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No More Fee Delays and Dues: CM

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday announced that the state government would deposit Rs 2,400 crore towards fee reimbursement directly into students' bank accounts in advance for the 2026-27 academic year, in a major overhaul aimed at ensuring transparency and ending delays in the payment process. He said Rs 250 crore had been deposited in banks towards fee reimbursement payments and as-

sured that the amount would be credited to students' accounts within a month of their applying online.

The new system, he said, was intended to prevent colleges from withholding certificates of students on the grounds that the government had not released the fee reimbursement amount. Addressing a public meeting after unveiling the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule at HMDA Grounds near Necklace Road here, the Chief Minister also announced a



new initiative to impart technical and vocational skills alongside academic education to students from nursery to Class 12. "We are already providing comprehensive facilities for students, including breakfast, lunch and evening snacks, starting from

the nursery level to Class 12," he said, stressing that a degree alone was no longer sufficient to secure employment in an increasingly competitive world. Students, he said, needed technical skills to meet changing employment requirements. Referring to global job opportunities, Revanth Reddy said even IT professionals were losing jobs in the United States and returning home, while nearly two lakh nursing jobs were available in Germany and Japan.

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India's Tolerance Isn't Weakness: Doval Warns, "We Can Hit Hard"

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National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval, in his first interview since Operation Sindoor, said India had decided to destroy enemy camps responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack and asserted that India's tolerance should not be mistaken for weakness. Speaking in Discovery's two-part docuseries Declassified: Operation Sindoor, Doval said, "We

had decided the objective of the operation as destruction of the enemy camps, particularly those who had been responsible for the Pahalgam attack." "Message to the world is very clear - India's generosity or India being tolerant should not be mistaken for its weakness. India can take risks, India can hit hard, irrespective of the consequences," he added. According to a release, the two-part series brings together India's

senior military and national security leadership, offering insights into how key moments of the operation took shape and unfolded through the accounts of those who led it. Building on Discovery's legacy of telling pivotal real-world stories, the series will premiere exclusively on Discovery and discovery+ on August 15, 2026, from 9 PM to 11 PM. Beginning in the af-

termath of the Pahalgam terror attack, Part One of the series traces how the armed forces and intelligence teams moved into action by gathering intelligence, carrying out surveillance and preparing for the operation.

The series shows how teams identified targets, conducted mock drills and planned for multiple scenarios, working towards a precise operation designed to minimise civil-

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Telangana Cabinet Approves Rs.200 Cr to Turn 18,766 Hyderabad Autos Electric

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Cabinet has approved a series of significant decisions aimed at controlling pollution in Hyderabad, promoting electric mobility, expanding irrigation facilities and strengthening the state’s investment ecosystem. The decisions were taken as part of the government’s broader efforts to transform Hyderabad into a greener and more sustainable city while accelerating development across Telangana. One of the key decisions is the launch of the Telangana Auto Rickshaw Electric Conversion Scheme, with an estimated cost of Rs.200 crore. Hyderabad currently has around 18,766 petrol and diesel autorickshaws, which con-



tribute to vehicular pollution in the Core Urban Region. Under the new scheme, eligible auto drivers will receive a maximum subsidy of Rs.1.50 lakh per vehicle to shift to electric mobility. The scheme provides drivers with two options. They can either install an approved electric conversion kit in their existing autorickshaw or scrap the old vehicle and purchase a new electric autorickshaw. The initiative is expected to reduce

vehicular emissions while supporting auto drivers in transitioning to cleaner and more economical transportation. The Cabinet has also decided to extend the application deadline under the HILT policy, which aims to relocate polluting industries operating within Hyderabad city limits to suitable locations on the outskirts. In response to requests from applicants, the government has extended the deadline by another three months. Applications can now be

submitted until October 31. In a major irrigation-related decision, the Cabinet approved an estimated Rs.2,100 crore for the Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodungal Lift Irrigation Phase-II project. Once implemented, the project is expected to provide irrigation water to nearly one lakh acres. It will also help meet drinking water and industrial water requirements in the region, providing a major boost to agriculture and economic activity. The Cabinet further approved the appointment of a consultant to study the proposed expansion of the Gudem Doddi Pumped Storage Project. The study will examine increasing its capacity from 1.19 TMC to 15 TMC, besides exploring the possibility of inte-

grating solar power generation with the project. Meanwhile, the government has decided to organise the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2.0 this year, tentatively on December 7, 8 and 9. Special committees will be constituted to oversee arrangements, while a sub-committee will function under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Mallu Vikramarka and Ministers D. Sridhar Babu, B. Uttam Kumar Reddy and G. Vivek Venkataswamy. Following last year’s Telangana Rising 2047 vision, the upcoming summit will focus on the theme “Invest Telangana.” The government is also expected to unveil its Future City Plan, highlighting Telangana’s investment and development priorities.

Srinivas Goud Demands Welfare Measures for Goud Community

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud, along with leaders of the Goud Association, inspected the ongoing installation works of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud’s statue at the Telangana Martyrs’ Memorial, opposite the Secretariat in Hyderabad. Srinivas Goud recalled that during the BRS government’s tenure, the birth and death anniversaries of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud were officially observed after obtaining approval from then Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He said a request was submitted to KCR in 2021 seeking installation of Papanna Goud’s statue on Tank Bund, following which a site was allotted in 2022 and ₹3 crore was sanctioned. He said that after the change of government, he met Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar and PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and urged them to



honour the earlier decision. He appreciated the government for taking steps to install the statue ahead of Papanna Goud’s birth anniversary. Srinivas Goud demanded that the ex-gratia for toddy tappers who die after falling from trees be increased to ₹10 lakh and that the necessary GO and funds be released immediately. He also demanded implementation of the promised 25% reservation for Gouds in wine shops, noting that reservations for weaker sections had already been introduced. He called for increasing pensions to ₹5,000, distributing Katamayya Mokus to toddy tappers, and ending harassment and alleged corruption by

officials. He warned that those troubling toddy tappers would be dealt with. He further demanded that Jangaon district be renamed Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud District and that the promised 42% BC reservation be implemented in education, employment, legislative bodies and government contracts. Srinivas Goud also urged the government to provide political representation to weaker sections through positions such as Corporation Chairpersons, MLCs and Rajya Sabha members. Telangana Political Front President and other leaders participated in the programme.

Freedom Built Our Nation, Vision Must Build Its Future: Siluveru Sri Hari



On the occasion of India’s 80th Independence Day, Sri Siluveru Sri Hari, Director of SLN Sri Laxmi Nivas Infra Developers and KING MAKERS Team Leader, extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana and citizens across the country. Paying rich tributes to freedom fighters and national heroes, Sri Hari said their courage, sacrifice and commitment laid the foundation for an independent India and should continue to inspire future generations. “Freedom built our nation; vision must build its future,” he said, stressing that Independence Day should be more than a ceremonial occasion and serve as a reminder of every citizen’s responsibility to protect national unity, democratic values and social harmony. Sri Hari highlighted the importance of responsible development, transparency, legal compliance and customer confidence in the real-estate and infrastructure sectors. He said ethical entrepreneurship, employment generation and responsible investment can contribute significantly to economic growth and help families build secure futures. Calling upon the youth to lead India’s next chapter, he emphasized education, innovation, technology, entrepreneurship and discipline. “Let us honour our freedom fighters through honest work, unity and service to society,” he said,

Road Dug Up, Public Left to Suffer

Months-Long Mess Under Lalapet Bridge Chokes Key Hyderabad Route

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A busy road stretch under the Lalapet Bridge has allegedly remained in a severely damaged and unsafe condition for months after road works were taken up, causing serious inconvenience to pedestrians, two-wheeler riders, motorists and commuters travelling towards Tarnaka, Moulaali and ECIL. Local residents and regular commuters say that a portion of the road was excavated for works but has not been properly restored. Broken cement-concrete blocks, construction debris, uneven surfaces and stagnant water can be seen along the stretch, considerably reducing the usable width of the road. **Months Pass, Road Still Not Restored** Residents allege that the situation has continued for months together, despite the road being used by a large number of vehicles every day. The photographs from the area show damaged portions of the roadway, heaps of broken concrete and substantial water stagnation. With very little safe space available, pedestrians are forced to negotiate the waterlogged and debris-filled stretch while vehicles pass close by. For two-wheeler riders, the



combination of potholes, loose debris, muddy water and an uneven road surface poses an additional risk, particularly during busy hours and after rainfall. **Narrow Stretch Turns Into Peak-Hour Traffic Trap** The problem becomes more severe near the U-turn and the St. Ann’s School and Junior College bus-stop area, where the available carriage-way is already narrow. Residents say traffic queues frequently build up during peak hours, affecting movement on the important ECIL–Moulaali–Tarnaka route. School and college traffic, buses, two-wheelers and other vehicles converging on the narrow stretch further worsen congestion. What should be a routine passage through a busy urban junction is becoming a daily struggle for commuters. “Road work cannot be considered complete when excavation, concrete waste and stagnant water are left be-

hind for months. Restoration and public safety must be part of the work itself.”» **Residents Seek Immediate GHMC Intervention** Citizens have appealed to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and other concerned authorities to inspect the location immediately and identify why the road has remained unrestored for such a long period. They have sought removal of all leftover cement-concrete blocks and construction debris, clearance of stagnant water, proper drainage, filling and levelling of the excavated portions, and complete restoration of the road to a safe and motorable condition. Residents also urged officials to examine traffic movement around the U-turn and bus-stop area so that the already narrow stretch does not become a prolonged bottleneck during peak hours. With thousands of commuters depending on the Tarnaka–Moulaali–ECIL corridor, residents say the issue should not be allowed to remain another unfinished civic work. The public appeal is simple: clear the debris, stop the stagnation and make the Lalapet Bridge road safe and roadworthy without further delay.

