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WEATHER

MAX : 39.0°C
MIN : 27.0°C
RH : 23%
RAINFALL : 0MM
FORECAST : MAINLY CLEAR SKY
MAX/MIN temp. 40/28°C

Etna Eruptions Shut Catania Airport in Sicily

Sicily's Catania airport will remain closed until early Friday due to eruptions from nearby Mount Etna that have forced hundreds of flights to be cancelled or rerouted over the past week. All arrivals and departures to the island hub will be suspended through at least 2 a.m. local time on Friday, the airport said in a notice posted late Wednesday. About 700 flights have been affected since August 7, after Europe's most active volcano began its latest flare-up. The airport has been closed for the major part of that period, interrupting travel to the popular summer destination. More than 1,00,000 passengers are estimated to have been affected. Flights have been shifted to other island hubs like Palermo, Trapani or Comiso, but Catania is the island's busiest airport. Some travelers have been forced to sleep at the airport.

Rahul Calls RSS-BJP 'Jokers', Mocks PM's 'Hug-Based' Foreign Policy

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday referred to the BJP-RSS as a "bunch of clowns to have no understanding of India and scoffed at Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of foreign policy which he claimed was all about hugging leaders. Addressing the Rachnatmak Congress National Convention here, the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha also claimed



that the RSS as an original force is dead and has now become an "instrument of large capital -- Mr Adani and Mr Ambani". Talking about the media toeing the government's line on various issues, he said he understands their limitations but asserted

that national spirit was about not allowing a "bunch of clowns to create an order over us". He also said it has somehow been ingrained in Modi's mind that foreign policy is about hugging leaders. Gandhi then hugged Rachnatmak Congress chief Sandeep Dikshit to show what foreign policy was about for the current government. "Imagine the ignorance....where did he get the idea that foreign policy was about hugging

leaders," he said. Dikshit then asked Gandhi, "Ek cheez pooch sakta hoon? Meloni samajh ke toh nahi pakda tha?" Some social media users slammed the remarks referring to Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni as misogynist. Gandhi responded by saying, "I have not reached there yet." The BJP hit back at Gandhi for his 'bunch of jokers' remarks with Education Minister Pralhad Joshi saying, "Rahul Gan-

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CM Revanth Sees Bid To Delete Lakhs of Voters in Telangana

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday said that certain "political forces" were conspiring to delete lakhs of votes in Telangana through the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll, alleging that similar attempts had taken place in West Bengal and Bihar in recent times. Referring to reports of more than 73 lakh voters being deleted at the end of the SIR enumeration phase, Revanth Reddy appealed to people to remain vigilant and ensure that the names of all eligible voters remain on the electoral rolls during the next phase of the exercise.

Participating in the "Minorities Excellence Summit" at Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills, Revanth Reddy, without naming any political party, alleged that "political forces from Gujarat" had begun their march towards Telangana through the SIR exercise and were attempting to target the state. He called upon the people to remain alert and foil any such attempts. The Chief Minister said some leaders had claimed that they had



"conquered" West Bengal and that Telangana was their next target.

Responding to such claims, Revanth Reddy said, "You were successful because Didi (Mamata Banerjee) did not take this issue seriously. But we will not allow this in Telangana." He said the Congress would not allow eligible voters to lose their voting rights and urged party workers to take up the responsibility of protecting the electoral rolls. The Chief Minister appealed to the youth to visit every household during the next 10 days, compare the voter lists of 2002 with the latest electoral rolls, identify discrepancies and submit the details to Booth Level Officers (BLOs).

He asked the Congress cadre to ensure that not a single eligible voter was deleted from the rolls and called upon everyone to become a "Revanth Reddy" in safeguarding the right to vote. He also urged people across Te-

langana to personally verify their names and those of eligible members of their families in the voter lists. Revanth Reddy said the Congress government is committed to the welfare and empowerment of minorities, saying Hindus and Muslims were "two eyes" for him. Referring to Union Home Minister Amit Shah's statement that the four per cent reservation for minorities would be removed if the BJP came to power in Telangana, the Chief Minister challenged Shah to first remove the Muslim quota in Gujarat before talking about Telangana.

He said the Congress deserved credit for introducing and implementing the four per cent reservation for minorities.

He claimed that the state government had ensured its effective implementation, enabling minority youth to secure jobs in Group-I and Group-II services. "Our government implemented the four per cent reservation effectively, and the youth have secured jobs in Group-I and Group-2 services. We ensured minorities were given their due place under our government," he said.

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Vande Mataram, Lok Sabha's Quietest 3 Minutes And A Total Washout

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Three minutes and 10 seconds on Thursday morning was probably the quietest timeframe the Lok Sabha had witnessed this Monsoon Session. The House assembled, the national song Vande Mataram was played, and Members, including the Prime Minister, stood in attention. The Speaker then announced the adjournment of the House sine die.

The House assembled to familiar scenes. As Home Minister Amit Shah arrived in the Lok Sabha before 11:00 am, the Opposition began shouting "apologise, apologise" and "who ordered the lathi-charge?"

MPs from the ruling side created a commotion in response as Shah gestured to everyone to take their seats. The ruling side MPs sat down. Amit Shah smiled at the Opposition's sloganeering. Prime Minister Narendra

Modi walked into the House. Vande Mataram played. "Adjourned sine die," declared Speaker Om Birla, capping a stormy session that saw sloganeering, ruckus, attacks and counter-attacks, and almost no debate apart from the discussion on the new law on paper leaks. Interestingly, Birla did not read out the usual valedictory address in which he highlights the performance and productivity of the Lok Sabha during the session.

700 Grams of Pledged Gold Jewellery Missing From Bank, Employees Under

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Around 700 grams of gold jewellery pledged by customers against loans has gone missing from the branch of Indian Bank in the Mahabubabad district headquarters. The discrepancy came to light during an audit on Tuesday. Indian Bank officials then verified the entire gold records and assessed the quantity of missing jewellery. According to preliminary findings, the

bank's assistant manager Bhukya Raju and five other employees allegedly took the gold out of the bank.

Police said a portion of the gold has been recovered from the residence of Bhukya Raju, while some of the gold has reportedly been pledged to the private Manappuram Gold Loan entity. Mahabubabad Town circle inspector Raghupathi Reddy has registered a case and launched an investigation. Police are examining how

the gold could be taken out of the bank. They are also assessing the quantity of gold reportedly pledged with Manappuram. News of the missing jewellery has prompted customers who had pledged gold at the Indian Bank branch to gather and seek information about the safety of their ornaments.

The bank manager assured customers that necessary steps are being taken to ensure that their gold is safe.

Sukhbir Singh Badal Injured in Nihang Attack in Maharashtra; One Held



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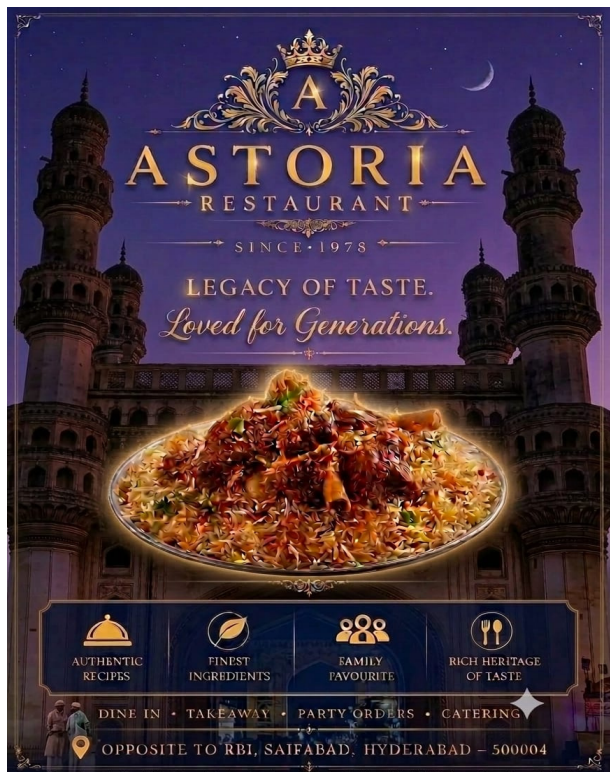
Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) chief and former Punjab deputy chief minister Sukhbir Singh Badal was injured after a Nihang Sikh allegedly attacked him with a kirpan at a gurdwara in Nanded, Maharashtra, on Thursday. The attacker was overpowered and taken into custody. Badal, 64, was visiting the Mata Sahib Devaan Ji Mugat Gurdwara with his wife Har-simrat Kaur around 1.45 pm when the assailant, dressed in Nihang attire, allegedly tried to stab him with a kirpan. Security personnel intervened and foiled the attack.

