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Chandrachud Named Russia's Arbitrator

Former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has been appointed by Russia as its arbitrator in an investment treaty dispute brought by Ukrainian state-owned bank Oschadbank over assets and operations it claims to have lost following Russia's military actions in Ukraine. According to a report by Global Arbitration Review, Justice Chandrachud will be part of a three-member arbitral tribunal hearing the dispute.

Costa Rican arbitrator and former trade minister Dyalá Jiménez will preside over the tribunal. She was jointly selected by the two sides as president. Oschadbank has appointed Greek arbitrator and National University of Singapore professor Stavros Brekoulakis as its nominee.

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Shia Muslims Commemorate The Passing Of The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)



Shia Muslim pilgrims gather at the Imam Ali (PBUH) Shrine in the holy city of Najaf to commemorate the passing of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in Najaf, Iraq on August 11, 2026. Worshipers took part in prayers and mourning ceremonies honoring the Prophet's life and legacy, one of the most significant occasions in the Shia Islamic calendar.

Former BRS MLA Arrested In Sexual Harassment Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former BRS MLA Rega Kanta Rao was arrested in Bengaluru in a sexual harassment case registered against him at

Punjabgutta police station after a woman accused him of assaulting and blackmailing her after promising to marry her, police said. The woman alleged that Kanta Rao cheated her on the promise of marriage and called

her to a plot on the pretext of opening a YouTube channel for her, where he allegedly assaulted her. She also accused Rao of blackmailing her with her private photographs. In her complaint, she further alleged that he cheated

her of ₹4 lakh in the name of a real estate deal. Punjabgutta police registered a case against Rao based on her complaint. Police, however, are yet to officially announce his arrest.

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Amit Shah Offers NEET Debate

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Union home minister Amit Shah on Wednesday said the government was ready to discuss all issues in Parliament, including the students' protests over the alleged NEET paper leak, and urged the Opposition to allow the House to function. The Opposition rejected the offer, saying it wanted answers and accountability rather than a "lecture" from the home minister. Shah challenged the Opposition to submit a formal request to Lok Sabha Speaker Om



Birla for a debate, saying he was prepared to remain present throughout the discussion and answer every question raised. "Even today, I say that they should submit a letter to the Speaker by 2 pm. We are ready for all kinds of discussions from 3 pm today until 3 pm tomorrow," Shah told reporters in the Parliament House complex. He said the

NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was prepared to discuss every issue and maintained that the government had "nothing to hide". Shah said he would remain in the House, listen to the Opposition, take note of the points raised and respond to them at the conclusion of the debate.

The home minister also wrote to the Lok Sabha Speaker requesting him to consult the Opposition and allocate as much time as required for a debate on the students' protests.

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Jantar Mantar Season 2 Very Soon: CJP Founder Abhijeet Dipke

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Wednesday announced that a similar protest on the lines of the student protest will begin soon, which he termed a "Season 2 of Jantar Mantar". Addressing a public meet, Dipke said, "Many people were commenting on Instagram when Season 2 of 'Jantar-Mantar' will begin. I want to tell them that Season 2 of



'Jantar-Mantar' is going to start very soon." Talking to the volunteers and the mediapersons, Dipke asked "What do you Want For Jantar Mantar Season 2?" Dipke also alleged that the CJP was unable to find a venue for its volunteers' meeting in Delhi as several hall owners

cited "pressure from above". "We were scheduled to hold our volunteers' meet in Delhi today. We were looking for a hall, but no one would rent us one. A meeting of Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) volunteers in Delhi's Naraina was cancelled on Wednesday, with CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke claiming that the banquet hall where it was to be held revoked the booking at the last minute due to "pressure" from the ruling BJP.

9 Houses Torched In Manipur In Night Attack



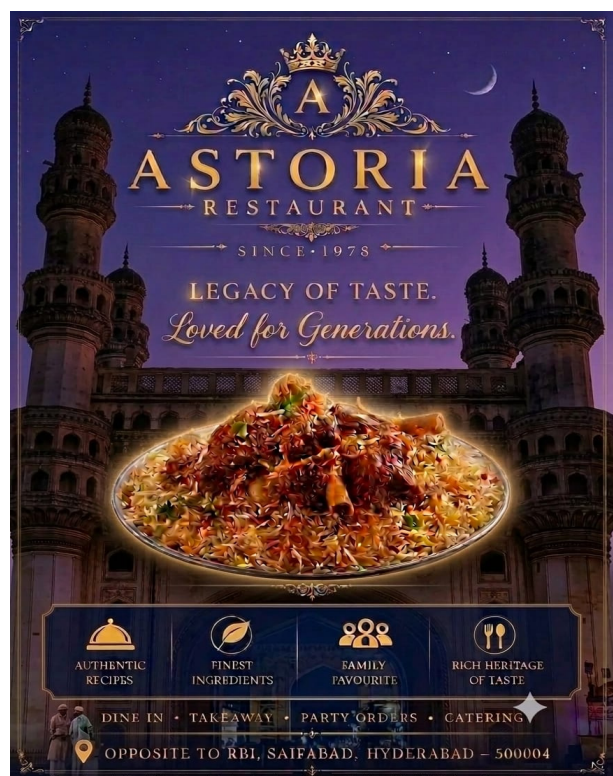
GUWAHATI
Wakeup telangana

Armed assailants opened fire and torched at least nine houses during a late Tuesday night attack on a Naga village in Manipur's Kangpokpi district, security officials said on Wednesday. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far. Officials said the assailants opened fire before setting houses, most of them makeshift structures, ablaze at Tokpa Liangmai Naga village, also referred to as Tokpa Naga village, in the Champai area. "Residents of nearby villages rushed to the spot and helped in containing the blaze," officials said, adding that additional security personnel had been deployed in the area. The Liangmai Naga Council, Manipur, condemned the incident and alleged that

armed men from another community were behind the attack. It claimed that around 10 houses and a church were burnt. "The deliberate targeting of innocent civilians, residential properties and a place of worship constitutes a grave and reprehensible act of violence," the council said in a statement.

The council demanded the immediate arrest and prosecution of those responsible, a swift and impartial investigation and strengthening of security in the area. It also expressed concern over reports that security personnel were stationed nearby in what it described as a sensitive area. The Tokpl Naga Village Authority alleged, "Despite timely appeals and emergency requests made by neighbouring villagers, the Central Reserve Police

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Shortcut Will Cut You Short, Modi Tells Gen Z

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday urged the younger generation to read long-form content such as autobiographies in the "age of reels", cautioning that social media influencers could pull them in different directions and that chasing shortcuts could prove counterproductive. "Shortcut will cut you short," Modi said while releasing former President Ram Nath Kovind's auto-



biography, Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. "This is the age of reels. Social media influencers pull you here and there. In this age of shortcuts, remember one thing," Modi said, drawing an analogy

with warnings at railway stations against crossing tracks instead of using foot overbridges. Urging young people to read about the lives of those they admire, Modi said autobiographies offered a different perspective on historical events and helped readers understand the struggles behind individual achievements. "Even if you want to go by shortcuts, I urge the youth — read autobiographies of whoever you admire. Autobiographies give you the chance to un-

derstand the events of history in a different way. They are close to history," he said. The Prime Minister said Kovind's life demonstrated how determination could help a person overcome adversity and rise to the country's highest constitutional office. Describing the autobiography as a "heritage for Indian democracy", Modi said the younger generation had much to learn from the former President's life. "We need