TGSPDCL Sets 10-Day Deadline to Shift Power Lines in Malkajgiri

HYDERABAD
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TGSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Jitesh V. Patil participated in Multi-Departmental Coordination convergence meeting on Friday at the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate office here. The meeting extensively discussed monsoon preparedness, inter-departmental coordination for resolving public issues, joint action during emergencies, and measures to ensure uninterrupted public services during festival seasons.

The meeting was attended by Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B. Sumathi, Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, Joint Commissioner Sanchit, IAS, DCP Traffic K. Rahul Reddy, along with officials from the Water Works Department, Traffic Police, Municipal Administration, HYDRAA, and other departments. Speaking on the occasion, Patil emphasized the need for stronger coordination among the Electricity, Municipal, and Police Departments. He stated that works such

as shifting of electric poles, transformers, and power lines within the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation limits should be taken up in a phased manner to minimize inconvenience and power interruptions to consumers. He assured that TGSPDCL is prepared to undertake such works on a priority basis in coordination with the concerned departments. The CMD directed officials to identify and shift electric poles and cables obstructing the development of 21 key traffic junctions and

the implementation of traffic management measures proposed by the Traffic Department within the next ten days. He also instructed officials to take necessary action to remove unused electric poles and other structures causing traffic obstructions on roads by August 30. The CMD further stated that TGSPDCL would work in close coordination with the Police, Municipal, HYDRAA, and other departments to ensure uninterrupted power supply during Vinayaka Chavithi and other upcoming festivals.

Rotary Club Donates ₹22,000 Mike Set to KGBV Malyala

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a gesture aimed at strengthening facilities for girl students, the Rotary Club of Bhongir donated a mike set worth ₹22,000 to the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV), Malyala, Bommal Ramaram Mandal, in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. The mike set was sponsored through the generosity of Dr. Empalla Buchi Reddy, Head of Capol Bone Setting Centre, Aushapur. The equipment was formally handed over to Special Officer Sai Lakshmi



by Dr. Empalla Buchi Reddy and Rotary Club President Sri Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Buchi Reddy said that supporting educational institutions and students was one of the many service avenues pursued through the Rotary Club. He said such initiatives are intended to

provide useful facilities to institutions and contribute positively to the student community. G. Gnana Prakash Reddy, Chairman, Kotha Social Media, Kakatiya Region; Karipe Narsing Rao, former president; Kadaru Ramesh Babu, Secretary, along with teachers and students, participated in the programme.

Freedom Must Inspire Responsibility: Usha Sree Thalka Extends 80th Independence Day Greetings



Ahead of India’s 80th Independence Day on August 15, 2026, Mrs. Usha Sree Thalka, Chairperson of Thalka Trust and Executive Committee Member of KK Apartments Welfare Association, extended heartfelt greetings to the people of Telangana and fellow Indians. Paying tribute to freedom fighters, national leaders and countless unsung heroes, she said their courage and sacrifices made India’s freedom possible. Underlining the theme, “Our Freedom. Our Pride. Our Responsibility,” she said Independence Day should inspire citizens to go beyond celebrations and recognise their duties towards the nation. She urged the younger generation to uphold unity, equality, discipline, cleanliness, social responsibility and service. She appealed to citizens to protect public property, keep surroundings clean, help those in need and actively participate in community development. Calling for unity beyond caste, religion, language and regional differences, she urged everyone to uphold India’s spirit of “Unity in Diversity” and work for peace, progress and development. “Let Freedom Inspire Us. Let Unity Strengthen Us. Let India Shine Forever,” she said, extending her Independence Day wishes to every Indian.

Sangareddy on High Alert for CM’s Independence Day Visit; Collector Holds Emergency Review

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

With hours remaining for India’s 80th Independence Day celebrations and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s visit to Sangareddy on August 15, the district administration has intensified preparations to ensure the programmes are conducted smoothly. Sangareddy District Collector Prateek Jain, IAS, held an emergency coordination meeting with officials of various line departments and reviewed arrangements for the Chief Minister’s programme and Independ-

ence Day celebrations. He directed officials to treat the visit as a major responsibility and maintain close coordination to avoid any lapses. The Collector instructed departments to make fool-proof arrangements covering security, traffic regulation, venue management, crowd control, sanitation, drinking water, medical assistance and other essential public facilities. Officials were asked to remain alert, complete assigned responsibilities on time and immediately address any issues that could affect the programme.



Special focus is being placed on security and crowd management as a large number of people are expected to attend the Chief Minister’s programme. Reports indicate that the government is preparing to launch the statewide distribution of new smart ration cards

from Sangareddy during the visit. The major programme is expected to be held at Ambedkar Stadium, while arrangements are reportedly being made for a helipad at the Tara Government Degree College premises. The administration is also coordinating

arrangements for the smooth movement of the Chief Minister, public representatives, beneficiaries and visitors. The August 15 celebrations assume added significance as India observes its 80th Independence Day in 2026. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is scheduled to participate in the State-level Independence Day celebrations at Golconda Fort earlier in the day before proceeding to Sangareddy. Collector Prateek Jain emphasised continuous inter-departmental coordination and disciplined execution of responsibilities.

The Sangareddy administration is leaving no stone unturned in managing security, traffic, sanitation and public amenities. With several major events scheduled on the same day, officials have been instructed to remain at their designated duties and resolve last-minute challenges without delay. The administration’s objective is clear: coordinated efforts, meticulous planning and zero lapses to ensure a successful Independence Day and Chief Minister’s programme in Sangareddy.

Mother and Son Found Dead in Pond

A 30-year-old woman and her nine-year-old son were found dead in a pond at Piligundla Thanda in Kuravi mandal on Thursday night after they failed to return home after going out to graze cattle. They had left home in the morning but did not return by evening. When repeated calls to the woman's mobile phone went unanswered, relatives and villagers began searching the surrounding areas. During the search, the boy's slippers and clothes were found near Mogilicherla Reddy Kunta, raising fears that the two could have met with an accident. Villagers searched the pond and recovered the bodies. Some villagers suspected that the boy might have accidentally fallen into the pond and that his mother could have drowned while attempting to rescue him. Others raised doubts over the circumstances surrounding the deaths. Police reached the spot, collected details from family members and villagers and shifted the bodies for post-mortem examination. An investigation is under way to ascertain the cause of the deaths.

RCC Lining Damaged in Sitarama Project's Rajiv Link Canal

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Parts of the reinforced cement concrete (RCC) side-lining of the Sitarama Project's Enkoor/Rajiv Link Canal have reportedly suffered damage within a month of water being released into the canal in Enkoor mandal, raising concerns over the quality of the construction work. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, who inaugurated the Rajiv Link Canal a year ago, had described the project as a prestigious initiative aimed at connecting Wyrā Reservoir with the Sitarama Project's main canal and stabilising the Nagarjuna Sagar ayacut. He had also regularly reviewed the progress of the canal works. However, portions of the RCC lining along the



nine-kilometre canal between Repallewada and Imamnagar have reportedly disintegrated. The project was constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.72 crore. The damage has exposed the earthen embankment beneath the concrete lining, triggering concern among local farmers. Farmers questioned how the canal lining could deteriorate within such a short period despite the water flow reportedly being relatively low. They alleged that the incident raised serious doubts over the quality of materials and workmanship used in

the project, as well as the effectiveness of supervision by the concerned officials during construction. The damaged portions could also pose a risk to the canal's structural stability. With the RCC lining giving way, water may seep into and wash away the soil beneath the embankment, potentially widening the damaged stretches and creating a larger threat to the canal. Farmers have demanded that the Congress government immediately initiate repairs to prevent further deterioration. They also called for a comprehensive

technical inquiry into the construction quality, including examination of the materials used, workmanship and supervision. Action should be taken against those found responsible, they said. Allegations have also surfaced that the contractor involved in the canal construction is allegedly close to a district Minister and has links with a person considered close to the Chief Minister. Farmers claimed such political connections may have contributed to officials overlooking shortcomings in the work. These allegations, however, require independent verification. The reported damage comes at a politically sensitive time, as Congress leaders have frequently criticised the previous BRS government over the redesign of the Sitarama Project, delays and cost escalation.

BRS Moves Lokayukta Over Tessara Act Land Allocation

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) public representatives have approached the Telangana Lokayukta alleging irregularities in the allocation of nearly five acres of valuable public land in Raviryal Non-SEZ E-City, Maheswaram mandal, Rangareddy district, to M/s Tessara Act Advanced Systems Private Limited. The complaint was submitted by MLAs Dr. Dasoju Sravan Kumar and Mankena Kotireddy, MLAs Kaleru Venkatesh, Mutha Gopal and Dr. Sanjay Kalvakuntla, and BRS Social Media Convenor Dr. Manne Krishank. BRS alleged that the land, estimated to be worth ₹135–200 crore, was allotted for around ₹7–7.5 crore without an open tender or competitive process. The party



questioned how such valuable public land could be allotted to a company with authorised and paid-up capital of only ₹1 lakh and allegedly zero employees during FY 2024–25. The complaint also raised allegations concerning the roles of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's family members, claiming that his brother Anumula Kondal Reddy and nephew Anumula Nayan Reddy were associated with the company as Chairman and CEO. BRS further alleged discrepancies in the company's declared activities, registered office and foreign-exchange transactions.