Badal suffered an injury to his right hand and was taken to a private hospital, where he received two to three stitches. He is stable and recovering, party leaders said. The accused

was identified as Jaspal Singh Tejpal, 62, a lawyer from Pune who had reportedly been serving at the gurdwara near Nanded for the past two years. Police are questioning him to ascertain the motive behind the attack. Nanded Superintendent of Police Neelabh Rohan confirmed that a Nihang had attacked Badal with a kirpan inside the gurdwara and had been taken into custody.

Police officer Santosh Kendre, who was part of Badal's special protection unit, was also injured while intervening. The gurdwara, located on the outskirts of Nanded, is controlled by a Nihang sampradaya and is not managed by the board overseeing the main gurdwara at Nanded Sahib. SAD leaders described the incident as an intelligence failure. Badal's brother-

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Bar Council Takes U-Turn Over Ban on 2026 Nalsar Students

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The Bar Council of India on Thursday withdrew a temporary freeze on the enrolment of Nalsar University of Law's 2026 graduates, which was imposed hours earlier for opposing the institute's decision to invite Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant's proposed presence at the convocation. Earlier in the day, the BCI chairman directed all state Bar Councils not to enrol students who obtained their law degree



from Nalsar in 2026 until further orders. He also sought an authenticated factual report from the university by August 19 identifying those principally involved in initiating, organising, coordinating or mobilising the campaign opposing the CJI's participation in the convocation. "Till further orders, no student of Nalsar Univer-

sity of Law, who has obtained the Law Degree in the year 2026, shall be enrolled by any State Bar Council as an Advocate," the BCI chairman said in a communication to the Nalsar vice-chancellor and all state Bar Councils. However, after a wave of criticism, the Bar Council hurriedly withdrew its order. "After a thorough discussion, the members are of the unanimous view that as per the latest report, the vast majority of students of Nalsar (2026 pass-out students) are innocent and they were not

inclined to take up in the move of disrespect."

Last week, a section of law students passing out from Nalsar had reportedly opposed inviting the CJI for the convocation. Responding to the move on Thursday morning, the Bar Council asked the university to provide it with copies of any representation, petition, memorandum or other communication concerning the proposed participation or invitation of the CJI, along with the complete list of signatories

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Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao has strongly opposed the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC)’s proposed auction of 10.63 acres of land in Survey No. 83/1, scheduled for August 17 and 21.

In an open letter addressed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao accused the Congress government of abandoning its earlier position on protecting government lands and allowing valuable public assets to be put up for sale. Harish Rao questioned the Chief Minister’s change in position, recalling that Revanth Reddy had approached the courts in 2020 seeking protection for the same



lands. He asked how the government could now authorize an auction that could potentially create third-party rights over disputed property.

The BRS leader alleged that the proposed auction was being pursued despite several unresolved issues, including ownership disputes, heritage status, Waqf rights claims and multiple cases pending before courts. He said the government should first establish clear ownership

and resolve all legal disputes before taking any decision to dispose of the land. Harish Rao also highlighted the heritage status of Survey No. 83, stating that records indicate the land was designated as a heritage site under G.O. Ms. No. 4.

He questioned why a government entrusted with protecting heritage properties was allegedly moving ahead with an auction instead of preserving the land for future

generations. He recalled that an earlier attempt to auction 6.2 acres from the same survey number, reportedly valued at around ₹237 crore per acre, had faced legal opposition. The State Bank of India approached the court, resulting in a stay order, and the matter remains pending before the High Court, he said. Harish Rao further questioned the government’s urgency in auctioning another 10.63 acres from the same survey number while the legal status remains contested.

He asked whether the administration was disregarding judicial proceedings and the potential complications that could arise from creating new interests in disputed property. He also referred to Revanth Reddy’s ear-

lier statements describing government land as the wealth of Telangana’s people and recalled assurances that government lands would not be sold. Harish Rao questioned whether those commitments still stood. On behalf of the BRS, Harish Rao demanded that the proposed TGIIC auctions be stopped immediately. He also called for a comprehensive inquiry into all heritage, revenue, survey and Waqf records connected with Survey No. 83. Warning prospective bidders about possible future litigation, Harish Rao urged the Chief Minister to act as the custodian of Telangana’s public assets and protect the interests of the people rather than proceed with the sale of disputed and historically significant land.

Answer Kharge’s Budget Questions, Don’t Divert Debate With National Security: Neelam Padma

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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkataswamy has criticised the BJP’s response to AICC President and Rajya Sabha Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge’s criticism of the Union Budget 2026–27, saying the Centre should answer questions on people’s livelihoods instead of diverting the debate. Padma, who is also Telangana Mahila Congress In-charge Coordinator, DISHA Committee Member and former ZPTC member, said economic indicators alone cannot measure development.

She urged the Centre to explain how the Budget would benefit farmers, unemployed youth, women, middle-class families and economically weaker sections. “Viksit Bharat cannot be measured merely



through GDP or fiscal deficit figures. Farmers need fair returns, youth need employment, women need economic independence and ordinary families need relief from rising financial burdens,” she said.

Reacting to BJP spokesperson Pratul Shahdeo’s emphasis on fiscal discipline and the projected 4.3 per cent fiscal deficit, Padma said the government must also provide clear details on employment, agriculture, education, healthcare, rural development and price stability. She said national security must remain above politics and praised the courage and sacrifice of India’s Armed Forces.

However, she stressed that defence preparedness should not be used to avoid questions on economic and social priorities. “Supporting our Armed Forces does not mean the government cannot be questioned about jobs, agriculture, education, healthcare and the cost of living,” she said. Padma urged the Centre to respond to Kharge’s criticism with facts, allocations, implementation plans and measurable results, saying a truly developed India requires strong national security alongside prosperous farmers, employed youth, empowered women and financially secure families.

Free Skill Training for Rural Youth in Yadadri

Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (CB RSETI), Yadadri, has invited applications from eligible rural youth for free residential skill-development programmes designed to promote self-employment, entrepreneurship and sustainable livelihoods.

The institute will conduct training in CCTV camera installation and servicing, security alarm systems, and smoke-detector repair and servicing from September 7 to 18, 2026.

During the same period, a separate mushroom cultivation training programme will be organised for candidates interested in agriculture-related businesses.

Selected candidates will receive training, food and accommodation completely free of cost. Applicants must be residents of rural areas of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district and should be aged between 19 and 50 years. Candidates must possess Aadhaar and ration cards and meet the prescribed basic educational qualification.

CB RSETI also offers several employment-oriented courses, including two-wheeler servicing, cellphone repair, electrical home wiring, plumbing and sanitation, tailoring, beauty parlour management, photography and videography, dairy farming, poultry farming, sheep and goat rearing, vegetable cultivation and computerised accounting.

Officials encouraged unemployed rural youth, village representatives, youth associations and community organisations to spread awareness about the programmes and help eligible candidates make use of the opportunity.

Interested candidates can contact 9951942497, 8977787488 or 08685-246488 for details. Those seeking information about mushroom cultivation training may call 7675010291.

Training Venue: Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute, H.No. 1-3-2/A, Kisan Nagar, Bhongir Town, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Telangana-508116.

National Flag Symbolises India’s Pride, Sovereignty: Aleru Municipal Chairperson

Har Ghar Tiranga Rally Turns Aleru Patriotic; NCC Cadets Captivate Participants with Impressive Tricolour Display

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Describing the Indian National Flag as a proud symbol of the country’s dignity, unity and sovereignty, Aleru Municipal Chairperson Bijana Balamani Bhaskar called upon every citizen to hoist the Tricolour at their home and participate wholeheartedly in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign. She was addressing a Har Ghar Tiranga rally and awareness programme organised under the aegis of the NCC unit on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, Balamani said the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative had encouraged citizens across the country to proudly hoist the National Flag at their homes since 2022 as part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav celebrations.

She appealed to residents of Aleru and surrounding areas to hoist the National Flag at their homes from August 14 to 15 and, after taking it down on August



16, preserve it with due dignity and respect. “The National Flag is a symbol of our self-respect and sovereignty. It reflects the pride, unity and distinct identity of our nation. Every citizen should respect the Tricolour and uphold the values it represents,” she said. NCC Cadets Steal the Show The highlight of the programme was an impressive National Flag display by NCC cadets, which captivated the gathering and added a strong patriotic spirit to the event.

Following the awareness programme, NCC cadets, students, teachers, municipal officials and other participants took out a Har Ghar Tiranga rally along Aleru Main Road,

carrying National Flags and spreading the message of patriotism, national unity and respect for the Tricolour. Municipal Commissioner Srinivas Reddy, Headmistress Dasari Manjula, NCC Officer Dudala Venkatesh and Municipal Manager Jaganmohan participated in the programme.