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CM Revanth orders strict recovery of dues from CMR millers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cracking the whip on rice millers for defaulting on Custom Milled Rice (CMR) targets, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday directed officials to intensify the recovery of dues owed by the millers. Stating that the government adopted a cooperative approach towards millers who operate with a genuine business mindset, the Chief Minister warned that it would deal sternly with those who deliberately attempt to evade payments. The Chief Minister, along with Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, held a review of the civil supplies department's performance. The Chief Minister accused the previous gov-



ernment of indulging in irregularities in collecting dues from the millers, which caused the accumulation of dues in thousands of crores. He took strong exception to the opposition parties for blaming the present government for the recovery of mounting dues from the rice millers. When the official briefed on the progress in recovering the dues, CM Revanth Reddy insisted that the value of every single grain must be recovered. He instructed officials to formulate specific guidelines for a process to recover the dues and submit

the report to the Cabinet Sub-Committee. The State government would take an appropriate decision following the Cabinet Sub-Committee's review, the CM said, announcing that the paddy previously allocated to millers who have become defaulters would instead be allocated to women's groups and the milling responsibilities would be entrusted to them. Noting the recurring difficulties in storing paddy stocks every season, CM Revanth Reddy instructed officials to formulate an action plan immediately. A pilot project for con-

structing silo bags would be taken up in districts with high paddy yields – Nalgonda, Suryapet, Nizamabad, Peddapalli, and Kamareddy. The Chief Minister also announced that 50 to 100 acres of land per constituency would be allocated for these silo bag facilities, to be managed by Self-Help Groups (SHGs). A meeting would be convened with the Ministers of Revenue, Civil Supplies, and Women's Welfare to discuss the construction of these facilities. The CM suggested exploring the possibility of the construction of spacious platforms under the VBG- Ram G scheme and using German tents for paddy storage in the available space. The officials were also instructed to identify private ware-

houses, function halls, old cinema theatres, and other sheds at the mandal and village levels in advance and lease them for paddy storage. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister posted on X that Telangana farmers have produced record-breaking paddy produce in response to ryots-centric policies like farm loan waiver, Rythu Bima, Rythu Bharosa, 24-by-7 free power, and water availability in most districts in the last two years. The Chief Minister posted a newspaper clipping of an article by Prof Aldas Janaiah, vice-chancellor, Prof Jayashankar Telangana Agriculture University, saying the writer argues that the Kaleshwaram project has got no role in this abundant paddy production in Telangana.

Demand To Allocate Funds for revival Of Adilabad CCI Unit

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Leaders, academicians and student organisations have intensified their demand for the revival of the closed Adilabad unit of the Cement Corporation of India (CCI), urging both the State and Central governments to allocate funds for restarting the factory. The CCI Sadhana Samiti organised a 'Vidyarthi Yuvatha Poru Garjana' meeting in Adilabad town on Wednesday, bringing together students, youth, political leaders and academics in support of the long-pending demand. Prof. C. Kasim, Principal of the Arts College, Osmania University, former minister Jogu Ramanna and Gellu Srinivas Yadav, State president of the BRS student wing, said the factory could be revived through a financial package involving ₹250 crore each from the State and Central governments, along with a ₹1,500 crore



bank loan. Prof. Kasim extended his support to the CCI Sadhana Samiti and the people of Adilabad who have been campaigning for the revival of the industrial unit. The speakers said reopening the factory would create significant employment opportunities for unemployed youth and help restore economic activity in the region. They pointed out that the revival of CCI would not only provide direct jobs but also generate indirect employment for thousands of people associated with transport, trade, construction, services and other supporting sectors. The move, they said, would provide a major boost to

the local economy and help accelerate development in Adilabad. Former minister Jogu Ramanna alleged that Adilabad MP Godam Nagesh and MLA Payal Shankar were neglecting the issue. He recalled that Union Home Minister Amit Shah had promised to revive the factory if people of Adilabad elected BJP candidates as MP and MLA in 2018. CCI Sadhana Samiti leaders Mallesh, Narayana and Ramesh, CPM leader Bandi Dattatri, SFI State secretary Nagaraju, State leader Kiran, Sachin and others attended the meeting and extended their support to the campaign for revival of the factory.

Free Medical Camp in Memory of Sudagani Padma at Mator on Aug 13



A free medical camp will be organised at Mator village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Thursday, August 13, 2026, marking the 20th death anniversary of Late Sudagani Padma. The camp is being organised by Sudagani Uday Kiran of Mator village in memory of his mother, with the objective of serving villagers and extending basic healthcare and screening facilities to the local community. The medical camp will be conducted with the support of TX Hospitals near the Mator Bus Stand and Gram Panchayat area. As part of the camp, villagers will have access to several free health screening services, including vital signs assessment, blood pressure (BP) check, height and weight measurement, Random Blood Sugar (RBS) test, ECG, Body Mass Index (BMI) assessment and eye check-up. Uday Kiran appealed to the residents of Mator as well as people from neighbouring villages to make use of the opportunity and undergo the available health examinations. The family said that organising a healthcare programme for the benefit of the community was a meaningful way of paying tribute to Late Sudagani Padma on her 20th death anniversary. Camp Details Date: Thursday, August 13, 2026 Time: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM Venue: Near Mator Bus Stand, Mator Village Medical Support: TX Hospitals Organiser: Sudagani Uday Kiran, Mator Village Free Tests: Vital signs, BP, height and weight, RBS, ECG, BMI and eye check-up.

‘Maa... Tujhe Salaam’ National Kite Design Contest Inspires Young Girls in Aleru

Neelam Padma Calls on Girls and Young Women to Showcase Creativity: Top Prize Worth ₹1 Lakh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 'Maa... Tujhe Salaam' National Kite Design Competition, being organised under the aegis of the All India Mahila Congress Committee, was held at Ekashila High School in Aleru Municipality on Wednesday under the leadership of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkataswamy. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Padma said the competition was being organised as part of the Independence Day celebrations to provide a creative platform for girls and young women to showcase their talent, imagination and patriotic spirit. "The string of your kite is in your hands, and the sky is your canvas. Give wings to your imagination," she said, calling upon girls and young women aged 12 to 25 years to participate in



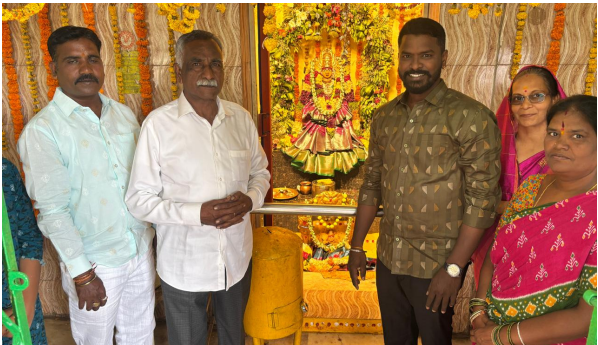
large numbers. Neelam Padma said participants should creatively design their own kites and submit the required details to the All India Mahila Congress Committee. She urged young participants to make use of the opportunity to demonstrate their artistic skills and express their love for the nation through creative kite designs. According to details shared at the programme, the competition carries a first prize of ₹1 lakh. The second prize is ₹50,000 each for two winners,

while the third prize is ₹25,000 and the fourth prize is ₹10,000. Participants were advised to scan the designated QR code and register their details after completing their kite designs. Neelam Padma appealed to eligible girls and young women across the district to participate enthusiastically and make the national-level initiative a success. School Principal Indira, teachers, women representatives, students and others participated in the programme.

Annadanam Held at Cantonment Temples on Amavasya

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A grand Annadanam programme was organised on Wednesday at the Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma Temple in New Boinapalli, Bapujinagar, and the Chinna-thokatta Kattamaisamma Temple under the aegis of the respective temple committees. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended the programme as the chief guest. He offered special prayers to the presiding deities and formally inaugurated the



food distribution programme. Speaking on the occasion, Pratap highlighted the spiritual importance of charity and said that performing Annadanam on Amavasya is regarded as one of the most sacred forms of donation. He

stressed the importance of serving devotees and the needy through such religious and charitable activities. Humanu Foundation founder Prakash Bantia, temple committee members Prem Mudiraj, Ajith Kalyan, Putti Nara-

simha, Srikanth, Rama Rao, Krishna and Maruthi Goud, along with Kattamaisamma Temple Committee members Kranthi Vittal Rao, Sai and Vijayalakshmi, participated in the programme. Later, Pratap visited the Mahankali Temple in Mahatma Nagar, Ward 6, to participate in its anniversary celebrations. Priests and committee members welcomed him traditionally. He performed special rituals and prayers before the goddess and was felicitated by the temple committee with Tirtha Prasadam and blessings.

Farmers Educated on Intercropping at Polambadi Programme in Karchal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Farmers were educated on the benefits of intercropping and scientific farming practices during a Polambadi (Farmers' Field School) programme organised by the Agriculture Department at Karchal village in Raikode mandal on Wednesday. As part of the programme, agriculture officials visited the field of farmer Sheikh Nayum, where soybean and red gram (pigeon pea) were selected for intercropping. The officials explained the cultivation practices and benefits of combining compatible crops in the same field. Farmers were sensitised to the importance of oilseed and pulse crops, appropriate cultivation methods and the



advantages of intercropping. Officials explained various scientific practices that could help farmers make efficient use of available resources and achieve better yields. They said intercropping could help maintain soil fertility, promote crop diversification and provide an opportunity for additional farm income. Farmers were advised to use quality seeds, ensure balanced application of fertilizers and adopt integrated pest-management practices for better crop health and productivity.