The petition cited provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and Benami Property Transactions Act, besides Supreme Court judgments concerning public-land allocation and misuse of public resources. BRS demanded cancellation and repossession of the land, a comprehensive inquiry into Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu and TGIIC officials, examination of relevant records, investigation by the ACB, and independent action by the Governor. The party said it would intensify its legal and political campaign over the issue.

SCB Former Vice-Chairman Calls for Peaceful Bonalu Celebrations



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) vice-chairman Jampana Pratap urged residents and temple committees to ensure peaceful and smooth Bonalu celebrations across the cantonment. He inspected arrangements at the Sri Devi Dandumaramma Temple in Balam Rai on Friday and offered special prayers. Pratap interacted with temple committee members and reviewed facilities for devotees

expected to attend the Jataara. He later visited the Seethala Pochamma temples in Idgha Ambekar Nagar to assess preparations. Stressing coordination between authorities and organizers, he said devotees offering Bonam should face no inconvenience. Pratap also extended financial assistance to temple organizers to support festival arrangements. Local leaders and youth, including Dal Raju, Shankar, Srinivas, Sunny, Chinna Raju, Jagadish, Santosh and Giri, participated.

Will change Telangana politics like TN: Raj gopal attacks CM

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

In an indirect attack on incumbent Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Congress MLA Komatireddy Raj Gopal Reddy stating that he will “change” the politics in Telangana like in Tamil Nadu. He was referencing the change in government in TN, where the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) lost to the newly formed CM Vijay-led Tamil Vetri Kazhagam (TVK). The Munugode MLA has on previous occasions also criticised the state government run by Chief



Minister A Revanth Reddy. Without taking Revanth Reddy's name, Raj Gopal Reddy, while speaking at a book launch in Hyderabad on August 13, said, “We will change the politics of Telangana like Tamil Nadu. You may come with bags of cash, but we will fight those who are looting thousands of crores in the

name of development. I am not afraid. I have been seeing politics closely. The time to agitate has come once again,” he stated, in a veiled warning. The Congress MLA questioned his own government why beneficiaries are denied benefits. He censured the state, claiming that a poor beneficiary is being denied housing assistance because an old auto or tractor remains registered in their name even if it is no longer in use. Raj Gopal Reddy criticised the Congress gov-

ernment in Telangana for imposing “hundreds of conditions” on poor families to receive Rs 5 lakh as housing assistance that has been promised under the Indramma Housing scheme. He further alleged that those at the top are “looting” thousands of crores. Prior to this, the MLA had attacked Revanth over continuing as CM after the next elections. “Is this Revanth Reddy Congress or Rahul Gandhi Congress? This is a humiliation to the Congress high command and the entire Congress leadership.

Freedom Gave Us a Nation—Responsibility Must Build Its Future: Hari Rapuri

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Buildings Specialist Contractor Hari Rapuri, B.E. (Civil), extended heartfelt greetings on India's 80th Independence Day, paying tribute to the freedom fighters whose sacrifices secured the nation's freedom. He said Independence Day must inspire citizens to uphold unity, integrity, constitutional values and honest service. “Freedom was won through sacrifice; its future must be secured through unity, responsibility and honest service,” he said. Emphasising infrastructure's role in national development, Rapuri stressed quality, safety, transparency and accountability in every



construction project. He urged engineers, contractors and workers to build infrastructure that strengthens communities and serves future generations. Calling on youth to use education, technology and skills for national progress, he appealed to citizens to rise above differences and work together for a peaceful, prosperous, inclusive and self-reliant India.

From Dahiguda to Rajarshi Shahguda: A Collector Wins Tribal Hearts

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Poverty and lack of proper housing had long troubled the residents of the remote Kolam tribal hamlet of Dahiguda. However, the district Collector Rajarshi Shah brought a new ray of hope into their lives by taking special initiative to provide house-site pattas and sanction Indiramma Houses to poor tribal families, helping them realise their dream of owning a home. Moved by his efforts and the positive changes brought to their



lives, the tribal residents expressed their gratitude by renaming Dahiguda as ‘Rajarshi Shahguda’, reflecting their affection and appreciation for the Collector. The District Collector visited Dahiguda (Rajarshi Shahguda) under Pippaldhari Gram Panchayat and personally inaugu-

rated the house-warming ceremonies of three newly completed Indiramma Houses. Earlier, house-site pattas and Indiramma Houses had been sanctioned to 17 poor tribal families. The villagers expressed happiness that, with the Collector's special initiative, basic infrastructure and housing works had gained momentum in the hamlet. During the Gram Sabha organised on the occasion, the Collector interacted with the tribal residents and enquired about their problems and requirements. He assured them

that further measures would be taken for the development of the hamlet and announced the sanction of 10 more Indiramma Houses in the Pippaldhari Gram Panchayat area. To strengthen the economic condition of tribal families, the Collector announced the provision of goat and dairy buffalo units. He also assured free tailoring machine training for women and employment opportunities in Adilabad for local youth who have completed their degree education.

Two More Doctors Suspended at Jogipet Hospital in Sangareddy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Two more doctors have been suspended from the 100-bed Jogipet Area Hospital in Sangareddy district for allegedly allowing private doctors to perform their duties in their place. Recently, Dr Ramesh was suspended after officials found that he had allegedly allowed a private doctor to perform duties on his behalf. According to reports, Dr Shiva Shankar Reddy and Dr Tulja Bhavani have been suspended after offi-

cials reportedly found private doctors performing duties in their place. Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha expressed deep anguish over the alleged negligence by hospital officials. The Jogipet Police have registered an FIR in connection with the matter, and further investigation is underway. The police said that private doctors allegedly found working in the government hospital in place of the designated doctors would face criminal cases.

Notices to Babai Hotel, Ideal Kitchen for Dirty Kitchens, Artificial Colours

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Semi-prepared foods such as poori and poornam were not labeled at Babai Hotel in Madinaguda. Food waste was not cleared from drains and exhaust was greasy and required cleaning. Broken flooring observed at some places in the kitchen. Medical records of food handlers and food testing records were unavailable and uneven flooring causing water stagnation and odour in the dishwashing area. These violations

were noticed during an inspection carried out by the food safety team of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation. In another inspection at Ideal Kitchen in Beeramguda, the food safety team officials found that the kitchen was small, congested and not properly cleaned. Semi-prepared batters and chutneys were stored close to a broomstick. Medical, pest control, water and food testing, and packaging records were unavailable. Artificial food colours were in use and discarded.

HYDRAA, Serilingampally Officials Inspect Waterlogging Hotspots for Permanent Solutions

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Srirangam Venkatesh

HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, IPS, and Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayana Amit, IAS, conducted a joint field inspection on Thursday to address recurring waterlogging problems in the city. The officials inspected major waterlogging points around Molkam Cheruvu, the Election Commission office and the University of Hyderabad (HCU) area in Serilingampally Zone. They reviewed the existing stormwater drains and drainage systems and discussed measures to ensure rainwater flows smoothly without stagnation.



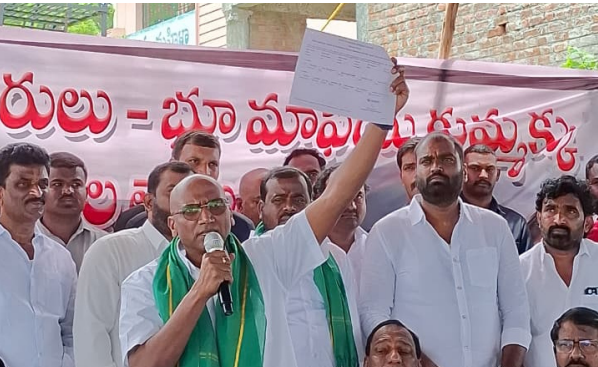
The commissioners directed HYDRAA and engineering officials to work in close coordination, particularly during the rainy season, to prevent inconvenience to motorists and residents. Officials were also instructed to implement immediate temporary measures and permanent solutions at the identified problem spots and speed up the necessary works.

RS Praveen Kumar Alleges Land Grab Attempt in Bommarasipet

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BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar has alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and senior revenue officials are attempting to facilitate the takeover of valuable farmers' lands in Bommarasipet and surrounding areas of Shamirpet mandal. Addressing a farmers' protest in Bommarasipet, attended by former minister Mallareddy and former minister Lakshma Reddy, Praveen Kumar questioned the repeated

notices being issued by revenue officials. He said the then Collector Muddada Ravichandra had officially confirmed in 2007 that the disputed lands belonged to the farmers and asked why the issue was being reopened. He alleged that around 22,000 land registrations and records were illegally altered without proper Collector-level approval, claiming that excessive powers had been concentrated in the Revenue Department. Praveen Kumar also questioned the roles of Vajresh



Yadav, Udaya Simha Reddy, Anil Reddy, Anji Reddy and AV Reddy in the Secretariat, alleging that they were being used to influence officials and threaten farmers. He claimed similar attempts

were being made to acquire valuable lands in areas including Vattinagulapally, Kokapet, Mokila and Yacharam. He further alleged that government departments were being misused to suppress

farmers' concerns and prevent the issue from receiving media attention. Recalling Revanth Reddy's earlier representation as an MP seeking protection for Bommarasipet farmers, Praveen Kumar questioned why the government was now allegedly acting against their interests. He warned that officials who follow illegal orders could face legal consequences in the future, urging authorities to protect farmers' land rights.