Teachers Satyanarayana Reddy, Poreddy Rangaiiah, Pasupuleti Nandradra Swamy, Jatta Saidulu, Reddaboina Saidulu, J. Parameshwar, Shankar Reddy, Meghraj, Poola Nagaiah, Mallesham, Sridhar, Hemalatha, Sujarani, Swarnalatha, Gnana Prasuna, Radhika, Shobha, Kavitha and Joshna, among others, also took part.

Excavated Road in Tarnaka Monday Market Area Causes Public Hardship

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An excavated portion of the road reportedly left unrestored in the Tarnaka Monday Market area is causing serious inconvenience to residents, motorists, students and other road users in the busy locality.

Broken concrete, stones and construction debris can be seen lying across a portion of the road, creating an obstruction to the smooth movement of vehicles. The damaged stretch is particularly concerning as the Monday



Market area witnesses considerable daily traffic and is surrounded by residential buildings, commercial establishments and educational institutions.

Local residents said sev-

eral schools, junior colleges, PG colleges and other educational institutions are located in and around Tarnaka, resulting in regular movement of students, parents, school vehicles, two-wheelers and autorickshaws throughout the area.

Residents expressed concern that leaving the excavated stretch without proper restoration could pose a safety risk, particularly during peak traffic hours and at night.

They said immediate restoration would help prevent accidents and ease inconvenience to commuters. The public has ap-

pealed to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the concerned departmental officials to inspect the location immediately, clear the debris and restore the excavated portion to a safe and roadworthy condition.

“This is a busy residential and educational area. The road should be restored without further delay in the interest of public convenience and safety,” residents urged. The residents hope the concerned authorities will take prompt action and ensure smooth and safe movement on the road.

Govt Whip Beerla Ilaiah Lauds Medical Staff for Dedicated Public Health Services

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Government Whip and Aler MLA Beerla Ilaiah appreciated the services of Medical and Health Department personnel and their efforts in taking government healthcare programmes to people at the grassroots level. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkat Swamy also participated in the programme and joined the felicitation of health personnel. On the occasion, MPHA Anuja Gurralla, along with other Medical and Health Department staff, was felicitated in recognition of their services and contribution to public healthcare.

Speaking on the occasion, Beerla Ilaiah said field-level health personnel play a crucial role in implementing government



health programmes and ensuring that essential healthcare services reach people, particularly women, children and families in rural areas.

He appreciated the services of doctors, nurses, MPHAs, ASHA workers and other frontline health personnel and encouraged them to continue serving people with commitment and dedication.

Seven Days at Tirumala Fulfil a Life’s Ambition: Ravi Sagar



A week-long spiritual journey at the sacred abode of Lord Venkateswara turned into a lifetime memory for Ravi Sagar of Rapole village in Pargi Assembly constituency, who completed seven days of Srivari Seva at Tirumala along with his family. On the seventh and concluding day of the seva, Ravi Sagar was assigned Anna Prasadam distribution duty, where he personally served prasadam to pilgrims visiting Tirumala. He described the opportunity to serve devotees in the presence of Lord Venkateswara as one of the most fulfilling moments of his life. Speaking to the media after completing the week-long service, Ravi Sagar said participating in Srivari Seva continuously for seven days along with his family had given him immense happiness and spiritual satisfaction. “Serving Lord Venkateswara and His devotees at Tirumala for an entire week along with my family was one of my greatest wishes. Today, I feel that a major ambition of my life has been fulfilled. I will cherish these seven days forever,” Ravi Sagar said. During the seven-day programme, he participated in various service activities assigned to Srivari Seva volunteers. He said that serving thousands of pilgrims visiting Tirumala gave him a deeper understanding of devotion, discipline and selfless service.

Etela Rajender Leads Tiranga Rally, Urges Citizens to Hoist National Flag



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Malkajgiri MP and BJP leader Etela Rajender participated in a Tiranga Rally organized by the Bharatiya Janata Party at IDPL Crossroads in the Quthbullapur constituency of Medchal-Malkajgiri district, following the call given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the gathering, Rajender appealed to people to hoist the national Tricolour atop every home and actively participate in the Har

Ghar Tiranga campaign. He said the national flag represents the unity, pride and sovereignty of the country and urged citizens to display it with respect. Rajender stated that India is a land of diverse communities, cultures, traditions and languages, yet people live together with a strong spirit of unity. He said all Indians are the beloved children of Mother India and share a common national identity.

He highlighted the unifying power of national symbols and patriotic songs, including the na-

tional anthem Jana Gana Mana and Vande Mataram. According to Rajender, these symbols inspire patriotism and strengthen the emotional bond among citizens across the country.

He further said India’s standing on the global stage has been rising under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Rajender called upon citizens to extend their support and blessings to Modi for the continued development and progress of the nation.

Several BJP leaders and

workers participated in the rally, including the Medchal Urban District President, State Vice-President, District General Secretary, District OBC President, former corporators, Kukatpally Assembly in-charge, State official spokesperson, former MBC Corporation Chairman, senior leaders and BJYM representatives. The rally witnessed enthusiastic participation from party workers and supporters, who carried the Tricolour and raised patriotic slogans.

Job Mela in Sangareddy on August 14: DRDO Jyothi



A job mela will be organised in Sangareddy on August 14 under the aegis of the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA). DRDO Jyothi informed. The recruitment drive will facilitate the selection of candidates for 250 Relationship Manager positions in ICICI Bank, providing employment opportunities to eligible young graduates. Candidates aged between 21 and 25 years who completed their graduation during 2024–2026 are eligible to participate in the recruitment drive. Eligible candidates have been advised to attend the job mela with all necessary educational and other relevant certificates for verification. DRDO Jyothi appealed to eligible unemployed youth in Sangareddy district to make use of the opportunity and participate in the recruitment drive.

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BRS General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar and former Minister Satyavathi Rathod launched a strong attack on the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of deliberately undermining welfare schemes introduced during the KCR regime. They alleged that the High Court’s orders halting the implementation of eight Government Orders (GOs) exposed the government’s failure to properly examine and defend its decisions. Dr. Praveen Kumar questioned why the Chief Minister, who reportedly conducts

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lengthy review meetings, failed to review the GOs before their implementation. The BRS leaders particularly criticised the alleged stoppage of Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak, describing them as flagship schemes associated with former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. They alleged that beneficiaries are not receiving cheques on time and demanded that the government immediately file a counter-affidavit and defend the schemes in court.

They also questioned the role of Minister Ponnampallabharathi, who they said is responsible for the schemes, asking why the matter was not properly reviewed. The BRS leaders challenged the ministers to a public debate at Gun Park over the issue. Dr. Praveen Kumar alleged that the Congress government was attempting to erase KCR’s legacy instead of improving his welfare initiatives. He said the government should introduce better

schemes rather than discontinue existing ones. The BRS leaders further accused the government of neglecting Mission Bhagiratha and alleged that funds were being diverted towards contractors and political interests. They warned that the Congress government would face public anger if welfare schemes were discontinued and said Revanth Reddy would not be able to erase KCR’s legacy from Telangana.

Vehicles Left Parked for Months Turn Residential Areas Into Dumping Spots

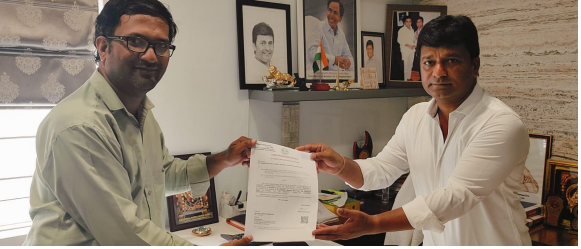
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Vehicles allegedly being left unattended for months in front of houses and apartment buildings are causing inconvenience to residents and road users in some residential areas of Hyderabad. Residents say that when vehicles remain parked at the same location for prolonged periods, garbage, discarded material and construction waste gradually accumulate around them. Such spots are eventually turning into informal dumping areas, affecting cleanliness and obstructing the free movement of traffic. The accumulated waste and stagnant, unhygienic surroundings are also raising concerns over foul smell and mosquito breeding, particularly during the rainy season. Residents have urged the concerned civic, traffic and other competent authorities to inspect such vehicles, verify whether they are authorised to remain at the location for extended periods, and take appropriate action in accordance with rules. They also appealed for immediate removal of accumulated garbage and construction



measures to prevent these locations from becoming permanent dumping points. Public Appeal: Residents have requested the authorities to address prolonged roadside parking and sanitation problems promptly to ensure cleaner, safer and obstruction-free residential neighbourhoods.

JMR Hands Over ₹1.10 Lakh CMRF Aid to Medchal Family



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Bhadra Reddy (JMR), son of former Minister and Medchal MLA Ch. Malla Reddy, handed over a ₹1.10 lakh Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF) Letter of Credit to Swaroop Muralidharan Jyothi at the camp office on Thursday. The financial assistance will support the medical treatment of his daughter, Kum.