Minister Orders Best Treatment for Zaheerabad Road Accident Victims

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha once again spoke over phone with senior Health Department officials and reviewed the condition of those injured in the road accident on Satwar Road near Zaheerabad. Expressing concern for the bereaved families, the Minister directed officials to ensure that they face no unnecessary inconvenience during the formalities. The Minister instructed officials to provide the injured with the best possible medical treatment without delay and continuously monitor their condition. He ordered authorities to complete the post-mortem examinations at the earliest, following due procedure, and hand over the bodies to the respective families without avoidable delay. The Sangareddy DMHO and DCHS were proceeding to Zaheerabad to personally supervise medical arrangements and coordinate the response. To expedite the process, Rajanarsimha directed officials to send forensic experts from Sangareddy Government General Hospital and other hospitals to Zaheerabad Area Hospital. Senior officials were asked to ensure that all necessary medicines, treatment and medical assistance were available for the injured. The Minister also ordered authorities to arrange an adequate number of ambulances as required and ensure smooth coordination among medical teams and other officials.

Khanapur Tank To Be Developed As Mini-Tank Bund With Rs 68 Crore

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Khanapur tank in Adilabad town will be developed as a mini tank bund and tourism spot at a cost of ₹68 crore sanctioned under the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF) of the central government. The project includes a 6MW floating solar power plant in the tank, a floating restaurant connected by a ropeway to the middle of the tank and boating facilities. The UCF scheme was launched by the

ministry of housing and urban affairs, under which Adilabad Municipality has been selected for urban development. The state and central governments will each contribute 25 per cent of the project cost, while the remaining 50 per cent will be provided as a loan to the municipality by the central government. Adilabad municipal chairperson Anusha Bandari said civic officials had identified 129 houses that were constructed by way of en-



croaching onto the tank area. The houses are located in the Khanapur, Kholipura and Bokkalguda areas of the municipality and are affected by the tank and

rainwater during the monsoon. She said the identified houses would be removed and Indiramma houses sanctioned to the owners who lose their houses.

The municipality, she said, would construct a bund on one side of the existing tank and remove the houses from the other side. Municipal officials said electricity generated by the solar plant would be used for streetlights and the requirements of the municipality and the collectorate, while the remaining power would be sold to the grid. Officials said the municipality currently spends around ₹50 lakh a month on electricity bills and could save nearly ₹6 crore an-

nually by using power generated by the solar plant. The savings would be used for development works and repayment of the loan. The municipality will also set up a sewage treatment plant on two acres of government land near Chilkuri Laxminagar. Drainage water from different nalas would be diverted through pipes to the treatment plant, and treated water released into Khanapur tank.

Parigi MLA T. Rammohan Reddy Receives Warm Welcome on Return from US

Parigi MLA Dr. T. Rammohan Reddy (TRR) and his wife Uma Reddy received a warm welcome from Congress leaders and supporters at the Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Shamshabad, on their return to India after completing their visit to the United States.Parigi Agricultural Market Committee Chairman Bhumanna Gari Parashuram Reddy, accompanied by Congress Party leaders from the Parigi constituency, welcomed the MLA and his wife at the airport.The leaders felicitated the couple with shawls and conveyed their greetings on their return.

The occasion witnessed a cordial gathering of Congress leaders and supporters who had reached the airport to receive them.Parashuram Reddy expressed happiness over the return of Dr. Rammohan Reddy and Uma Reddy and extended his best wishes to the couple.

CM Revanth Reddy insists on NDSA recommendations for Medigadda water lifting

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Amid growing water scarcity due to El Nino impact, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy insisted that the officials strictly adhere to the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) on the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages. He also wanted them to maximise the utilisation of the Godavari River waters with water levels already depleted.

At a review meeting with Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy at the MCRHRD Institute on Wednesday, Revanth Reddy said water should not be stored in the three barrages against NDSA's recommendations. He made it clear that water



lifting from Medigadda should be undertaken only in accordance with the safety authority's recommendations.

Uttam Kumar Reddy informed the meeting that several deficiencies had been identified in Sundilla as well as Medigadda. Revanth Reddy directed officials to consult the NDSA on the faults at Sundilla and act on its recommendations.

The Chief Minister also directed officials to maximise lifting from Yellampalli, Devadula and Sitarama projects. Uttam said nine pumps at Devadula had been operated. Revanth asked officials to address minor operational issues in Devadula and Sitarama as a priority. He also ordered field inspections and factual reports on submerged villages, compensation and rehabilitation, besides a comprehensive study on enhancing the capacity of the Gattu and Gudendoddi lifts. A consultant was also set to be appointed for the Gudendoddi pumped-

storage project.

In a separate review, Revanth directed officials to recover all dues from rice millers against the value of paddy supplied to them. He warned that deliberate defaulters would face stringent action while genuine millers would be treated leniently.

The Chief Minister also proposed handing paddy allocations meant for persistent defaulters to women's self-help groups for milling. He ordered pilot silo-bag projects in Nalgonda, Suryapet, Nizamabad, Peddapalli and Kamareddy and asked officials to identify private warehouses, function halls, old theatres and other structures for advance leasing.

CUG Sports Development Gets Special Focus

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Sports development and athlete welfare will receive special attention at the Central University of Hyderabad, said newly appointed Assistant Physical Director (APD) of the Department of Physical Education & Sports, Dr. Siddhartha Anandesi.

Dr. Anandesi was felicitated by Pidugu Uday Kiran, a National Martial Arts Athlete and Guinness World Record Holder, who congratulated him on assuming the new responsibility and wished him success in strengthening the university's sporting ecosystem.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anandesi said he would extend complete support and encouragement to university athletes and work to create better opportunities for them to showcase their talent. He



emphasized the need to improve sports facilities, training standards and overall infrastructure to help athletes reach higher levels of achievement.

He said special emphasis would be placed on quality training, modern facilities, athlete encouragement and competitive opportunities. The objective, he added, is to build a strong and supportive sporting environment where university athletes can confidently compete at national and international levels.

Dr. Anandesi further said efforts would be made to strengthen different sporting disciplines, identify promising talent and provide athletes with platforms to develop their skills and achieve excellence. The meeting was attended by Eshwar Karki, Mallikarjun Satish and Bikku, among others. The participants expressed confidence that Dr. Anandesi's leadership would contribute significantly to the growth of sports at the university.

Artificial Limb Provided to Differently-Abled Man Through Shivakrishna's Initiative

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A differently-abled man from Gajwel, who lost his left leg in an accident, was provided with an artificial limb following the initiative of Merugu Shivakrishna, State General Secretary of the Telangana Disabled Rights Protection Committee. After learning about Sayilu's difficulties in managing his daily activities, Shivakrishna approached the Bharat Vikas Parishad Rehabilitation Centre Trust and facilitated the provision of an artificial leg. The support has given Sayilu renewed confidence and is expected to help him carry out his daily activities more independently. The programme was attended by



New Shakti Divyangula Sangham president and senior leader Velpugonda Venkataswamy, Ganti Bhramaramba of Shanti Disabled Association, Bharat Vikas Trust Manager Narendra, technicians Raghu, Madhu and Swamy, and media representatives. Speaking on the occasion, Shivakrishna said many persons with disabilities from economically weaker sections were still in need of support. He appealed to donors to come forward and assist them in education, employment, healthcare and other essential needs.

Taluka Rajesh Joins Bonalu Fruit Cart Procession, Raises Mala Issues

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

National Ambedkar Sena State President Taluka Rajesh participated as the chief guest in a grand Phala Haaram Bandi (fruit cart) procession organised by the Satyanagar Team Maisamma Youth Association as part of the ongoing Bonalu festivities. He offered special prayers and performed pujas to Goddess Mahaankali, seeking prosperity and well-being for the people.

Speaking on the occasion, Rajesh said he prayed to Goddess Mahaankali to give better wisdom and judgment to the Telangana government. He criticised the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth



Reddy over the implementation of Scheduled Caste sub-categorisation, alleging that the process had caused serious injustice to the Mala community.

Rajesh claimed that the existing roster-point allocation had adversely affected Mala youth by reducing their employment opportunities. He further alleged that Mala students were facing dif-

ficulties in securing seats in professional courses, including MBBS, B.Tech and M.Tech.

He urged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to immediately review the existing roster system and make necessary changes to ensure fair opportunities and justice for the Mala community.