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.

Indians, Pakistanis See Each Other As Greatest Threat: Pew Survey

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A large section of Indians and Pakistanis view each other as their greatest threat, reflecting the deep-entrenched distrust between the two neighbours, a new survey has found. According to American think tank Pew Research, 54 per cent of surveyed adults in India described Pakistan as their greatest geopolitical threat, followed by China at 21 per cent. Similarly, 43 per cent of Pakistanis saw India as their greatest threat while 24 per cent each held the same views about Israel and China. Pakistanis clearly point to China (75 per cent) as their most important ally and, to a lesser degree, to Saudi Arabia (12 per cent). About a third of Indians say Russia is their top ally (36 per



cent), while 16 per cent name the US. Roughly a third of Indians did not answer the question. Despite the camaraderie between US President Donald Trump and Pakistan's army chief Asim Munir, only 15 per cent of Pakistanis hold a favourable opinion about the US. An overwhelming 90 per cent had a favourable view about China. Pew Research found that only 12 per cent of Pakistanis had confidence in Trump to do the right thing in world

affairs, while 83 per cent held similar views about China's President Xi Jinping. Indians held much more positive views of Russia (58 per cent favourable) and President Vladimir Putin (51 per cent confidence) than Pakistanis do -- 39 per cent and 32 per cent respectively. Just 23 per cent of Indians view China positively, while 25 per cent trust Xi Jinping's global leadership. Forty-five per cent of surveyed Indians viewed the US favourably, while 39 per cent expressed more confidence in Trump. The survey among adults in four South Asian nations -- India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka threw up varying results. An overwhelming majority of Sri Lankans (79 per cent) express a positive view of India, compared with 42 per cent of

Bangladeshis and 7 per cent of Pakistanis. Sixty-three per cent of Sri Lankans name India as their most important ally, while Bangladeshis and Pakistanis most often name India as their greatest threat. In the US, 45 per cent of Americans view India favourably, while 50 per cent view it unfavourably. As many as 50 per cent of Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents have a favourable view of India, compared with 42 per cent of Republicans and Republican leaners. Over 54 per cent of Americans surveyed say that India's global influence in recent years has stayed about the same, while 30 per cent say it is getting stronger. Another 13 per cent say India's influence has been getting weaker.

Jharkhand Students' Recruitment Exam Protest Enters 21st Day

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The students' protest against alleged irregularities in Jharkhand recruitment examinations entered its 21st day on Friday, with demonstrators planning to take out a 'Triranga Yatra' to celebrate the country's 80th Independence Day on August 15. They also criticised the Ranchi district administration for an FIR lodged over the violence during the August 10 march towards the state assembly, asserting that the 'Triranga Yatra' on Independence Day would further strengthen their movement. The protesters, under the banner of JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch, have been demanding greater transparency in recruitment examinations, cancellation of several tests and an in-



dependent probe by the CBI or a panel of retired judges from outside the state. The police continued examining video footage to identify miscreants involved in creating violence during the 'Vidhan Sabha March' by the job aspirants on Monday. The FIR was lodged against 300 unnamed people over the August 10 march towards the state assembly during which the demonstrators clashed with security personnel. The case, registered at Vidhan Sabha police station, relates to alleged violation of prohibitory orders,

damage to government property and attacks on police personnel, Ranchi SP Paras Rana said. The Ranchi administration had imposed prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS within a 750-metre radius of the assembly building ahead of the monsoon session. DSP (Hatia) Neeraj Kumar said no arrests or detentions had been made so far and the police were examining video footage to identify those involved in violence on that day. Fourteen police personnel were injured in the confrontation, following which the police used batons, water cannons and tear gas shells to disperse the protesters. JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch leader Ravindra Paswan appealed to the government not to target genuine students.

Murmu Responds to Sharif's Threat in IWT

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President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said that suspension of the Indus Water Treaty (IWT), "with the country that harbours terrorism" is a decisive step in the interest of the nation, especially the farmers. Her sharp comments came hours after Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif threatened India on suspension of IWT saying every drop of water under the treaty is a red line for Pakistan and if India does not return to path of righteousness, it will face direct response. Sharif made these comments while addressing the Independence Day gathering in Islamabad on Friday. Hours later, in her speech on the eve of India's 80th Independence Day, President Murmu subtly indicated Sharif of Pakistan's condition during the Operation Sindoor last year. Without naming Pakistan, she said, "We take pride in our tradition of overcoming the forces hostile to humanity, for uphold-

ing truth and justice. On the 26th of July, we observed Kargil Vijay Diwas. Earlier, on the 7th of May, we commemorated the completion of one year since the launch of Operation Sindoor. We remembered the unmatched valour of our Armed Forces. That historic operation against terrorism demonstrated the capability of the Indian Armed Forces to act with precision. It sent a clear and firm message to terrorists and those who support them, that no matter where they hide, they will have to face the consequences of their actions," said the President. During her speech she also solemnly remembered those lakhs of Indians who lost their lives in the violence resulting

from the India-Pakistan partition, or were forced to endure the tragedy of displacement. "Lakhs of people had to become refugees due to communal violence and endure the horrors of partition. Yet, they did not give up their identity," she said. Touching the issue of student's grievances seen during the recent protest on the leak of NEET paper, President Murmu said students are the architects of India's future and just as the government and society must ensure national security, everyone must contribute to safeguard the present and future of the students. "Public examinations become gateways to the opportunities for our students. The government is undertaking comprehensive steps to reform these examinations. The objectives of these reforms are to completely curb the use of unfair means in public examinations, make the examination system more transparent, more secure, and more trustworthy for the youth," said Ms Murmu while addressing

the issue of paper leaks. Underlining the strides taken by the country in the last decade she said India has witnessed rapid and inclusive development, given priority to harmonising heritage and development, and, removed numerous, decades-old obstacles to development. She mentioned upliftment of the deprived sections of society, women's education, lifting of more than 25 crore people out of poverty, food security, universal healthcare as some of the achievements. "Our country has seen an unprecedented expansion of modern infrastructure in the form of highways, waterways, railways and airways. This is creating opportunities for new enterprises, generating employment, and boosting investor confidence," she added. Our Constitution clearly lays down the responsibilities of the Executive, the Legislature, and the Judiciary. Giving voice to the aspirations of the people is the duty of their representatives in the legislature.

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Addressing a public meeting after unveiling the statues of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and Savitribai Phule at HMDA Grounds near Necklace Road here, the Chief Minister also announced a new initiative to impart technical and vocational skills alongside academic education to students from nursery to Class 12. "We are already providing comprehensive facilities for students, including breakfast, lunch and evening snacks, starting from the nursery level to Class 12," he said, stressing that a degree alone was no longer sufficient to secure employment in an increasingly competitive world. Students, he said, needed technical skills to meet changing employ-

ment requirements. Referring to global job opportunities, Revanth Reddy said even IT professionals were losing jobs in the United States and returning home, while nearly two lakh nursing jobs were available in Germany and Japan. Revanth Reddy said 60 per cent of candidates selected in the Group-I recruitment belonged to the Backward Classes (BCs) communities, while pointing out that competition in education had increased sharply as nearly 90 per cent of students were now securing full marks in examinations. He said the government had established the Young India Sports University (YISU) and was also providing government jobs to sportspersons who excelled in their respective disciplines.

In a broadside at the previous BRS government, the Chief Minister alleged that it had failed to provide opportunities for BC communities to pursue higher education and instead encouraged them to depend on traditional occupations such as sheep, goat and cattle rearing. "Are we still expected to stitch footwear? Are we still expected to just herd sheep and buffaloes? Shouldn't this community get educated? Shouldn't they become IAS officers? Shouldn't there be IPS officers, ministers and MLAs among you," he asked. Education alone could change the destinies of individuals and transform Telangana, he asserted, alleging that the BRS leadership wanted its own children to rule the state. Describing the unveiling of the statue of Jyotiba

Phule as a "delightful moment", the Chief Minister said the Necklace Road junction had now been transformed into a magnificent landmark, with statues of Mahatma Gandhi, Dr B.R. Ambedkar, Indira Gandhi and former prime minister P.V. Narasimha Rao adorning the area.

India's Tolerance.....

The series shows how teams identified targets, conducted mock drills and planned for multiple scenarios, working towards a precise operation designed to minimise civilian and military casualties, a release said. Part Two moves from planning to execution and takes viewers inside the operation as it unfolded, drawing on first-hand accounts from

those involved. It captures the moments before the strikes, coordination across the Army, Navy and Air Force, and decisions taken in real time, eventually leading to confirmation that the mission had been completed. The docuseries also provides insight into the military thinking that followed once the objective had been set, including target assessment, decisions taken as the situation developed and the responsibility placed on those carrying out the mission, a release further said. General Anil Chauhan (Retd.), former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), said that the Pahalgam attack had deeply affected the country and that India had decided not to bow down to such threats. "Like, I think, all citizens of the country,

we were actually hit by the brutality of this attack. I think it was most barbaric. It was decided that India would not bow down to such kinds of threats. At a strategic level, I think that knowing when to stop a conflict is equally important. It is easy to start a war; it is very difficult to stop it," he said. Speaking about the participation of women officers in the Army's press briefing, Chauhan said their presence conveyed two important messages. "From the armed forces, we were represented by two women officers, and it conveyed two important messages: that the women of India will not be deterred by these cowardly attacks, and that the social and emotional fabric of India will remain unaffected even by such kinds of challenges," he said.