Sahasra S.R., a resident of Sancharpuri Colony, New Bowenpally. JMR facilitated the verification and approval process to ensure timely assistance. The family expressed gratitude to Ch. Malla Reddy and JMR for extending support during the medical emergency. The initiative highlights the leadership’s efforts to ensure welfare assistance reaches families in need.

Telangana Assembly Speaker Inaugurates PHC Sub-Centre at Kukkinda

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Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gad-dam Prasad Kumar inaugurated the newly constructed Primary Health Centre (PHC) Sub-Centre building at Kukkinda village in Dharrur Mandal of Vikarabad district on Wednesday. The new healthcare facility is expected to improve access to primary medical services for residents of Kukkinda and surrounding areas, particularly by bringing essential healthcare



services closer to the rural population. The Panchayat Raj Department executed the construction of the Sub-Centre building as part of efforts to strengthen basic public infrastructure in rural areas.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries highlighted the importance of accessible healthcare facilities at the village level and the need for coordinated efforts by various government departments to ensure effective deliv-

ery of services to the public. DPRE Umesh Kumar and DE Srinivas of the Panchayat Raj Department participated in the inauguration programme. Officials and staff of the Medical and Health Department, local public representatives, leaders and villagers were also present. The inauguration was welcomed by local residents, who expressed hope that the new Sub-Centre would provide timely and convenient healthcare services to people in the area.

Concrete Debris Left on Tarnaka Road Causes Traffic Trouble

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

Cement concrete debris and construction waste left behind after the completion of GHMC roadwork are causing inconvenience to motorists and residents in Tarnaka. The cement concrete roadwork was recently undertaken near the residence of Naraparaju Ramchander Rao, Telangana State President of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). However, large pieces of broken concrete and loose rubble remain piled along the roadside, narrowing the carriageway and obstructing traffic. The debris poses a particular risk to two-wheeler riders, pedestrians and res-



idents using the narrow road. After completing civil works, the contractor is responsible for removing all leftover construction material and restoring the site to a safe, clean and traffic-worthy condition. Residents have appealed to the concerned GHMC engineering and sanitation officials to inspect the location, direct the contractor to clear the debris immediately and ensure smooth traffic movement.

GHMC Roadwork Completed, Debris Abandoned at Apartment Gate

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Completion of civil work cannot mean abandoning debris at residents’ doorsteps. A large heap of excavated soil, broken concrete and waste has allegedly been left outside Kalakriti Apartments in Gokul Nagar Colony after GHMC cement concrete roadwork near the Capol Bone Setting Centre. Despite the completion of the CC road, the roadside berms have reportedly not been properly restored with suitable filling material. Surplus soil, con-



struction debris and waste also remain undisposed, obstructing the apartment entrance and causing serious inconvenience to residents, pedestrians and road users. Residents said the neg-

lected site has become unhygienic, with garbage accumulating around the debris and producing a foul smell. Apartment Welfare Association Executive Committee member Usha Sree Thalka said the contractor had been reminded several times to clear the material, but the problem remained unresolved. “How can civil work be considered complete when debris is left at the apartment gate and residents are forced to suffer?” the association members questioned.

They demanded that the concerned GHMC engineering and sanitation officials inspect the location immediately, clear the entire waste heap, restore the roadside berms and make the area safe and hygienic. The association also sought appropriate action against the contractor for failing to clear the site after completing the work. Residents urged GHMC officials to ensure that final contractor bills are processed only after proper site clearance and complete restoration of the affected road margins.

TRS Will Raise Its Flag in Serilingampally, Says In-charge Vasili Chandrasekhar Prasad



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TRS Serilingampally constituency in-charge Vasili Chandrasekhar Prasad said the party would strengthen its presence and raise its flag in the constituency in the coming elections. On Thursday, Rangareddy District Congress Secretary Shankarolla Suresh Mudiraj joined the TRS in his presence. Around 30 leaders and activists from the Congress and BRS from Miyapur and Kondapur divisions also joined the

party. Chandrasekhar Prasad welcomed the new members by presenting them with party scarves. He expressed confidence that TRS would return to power in the upcoming GHMC elections and the 2028 Assembly elections. He called upon party leaders and workers to work together for the party’s victory and said TRS was receiving growing support from people across different sections. Several local leaders and activists participated in the joining programme.

Ragam Sujatha Yadav Passes Away While Undergoing Treatment

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Ragam Sujatha Nagender Yadav, former Chairperson of the Social Welfare Board of the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh and Telangana states, passed away on Thursday while undergoing treatment at Yashoda Hospital in Hitec City. Sujatha Yadav, wife of former corporator Ragam Nagender Yadav of Nalla-

gandla in Serilingampally, had been undergoing treatment for respiratory complications for some time. She passed away at around 3:30 pm during treatment. Leaders from various political parties in Serilingampally expressed shock and grief over her death and recalled their association with her. According to family members, her last rites will be performed at their residence on Friday morning.

Grand Tiranga Rally Held in Gachibowli

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A grand Tiranga rally was organised by the BJP Gachibowli division from Nankramguda to Gopanpally on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to commemorate Independence Day and promote patriotism and national unity. BJP state spokesperson and Serilingampally Assembly in-charge Ravikumar Yadav, along with former Gachibowli corporator Gangadhar Reddy, participated in the rally carrying the national flag and raising patriotic slogans. Speaking on the occasion, they said the national flag represents the self-respect of 140 crore Indians, the sacrifices of freedom fighters and the unity and integrity of the country.



They urged people to celebrate Independence Day by hoisting the Tricolour at their homes and workplaces under the Har Ghar Tiranga initiative. They also called upon citizens to rise above caste, religion, region and language and strengthen the feeling that “We are all Indians.” They urged people to honour the sacrifices of soldiers guarding the nation’s borders and promote locally made products under the Vocal for Local initiative. BJP leaders, workers and local

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An alleged nexus between political “shadow leaders,” middlemen and operators of unauthorised constructions has come under the spotlight in Monda Division, with Republican Party of India (RPI) leader Arun Kumar demanding immediate action against illegal structures and those allegedly protecting them. According to local sources, certain intermediaries are reportedly collecting substantial amounts from builders by assuring them

that they can “manage” officials and prevent action against unauthorised constructions. The alleged practice has raised concerns over the loss of potential revenue to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the weakening of enforcement mechanisms. The issue has also reportedly created difficulties for honest GHMC revenue and town planning officials who are attempting to discharge their statutory responsibilities. Local leaders and whistleblowers have pointed to five locations

where unauthorised construction activity is allegedly prominent. The locations identified include the area opposite Rathifile Bus Stop in Secunderabad, the vicinity of Gokul Lodge, the area adjacent to Santoshi Mata Temple, near Dokkalamma Temple beside Nala Bazar, and opposite the old Gopalapuram Police Station. RPI leader Arun Kumar alleged that political brokers were exploiting administrative pressures and transition periods to shield violators from municipal action. He urged senior GHMC offi-

cials to conduct immediate inspections and verify the legality of the structures identified by local residents. Kumar demanded that buildings found to have been constructed in violation of municipal rules should be dealt with strictly, including demolition wherever legally warranted. He also called for criminal proceedings against individuals found to be involved in extortion, bribery or acting as intermediaries between builders and officials. The RPI leader warned that continued inaction could lead to

widespread protests in the division. He appealed to the GHMC administration to ensure that building regulations are enforced uniformly without political interference. The party also sought a transparent investigation into the alleged nexus and demanded accountability from anyone found responsible. It said strict enforcement of building norms was essential to protect public revenue, maintain planned urban development and prevent further unauthorised constructions in Monda Division.

RPI Demands Action Against Illegal Constructions in Monda

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.

Iran warns US against ‘even bigger miscalculation’ on Strait of Hormuz

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Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi has accused the United States of repeating its past mistakes due to intelligence failures, warning that Washington could be making an even bigger miscalculation over the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz. Araghchi made the remarks in a post on X on Thursday, responding to US President Donald Trump’s claim that Washington has “total control” over the strategic waterway. The Iranian foreign minister pointed to the sharp decline in shipping traffic through the strait, saying the situation contradicted Washington’s claims. Only eight vessels reportedly transited the waterway under an Iranian route during the week, compared with roughly 130



daily crossings before the war. Araghchi said the latest developments demonstrated the consequences of faulty intelligence. “The US has long miscalculated due to intelligence failures,” he said, citing the war on Iran as an example. He then warned of an “even bigger miscalculation” concerning the Strait of Hormuz. Araghchi also cautioned against relying on what he described as fabricated intelligence. “Worse than fake news is fake intelligence,” he said, while stressing Iran’s confidence in its ability to protect its interests. The Strait of Hormuz has be-

come a major point of tension between Tehran and Washington because of its importance to global energy supplies. The waterway accounts for a significant share of international oil shipments and is considered one of the world’s most important energy chokepoints. Iran restricted transit through the strait following the US-Israeli military action against the country that began on February 28 and ended with a ceasefire on April 8. Tehran has maintained that control over the waterway remains closely linked to its national sovereignty and security con-

cerns. A Pakistan-brokered Memorandum of Understanding signed by Tehran and Washington on June 17 was intended to establish arrangements for ending the conflict. Under Article 5 of the agreement, responsibility for reopening and managing the Strait of Hormuz was assigned to Iran. However, tensions escalated after the United States reportedly attempted to establish an alternative corridor near Omani waters. Tehran viewed the move as an attempt to challenge its authority over the strategic passage. Iran subsequently declared that the strait would remain closed until what it called the end of US interference in the region. Tehran has also accused Washington of violating commitments linked to the ceasefire by resuming aerial attacks.