The religious procession witnessed enthusiastic participation from community representatives, youth and local leaders. RMP Dr. Srinivas, Kranthi Kumar, Srikanth, Sridhar, Vikram, Nayan, Khanna, Varun, Srinu and several others took part in the celebrations. The event concluded amid devotional fervour, with participants offering prayers and seeking the blessings of Goddess Mahaankali.

Temple Priest Invites Leaders for Nagula Panchami, Bonalu Celebrations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dr Vangapalli Anjaiah Swamy, priest and upasaka of the Sri Gauri Renuka Vanam Banava Lingeshwara Swamy Temple at Kailasapuram in Kacharam village of Motakondur mandal, extended invitations to several prominent persons on Tuesday for the upcoming Nagula Panchami and Bonalu festivities.

The temple is preparing to organise Nagula Panchami, Bonalu and Sri Lakshmi Narayana Swamy Kalyana Mahotsa-



vam on August 17, 2026, with special pujas and other religious programmes.As part of the invitation programme, former District Library Director Adepu Balaswamy, BJP senior leader Jampala Srinivas, former councillor Bethi Ramulu and prominent gold businessman Govind Chowdary were invited to

participate in the celebrations. They were also felicitated by Anjaiah Swamy on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, the invitees appreciated Dr Vangapalli Anjaiah Swamy for rendering religious and community-oriented services in the region for nearly two decades. They wished him continued success in

his service activities.They also offered prayers to the presiding deity for timely and sufficient rainfall, prosperity in the region and the health, happiness and well-being of the people.

According to the programme, special rituals will begin from 8 a.m. on August 17, while the Sri Lakshmi Narayana Swamy Kalyanam is scheduled for 11:25 a.m. Devotees from Kacharam and surrounding villages have been invited to participate in the celebrations.

Bihar Agriculture Minister Studies Telangana's Tech-Driven Farming Practices

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bihar Agriculture Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha is visiting Telangana to study the technology-driven initiatives, best practices and innovative farmer-welfare programmes being implemented by the Telangana Government in the agriculture sector.Sinha met Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummalam Nageswara Rao at the State Secretariat in Hyderabad on Wednesday.

The two ministers discussed improving agricultural productivity, crop diversification, adoption of modern technology and strengthening technical



services for farmers.The visit is aimed at studying successful agricultural practices in Telangana and identifying suitable initiatives that could be adapted for the development of Bihar's agriculture sector. Officials said the visit would also promote the exchange of experiences and best practices between the two States.

Medak Medical College Announces 174 Contract, Outsourcing Vacancies

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Government Medical College, Medak, has invited applications for 174 contract and temporary outsourcing posts, Principal Dr. Nitin Kabra announced.Of these, 18 contract teaching posts include four Professors, five Associate Professors, six Senior Residents and three Tutors. Applications will be accepted from August 13 to August 14 up to 3 pm.

The college has also announced 156 temporary outsourcing vacancies, including 37 Data Entry Op-

erators, 24 Office Subordinates, 19 Lab Attenders, 10 OT Anaesthesia Technicians, eight Anaesthesia Technicians, seven Radiographic Technicians, besides several other technical and support posts.

Applications for the 156 outsourcing posts will be received at Government Medical College, Medak, from August 13 at 11 am to August 20 at 3 pm.

Candidates should verify eligibility, educational qualifications and application instructions on the official before applying.

Fungus Found on Vegetables at Varnam Food Centre in Hafeezpet; CMC to Issue Notice

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana
Srirangam Venkatesh

Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Food Safety officials found several hygiene violations during a surprise inspection at Varnam Food Centre on Genpact Lane in Hafeezpet.Officials found stagnant water and accumulated food waste in drains, improper food storage, an unclean refrigerator and water leakage. Partially and fully prepared food items were also found without proper man-



ufacturing and expiry labels. The inspection revealed fungus on cauliflower, while spoiled cabbage and potatoes were reportedly stored along with fresh vegetables.

Dust was found on the ceiling and grease had accumulated on the exhaust system.Officials also noted the absence of mandatory

records related to staff medical examinations, food testing, water quality testing and packaging. Food items were reportedly being stored directly on the floor due to a lack of pallets.

The establishment scored 61/100 in the FoSaCoS inspection.

CMC officials said a notice would be issued directing the management to rectify the deficiencies within a stipulated time and warned that negligence affecting public health would not be tolerated.

Ketavath Baburam Nayak Leads the Fight for Transparency and Social Justice

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ketavath Baburam Nayak, founder and National President of the Right to Information Service Society (RTISS), has emerged as a public advocate focusing on transparency, education, healthcare and social justice.

An M.Tech graduate, he uses the RTI Act to empower citizens and hold public institutions accountable.Baburam

Nayak has led several initiatives at both grassroots and national levels. In New Delhi, he organized protests and hunger strikes seeking greater political representation and recognition for the Lambadi tribal community. He also submitted representations to national authorities, including the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and the Election Commission of India.Education remains a major focus of



his public work.

He has raised concerns over unrecognized schools, excessive fees, fire-safety violations and inadequate facilities. He has also inspected tribal hostels

and advocated better hygiene, safety and administrative standards for students.In healthcare and welfare, Nayak has campaigned for accessible, quality government healthcare and sought inquiries into alleged irregularities involving housing and employment schemes.

Through RTISS, registered in 2026, he aims to provide free RTI assistance and civic guidance, particularly to rural and disadvantaged

communities.

He has also advocated mandatory Public Information Officer boards in government offices and stronger responses to RTI applications.His broader vision includes free quality education, affordable healthcare, transparent administration and the development of Devarakonda as a separate district, with dignity, equality and self-reliance for tribal and marginalized communities.

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.

House Panel Seeks Cap on Private Hospital Room Tariffs

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the basic tariff for a private hospital room in large metropolitan cities should not exceed the average tariff of a three-star hotel room in the vicinity, calling for such a benchmark to be made mandatory. Resident doctor, nursing, disposable consumable, meal and laundry costs may be added to the basic room tariff, the panel said. "Room charges in private hospitals, particularly in metropolitan cities, need to be rationalised on an "emergent basis", " said the 176th Report of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Health and Family Welfare, titled "Affordability and Accessibility of Healthcare Fa-



cilities in Public and Private Sector". The committee also recommended that the government mandate all tertiary care hospitals to provide patients with a comprehensive and legally binding upfront cost estimate before starting any complex or prolonged medical intervention. Hospitals should also deploy dedicated financial navigators to help patients and their families understand treatment costs, available philanthropic assistance and health assurance limits, it said. The committee noted that households continued to

face significant financial stress while accessing private healthcare, with average out-of-pocket expenditure per hospitalisation episode pegged at Rs 34,064. It also flagged medical inflation of 10-13 per cent and differential billing practices linked to room categories. The panel recommended eliminating room-rent-linked inflation models for standard procedures across private hospitals and putting in place standardised treatment guidelines and mechanisms to cap arbitrary price variations. It also called for "continuum of care" packages bundling preventive screening, diagnostics, curative treatment and palliative care under a single capped financial umbrella. The committee said financial protection should extend beyond

acute treatment and surgery to follow-up, rehabilitation and end-of-life care. For expensive cancer and rare-disease therapies, including immunotherapy, genomic and targeted treatments, the committee proposed the creation of a regulated National or State Healthcare Corpus Fund by pooling corporate social responsibility contributions, philanthropic donations and charitable grants. The committee also recommended that psychological counselling, emotional support and patient support groups be made mandatory, zero-cost components of approved treatment protocols and capped packages for severe, chronic and terminal diseases in both public and private sectors.

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.

7 Killed In Kurla Landslide, 2 Feared Trapped

Soil and debris from the hillside collapsed onto two to three houses, resulting in casualties and damage to property.