CRIME

SC Quashes Criminal Proceedings Against Samay Raina, Four Others

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The Supreme Court on Friday quashed the criminal proceedings against comedian Samay Raina and four others over remarks concerning persons with disabilities, while appreciating their efforts to promote awareness, dignity and support for the disabled community. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymaya Bagchi and V. Mohana quashed the FIRs and related proceedings against Raina, Vipul Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai, Sonali Thakkar and Nishant Jagdish Tanwar. The case was linked to remarks made by the five influencers, including Raina, host of “India’s Got Latent”. The proceedings were challenged in connection with concerns raised by M/s SMA Cure



Foundation, which works for people affected by Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), a rare genetic disease. The court noted the positive steps taken by the influencers following its earlier intervention. They had engaged with the foundation, participated in awareness initiatives and supported efforts to raise funds for people suffering from rare diseases. The bench particularly appreciated their role in organising a chess tournament in March for persons with disabilities and their efforts to highlight organisations working for the disabled community. The court observed that gen-

uine efforts could produce positive results and described the influencers as “very bright youngsters” who could contribute constructively if they continued working in the right direction. Senior advocate Aparajita Singh, representing the SMA Cure Foundation, told the court that the influencers had made genuine efforts to engage with the foundation after the Supreme Court took a strong stand in the matter. The bench subsequently said the proceedings concerning the five influencers stood closed. The Supreme Court, however, indicated that it would continue examining the larger issue of protecting the dignity of persons with disabilities and may issue comprehensive directions in this regard. Chief Justice Surya Kant also referred to an interaction he and

other judges had with a delegation of persons with disabilities on Thursday. The delegation included Paralympian Nidhi Mishra, Ankur Dhama, Major D.P. Singh and Chhonzin Angmo, among others. The CJI described the interaction as a learning and eye-opening experience and said the delegation had been requested to submit suggestions. The court further noted that the influencers were willing to invite people affected by SMA to their shows and that additional fundraising programmes were planned. In November last year, Raina and the others had volunteered to organise at least two events every month, either online or in person, to raise funds for a proposed corpus aimed at supporting people living with SMA.

Man Threatens To Throw Acid, Kill Woman After Engagement Called Off

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A 33-year-old official with a private company has lodged a complaint alleging that a man threatened throw acid on her face and kill her after their engagement was called off, besides subjecting her to harassment, intimidation and defamation. According to her complaint, they got engaged on April 5, but the marriage was called off on April 25 following alleged demands for money, abusive behaviour, suspicious conduct

and threats. She alleged that she earlier lent him around ‘15 lakh for breast-cancer drug research, which he failed to repay. She claimed that he subsequently harassed her and her family when she demanded the money back. She stated that he threatened her and her parents, made abusive and defamatory statements, sent false allegations to relatives and her workplace and placed unwanted delivery orders at her residence. She also alleged that he threatened to kill

her or throw acid on her face. The woman earlier lodged complaints at Vanasthalipuram police station, following which FIRs were registered on May 26 and June 24. She said CCTV footage and other evidence supported her allegations. Vanasthalipuram police added that the cases were stalking and threatening and he was also sent to judicial remand. Later, she learnt that on August 4, she learnt that a false complaint was lodged against her using an email ID that did not belong to her.

Two Drown In Vialal Lake In Sangareddy Dist.

Two persons of a family who were taking a bath after attending their relative’s funeral drowned in Vialal lake Jinnaram Mandal of Sangareddy district on Wednesday. Police said one of the victims, M. Ganesh, did not know how to swim, and panicked when he lost his footing. He slid into a section of the lake that is 12-feet deep. His uncle G. Muniraju, who noticed Ganesh struggling, tried to save him but also drowned, police said. The victims’ family members who were nearby arranged for life-savers to rescue them. However, they only managed to retrieve the bodies late in the night. The victim were residents of Jinnaram, Sangareddy. Police registered a case of death under suspicious circumstances and shifted the bodies to government hospital.

180-Day Traffic Restrictions on Miyapur–Alwin X Road Route from Today

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Cyberabad Traffic Police have announced traffic restrictions on the NH-65 stretch between Miyapur X Road and Alwin X Road for 180 days from August 14, 2026, due to major road infrastructure works. The works include a six-lane, two-way flyover between Miyapur X Road and Alwin X Road, a three-lane one-way underpass between Alwin X Road and Hafeezpet, and a three-lane road connecting Bachupally and Miyapur X Road. Traffic police warned

that the construction may cause congestion and delays, particularly during peak hours. Commuters have been advised to plan their journeys in advance and use alternative routes wherever possible. The Cyberabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) appealed to motorists to cooperate with traffic personnel and follow diversion and safety instructions during the construction period.

Miyapur Police Conduct Cybercrime Awareness Programme at D-Mart

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Miyapur Police conducted a cybercrime awareness programme at D-Mart, Miyapur, as part of the “Suraksha Ka Tiranga” campaign, with around 80 employees participating. Police explained various cyber threats, including UPI and QR-code frauds, phishing links, APK/KYC scams, investment and job frauds, digital arrest scams, fake customer-care calls, social media frauds, cyber-

bullying, sextortion and identity theft. Participants were advised not to share OTPs, passwords, banking or personal information with strangers and to avoid suspicious links, applications and messages. Police urged victims of financial cyber fraud to immediately report the incident through the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 and contact 112 during emergencies.

Ganja Gang Attacks Police During Raid in Fathenagar

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Alleged ganja suppliers attacked police personnel and attempted to escape during a raid in Fathenagar and Balanagar, police said on Thursday. Members of the Cyberabad EAGLE Force and Hyderabad Narcotics Bureau were conducting the operation based on information about a gang allegedly involved in supplying bulk quantities of ganja brought from Odisha for sale in Hyderabad. According to police, the

accused allegedly stabbed members of the raiding team and set a dog on the officials. Despite the resistance, police overpowered and apprehended four accused identified as Durga Prasad, Ravi, Kamalakhar and Kiran. During the operation, officials seized 17.8 grams of ganja and identified 29 alleged consumers. Police also arrested Kaliwala Ajay, a fruit vendor from Fathenagar, on suspicion of peddling the drug. His 78-year-old grandmother, Chandamma, who was also suspected of involvement, reportedly escaped.

EAGLE Force Director Sandeep Shandilya said police intercepted 31 people who had arrived from different parts of Hyderabad to purchase ganja from the suspected gang. The individuals were subjected to drug screening, and 29 reportedly tested positive for consumption. Three were also found carrying small packets of ganja. Police suspect Chandamma of selling five-gram packets of ganja for ₹500 each outside her residence. Officials said several of the consumers,

most of whom were around 25 years old, admitted during questioning that they had been addicted to ganja for more than two years. Investigators said the questioning also revealed that Fathenagar, Nanak-ranguda and Dhoolpet were among the major alleged supply points for marijuana in the city. Police said further investigation is underway to identify the wider supply network and those involved in transporting ganja into Hyderabad.

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 policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



HCLTech, NetApp Expand Hybrid Cloud Pact to Speed Enterprise AI Adoption

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HCLTech, a leading global technology company, has expanded its collaboration with NetApp, the Intelligent Data Infrastructure Company, to offer hybrid cloud storage-as-a-service (STaaS) to enable enterprises scale AI and data-driven workloads. The solution provides a flexible, consumption-based model that supports AI and GenAI applications alongside traditional enterprise systems. This solution integrates HCLTech’s Utility for Everything (U4X) digital infrastructure framework with NetApp Keystone, the pay-as-you-go storage service, enabling organizations to align infrastructure with evolving workload requirements. It enables enterprises to scale storage,



performance and data services on demand while supporting AI development, deployment and operations via HCLTech’s AI Factory suite of offerings. By combining HCLTech’s consumption-led operating model with NetApp’s data manage-

ment capabilities, the offering helps accelerate the transition from AI pilots to enterprise-scale adoption. It strengthens data readiness and governance while enabling organizations to run workloads closer to where data resides, improving efficiency and time-to-value.

This offering builds on proven deployments across industries, where organizations have modernized data infrastructure and adopted more flexible operating models using HCLTech and NetApp capabilities. These implementations have improved agility, scalability and compliance, forming the foundation for this integrated STaaS offering. For example, a global food and beverage company enhanced operational flexibility and reduced upfront investments by adopting a consumption-based model, while a European telecommunications provider improved scalability and resilience across distributed environments while meeting stringent regulatory requirements. "We believe strong partnerships are built by co-creating technology

offerings, business models, solutions and services that deliver meaningful customer value. This collaboration gives customers access to NetApp’s intelligent data infrastructure through a flexible, accessible business model, backed by HCLTech’s hands-on expertise," said Alvaro Celis, Chief Partner and Ecosystem Officer at NetApp. "Our collaboration with NetApp reflects our focus on helping enterprises scale AI in a pragmatic and efficient way," said Rampal Singh, Senior Vice President, Hybrid Cloud Business Unit at HCLTech. "By combining flexible infrastructure models with strong data management capabilities, we are enabling clients to unlock the value of their data and accelerate their AI journeys."