Putin Visits Japan-Claimed Pacific Islands, Drawing Tokyo’s Protest

MOSCOW Wakeup telangana

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday visited the Kuril Islands, a Russian-controlled Pacific island chain also claimed by Japan, for the first time, drawing protests from Tokyo. Putin visited a fish plant, a hospital and a school on Iturup, one of the chain's southernmost islands. He also briefly spoke to local residents and met with the governor of Russia's Sakhalin region, Valery Limarenko. Japan asserts territorial rights to the four southernmost islands of the chain, which it calls the Northern Territories. The Soviet Union took them from Japan in the final days of World War II, and the dispute kept the countries from signing a peace treaty formally ending their hostilities. Decades of diplomatic



efforts to negotiate a settlement haven’t produced any visible results. Moscow over the years has also beefed up its military presence on the Kuril Islands in moves that appeared to underscore its firm stance in the dispute. Japanese Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said his country “strongly protests” against Putin's visit to Iturup, which Japan calls Etorofu. “The Northern Territories, including Etorofu (Iturup) Island, are Japan’s inherent territory both historically and from the perspective of international law,”

Motegi said in a statement. Japan also protested in 2021 when Russia's Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin visited Iturup . Putin in recent days has visited several regions in Russia's Siberia and the Far East. Before coming to Iturup, the Russian president stopped on Sakhalin Island to attend the final part of the drills by Russia's Pacific Fleet. Speaking aboard a warship that was taking part in the naval exercises, Putin said Wednesday that the current status of the Kuril Islands “is enshrined in international documents as a reality that arose following the outcome of the World War II.” “But even here, Russia was prepared to seek a solution with the goal of concluding a peace treaty with Japan,” he said.

China Stopped Indian Troops From Patrolling Certain Arunachal Border Areas: Rahul

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday alleged that China has stopped Indian troops from patrolling in certain areas along the Line of Actual Control in Arunachal Pradesh and that the government was making efforts to "hide it". There was no immediate reaction from the government on Gandhi's allegations. There has been no official word on any such development in Arunachal Pradesh. However, on Tuesday, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that India considers matters relating to border areas with China as "most serious" and asserted that maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control is of "utmost importance", as the state of the frontier will govern the overall trajectory of bilateral ties. The MEA's remarks came amid reports of aggressive posturing by Chinese troops in Arunachal Pradesh's Upper Subansiri



region. China on Wednesday said the situation along the Sino-India border is "generally stable at the moment" while declining to comment on reports of stepped-up Chinese military activity near the Arunachal Pradesh border. Addressing the national convention of the 'Rachnatmak Congress' here, Gandhi said, "These days I get information from inside Prime Minister Modi's office, a full-on revolt is going on. What has happened is that in our patrolling area in Arunachal Pradesh, China has stopped us from patrolling, stating that....'it is your land but you cannot patrol here'." He alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Home Minister Amit Shah were not doing anything about it. "What

are they doing? The operation is ongoing and they are calling up media editors that 'don't publish this in your newspapers, hide it'. Without thinking, they are harming the country," the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said. "I have seen it with my own eyes, the PM came on Zoom call after Galwan and said not even an inch of our land was taken by China. After that, the Army said that they (Chinese) have taken India's land. Think about it, what message had gone to China and then China's negotiators told our negotiators that -- 'what nonsense are you saying, your PM said that your land was not taken away'. "The Army is saying that land has been taken but Chinese negotiator says that your PM is saying it is not so. So they have destroyed the country internally, foreign policy has been destroyed and they have done this to finance their political structure and take money from Mr Adani," he alleged. In a statement, the Congress'

Foreign Affairs department, headed by former external affairs minister Salman Khurshid, said, "The Indian National Congress is deeply alarmed and gravely concerned by reports that China has denied India access to historically Indian patrolling points across the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Taksing, Arunachal Pradesh." "This is yet another escalation in Chinese attempts at encroachment of Indian territory an issue originally flagged by indigenous communities (who had written to the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Government of India in June this year), which has been compounded by China building 628 Xiaokang or 'well-off villages' at India's borders (as revealed by Deputy Chief of the Army Staff Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai in March this year)," Khurshid said in the statement. As Gandhi has rightly said, the Government of India must unequivocally defend.

Appeal to the People of India for Peace, Unity and Brotherhood

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Sufi Mohammed Younus, President of God Will Organization, has appealed to the people of India, especially all brothers and sisters, to come together on the occasion of Independence Day and strengthen the values of peace, unity, brotherhood and mutual respect. In his statement, he said, “Enough is enough. There should be no more politics of hatred, division or creating differences among people.” The progress and prosperity of the country are possible only when we put aside our differences and move forward together. Today, there is a



Sufi Mohammed Younus need to spread the message of love, respect and brotherhood and to make it clear to all those who seek to weaken the unity of the country that we were one yesterday, we are one today, and we will always remain one & united. Sufi Mohammed Younus said that whether it is Independence Day on August 15 or Republic Day on January 26, hoisting the Tiranga is not merely

a ceremony; it represents our national spirit, the sacrifices made for our freedom and the unity of our nation. These national occasions should not remain limited to celebrations but should become an opportunity to strengthen love, harmony and brotherhood among all citizens. He appealed to the public to celebrate Independence Day with happiness and togetherness, share sweets, meet one another with love and respect, and put aside personal differences in the larger interest of national unity. He said that Independence Day is not merely a national festival but a celebration that reminds us of the sac-

rifices made for our freedom and makes us realise that the real strength of India lies in its unity. He further stated that all citizens are equal under the Tricolour. No one should be considered superior or inferior. Every citizen deserves dignity, respect and importance. This, he said, is the beauty of India, the spirit of its democracy and its true strength. Sufi Mohammed Younus urged everyone to make this Independence Day a celebration of love instead of hatred, unity instead of division, and brotherhood instead of differences, and to work together towards building a strong, peaceful and progressive India.

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, Prad-

han 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.

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CM Revanth Sees.....

The Chief Minister said some forces had attempted to stall the recruitment process by approaching the Supreme Court, but the State government pursued the matter seriously and succeeded in completing the appointments. Listing various measures taken for the minority community, Revanth Reddy said a member of the minority community had been appointed to the Telangana Public Service Commission. He also pointed to the induction of former Indian cricket captain Mohammed Azharuddin into the State Cabinet, the provision of a Group-I level government job to world boxing champion Nikhat Zareen along with a cash prize of `3 crore, and

the appointment of cricketer Mohammed Sirajuddin as a Deputy Superintendent of Police. The Chief Minister urged minority youth to focus not only on formal education but also on acquiring job-oriented skills to take advantage of emerging employment opportunities in countries such as Germany and Japan. He said the State government had already established a Skills University to enhance the employability and skills of students. Revanth Reddy thanked the Muslim community for its cooperation and support in helping him reach the position of Chief Minister.

Sukhbir Singh.....

The gurdwara, located on the outskirts of Nanded, is controlled by a

Nihang sampradaya and is not managed by the board overseeing the main gurdwara at Nanded Sahib. SAD leaders described the incident as an intelligence failure. Badal's brother-in-law and party leader Bikram Singh Majithia demanded a CBI probe into the attack. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke to Harsimrat Kaur over the phone and enquired about Badal's health. Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis also spoke to Badal and ordered a probe into the attack. He assured the SAD chief of all possible assistance and strict action against those responsible. This is the second public attack on Badal in less than two years. On December 4, 2024, former militant Narain Singh Chaura fired at him

at the Golden Temple in Amritsar. The bullet missed Badal and the attacker was overpowered. BJP national spokesperson R.P. Singh condemned Thursday's attack, saying political differences could never justify violence and called for a thorough and impartial investigation. Bar Council Takes..... Last week, a section of law students passing out from Nalsar had reportedly opposed inviting the CJI for the convocation. Responding to the move on Thursday morning, the Bar Council asked the university to provide it with copies of any representation, petition, memorandum or other communication concerning the proposed participation or invitation of the CJI, along with

the complete list of signatories available in its official records. The BCI has also asked Nalsar to identify those who initiated or drafted the campaign, circulated it through the media, organised meetings, coordinated or mobilised participation, communicated with the press, administered any official or organised social-media group, or proposed or mobilised a call for boycott, obstruction, disruption or organised non-participation in the convocation or any related programme. It has also sought details of any involvement by student organisations, faculty members, research scholars, alumni or outsiders. The BCI has clarified that it has not, at this stage, declared any person disqualified from enrolment merely because of par-

ticipation in the representation or campaign.