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

A landslide at Gaushiya Chawl in Mumbai's Kurla suburb early Wednesday claimed seven lives, including those of two children, while two people were feared trapped under the debris, officials said. The incident occurred around 3.48 am at Ashok Nagar, Tekdi No. 3, in Kurla (West), according to the Brihan-mumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). Soil and debris from the hillside collapsed onto two to three houses, resulting in casualties and damage to property. Teams from the Mumbai Fire Brigade, Mumbai Police, BMC, ambulance services and the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) reached the site and launched rescue operations. According to Kurla Bhabha Hospital and Rajawadi Hospital, 14



casualties have been reported, comprising seven deaths and seven injuries. Kurla Bhabha Hospital reported four injured persons — Soheli Ansari, 18; Mohamad Ansari, 14; Naimuddin Egbal Khan, 28; and Sajid Ansari, 16. All four have been admitted and are reported to be in stable condition. Seven people were declared brought dead at Rajawadi Hospital. The deceased were identified as Mohamad Samir Ansari, 14; Sahil Husen Abdul Kazi, 19; Aban Arif Shaikh, 2; Manat Arif Shaikh, 4; Marjina Arif

Shaikh, 27; and Viket Ramesh Yadav, 27. An unidentified 45-year-old person was also among the deceased. Three injured persons — Farana Dilber Khan, 28; Dilber Amnulla Khan, 38; and Shamin Muslim Khan, 26 — have been admitted to Rajawadi Hospital and are reported to be in stable condition. Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde visited the site and inspected the ongoing rescue operations. She met affected families, offered condolences and assured them of all possible assistance. She also announced finan-

cial aid for the kin of those killed and the injured. Tawde directed the agencies involved in the rescue operation to intensify their efforts and ensure close coordination. "About 50 BMC personnel and NDRF rescuers were engaged in the rescue operation. The extremely narrow approach to the site posed significant challenges to the relief and rescue efforts," a civic official said. The BMC said residents living in landslide-prone and hazardous locations in Mumbai are issued notices and advised to move to safer places before the onset of the monsoon. Residents of Tekdi No. 3 in Ashok Nagar had also been informed and sensitised about the risks earlier. Debris-removal operations were still underway. Officials said two more people were believed to be trapped under the debris.

3-Day 'Bastar Tiranga Yatra' Begins from Ex-Maoist Hub Abujhmad

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The three-day 'Bastar Tiranga Yatra' was on Wednesday launched at the district headquarters of Narayanpur in south Bastar in Chhattisgarh to 'send a message to the world that the tribal region of the state is now completely free from the Maoist menace'. The yatra began from Abujhmad, once the capital of outlawed CPI (Maoist), in Narayanpur district, and is scheduled to end at the Karregutta



Hills, the strongest Maoist fort that fell in January this year, in Bijapur district in south Bastar, by crisscrossing the former red corridors which were witness to some of the deadly encounters between the ultras and secu-

rity forces in the past. The yatra will cover three districts, Narayanpur, Dantewada, and Bijapur, in south Bastar. "The forested route, scheduled to be covered by the yatra, has been sanitized with the help of metal detectors

and sniffer dogs", a senior police officer told this newspaper. Deputy chief minister Vijay Sharma, who holds home portfolio, and forest minister Kedar Kashyap, the local MLA, jointly flagged off the 'unique' yatra of motorcycle-borne participants. "Soil will be collected from places where major encounters took place leading to martyrdom of jawans, during the yatra, for building the proposed memorials for the martyrs in Bastar", Mr. Kashyap said.

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.

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The council demanded the immediate arrest and prosecution of those responsible, a swift and impartial investigation and strengthening of security in the area. It also expressed concern over reports that security personnel were stationed nearby in what it described as a sensitive area. The TokpI Naga Village Authority alleged, "Despite timely appeals and emergency requests made by neighbouring villagers, the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and the Kangpokpi police personnel stationed at Kalapahar High School did not respond immediately." A senior police officer said miscreants fired several rounds at Tokpai Liangmai Naga village before

setting several houses on fire. Police said the incident occurred around 10 pm on Tuesday. Security sources, however, have not publicly confirmed the exact number of houses damaged or identified those responsible. The attack came a day after unidentified armed persons allegedly set fire to at least five abandoned houses at Kailenjang village in neighbouring Senapati district. According to police, Monday's arson took place around 1.30 pm, about 5 km west of Senapati police station. The attackers fled after setting the houses ablaze and their identities remain unknown.

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The arbitration has been initiated under the 1998 bilateral investment

treaty between Russia and Ukraine. Oschadbank's claim concerns its assets and operations in the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson and Zaporizhzhia, which the bank claims it lost following Russian military action, particularly after the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022. The claim is understood to be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. The proceedings were reportedly initiated after Oschadbank served Russia with a notice of dispute in July 2025 and received no response. Justice Chandrachud had earlier declined approaches from Russia to act as its arbitrator in treaty disputes brought by German energy company Wintershall Dea and Ukrainian electricity transmission operator Ukrenergo. The ap-

proaches were reportedly made on the same day that the Permanent Court of Arbitration designated Justice Chandrachud as the appointing authority in the Wintershall proceedings. He subsequently stepped down from that role after disclosing the communications.

Shah Offers NEET.....

The home minister also wrote to the Lok Sabha Speaker requesting him to consult the Opposition and allocate as much time as required for a debate on the students' protests. "Dialogue and discussions are the only ways to find solutions in a democracy," Shah said in the letter, adding that both the Opposition and treasury benches should be given an opportunity to put forward their views. Rejecting de-

mands that he make only a statement in Parliament, Shah said a serious issue concerning student protests could not be dealt with through a statement alone and required a detailed discussion under parliamentary rules and conventions. He also rejected Opposition allegations that he had been "missing" during the controversy, saying he had regularly attended Parliament since the Monsoon Session began on July 20 but that repeated disruptions had prevented the Houses from functioning. The Opposition, however, rejected Shah's offer. Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said the Opposition was not interested in a "lecture or discussion" from the home minister and instead wanted

answers about the police action against protesting students.

Shortcut Will Cut.....

"We need many more young people who would be like Kovind in future — people who are not defeated by circumstances but possess the determination to overcome every challenge," he said. Modi said that while Kovind's life and struggles were personal, "the victories of those struggles belong to Indian democracy". He also highlighted Kovind's public engagement after demitting office, particularly his work on the "One Nation, One Election" initiative, which the Prime Minister said could "open a new chapter in Indian democracy". Recalling Kovind's childhood.

CRIME

HYDRAA demolitions in Medchal-Malkajgiri under HC lens

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday initiated suo motu contempt proceedings against HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath over the demolition of structures on plots in Vani Cooperative Housing Society in Malkajgiri despite subsisting status quo orders. Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar directed the High Court Registry to issue contempt notices to the commissioner for violation of the court orders. The court also decided to examine demolition drives undertaken by HYDRAA across Medchal-Malkajgiri district after the district collector informed it that around 30 to 40 demolitions had been carried out in his jurisdiction without instruc-

tions from the revenue authorities or any request to HYDRAA for demolition or fencing operations. The court recorded a prima facie finding that HYDRAA had acted on its own authority without ascertaining the relevant revenue records or obtaining specific instructions from the competent revenue authorities, thereby violating High Court orders in various writ petitions concerning the disputed properties. The judge was hearing a petition filed by several plot owners challenging the alleged high-handed action of HYDRAA and revenue officials in demolishing structures on the plots, fencing the land and erecting signboards declaring it government property despite status quo orders issued by the High Court in 2022 re-

straining all parties from interfering with the lands. According to the petitioners, Vani Cooperative Housing Society had developed plots on land in Survey Nos. 194/1 and 211 of Malkajgiri under a layout approved and sanctioned by the Secunderabad Cantonment Board through a permit dated March 30, 1990. They said the Defence Estate Officer had also issued an NOC stating that the society's land did not involve Defence Department land. Government counsel for revenue Katram Muralidhar Reddy submitted that about 12 acres in Survey No. 194 was patta land, of which around four acres had been surrendered to the government under Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) proceedings. He referred to GLR records in support of the

government's claim over portions of the land. Following earlier directions of the court, the Medchal-Malkajgiri district collector appeared personally before the High Court on Wednesday along with the tahsildars of Tirumalagiri and Medchal. The collector submitted that neither he nor his office or the tahsildars had asked or requested HYDRAA to demolish structures in the layout or fence the land. He also informed the court that the authorities were aware of the dispute concerning around four acres in Survey No. 194 and of the pending case before the High Court. In response to a query from the court, the collector orally submitted that HYDRAA had conducted around 30 to 40 demolition drives and fencing operations in Medchal.

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.

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, temporarily halting proceedings before the Telangana High Court. The original suit was filed seeking partition 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 subsequently brought before the court during the course of the proceedings. A preliminary compromise 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. Recently, the Telangana High Court considered applications filed by certain persons claiming to be legal heirs of the deceased Ashrafunnisa Begum, who was defendant No. 123 in the connected proceedings. The applicants sought to be impleaded in the case or have their claimed rights in the estate recognised..

