Ashok Nagar,” Rao said. He questioned the Congress leader over the promises made to students during the election campaign. “You promised a job calendar and two lakh jobs. Where is your job calendar, jobs and fees reimbursement?” he asked. The Telangana BJP chief alleged that the



Congress government had completed two-and-a-half years in office but had failed to fulfil its commitment to fill two lakh government vacancies. He said unemployed youth and students were still waiting for the promised recruitment opportunities

and a clear job calendar. Rao also raised the issue of pending fee reimbursement payments. He alleged that the State government had accumulated dues of around Rs 12,000 crore under the tuition fee reimbursement scheme. According to him, the delay was causing difficulties for students, with some educational institutions allegedly withholding certificates because of unpaid dues. The BJP leader also

criticised Rahul Gandhi over the functioning of Parliament. He claimed that the Congress had initially demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and that the demand was accepted. Rao said Gandhi subsequently sought a statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah regarding the debate surrounding the students’ protest at Jantar Mantar. According to Rao, the Centre was ready to re-

spond in Parliament, but Rahul Gandhi was allegedly not allowing the House to function. He accused the Congress leader of “running away from Parliament” because he feared being exposed on issues concerning students and governance. Rao also condemned the alleged high-handed behaviour of police towards protesting students in Jharkhand. He accused the Congress and other INDIA bloc parties of attempting to

derive political mileage from student protests rather than addressing their concerns. The Telangana BJP chief said political parties should focus on protecting students’ interests, ensuring timely fee reimbursement, creating employment opportunities and conducting recruitment examinations transparently instead of using student issues for political purposes.

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Telangana Cabinet Meeting On Aug 14 To Approve Expansion Of Welfare Scheme, New Land Pooling Policy

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The Telangana Cabinet, scheduled to meet on August 14, is expected to take several important decisions concerning welfare schemes, land pooling, infrastructure development and the proposed special session of the State Legislature. One of the major items on the agenda is the proposed new land pooling policy, which aims to provide an alternative to the conventional land acquisition process. Official sources said the Cabinet is likely to approve the policy, which seeks to make land procurement more participatory by offering landowners a share in fully developed plots in return for pooling their land. Under the proposed framework, landowners would receive 60 per cent of the developed plots, while government agencies, including the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and Telangana Industrial Infrastructure

Corporation (TGICC), would retain the remaining 40 per cent. The government plans to use its share for mobilising resources and implementing infrastructure and development projects. The Cabinet is also expected to finalise the schedule for a one-day special session of the Legislature. During the session, the government is likely to move a resolution seeking amendments to the minimum age requirements for contesting elections. The proposed resolution is expected to seek a reduction in the minimum age for contesting Lok Sabha and Assembly elections from 25 to 21 years. It may also seek to reduce the minimum age for contesting Rajya Sabha and Legislative Council elections from 30 to 25 years. With Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expected to embark on a three-week overseas tour covering the UK, the US, China and Germany from August 20 to September 10,

the special session is likely to be held on August 17 or 18. On the welfare front, the Cabinet is expected to approve pensions for another 2.25 lakh beneficiaries, expanding social security coverage across the State. The government is also likely to extend the Gruha Jyothi scheme to an additional three to four lakh families. Under the scheme, eligible households receive up to 200 units of electricity free of cost. Meanwhile, the Mahalakshmi scheme is expected to be expanded to cover another five lakh families under the subsidised LPG cylinder programme. Beneficiaries under the scheme receive LPG cylinders at an effective price of ₹500. The August 14 Cabinet meeting is therefore expected to produce decisions with significant implications for welfare delivery, land management, infrastructure financing and electoral reforms in Telangana.

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