Rahul Calls RSS.....

Calling a democratically-elected government 'jokers and clowns' proves you are out of your depth. By insulting the prime minister, you mock millions of voters who chose Modi ji for three historic terms." "You are attacking the electorate's intelligence simply because they rejected your dynastic politics. Labelling citizens as cowards for dismissing your negative narrative is exactly why you face almost a 100 electoral defeats. Stop the arrogance and respect the public mandate," he added. In his address, Gandhi, while asserting that the Congress will keep up the pressure on the government, said.

CRIME

Osmania General Hospital Qualifications Under Scrutiny

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Recruitment and promotion practices at Osmania General Hospital have come under scrutiny following a formal complaint seeking an inquiry into the educational qualifications of a senior staff member. High Court Advocate I. Lakshmiapati has submitted a complaint to the hospital administration and senior health authorities concerning Syed Samiuddin Aleem, a Medical Record Technician (Employee ID: 2539037). The complaint raises questions over the validity, recognition and equivalence of certificates allegedly submitted by the employee during recruitment and subsequent promotion.



According to the complaint, the staff member is alleged to have relied on an Aalim/Fazil qualification in place of the Intermediate (10+2) qualification prescribed under the applicable recruitment service rules and Government Order G.O. Ms. No. 565. The advocate has urged authorities to conduct a comprehensive verification of the original educa-

tional certificates and establish whether they are genuine, authentic and legally recognised as equivalent to the prescribed qualification by the competent authority. The complaint further states that if an official inquiry establishes that false, invalid or legally inadmissible qualifications were used to obtain appointment or promotion, appropriate disciplin-

ary, civil and criminal action should be initiated. It also seeks recovery of any monetary benefits allegedly received on the basis of such qualifications. Copies of the complaint have reportedly been forwarded to the Minister for Health, Chief Secretary and Vigilance & Enforcement Directorate. The advocate has called for a transparent and time-bound investigation to ensure accountability and protect the integrity of government recruitment and service procedures. Authorities are expected to examine the allegations and relevant records before taking further action. The allegations remain subject to official verification and findings of the competent authorities.

Tragedy in Bhuvanagiri: Student Dies After Huge Neem Tree Branch Falls on Children at School

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A pall of gloom descended on Bhuvanagiri town in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district after a huge branch of a neem tree collapsed on students at Bagayath School, leaving one student dead and several others injured. The tragic incident occurred while students were playing on the school grounds. A massive branch of a neem tree in the school premises suddenly came crashing down on the children, causing panic among students and



staff. Several students sustained injuries in the incident and were immediately shifted to different hospitals for treatment. Among the injured, a student identified as Halima was reportedly being shifted to Hydera-

bad for advanced medical treatment when she succumbed to her injuries. The incident sent shockwaves through the school community and the town, with parents, teachers and local residents expressing grief over the loss of the young student. Beerla Ilaiah Visits Injured Students at AIIMS Bibinagar After learning about the incident, Telangana Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiah rushed to AIIMS Bibinagar, where injured students were undergoing treatment.

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.

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

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

Traffic Awareness Drive at Army Public High School

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A traffic awareness programme under the "Arrive Alive" initiative was conducted at Army Public High School, Bollaram, Trimulgherry, on August 13, 2026. The programme was organised as per the directions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and under the supervision of DCP Traffic-I K. Rahul Reddy, IPS. Traffic officials sensitised students about the dangers of over-



speeding, drunken driving, underage driving, triple riding, rash driving and using mobile phones while driving. Students

were also educated on the importance of helmets, seat belts, lane discipline, traffic signals and speed limits.

Special emphasis was placed on underage driving and the legal consequences of violating the prescribed age and licensing requirements. ACP Traffic Trimulgherry G. Shankar Raju and Additional Inspector I.V. Ramanaiah participated in the programme. The school principal, teachers and students actively took part in the interactive session and clarified their doubts on road safety. The programme received an enthusiastic response from the school community.

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.



Krithi Shetty Named Indriya Brand Ambassador for Southern Markets



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Indriya, Aditya Birla Jewellery, has announced actor Krithi Shetty as its brand am-

bassador for the southern markets of Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Karnataka, ahead of the festive season. She will also headline the brand's new Vara-

lakshmi 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.

Business Insurance: Protecting Key People and Business Continuity

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A company's most valuable assets are often its founders, directors, senior managers and technical experts. The sudden loss of such key personnel can disrupt operations, reduce revenue and affect the confidence of customers and creditors. Business insurance helps companies manage these risks through two major structures: Employer-Employee Insurance and Keyman Insurance. Employer-Employee Insurance primarily serves as a retention, welfare and long-term wealth-creation tool. The employer initially owns and pays for the policy, which may later be assigned to the employee. Premiums may qualify as a business expense under Section 37(1) of the Income Tax Act, subject to applicable conditions and the tax treatment at maturity



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or assignment. Keyman Insurance, meanwhile, protects the company against the financial impact of losing a critical employee or director. The company is the proposer, policyholder, premium payer and beneficiary. If the insured key person dies during the policy term, the claim can provide working capital for recruitment, training, liabilities and business stabilisation. Under Section 28(vi), the claim is generally treated as business income. If the company transfers the claim amount

to the legal heirs as ex gratia within the same financial year, the tax treatment may differ, subject to applicable CBDT provisions. Keyman cover is generally assessed using benchmarks such as five times average net profit, three times average gross profit or ten times annual compensation, with the lowest applicable amount considered. Experts emphasise that these policies should form part of broader succession, retention, liquidity and financial planning. Proper documentation, including board resolutions, salary records and financial statements, is essential. Businesses should consult a chartered accountant and licensed insurance professional before purchasing, assigning or restructuring such policies.

Tata Trusts to form selection panel to find next Tata Sons chairman ahead of Chandrasekaran's exit

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tata Trusts has initiated the process of identifying the next chairman of Tata Sons after incumbent N. Chandrasekaran decided not to seek reappointment when his current term ends in February 2027. The Sir Dorabji Tata Trust (SDTT), the principal shareholder in Tata Sons through Tata Trusts, said its trustees have passed a resolution to constitute a Se-

lection Committee to recommend Chandrasekaran's successor in accordance with the Tata Sons Articles of Association. The Trust said the process would begin at the earliest to ensure an orderly leadership transition at the holding company of the Tata Group. It also placed on record its appreciation for Chandrasekaran's leadership and said it would support Tata Sons in ensuring a "smooth, timely and orderly transition of lead-

ership" in line with the group's long-term interests and values. The development comes a day after Chandrasekaran informed the Tata Sons board that he would not offer himself for another term, bringing clarity to a succession issue that had remained unresolved for several months. Chandrasekaran, who has spent four decades with the Tata Group, said on Wednesday that he would step down at the conclusion of his current term de-



spite receiving unanimous support from the Sir Dorabji Tata Trust and Sir Ratan Tata Trust

for a further five-year tenure. According to Chandrasekaran, both trusts had rec-

ommended the renewal of his tenure. The proposal was subsequently endorsed by the Tata Sons Nomination and Remuneration Committee and the company's board. However, the proposal placed before the Tata Sons board on February 24, 2026, did not receive unanimous support after one director declined to back it. Chandrasekaran said Tata Sons was currently pursuing several strategic initiatives and that stakeholders needed

clarity regarding leadership beyond February 2027. The succession process will now be overseen through the Selection Committee constituted by the SDTT, with the committee expected to recommend a suitable candidate for the top position. Chandrasekaran became chairman of Tata Sons in January 2017 after serving as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS). He

joined the Tata Group as an intern at TCS in 1987 and steadily rose through the organisation before taking charge of the conglomerate. His departure will mark the beginning of a significant leadership transition at one of India's largest and most influential business groups, with the upcoming selection expected to be closely watched across corporate and investor circles.