Former University of Hyderabad Student Held With Ganja on Campus

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Gachibowli Police, along with the EAGLE team, arrested a former University of Hyderabad (UoH) student in connection with a suspected ganja supply case and seized 5 grams of marijuana from his possession. The accused was identified as Biswajit Kalita alias Biswa (28), a former UoH student who currently lives in Gopanpally and works as an actor trainer. Police apprehended him on the university campus on Tuesday. According to police, a

drug case was registered at Gachibowli Police Station on August 7 following information about ganja consumption at the Men's-L Hostel on the UoH campus. During the investigation, a student allegedly told police that he had purchased 10 grams of dried ganja for ₹500 from Biswa. Based on the information, Gachibowli Police and the EAGLE team traced and arrested him. Police are now investigating the source of the ganja and checking for the possible involvement of others in the drug supply network.

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

HYDERABAD
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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 together. 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.

Monkey Skull Found in Hyd Flyer's Baggage

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A purported monkey skull concealed inside the handbag of a passenger travelling from Delhi to Hyderabad was detected by CISF personnel at the Indira Gandhi International Airport, police said on Wednesday. According to the CISF personnel, the incident took place on August 10 when the passenger was undergoing pre-boarding secu-



rity screening at the airport. When the CISF officials found a suspicious item concealed in the baggage, they got it removed and checked. During the questioning, the pas-

senger mentioned it was a monkey skull. Considering the nature of the recovered item and its suspected connection with wildlife, the CISF personnel handed over the pas-

senger to the local police. The sources explained that further investigation is on and why it has been transported to Hyderabad. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Dr Sunil S Hiremath, director of zoos in Telangana, the conservator of forest IT wing, said, "This initial investigation will be the forensic examination to find out which species it belongs to. Later, he will face prosecution."

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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



Indriya Names Krithi Shetty Brand Ambassador for Southern Markets

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Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, has announced actor Krithi Shetty as its brand ambassador for the southern markets of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, ahead of the festive season. She will also headline the brand's new Varalakshmi campaign, celebrating prosperity, devotion, family and togetherness.

The campaign showcases Indriya's festive jewellery collection, which blends traditional temple jewellery with contemporary design. Drawing inspiration from South Indian heritage, the collection features nakkashi craftsmanship, Goddess



Lakshmi motifs, blooming lotuses, peacocks, kasu-inspired elements and temple detailing. Crafted in antique gold finishes and enhanced with colourful stones, the collection includes statement necklaces, earrings, bangles, armlets, kamarbandhs and rings. The designs aim to combine traditional

artistry with modern silhouettes suitable for festive occasions.

The campaign's centre-piece is a brand film featuring Krithi Shetty during Varalakshmi preparations. In the film, she selects a gold necklace for her mother-in-law, portraying the gesture as an expression of love, gratitude and admiration. The film highlights the emotional significance of gifting gold during family celebrations.

Shantiswarup Panda, Head of Marketing and Visual Merchandising, Indriya, said Varalakshmi marks the beginning of a culturally significant festive period in southern markets, where jewellery is closely connected with family traditions and faith. He said Krithi's association with the brand would help strengthen its connection with younger audiences while presenting heritage-inspired jewellery through a contemporary perspective.

Krithi Shetty said festivals have always been important to her upbringing and described the campaign as a reflection of family, gratitude and togetherness. She added that Indriya's collection beautifully combines cultural heritage with a contemporary aesthetic. The campaign will roll out across television, digital, print, outdoor and in-store platforms throughout the festive season.

Airtel scraps 1.5GB daily prepaid plans offering unlimited calls

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bharti Airtel has discontinued all prepaid plans that were offering 1.5 GB data per day with an unlimited calling facility, leaving customers to choose from pricier plans offering higher data usage per day, according to information available on the company's app.

The telco withdrew five prepaid plans – Rs 299, Rs 319, Rs 579, Rs 619 and Rs 649 – leaving subscribers of the popular Rs 299 plan with pricier options to choose from.

Experts say that the latest move by Airtel signals what may be an inevitable industry shift towards higher tariffs as telcos sharpen their focus on improving average revenue per user (ARPU).

The reshuffled prepaid offering deck leaves the entry-level Rs 199 and Rs 219 plans unchanged, but it means that subscribers of the popular Rs 299 plan looking for a higher data

usage quota per day will now have to opt for the Rs 349 pack, translating into a price rise of about 16 per cent for them.

While there is no official announcement from the company, people aware of the development said the move is part of Airtel's efforts to drive sustained ARPU growth. They argued that subscribers on the Rs 299 plan would often exhaust their data allowance and end up buying top-ups or recharging again, anyway. The Rs 349 plan, in comparison, offers unlimited 5G data. The discontinued plan priced at Rs 299 offered 1.5 GB per day with validity of 28 days. The same set of services with 30-day validity was being offered under a plan priced at Rs 319. The Rs 579 plan was offering 1.5GB per day with 56 days' validity, the Rs 619 plan came with a similar benefit with 60-day validity and the Rs 649 plan offered 2GB data per day

with 56-day validity.

Bharti Airtel management, during the earnings call last week, had said the company sees potential for raising tariffs on plans that offer unlimited data at lower price points.

In response to a question if Bharti Airtel needs to hike tariffs given that it is recording healthy growth, Executive Vice Chairman Gopal Vittal had said when the company talks about tariff repair, it is actually about the architecture of mobile plans in place.

"Which means that for a very low level of pricing, you get unlimited data, and that means ARPU is capped. That to me is not a healthy way to operate it because if you look at it, and we have talked about this before," Vittal said.

He said every market has offerings in terms of small, medium, large to extra large and therefore, there is a need for "sensible price architecture" in mobile services.

Sensex falls 188 points, Nifty slips 36 points as oil prices weigh on markets

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty closed lower for the second consecutive session on Wednesday as elevated crude oil prices and uncertainty over a potential deal to reopen the Strait of Hormuz weighed on investor sentiment. The Sensex declined 187.90 points, or 0.24 per cent, to settle at 77,966.35, while the Nifty fell

35.75 points, or 0.15 per cent, to close at 24,435.95. Persistent concerns over global energy supplies kept investors cautious, with rising crude prices adding pressure to markets. For India, higher crude oil prices are a particular concern because the country is heavily dependent on imports to meet its energy requirements. A sustained increase in oil prices could intensify inflationary pressures and

widen the trade deficit, potentially affecting broader economic and corporate earnings expectations.

On the technical front, analysts said the Nifty remained under pressure after slipping below the 24,400 level, raising the possibility of a further decline towards 24,250. The index, however, found support around its 200-hour simple moving average and subsequently recovered.



The Nifty also managed to close above its 20-day exponential moving average on the daily chart, offering some technical support. Analysts said 24,400 would remain an important level to watch in Thursday's session. A

sustained fall below it could pull the index towards 24,180, while 24,500 is expected to act as a crucial resistance. A decisive move above that level could improve the near-term trend. Among individual

Nifty stocks, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Max Healthcare Institute and Apollo Hospitals Enterprise were among the biggest losers, contributing to the benchmark's decline. The broader market delivered a mixed performance. The Nifty MidCap index gained 0.28 per cent, outperforming the frontline indices, while the Nifty SmallCap index declined 0.18 per cent. Sectoral performance

was also uneven. The Nifty IT index emerged as the biggest laggard, falling 1.54 per cent amid selling pressure in technology stocks. In contrast, the Nifty PSU Bank index advanced 2 per cent to become the day's top-performing sectoral gauge, cushioning the broader market from deeper losses. Investors are also closely watching the upcoming U.S. inflation report. Market participants expect the data to

influence expectations regarding the Federal Reserve's monetary policy path. Any surprise in the inflation numbers could trigger volatility across global equity markets, including India. With crude oil prices, developments around the Strait of Hormuz and U.S. inflation data remaining key drivers, market participants are likely to maintain a cautious approach in the near term.

NPS opens pension savings route for gig workers with Rs 99

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Wakeup telangana

Platform workers associated with companies such as Zomato, Swiggy, Blinkit, Ola, Uber and Urban Company can now use the National Pension System (NPS) to build a retirement corpus, with contributions starting from as little as Rs 99, it was announced on Wednesday.

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA), in a post on social media platform X, highlighted the flexibility of the NPS framework for platform workers. The regulator said workers can start contributing with Rs 99 and continue investing at their own pace, with no regulatory minimum or maximum contribution limit.

"Your work may depend on your next booking, but your retirement shouldn't," it said.

"With NPS for Platform Workers, you can start with just Rs 99 and contribute at your own pace with no minimum and no maximum contribution limit," PFRDA added.