Freedom Struggle Spirit Must Continue: Samudrala Venugopalachari



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Former Union Minister Dr. Samudrala Venugopalachari called upon the youth to carry forward the spirit of India’s freedom struggle and contribute to the nation’s development. He was speaking at the grand opening ceremony of the Pride of India 2026 National Awards, held at the NTR Auditorium of Telugu University in Hyderabad. The event was organised by the Indo-Canada Youth Council and Pudami Sahitya Vedika under the leadership of Dr. Addanki Raja Yona and Dr. Chilumala Bal Reddy. As chief guest, Dr. Venugopalachari said countless freedom fighters had made supreme sacrifices for India’s independence. He urged young people to

draw inspiration from their courage, patriotism and dedication and work towards building a stronger nation. Special guest Dr. Kim Dang-yop, Director of South Korean footwear company Shoe All India, noted that India and South Korea celebrate their Independence Days on August 15. He stressed the importance of stronger co-operation between the two countries for economic development and extended Independence Day greetings to Indians. Daivagna Sharma appealed to people to strengthen patriotic values and contribute to national progress, while industrialist Dr. Yamineni Uppal Rao urged citizens to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and follow their ideals.

Later, the Pride of India 2026 National Awards were presented to 20 distinguished personalities from various fields across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Telangana Private Employees Association President Gandham Ramulu, BJP State Council Member Royyuru Seshasai, Human Rights Protection Council of People National Vice-President Dr. Gollamandala Danayya, All India BC Federation national presidents Dr. Satyavada Vasu and Dr. G.K. Babu, and Cultural Fine Arts Federation President G. Prabhakar Rao were among those who attended. Students of Sri Varahi Dance Academy impressed the audience with Kuchipudi performances.

Part Of Special Window NRI Dollar Inflow Can Be Deposit Switching

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RBI’s special window to attract foreign currency deposits from non-resident Indians is likely to see inflows of around \$90 billion. However, a certain portion of this money could be coming through deposit switching. While the inflows have not made much impact on rupee or external position, the increased dollar reserves will remain as a buffer through geopolitical uncer-

tainties. The response to the RBI’s special window has been significantly stronger than initially anticipated, with inflows potentially crossing \$70-80 billion and moving closer to the \$100-billion mark, finds Anindya Banerjee, Head of Commodities and Currencies at Kotak Securities. An unofficial estimate suggests that close to \$50 billion had already come in, with the final inflow potentially reaching \$80-90 billion by the end of the win-

dow. However, not all of the money may represent fresh foreign currency. Banerjee expects some switching from existing NRI deposit schemes, although he believes a sizeable portion would be incremental flows. The RBI has not yet disclosed how much of the inflow represents fresh deposits. The sharp increase in the attractiveness of FCNR(B) deposits is one of the key reasons for the strong response. Earlier, the inter-



est-rate differential between rupee and dollar deposits was less attractive because banks had to bear the cost of hedging their foreign-currency exposure. The new arrangement has made dollar deposit rates almost comparable with rupee fixed-deposit rates.

The RBI’s concessions have effectively allowed banks to offer these higher rates without taking on the same exchange-rate risk. Banerjee said some banks are offering rates of around 7%, while structured products and leverage have further enhanced the potential returns for depositors. The inflows are expected to have their most direct impact on India’s foreign exchange reserves. Since the RBI is mopping up the flows, the additional

dollars provide the central bank with greater ammunition to intervene in the currency market. This could substantially strengthen the reserve buffer, even if the direct impact on the current account remains limited. The impact on the rupee, however, has been limited. The currency has remained broadly stable, moving from around 94 to about 95.30 against the dollar. Banerjee said the FCNR(B) flows do not directly enter the market because they first

go to the RBI. The central bank can then decide when to intervene. The RBI may also prefer a stable rupee over a sharply stronger currency. With global trade tensions continuing, an excessively strong rupee could hurt Indian exporters. With inflation currently not a major constraint, the central bank has greater room to prioritise currency stability. While the deposits will eventually create interest-payment outflows

over the next three to five years, Banerjee said it would be premature to assume that the current global currency cycle will persist. A change in the dollar cycle could significantly alter the eventual impact. For now, the special window provides the RBI with an additional pool of dollars and greater room to manage external shocks. "Always take insurance when the insurance is available," he said.

Indian Electronics Firm Eureka Probes Child Labour Findings at Supplier

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Indian electronics company Eureka Forbes said it has launched an internal investigation into its supply chain after authorities uncovered child labour at one of its suppliers in New Delhi. The National Human Rights Commission this week asked Eureka, as well as electrical equipment maker Havells and Unilever's India unit, to make checks after four children were rescued from a small-scale Indian vendor. Delhi authorities on Monday rescued the children from a little-known electrical wiring and component company called YY Harness. The company, which had identified the big companies among its clients, did not respond to a Reuters request for comment. Eureka Forbes - one of the nation's most popular makers of water purifiers - said it had initiated an investigation. "We take these allegations extremely seriously...we have initiated an immediate review and audit of the practices," Eureka Forbes Chief Financial Officer Gaurav Khandelwal said

in a statement to Reuters. Hindustan Unilever denied the vendor was a business partner. Havells did not respond to Reuters queries. The Human Rights Commission is the country's top body tasked with protection of human rights and its orders are binding on government authorities. Priyank Kanoongo, a senior member of the commission, told Reuters the companies in question must urgently carry out a check of their supply chains. "Companies making profits from child labour is equal to blood-money," Kanoongo said. The four rescued children from YY Harness were aged between 14 and 16, according to case documents seen by Reuters. They told authorities they worked for six days a week at the unit and were paid between \$105 and \$125 per month. Police are investigating the incident. The commission has previously intervened over tech giant Amazon's labour practices at a warehouse in New Delhi. Amazon had said the safety and wellbeing of its associates and employees is its top priority.

Mahindra Launches BLAZO i-TRK to Drive Profitable Trucking

BLAZO i-TRK by Mahindra: Setting New Standards for Profitable & Intelligent Trucking in India

NEW DELHI
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Mahindra Truck and Bus, part of the Mahindra Group, has launched the all-new BLAZO i-TRK, a next-generation heavy commercial vehicle designed around the promise of "Profit Ka Rocket." The truck combines fuel efficiency, intelligent technology, strong performance and service assurance to help transporters increase earnings while reducing operating costs. Mahindra says the BLAZO i-TRK can deliver up to 10% better fuel efficiency, with cumulative savings potentially translating into additional profits of up to ₹15 lakh per truck over five years. Its AI-powered iFuelSmart automatic drive mode continuously analyses road gradients, payload and driving conditions to select an appropriate driving mode for improved fuel economy. TurboMAXX and Opti-Fuel technologies further support efficient engine performance.



The entire range is powered by Mahindra’s 7.2-litre, 320 HP mPOWER engine, which produces 1,100 Nm of torque. The broad torque band is designed to provide strong pulling power, smoother driving and fewer gear changes across different road and load conditions. Driver comfort is enhanced through a suspended seat, cruise control and a spacious AC cabin with a Bluetooth-enabled entertainment system. A key highlight is Mahindra’s industry-first 48-hour Uptime Guarantee.

Under the programme, eligible customers can receive ₹10,000 per day if the vehicle is not restored within the committed 48-hour period. The company is also offering parts supply assurance covering 250 critical parts, supported by its service network and Mahindra Quick Service Points. The BLAZO i-TRK also features iMAXX 2.0, a connected fleet-management platform offering vehicle diagnostics, driver-performance monitoring, service management and operational insights. Features include

remote AC management, remote vehicle crank inhibit, air-filter and DPF alerts, distance-to-empty monitoring and driver analytics. Mahindra’s NOW 24x7 mobile app further enables fleet owners to raise service requests, book appointments, track breakdown assistance, order spare parts and access vehicle service history. With its focus on helping customers "Earn More, Run More and Control More," the BLAZO i-TRK aims to set a new benchmark in intelligent and profitable trucking in India.

Homegrown Companies Lead Tamil Nadu’s Investment Charge

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Homegrown Tamil Nadu companies emerged as major investors at the Vetri Tamil Nadu Investment Conclave 2026 on Thursday, reaffirming their confidence in the state’s industrial ecosystem. Of the 97 MoUs signed at the conclave, several involved companies that were founded or have deep operational roots in Tamil Nadu and are now expanding their presence within the state. Titan Company announced an investment of Rs. 1,000 crore in Hosur to expand its facilities for premium watches, jewellery and automation equipment supporting its electronics business. The project is expected to create around 1,200 jobs, strengthening Hosur’s position as a key manufacturing hub. Coimbatore-based ELGi Equipments, one of the world’s leading air compressor manufacturers, committed Rs. 325 crore to expand its

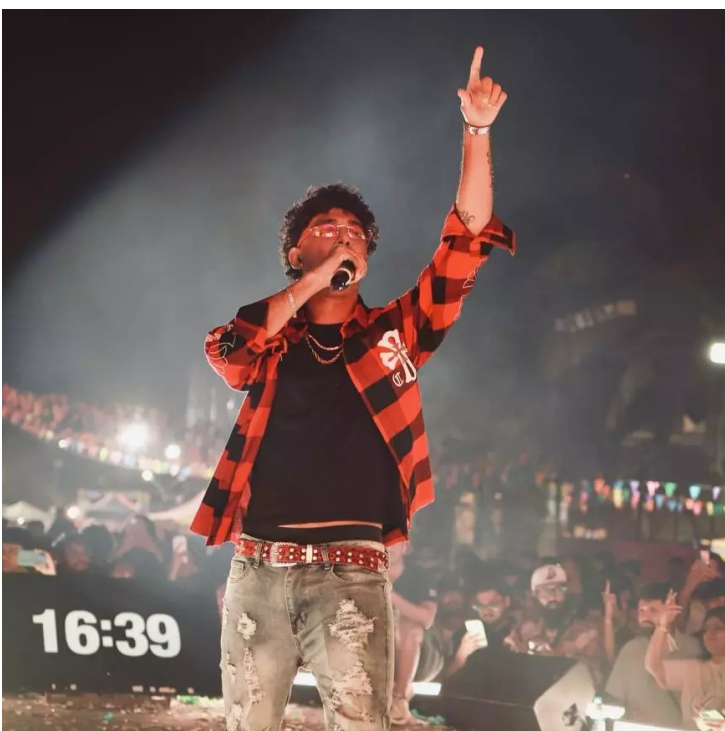
existing operations in its home city. The investment is expected to enhance manufacturing capacity and support the company’s continued growth from Tamil Nadu. Automotive and electric vehicle components major Lucas TVS announced one of the largest commitments among the homegrown firms, with an investment of Rs. 2,500 crore spread across multiple facilities in the state. The expansion is expected to further strengthen Tamil Nadu’s automotive and EV manufacturing ecosystem. Chennai-founded chip design company Aheesa Digital Innovations also featured among the homegrown companies participating in the investment drive. The fresh commitments underline how companies originating in Tamil Nadu are continuing to reinvest in the state, supporting industrial expansion, employment generation and technological development.