Rupee slips to 95.45 per dollar on weak equities and strong US currency

NW DELHI
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The rupee depreciated 12 paise to 95.45 against the US dollar on Thursday, weighed by weak domestic markets and persistent foreign fund outflows amid lingering geopolitical risks. Forex traders said investor sentiment remains fragile on the delay in the deal between the US and Iran and the broad strength of the American currency in the overseas markets. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.40 against the greenback and traded in a range of 95.35-95.48 during the session. It eventually settled at 95.45 (provisional), lower by 12 paise from its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee settled just 3 paise higher at 95.33 against the US dollar. "We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias on the delay in the deal between the US and Iran and a strong dollar. However, renewed hopes of talks and softening of crude oil prices may support the rupee at lower levels. "Any intervention by the RBI may also support the

rupee at lower levels. Traders may take cues from US PPI inflation and weekly unemployment claims data. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 95.20 to 95.70," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan. On the domestic macroeconomic front, retail inflation inched up to 4.45 per cent in July on expensive kitchen staples, including onion and ginger, even as the price rise remained above the Reserve Bank's median target for the second consecutive month. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.89, down 0.11 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading lower by 1.51 per cent at USD 87.64 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex rose 113.61 points to settle at 78,079.96, while Nifty dipped 40.10 points to 24,395.85. Foreign institutional investors offloaded equities worth Rs 1,002.50 crore on a net basis on Wednesday.

CBIT Inaugurates SASIGD 2026 International Conference on Sustainable AI

HYDERABAD
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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, inaugurated the 2026 International Conference on Sustainable AI for Social Impact and Global Development (SASIGD 2026), technically co-sponsored by IEEE SSIT. The two-day international conference brings together academicians, researchers, technology experts, industry professionals and policymakers to explore responsible and sustainable applications of Artificial Intelligence for global development. Dr. N. V. Ramana Rao, Director, NIT Raipur and Chief Guest, stressed the need to advance AI in ways that meaningfully benefit society and address emerging global challenges. He highlighted the importance of responsible technology development as AI continues to influence di-



verse sectors. S. Chandrasekhar Reddy, IG&DGP (IFC) and CBIT alumnus, and Prof. C. C. Reddy, HoD, Electrical Engineering, IIT Ropar, attended as Guests of Honour and shared perspectives on emerging technologies and their societal relevance. Dr. Luis Kun of the National Defense University, USA, Guest of Honour and keynote speaker, spoke about AI's growing significance and its potential to address complex challenges. Syed Yasin, award-winning XAI scientist, inventor and entrepreneur from India, also delivered a

keynote highlighting the importance of Explainable Artificial Intelligence in responsible technology development. SASIGD 2026 has attracted 272 AI researchers from India and abroad, with submissions received from around 14 countries across 14 technical tracks. The programme also features 100 student posters and products, along with a product exhibition for school children across Hyderabad, encouraging young innovators to explore emerging AI technologies. The technical programme includes key-

note sessions, research paper presentations, panel discussions, student presentations and a valedictory ceremony. The second day will feature keynote addresses by Bozena Pasik-Duncan of the University of Kansas, USA, and Hamidou Tembine of UTQR, Canada. The conference is being organised under the leadership of Sri N. Subash, President, CBIT, as Chief Patron, and Prof. C. V. Narasimulu, Principal, CBIT, as Patron. The General Chairs are Dr. Ramalatha Marimuthu and Dr. Sagar Gujjunoori. SASIGD 2026 marks another significant step in CBIT's efforts to promote international collaboration, responsible AI research and technology-driven solutions for social impact and global development.

India's space sector has 440 startups, 18 receive IN-SPACe authorisations: Govt

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Around 440 space technology startups are registered in India, while Indian private space companies are expected to undertake more than eight commercial rocket launches over the next two years, the government informed Parliament on Thursday. In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Union Minister of State Jitendra Singh said the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)'s Start-up India portal has around 440 registered space technology startups. The minister said the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) has granted 113 authorisations to 52 Non-Government Entities (NGEs) to undertake various space activities. Of these, 18 are startups such as Agnikul Cosmos, Bellatrix Aerospace, Dhruva Space, Digantara Research and Technologies, GalaxEye Space Solutions, Manastu Space Technologies, Pix-

xelSpace India, Skyroot Aerospace and Space Kidz India. Other authorised startups include Akshath Aerospace, Azista BST, Cosmoserv Space India, HEX20Labs India, Inorbit Space Telecommunications, NSpace Tech India, OrbitAID Aerospace, PierSight Space and TakeMe2Space Technologies. Moreover, the government said applications for usage and access to ISRO infrastructure, including launch pads at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota are processed through a standard operating procedure. Applications received through IN-SPACe's digital platform are reviewed for readiness by an expert committee, it noted. On commercial rocket launches by private companies, the minister said two launches are proposed during financial year 2026-27. For 2027-28, the launch manifest is yet to be approved by IN-SPACe, but more than six launches by Indian private companies.

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.

Dr Paramesh Earns Guinness Recognition in Taekwondo Martial Arts

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Dr Paramesh, Physical Director at Neelima Medical College under Anurag University, earned Guinness World Records recognition by participating in a major Taekwondo martial arts performance conducted at the Indoor Stadium in Gachibowli.

The event was organised on Sunday from 7 am to 10 am in association with MJR International Taekwondo Academy. Nearly 600 Taekwondo practitioners participated in the programme and displayed discipline, endurance, coordination and martial arts skills as part



of the record attempt. Following the successful completion and verification of the performance, the Guinness World Records certificate was presented to the organisers and participants. Dr Paramesh's contribution brought pride to Anurag University and Neelima Medical College.

The management and faculty members of Anurag University congratulated Dr Paramesh on international recognition and appreciated his commitment to physical fitness, sports and martial arts.

Those who extended greetings included the university Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Administrative Officer, Sports Board Director Dr Tara Singh and Neelima Medical College Dean Dr B. Lakshmi Prasanna. University representatives said the achievement would motivate students to participate actively in sports and strive for excellence at national and international levels.

Har Ghar Tiranga Cycle Rally Held at MESCO GRADES High School

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MESCO GRADES High School, Malakpet, Hyderabad, organised a "Har Ghar Tiranga" Cycle Rally through its NCC Wing to promote patriotism, national unity and respect for the National Flag.

Around 92 NCC cadets and 130 students participated in the 4-5 km rally, carrying the Tricolour and raising patriotic slogans. The Principal, NCC Officer, teaching and non-teaching staff also joined and encouraged the participants.

The rally aimed to create awareness about the importance of the National



Flag and citizens' responsibilities towards the nation.

The event concluded successfully with a renewed commitment to unity, discipline and patriotism. "Har Ghar Tiranga - Har Dil Tiranga!"

Hardik-GT Return Buzz

Hardik Pandya Welcome at Gujarat Titans, but Not As Captain

NEW DELHI
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Indian all-rounder Hardik Pandya has reportedly set his sights on a return to Gujarat Titans (GT) for the next IPL season, with sources claiming that he approached the franchise owners directly. However, the proposed move appears to have hit a roadblock over the issue of leadership. According to reports, the Gujarat Titans management consulted current captain Shubman Gill and members of the coaching staff about Pandya's possible return. While they were reportedly comfortable with Pandya rejoining the squad, none were in favour of changing the existing leadership structure. Sources suggest that this condition may not be acceptable to Pandya. Pandya has a strong connection with Gujarat Titans.

He was appointed the team's captain when the franchise entered the IPL in 2022 and immediately guided them to the title in their debut season. GT also reached the final in 2023 under his leadership before he returned to Mumbai



Indians. The latest reports have revived memories of Ravindra Jadeja's controversial 2010 episode. Jadeja was suspended for a year after attempting to negotiate with another franchise while still contracted to Rajasthan Royals. Pandya's situation is more delicate because he remains contracted to Mumbai Indians until the end

of the current IPL cycle in 2027.

Any transfer to Gujarat Titans would therefore require the necessary formal approval, including a No Objection Certificate (NOC). Mumbai Indians spokesperson Nitin Rajsekhar said the franchise was unaware of any such approach. "We are not aware if he has

approached the other team. He is still contracted with the Mumbai Indians till the end of the current IPL cycle running till 2027," he said. Adding another twist, there are also reports linking Pandya with Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR).

Ajit Lele, secretary of the Baroda Cricket Association, said he had heard that Pandya was interested in playing for KKR, while adding that there was no confirmation regarding the Gujarat Titans speculation. Pandya's childhood coach Ajay Pawar also recalled that the all-rounder had expressed an interest in representing KKR during his early domestic career.

For now, Pandya's reported desire to return to Gujarat Titans remains unconfirmed. The biggest question is whether GT would consider bringing back their former captain without changing the current leadership arrangement. With Pandya contracted to Mumbai Indians until 2027, any move would also require a formal transfer process, making his future one of the major talking points ahead of the next IPL season.

Second-Phase ITI Admissions Open in Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The department of employment and training has invited applications for the second phase of online admissions to government and private industrial training institutes (ITIs) for the 2026-27/28 session, with candidates having time till August 15 to apply. Applications are being accepted for admission to engineering and non-engineering trades under the National Council for Vocational Training (NCVT) pattern. The government ITI/ATC at Mallepally is offering 26 one-year and two-year trades. Candidates must have passed SSC, although some trades are also available for SSC-failed candidates. The minimum age is 14 years, while the notification does not prescribe an upper age limit. Applications can be submitted online through the official ITI Telangana website. Admissions to both government and private ITIs will be made on the basis of merit and reservations as per the rules in force.