The NPS e-shramik (Platform Service Partner) Model was introduced by PFRDA through a circular dated October 29, 2025, to

bring gig and platform workers under the NPS framework. The model covers individuals who provide services to users through digital platforms under a service contract.

Under the framework, the contribution can be made by the platform and the worker jointly, by the worker alone, or entirely by the platform or aggregator on behalf of the worker. While PFRDA has not prescribed any minimum or maximum contribution limit, the worker and platform can mutually agree on a minimum amount for each contribution.

The model is broadly aligned with the NPS Corporate Model but has been structured specifically for platform workers. Importantly, platform aggregators are not required to register separately with PFRDA. Instead, Points of Presence (PoPs), which facilitate NPS account opening and related services, can enter into arrangements with aggregators to enrol their workers.

The onboarding process is carried out in two stages. In the first stage, the worker's KYC details, including name, address, PAN, mobile number and bank account information, are collected.

N Chandrasekaran resigns as Tata Sons chairman after nine years

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Natarajan Chandrasekaran, the first outsider in generations to run Tata Sons and the man credited with stabilising India's largest conglomerate after a bruising boardroom coup, announced his resignation as chairman, capping a nearly decade-long tenure marked by expansion, turnarounds and, in its final year, an escalating rupture with the group's controlling charitable trusts.

Known widely as 'Chandra', he holds a master's degree in computer applications and joined the Tata Group in 1987, rising through the ranks at Tata Consultancy Services to become CEO in 2009.

He was born into a South Indian agricultural family and, unlike his predecessors, is not a member of the Parsi community that has historically dominated Tata's top ranks.

Outside the boardroom, he has been described as an avid photographer, a music enthusiast and a passionate long-distance runner who has completed marathons around the



world.

Chandrasekaran was named Tata Sons chairman in January 2017, taking charge in February, after the group's board ousted Cyrus Mistry in a stunning October 2016 boardroom battle that wiped roughly USD 9 billion off the combined market value of Tata's listed companies.

His appointment functioned as the equivalent of a group CEO role, and he became the first non-Parsi professional to lead the conglomerate, chosen by Ratan Tata to restore stability after the Mistry fallout.

Under Chandrasekaran, Tata Group underwent a major expansion and diversification.

Group revenue nearly doubled, and profit roughly tripled between 2017 and 2026. Aggregate group revenues crossed USD 180 billion in FY24-

25, spread across a portfolio that now spans some 26 companies with a combined market capitalisation of roughly Rs 26 lakh crore as of mid-2026, including unlisted businesses, closer to USD 360-380 billion, larger than the GDP of Pakistan, Portugal or Greece combined.

He also pushed Tata into businesses beyond its traditional technology, autos and steel strongholds, with big bets in aviation, electronics, semiconductors, batteries and digital commerce. The group bought Air India from the government in 2022 and subsequently consolidated Air India, Vistara, Air India Express and AIX Connect into an airline group with about 300 aircraft, more than 30,000 employees and over 8,300 weekly flights.

Tata Digital acquired majority stakes in BigBasket and 1mg in 2021, while Tata Electronics expanded into semiconductor and electronics manufacturing.

The strategy has involved significant capital expenditure and acquisitions, but not all paid off at the

same pace: Tata Digital, built around BigBasket, Tata 1mg, Tata Neu and Croma, posted a nearly Rs 5,000-crore loss in FY26, and Air India reported a loss of Rs 22,238 crore, a reminder that scale-up under Chandrasekaran came with a heavier bill in newer, still-unprofitable businesses even as the legacy core – TCS, Steel, Motors, Titan – kept compounding.

His tenure has also been defined by a broad reshaping of the Tata Group, with a focus on scaling core businesses, simplifying the portfolio and making large bets in emerging sectors such as semiconductors, electronics, aviation and digital businesses.

Tata Coffee was merged with Tata Consumer Products, while Tintplate Company of India, Tata Metaliks and Tata Steel Long Products were folded into Tata Steel. At the same time, the listings of Tata Technologies and Tata Capital have expanded the group's listed universe and unlocked additional value for shareholders.

JLR India Records Strongest-Ever Q1 Retail Sales

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JLR India has started FY27 on a strong note, recording its highest-ever first-quarter retail sales performance in the country. The luxury automaker retailed 1,665 vehicles during Q1 FY27, marking an 11% year-on-year increase. Wholesale volumes also grew by 4% to 1,694 units during the quarter.

The company's strong performance was led by continued demand for its premium SUV portfolio. Range Rover, Range Rover Sport and Defender together contributed more than 85% of JLR India's total retail sales in Q1. Defender retained its position as the company's best-selling model in the Indian market, reflecting sustained consumer interest in its distinctive luxury and off-road capabilities. JLR India also witnessed growing interest in its high-performance and personalised offerings following revised pricing

for the Range Rover SV and Range Rover Sport SV under the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA). Customers can now benefit from price reductions of up to ₹75 lakh, depending on the model. The revised pricing has resulted in increased enquiries for SV variants and stronger demand for bespoke vehicle commissions.

JLR India Managing Director Rajan Amba said the company has begun FY27 with its best-ever Q1 retail performance and highlighted the growing demand for Range Rover, Range Rover Sport and Defender. He also described the India-UK FTA as a significant development for the luxury automotive market. With an expanded product pipeline, JLR India expects to maintain its growth momentum through FY27 while bringing more exclusive SV products, special editions and bespoke creations to Indian customers.

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.

Har Ghar Tiranga Campaign Conducted by 2 Telangana Battalion NCC



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The Secunderabad Group, 2 Telangana Battalion NCC, Trimulgherry, conducted the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign in Ward No. 07, Trimulgherry, on August 12, 2026, promoting patriotism, national unity and respect for the National Flag.

Under the guidance of the Commanding Officer, NCC PI Staff, Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) and cadets visited office premises and surrounding

areas as part of the campaign. They interacted with local residents and encouraged them to actively participate in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' movement.

The NCC personnel created awareness about the significance of displaying the National Flag with pride and urged residents to celebrate the spirit of patriotism and unity. Cadets highlighted the importance of respecting the Tricolour and strengthening the bond between citizens and the

nation.

The programme received positive response from the local community and successfully conveyed the message of national pride and collective responsibility.

A total of 96 NCC personnel participated in the campaign, comprising 11 PI Staff, 02 ANOs and 83 cadets. The initiative further strengthened community awareness and encouraged residents to become active participants in the national campaign.

No curfew for England players ahead of Pakistan Tests: Joe Root

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In his second spell as England's Test captain, Joe Root has done away with the midnight curfew imposed on his side and has urged players to behave like 'grown adults' as they prepare for the upcoming series against Pakistan, starting at Headingley on August 19.

The decision marks a clear departure from the ECB's player behaviour guidelines introduced in July following a string of off-field alcohol-related incidents — like former captain Ben Stokes and Gus Atkinson were out past a midnight curfew after England won the first Test against New Zealand at Lord's.

"There's not going to be a curfew. I don't think this needs to be a big deal, to be honest. My view on the curfew is that the players are doing their work, and if you want guys to take responsibility on the field, they've got to feel like they can be grown adults and make good, strong decisions off it."

"That's for us as a team to manage well, and police well for me and (new head coach) Stephen Fleming. We should be known for how we play cricket and what we do on the field. We should be on



the back page of papers," Root said in the latest episode of the Sky Sports Cricket Podcast.

Underlining the need for a healthy team culture, Root added, "Be adults, look after yourselves, look after each other. (We need to) create a good, strong culture where you know when the right time is to celebrate and enjoy a win or to have a sensible beer, but remember — you've got to play for England."

"I don't want people to feel like they can't enjoy winning a Test match because they want to have a beer or, at the right time, let their hair down, and then that's absolutely fine. We're human beings at the end of the day. You know what your responsibilities are, you know how you need to prepare for a Test match and what

it takes, and the effects that these things can have on you. So be smart, be sensible, and just be an adult."

Addressing his relationship with the coaching setup, Root admitted he was disappointed by the departure of former Test coach Brendon McCullum, while expressing enthusiasm for working alongside incoming head coach Stephen Fleming.

"I'll be honest with you. I was gutted when I found out Brendon was no longer going to be the Test coach. He's someone that I feel has really got the best out of me personally. I love the way he sees the game, and the way that he's opened my eyes up to looking at it slightly differently. I feel like he's a brilliant coach."