The More Rooted an Artist is, The More Original The Sound Becomes

For Pune-bred rapper Yung DSA, music is deeply connected to his personal experiences, emotions and changing relationships. His latest single, 'Fachadi', emerged from a period when keeping his thoughts and emotions to himself became increasingly difficult. Instead of waiting for the perfect commercial opportunity, the rapper chose to release the track when he felt ready to express what was on his mind.

Yung DSA says the song was born from a need to confront the "grey areas" of life that he could no longer keep inside. For him, music remains the most natural way to communicate his feelings. While commercial considerations may sometimes influence an artist's release plans, he believes his music should first reflect where he is emotionally at a particular moment.

The track follows 'Yeda Yung', the song that brought him widespread attention and turned him into an overnight internet sensation. However, Yung DSA does not view that viral success as the sole defining point of his career. He credits the journey before it, along with the support of listeners who connected with the honesty in his music, for shaping his identity as an artist.



According to him, the success of 'Yeda Yung' also changed his relationship with his audience. Having already established a connection with his fans, he now feels they understand his sound and artistic personality better. At the same time, he has no intention of repeating the formula that worked previously. His focus remains on bringing something fresh with every release.

The experiences following his breakthrough also influenced 'Fachadi'. Yung DSA says success changed not only his career but also the way he looked at people around him. The changes in relationships taught him to

be more careful about trust and emotional investment, encouraging him to redirect that energy towards his art. Themes of loyalty and betrayal therefore form an important part of the new track. Language is another defining element of his music. With Hindi and Marathi as his mother tongues, Yung DSA naturally moves between the two. Hindi helps him connect with audiences across India, while Marathi keeps his music closely tied to his roots in Maharashtra and Pune. English also becomes part of his music when he wants to communicate with a wider international audience.

He believes language carries emotional weight and allows an artist to express an idea in the most appropriate way. His approach to blending Hindi, Marathi and English reflects the way he naturally thinks and feels.

Yung DSA also sees a major future for regional voices in Indian hip-hop. As the genre continues to expand, he believes artists rooted in their culture can offer sounds and perspectives that are distinctive and difficult to replicate. He hopes more musicians will embrace their regional identities and create music that remains authentic to their origins.

For new listeners discovering him through 'Fachadi', Yung DSA wants the song to provide a glimpse into the person behind the artist. He hopes audiences recognise his versatility, Indian influences and distinctive approach to hip-hop.

Ultimately, 'Fachadi' represents more than another release following a viral hit. It captures Yung DSA at a different stage of his journey—more reflective, more cautious and determined to remain authentic. Rather than recreating the formula behind his breakthrough, he is using his growing platform to create music that genuinely reflects who he is today.

Vishwanath & Son's Review: Suriya Carries a Weak, Dated Entertainer

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After playing a demigod in Karuppu, Suriya takes a sharply different route in Vishwanath & Son's, playing a wealthy business tycoon who is determined to remain a bachelor. Unfortunately, the film's ambitious attempt to blend family drama, romance and social themes results in a contrived and largely disappointing outing.

Suriya plays a successful businessman who has little interest in marriage but shares a close bond with his mother (Radhika Sarathkumar), who constantly wishes to see him settle down and continue the family legacy. To fulfil her dream of having an heir, he opts for surrogacy. Mamitha Baiju enters the family as the surrogate mother and soon brings a fresh burst of energy into the otherwise formal household.

The story takes a predictable turn when Mamitha's character falls in love with Suriya, who firmly rejects her feelings. What follows is an attempt to present their relationship as a mature love story, but



the screenplay struggles to make the emotional equation convincing. The age difference and the way their relationship evolves often make the proceedings feel uncomfortable rather than moving.

Suriya delivers a solid performance and carries the film with his screen presence. Mamitha Baiju is the livewire of the film, bringing charm and spontaneity to her role, while Radhika Sarathkumar impresses as the affectionate mother. Raveena Tandon, however, has limited scope. The film has a few warm moments, including a touching sequence involving Suriya and his ageing driver. But such moments are too few to rescue a screenplay weighed down by clichés. Director Venky Atluri seems to

believe that making his protagonist a commitment-phobic businessman who casually dates foreign women is enough to make the character contemporary. Instead, the film feels stuck between an old-fashioned family drama and an attempt at a modern romantic narrative.

The subplot involving Suriya's father, who is revealed to have shared his life between two families, is particularly forced. The courtroom track, with Hyper Aadhi taking legal action against Suriya and surrogacy laws becoming part of the discussion, adds little value. The sequences involving a committee monitoring the child's welfare also feel unnecessarily stretched and fail to generate either humour or emotional impact.

GVR Karate Academy Promotes Patriotism Through 'Har Ghar Tiranga'



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GVR Karate Academy organized the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' programme under the leadership of its Founder and Director, Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy, promoting patriotism, national unity and civic responsibility among students and their parents.

BJP Greater Hyderabad City Vice-President Mr. Ramesh Yadav attended the programme as the chief guest. Participants proudly displayed the Tricolour and shared the

message of unity and patriotism.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramesh Yadav urged citizens to hoist the national flag at their homes and keep the spirit of patriotism alive in their hearts. He emphasized that young people should develop discipline, courage, unity and a strong sense of responsibility towards the nation.

Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy said karate is not merely a sport or a self-defence technique, but a discipline that helps youngsters develop confidence,

courage, discipline and responsibility. He said programmes such as 'Har Ghar Tiranga' help strengthen national spirit and patriotic values among the youth.

GVR Karate Academy black belt members Amrutha Reddy, Sudhakar, Venkat Reddy and Mahima, along with several students and parents, actively participated in the programme. Carrying Tricolour flags, the participants enthusiastically conveyed a strong message of patriotism, unity and respect for the nation.

Churchill Set For ISL Entry After Acquiring Jamshedpur FC's Entire Stake From Tata Steel

NEW DELHI
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Churchill Brothers are set to feature in the upcoming Indian Super League (ISL) season starting September 4 after Tata Steel on Friday sold its entire stake in Jamshedpur Football Club to the Goan side. The Goan club is expected to pay the full Rs 1.1 crore participation fee to the All India Football Federation (AIFF) by Friday's deadline set for all participating ISL 2026-27 clubs.

Jamshedpur FC had pulled out of the ISL and disbanded the first team on July 31, hours after the deadline for paying the first installment of participation fee amounting to Rs 55 lakh. The AIFF had said that all the 13 other ISL clubs have paid their participation fees. On Friday, Tata Steel transferred Jamshedpur FC's Indian Super League sporting licence. The transfer of ownership for a nominal amount of Rs 100 includes the transfer of Jamshedpur FC's 12 players and two coaches to the Goan club.

Churchill will take over the contracts of all Jamshedpur FC players and



coaching staff with effect from September 1. The transfer of ownership is expected to be completed by August 31. "Tata Steel has agreed to transfer its equity shares in 'Jamshedpur Football & Sporting Private Limited' (JFSPL) to Churchill Brothers Football Club for a token consideration," Tata Steel said in a release. Jamshedpur FC and Sporting Private Limited (JFSPL) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tata Steel.

"This transfer, made in accordance with All India Football Federation (AIFF) regulations, includes the transfer of the Club's Indian Super League (ISL) sporting licence, and the transfer of 12 players & 2 coaches. "Churchill Brothers will take over the contracts of all JFC players and coaching staff with effect from

September 2026, offering them the opportunity to continue their professional football careers in the ISL."