Revanth Blames In-Charge Ministers for Telangana Losing 21% Votes

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday expressed serious concern over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana, stating that the state was set to lose around 21 per cent of its votes if the current situation continued. He directed Congress leaders and party workers to take immediate steps to ensure that all eligible voters retained their names in the final electoral rolls.Addressing a virtual meeting of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee on the SIR process, Revanth Reddy said the issue required urgent attention from the party organisation at every level. He placed responsibility on in-charge ministers and instructed them to conduct field visits and district-



level review meetings over the next two days to assess the situation and identify problems.The Chief Minister expressed concern over the deletion of lakhs of voter names and directed district Congress presidents to obtain details of voters whose names had been marked for deletion from the concerned election authorities. He asked party leaders to verify the details and take necessary measures to ensure that no eligible voter was removed from the rolls.Revanth Reddy also instructed Assembly con-

stituency in-charges to remain in their respective constituencies for four days. They were asked to identify voter-related issues, coordinate with booth-level workers and party leaders, and work towards resolving genuine grievances.He said the present situation had emerged because those responsible at different organisational levels, from in-charge ministers to booth-level workers, had not discharged their responsibilities effectively. He directed the ministers concerned to immediately hold review meetings with Parliamentary and Assembly constituency in-charges in their respective districts.The Chief Minister further asked Congress leaders to create awareness among the public about the SIR process and assist eligible voters in protecting their electoral rights. He stressed that the

party needed a coordinated and comprehensive action plan to address the issue.Revanth Reddy also alleged that the BJP and BRS were conspiring to facilitate the deletion of votes and urged Congress leaders to expose what he described as the political conspiracy before the people.He warned that failure to respond effectively to the SIR process could cause significant political damage to the Congress in the future. Revanth Reddy said the directives were in line with instructions from the All India Congress Committee (AICC) and called upon every party leader and worker to shoulder responsibility.He urged Congress leaders to combine efforts to resolve voter-related problems while ensuring that eligible citizens were not deprived of their right to vote.

EC Backs BJP Stand, FRC Not Valid For SIR, Says Ramchander Rao

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday alleged that the state government introduced the Family Register Certificate (FRC) with a “malafide intention” to facilitate bogus voter enrolment and help those without proper identity documents, including illegal immigrants, get on the electoral rolls. Speaking to the media after the Election Commission of India (ECI) issued clarifications on the issue, Rao said the BJP had complained to the poll body against the use of FRCs for voter registration. He said the ECI had now instructed that FRCs could not be used for enrolment during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. “The Congress” attempt to get a backdoor entry to illegal aliens in the electoral rolls through FRC has



received rap on its knuckles from the Election Commission,” he said and added that the Congress, BRS and MIM must at least now stop sheltering illegal vote banks and stop finding new ways to legitimise illegals. The state BJP president said the ECI order held that the FRC, introduced through GO MS No. 172 on July 25, is “equivalent to a ration card” and could be used only to access welfare schemes and subsidised rice, and not as identity proof for electoral rolls. Citing the ECI’s 2013 guidelines, he said the older Family Member Certificate, issued after

verification, remained valid, while the new FRC, generated electronically from food security card data without field verification, did not qualify. Rao alleged that the Congress government introduced the FRC at the behest of the AIMIM to enrol people without proper identity documents. He said the BJP had also challenged the move in the Telangana High Court. “We are fighting legally and politically to protect the purity of the electoral process,” he said, adding that the draft electoral rolls would be released on August 17, after which citizens could file claims and objections. Separately, Rao addressed a ‘Tiranga Rally’ at Tarnaka in Hyderabad and another at Peddapalli ahead of the 80th Independence Day. He called upon the youth to become partners in building a “Viksit Bharat” with a “Nation First” resolve.

Naveen Kumar Warns Against AP’s Godavari Water Move

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Telangana Rakshana Sena state leader Kamera Naveen Kumar has accused Andhra Pradesh of attempting to infringe on Telangana’s water rights by seeking access to 273 TMC of Godavari water. Speaking at the party headquarters in Banjara Hills, he alleged that the upcoming Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting on August 18 could

be used to advance AP’s demands against Telangana projects. Naveen said Telangana had already suffered injustice over Krishna waters during the united Andhra Pradesh era and alleged that similar attempts were now being made with Godavari waters. He criticised the AP gov-

ernment for approaching the Centre seeking a review of permissions granted to several Telangana irrigation projects, including Kaleshwaram and other major schemes. He questioned AP’s right to demand cancellation of Telangana project clearances and asked whether it would accept similar demands concerning Polavaram and Dowleswaram. Naveen said Telangana had no objection to AP using its legitimate share of 480 TMC, but

warned that any attempt to exceed its share or undermine Telangana’s rights would be strongly resisted. He also criticised the Congress government and Chief Minister for allegedly failing to respond adequately to the issue. He slammed the BRS for remaining silent initially and later trying to claim political credit. Naveen said the Telangana Rakshana Sena would fight firmly to protect the state’s rightful share of river waters.

Al Faiz Welfare Society Distributes Food to Poor

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As part of the 80th Independence Day celebrations, Al Faiz Welfare Society organised a service programme at the district headquarters on Thursday. Society president Jahangir Baba distributed fruits, bread and other food items to poor and underprivileged people. Speaking on the occasion, Jahangir Baba said that he had been serving people from all communities without discrim-



ination for nearly 30 years. He said the society’s service activities began in September 1997 and have continued ever since. He explained that he personally spends a portion of his salary on various

welfare activities, including providing educational materials to government school students, blankets and food to homeless and economically weaker people, and organising free food distribution programmes.

Jahangir Baba said serving the needy without expecting financial assistance from others gives him immense satisfaction. He also stated that the organisation works to bring the concerns of disadvantaged sections to the attention of governments and conducts awareness programmes on welfare schemes through calendars and other initiatives. Society secretary Mohammed Yaqub, Mohammed Mahboob Ali and others participated in the programme.



The Railway Protection Force (RPF) band of South Central Railway (SCR) performed patriotic songs at a concert at the Begumpet station on Thursday to mark Independence Day. The first two concerts in the series were held at Kachiguda and Necklace Road railway stations.

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Indiramma Towers Launched in KPHB to Provide Homes for Poor

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone and unveiled the pylon for four Indiramma Towers at KPHB, aimed at providing housing for economically weaker families.The towers will come up on 5.87 acres between KPHB 7th and 9th Phases and Gokul Plots, at an estimated cost of ₹43 crore. PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi participated in the programme along with ministers and other public representatives. Gandhi said the project is planned for completion within a year. Phase-I will have 480 flats and Phase-II another 680 houses. Each proposed flat will have a bedroom, hall and kitchen with an area of around 525 sq ft.He said the government intends to complete one lakh houses within a year in the CURE

limits, with eligible beneficiaries to be selected transparently through a lucky-draw system.< Gandhi also requested the Chief Minister to facilitate registration of homes in Gokul Plots, Prajay Mega Police Apartments, Mahendra Ashwita Apartments and Cyprus Farm Villas, to which Revanth Reddy reportedly responded positively.Gandhi said the Indiramma Towers project would mark a significant step towards fulfilling the dream of owning a home for poor and middle-class families in Hyderabad, where property prices have risen sharply.

Garbage, Construction Debris Pile Up in Tarnaka’s Shirdi Sai Nagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Accumulation of garbage and construction debris along the roadside in Shirdi Sai Nagar, Tarnaka, has become a cause of concern for residents, who are seeking immediate intervention from the concerned civic authorities.Residents say discarded construction material, broken sanitary items, plastic waste and other garbage have been dumped along the roadside, affecting cleanliness in the residential locality. The waste has reportedly remained uncleared for a considerable period, gradually turning the spot into an informal dumping ground. Locals expressed con-



cern that such unattended waste could lead to foul smell and provide conditions conducive to mosquito and pest breeding, particularly during the rainy season. The dumping also reduces usable roadside space and causes inconvenience to residents and road users. The issue assumes greater concern as prolonged parking of vehicles at some locations in the neighbourhood is also reportedly making regular cleaning difficult,

with garbage and waste accumulating around such vehicles.Residents have appealed to the concerned municipal and sanitation authorities to inspect Shirdi Sai Nagar, clear the accumulated garbage and construction debris, and take measures to prevent further dumping. They also sought regular sanitation monitoring in the locality to ensure that residential roads and open spaces do not turn into permanent dumping points. “Clean residential streets are essential for public health and safety. The authorities should intervene promptly and restore hygienic conditions in the locality,” residents appealed.

BJP Seeks 10x Compensation for Karkhana Property Owners

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.