"I'm very glad that we still get to

work together in the white-ball stuff. He's someone that I owe a huge amount to, and that I've become pretty close with. I think they're doing brilliant stuff in white-ball teams. And I wish him all the very best in that."

Welcoming Fleming to the Test fold, Root said, "(Fleming and I) have crossed paths a bit over the last few years when he's coached different teams around the world. I have someone that I've always admired. "He's someone that I really did admire as a player. The way that he's always held himself as a captain first and foremost. His record as a coach has been exceptional, albeit in T20 cricket. There's so much that I'm looking forward to in that respect."

Reflecting on his first term in charge, Root acknowledged past tactical errors, especially regarding the insane workload of speedster Jofra Archer, and vowed to handle the fast bowler with greater care this time. "I think at times maybe I did over-bowl him and over-use him. The attack that he works with now complements him really well. (Now) there are other people that can potentially play a role that I might have used Jofra for in the past. I believe he's a generational talent and someone who is going to produce wonderful things for England across the formats."

SIR: Congress Seeks Details of Voters Marked for Deletion

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Expressing concern that more than 73 lakh voters will not find their names in the draft voter list and stand deleted, the Congress urged the CEO to share details of voters so that no genuine voter is disenfranchised. In a representation submitted to CEO C. Sudarshan Reddy on Wednesday, TPCC Election Commission Co-ordination Committee urged him that all the voters' details such as "un-collectable," along with "anomalies" be provided to party BLAs so that they re-verify the antecedents of the voters, while going house to house and educating them. "We will educate them to re-apply in form 6, if the genuine voter is in this deleted list," said committee members. The party has expressed worry over massive numbers of voters in the dock, by the time the enumeration phase came to an end on August 12. A total of 45,18,961 - Permanently Shifted, 6,70,203 - Already Enrolled, 1,02,294 - Others, besides over 60

Rename BRS schemes if you want, but continue them for people's benefit: KTR

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RS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday asked the Congress government to continue welfare schemes launched during the previous BRS regime for the benefit of people, even if it wanted to rename them. He emphasised that notwithstanding the change in the ruling party, the government should not ignore its duties and must also ensure benefits of good initiatives reach people. Participating in the distribution of free spectacles under the Kanti Velugu programme at Veernapalli in Rajanna-Sircilla district, Rama Rao said the Congress government could implement the schemes under new names, but should ensure that the benefits



reach people. "You can change the names, but continue the programmes," he said. He said the BRS would continue the eye-care programme in Rajanna-Sircilla district irrespective of whether the government implemented it. He said the initiative had begun in Veernapalli and Garjanapalli with the support of doctors and private donors. The BRS working president said the programme would subsequently be extended to all four mandals and municipalities in the Sircilla Assembly constituency and later to the Vemulawada constituency. He also said the BRS would seek to implement the programme across Rajanna Sircilla district. "If the government gets the sense to start it after seeing us, that is welcome," he said. He asserted that there was no need to focus on

political criticism when elections were still far away and that his priority was doing good work for people. More than 5,000 people underwent screening during four-day camps. Of them, 1,371 people were identified for spectacles, including 250 children. Rama Rao distributed the spectacles and took responsibility for all 171 patients who required cataract or other eye surgeries. Arrangements were made to take the patients to the LV Prasad Eye Institute in Sircilla, where an eye hospital was established during the BRS government with an investment of Rs 6 crore. A vehicle would transport the patients from Veernapalli to Sircilla and drop them back home after surgery.

CCRT Takes Tiranga Rally To Hitec City

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The Centre for Cultural Resources and Training (CCRT), Hyderabad, took its Har Ghar Tiranga programme onto the streets of Hitec City on Wednesday, as schoolchildren joined a one-kilometre rally, sang Vande Mataram and later attended a folk and patriotic music concert at the CCRT campus. About 750 schoolchildren, escorted by teachers, participated along with CCRT officials and staff. The gathering included 78 CCRT-trained teachers from 13 states, while students came from seven Hyderabad schools. The programme began at the CCRT Regional Centre, where children assembled at the Open-Air Amphitheatre and sang



the full version of Vande Mataram, with bilingual Telugu-English printouts provided. The Tiranga rally then moved through Hitec City, with children carrying the Tricolour and raising slogans. CCRT consultant Y. Chandrasekhar and field officer Soundarya Kausik led the march. Back on campus, students attended a Tiranga Concert by Dr Linga Srinivas and his troupe of folk artists. The performance featured Telangana folk music, patriotic songs and themes of Independence, cultural heritage and Har Ghar Tiranga. The programme concluded with the National Anthem. CCRT said the event was part of its effort to nurture patriotism, cultural awareness, national integration and public participation among the youth.

Hyderabad Zoo Celebrates World Elephant Day With Jumbo Feast and Walk

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Nehru Zoological Park (NZP) in Hyderabad celebrated World Elephant Day on Wednesday with a special feast and awareness activities for its jumbo residents. Elephants Vanaja, Asha, Sita and Vijay were treated to a lavish spread of fresh fruits, vegetables, cooked rice and specially prepared cakes weighing around five kilograms each. As part of the celebrations, the elephants were brought out of their enclo-

tures and taken on a walk of nearly five kilometres within the zoo premises. The activity provided the jumbos with exercise and enrichment while also giving visitors an opportunity to observe them closely. A special jumbo feast was prepared for all the elephants. The approximately five-kilogram cakes were made using a combination of fruits, vegetables and cooked rice. NZP Deputy Curator J. Muralidhar said the special cakes were prepared with the support of animal keepers, feed store personnel and zoo

kitchen staff and served to all the elephants. The celebrations also focused on creating awareness among visitors about elephants and their ecological importance. Visitors were allowed to observe the animals from closer designated areas, while zoo staff shared interesting facts about elephants, their behaviour, habitat and vital role in maintaining ecological balance. World Elephant Day is observed every year to highlight the challenges faced by elephants and promote their conserva-

tion and welfare. Elephants play an important role in ecosystems by dispersing seeds, creating pathways and water access points, and influencing vegetation patterns. The special celebrations at NZP combined animal care, enrichment and public awareness, highlighting the importance of protecting elephants and ensuring their well-being. The event also encouraged visitors, particularly children and young people, to develop greater appreciation for wildlife and contribute to conservation efforts.



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104th Annual Bonalu Procession Celebrated with Grand Devotion in Sabzi Mandi

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The historic 104th annual Bonalu festival procession of Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma and Mahankali Ammavari was celebrated with grand devotion in Hyderabad's Sabzi Mandi area of Karwan. Telangana State Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy attended the festivities as the chief guest following a special invitation from local leaders. Senior BRS leaders, including Babu Jagjivan Ram Educational Society Chairman Kommula Narender and Goshamahal contested MLA Prem Kumar Dhoot, warmly welcomed the Minister with flower bouquets. Vivek Venkataswamy offered prayers and participated in special puja ceremonies, seeking the blessings of the deities for the welfare and prosperity of Telangana. Earlier, Kommula Narender, along with his family, performed special rituals at the temple. He prayed for the health, peace and prosperity of all citizens and wished for a happy and progressive Telangana. The celebrations featured a vibrant Bonalu procession, traditional Potharaju performances and beautifully decorated temples, reflecting the region's rich cultural and spiritual traditions.



Jampana Pratap Inaugurates Annadanam; Prakash Bantia Joins Pious Event

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An Annadanam programme was organised on Amavasya at the Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma Temple in Bapujinagar and the Chinnathokatta Kattamaisamma Temple. Former Cantonment Vice-President Jampana Pratap attended the programme as the chief guest, offered special prayers and distributed food to devotees. Humanu Foundation founder Prakash Bantia, along with prominent temple committee members and local representatives, participated in the sacred community service initiative.



BJP Seeks 10x Compensation for Karkhana Property Owners

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State BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Wednesday urged the government to pay compensation at 10 times the actual property value to owners facing loss of homes and commercial establishments in Karkhana for the proposed elevated corridor on Rajiv Rahadari. In a letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Rao sought a property-wise reassessment based on prevailing market values and said the revised compensation should be finalised in consultation with affected residents and paid before their properties are taken over. Rao said residents and business owners in Karkhana had been cooperating with the authorities on the infrastructure project, but argued that the compensation offered "should adequately reflect the value of properties being acquired and the loss of homes, commercial establishments and livelihoods." Referring to compensation paid for properties acquired in Tumkunta, Rao claimed that it was 10 times the actual property value and sought the same basis for affected property owners in Karkhana.