The completion of the transaction is subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions precedent, including receipt of necessary approvals from the All-India Football Federation and completion of other customary actions and activities as agreed between Tata Steel and Churchill. Churchill had won the I-League title, the second tier competition of domestic football structure before it was rechristened Indian Football League from this season, in 2008-09 and 2012-13. Earlier this year, the AIFF had relegated Churchill to I-League 2 after pulling out of the 2025-26 I-League. The Goan side were initially declared the

provisional champions of I-League 2024-25 by the AIFF, but the decision was later overturned by the Switzerland-based Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) which declared Inter Kashi the champions, allowing the Varanasi-based side promotion to the ISL. Tata Steel said it remains firmly committed to its long legacy of developing sports at a grassroots level, expanding access, and strengthening India's sporting ecosystem. "The Tata Football Academy (TFA) was established in 1987 at Jamshedpur and has trained over 300 cadets, 150 of whom have represented the Indian National team. "The majority of the Jharkhand boys U-14 and U-16 teams have come through Tata Steel Foundation football training centres, which work with tribal communities," the company said. D B Sundara Ramam, Vice President Corporate Services at Tata Steel, said, "Tata Steel will continue to focus on football at the grassroots and youth level, given our legacy of identifying and nurturing young talent, especially among local and tribal communities. "This in-

cludes the Tata Football Academy, which has trained 150 cadets who have represented India and 26 captains of national teams across various age groups. "We will continue to maintain and enhance our sporting infrastructure - repurposing it for grassroots football and athlete development. We will be modernising our youth system, investing in and further building its capability in collaboration with the AIFF." Addressing a press conference, Ramam said Jamshedpur FC may continue to participate in local tournaments, and his company will honour the contract of any player if he prefers to stay back. He said Tata Steel is planning to start a girls football academy on the lines of the already existing Tata Football Academy (TFA). Asked if the JRD Tata Sports complex will continue to be a venue for ISL, Ramam said, "We will certainly welcome if any ISL match is played at this venue as Tata Steel will continue to maintain the infrastructure." The sale agreement also furnished the turnover of Jamshedpur FC and Sporting Private Limited.

illuminated views on independence day



Telangana Assembly, Telangana Secretariat and the historic Charminar illuminated in the colours of the Tricolour ahead of Independence Day, reflecting the spirit of patriotism across Hyderabad.

Grand Milad Procession from Makkah Masjid on Aug 26

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The Central Milad Procession will be taken out from the historic Makkah Masjid after Zuhr prayers on Wednesday, August 26, corresponding to 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal 1448 AH, the Central Milad Procession Committee Hyderabad announced on Friday. Thousands of devotees are expected to participate in the procession, reciting Naat-e-Pak and Durood Sharif and raising Takbeer slogans. Moulana Syed Mahmood Badshah Qadri Zareen Kullah will offer prayers and flag off the procession, while Charminar MLA Mir Zulfiqar Ali will attend as chief guest. Islamic scholars will also be present. Speaking at a press conference at Gulshan-e-



Madina, Committee President Maulana Syed Shaikhhan Qadri Shuttari Kamil Pasha and Convener Maulana Hafiz Mohammed Muzaffar Hussain Khan Bandana-wazi appealed to participants to maintain discipline, dignity and respect throughout the event. They urged devotees to join after performing ablution and refrain from superstitious practices and indecent behaviour. The organisers said efforts would be made to discourage youth from dancing on roads and engaging in inappropriate

acts on vehicles. Organisations and religious institutions participating in the procession will first bring their respective processions to Makkah Masjid, from where the main procession will commence after Zuhr prayers. The organisers said the event, conducted in a disciplined manner for nearly two decades, aims to spread the Prophet's message of peace, love and harmony while promoting awareness of Islamic teachings among people of all communities.

Traffic restrictions in place for Independence Day

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Traffic restrictions and diversions will be in place from 6 AM to 12 PM on Saturday, August 15, owing to the Independence Day flag-hoisting ceremony at Golconda Fort. The road leading from Ramadevguda towards Golconda Fort will be completely closed for general vehicular movement during this period. Invitees with 'A' (Gold), 'A' (Cream), and 'B' (Blue) car passes will have to reach the fort via

the Ramadevguda route between 6 am and 11 am. 'A' (Gold), 'A' (Cream) and 'B' (Blue) pass holders coming from Secunderabad, Banjara Hills, Masab Tank, Mehdiapatnam should take a right turn at Rethibauli, Nanal Nagar Junction, Balika Bhavan, Langar House Flyover, Tipu Khan Bridge, Ramadevguda Junction and reach Golconda Fort Gate via Makkai Darwaza. 'A' (Gold) vehicles should be parked on Fateh Darwaza Road opposite the main gate, while 'A' (Cream) and 'B' (Blue)

vehicles can park at Golconda Bus Stop, 50 metres from the main gate. 'C' (Green) pass holders coming from Seven Tombs, Banjara Darwaza side, should take a left turn at the traffic signal and reach Owaisi Ground for parking. Those coming from Langar House Flyover side should take a right turn at Fateh Darwaza, Bada Bazaar and go through GHMC Island and park vehicles at the Owaisi / GHMC Play Ground. 'D' (Red) pass holders coming via Sheikhpeta Nala, Toli Chowki, Seven

Tombs, Banjara Darwaza can park vehicles inside the Golconda Area Hospital premises. 'E' (Black) pass holders, or the general public, can take a U-turn under the Langar House flyover and park at the Government Primary School at the Tawakkal diversion point towards Fateh Darwaza. The general public coming from Sheikhpeta, Toli Chowki can park their vehicles at Seven Tombs, Deccan Park, or the football ground near Golconda Law and Order Police Station.

Jagga Reddy Inspects Sangareddy CM Meeting Arrangements

HYDERABAD
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TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy on Friday inspected arrangements for Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's public meeting scheduled in Sangareddy on Saturday. He was accompanied by DCC President Nirmala Jagga Reddy. Jagga Reddy said elaborate arrangements were being made for an expected gathering of nearly one lakh people. He said preparations were being reviewed regularly in coordination



with TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarsimha and Vivek Venkataswamy. He said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would unveil statues of former Prime

Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajiv Gandhi at IB Chowrasta. Around 50,000 people from Sangareddy Assembly constituency alone were expected to attend the meeting. Jagga Reddy criticised the previous

government over limited ration card distribution and said the Congress government had launched smart ration cards benefiting 1.05 crore people across Telangana. He added that German sheds were being erected at the venue to protect attendees from rain and ensure their convenience. Constituency Convener Cheryala Anjaneyulu, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, Block Congress President George and other Congress leaders participated in the inspection.



The Telangana BJP on Friday held a large-scale Tiranga rally at Tank Bund as part of the nationwide Har Ghar Tiranga campaign ahead of Independence Day. The march, flagged off by state party president N. Ramchander Rao, proceeded from the Dr B.R. Ambedkar statue to the Swami Vivekananda statue, drawing thousands of party workers, students and citizens.

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Hyderabad Police nabs man transporting 400 mini gas cylinders

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The Rajendranagar Zone Task Force of Hyderabad Police has busted an illegal mini gas cylinder manufacturing and transportation racket, preventing the unauthorised distribution and possible misuse of the cylinders. On August 12, Wednesday, the team intercepted a vehicle on the Main Road, Gagan Pahad, Shamshabad, under the limits of RGIA Police Station, and apprehended Mohammad Abdul Hannan, who was transporting 400 mini gas cylinders from Rajapur to Hyderabad. On enquiry, Hannan said that he was transporting the cylinders on the instructions of one Mohammad Bholesha. The Task Force team then apprehended Bhole-

sha, who disclosed that Mohammad Shakeel, a resident of Troop Bazar in Hyderabad, was the source of the mini cylinders. Then Shakeel was apprehended, and all three accused were handed over to the RGIA Police Station. A case has been registered. During further enquiry, Shakeel reportedly admitted that the mini gas cylinders were illegally being manufactured at a godown in Rajapur village and transported to Hyderabad without the required documents and permissions. The Task Force raided the said manufacturing premises in Rajapur village, where they caught Md. Dilshad. The team seized 350 mini gas cylinders and seven manufacturing machines.

Case against HYC's Salman Khan over Raja Singh

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Youth Courage (HYC) founder Salman Khan was booked by Mehdiapatnam Police on Friday, August 14, for allegedly putting up an objectionable poster of Goshamahal MLA T Raja Singh in front of his house and asking people to sign it. The complaint was submitted by V. Laxman, a resident of Mangalhat. He said that while he was scrolling on his phone, he came across videos of Salman Khan and two others erecting a poster with a footwear print on

Raja Singh's photo. The poster allegedly read "Hyderabad Youth Courage, a Signature for our Rasool Allah, Take Two Minutes of your valuable time, Sign, Stand, Show your love, Gustakh-E-Rasool Maloon Raja Singh" (Raja Singh, the accused one who insults the Prophet). The complainant also provided Instagram and Facebook links to the videos. The platforms have since taken down the videos. The complainant alleged that Salman Khan was engaging in provocative and damaging acts of a religious nature, and dis-

playing religious hatred content for gaining benefits. A case has been registered under Sections 196 (promoting enmity between different groups on grounds of religion), 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage the religious feelings), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), and 292 (public nuisance) read with 3(5) (common intention) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Mehdiapatnam Station House Officer S Mallesh told that they are still verifying the complaint.

Telangana to make elaborate arrangements for Godavari Pushkaralu

HYDERABAD
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Telangana IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu on Friday, August 14, said the state government would make elaborate arrangements for the Godavari Pushkaralu to be held in 2027. Pushkaralu, a festival dedicated to the worship of rivers during which devotees take a holy dip, is celebrated once every 12 years. Sridhar Babu held a meeting with several ministers and officials to review arrangements for the Godavari Pushkaralu and directed officials to begin the works in the first week of September. Sridhar Babu, who heads a Cabinet sub-committee on the arrangements, asked officials to complete the tender process by the end of August. He said the state government had allocated Rs 1,000 crore for the arrangements. He instructed officials to appoint special officers to oversee arrangements at places expected to witness heavy crowds and set up command and control centres to monitor the 12-day event. He suggested that the Endowments Department set up a special dashboard to monitor the progress of works daily.