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CJP Slams PM Modi Over 'Dimagi Naxal' Remark

Cockroach Janta Party chief spokesperson Saurav Das on Saturday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his reference to "dimagi Naxals" in his Independence Day address, and said educated young people cannot be branded "Naxalis" merely for questioning the government. In his address from the Red Fort on the country's 80th Independence Day, Prime Minister Modi said while the menace of armed Naxalism was nearing its end, there were people with a "dimagi Naxal" mindset who were looking for opportunities to create violence and unrest and take the country in the wrong direction.

The prime minister said such people needed to be identified and isolated, and that the youth needed to be brought into the mainstream. "Dimagi Naxal or whatever is not going to work, prime minister. How could you loosely brand

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PM Modi's Gen Z Outreach Takes Centre Stage On I-Day



Novice Buddhist monks celebrate the 80th Independence Day at Tergar Monastery, in Bodhi Gaya, Bihar on August 15, 2026.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a slew of announcements aimed at Gen Z and Gen Alpha in his Independence Day address on Saturday, placing young Indians at the centre of the country's journey towards a "Viksit Bharat" by 2047 while highlighting the opportunities and challenges confronting them. Among the initiatives announced were free online coaching for competitive examinations, artificial intelli-

gence training for one crore youth, a nationwide sports talent hunt for children and a voluntary civil defence network. Modi also highlighted opportunities for young Indians in manufacturing, space, nuclear energy, semiconductors and emerging technologies, describing them as both the architects and beneficiaries of India's transformation. Announcing that one crore youth would be trained in AI skills within a year, Modi said the government wanted children to develop an interest in

technology from an early age and equip young Indians to lead globally in emerging technologies. The free online coaching initiative, he said, would use India's digital public infrastructure and teachers to provide competitive examination preparation nationwide, reducing the financial burden on middle-class families. He also announced a nationwide sports talent hunt for children aged five to 15, with talent to be identified in villages and schools and trained for national and international competi-

tions. Modi said another five to eight semiconductor plants were expected to come up over the next seven to eight years. India would also work towards achieving 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047, with five new nuclear reactors planned within this decade. Highlighting the expansion of India's startup ecosystem to 2.5 lakh registered entities over the past decade, he referred to the ₹1-lakh crore research and innovation fund and initiatives such as Skill India, Khelo

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We Secured Welfare, Growth: CM Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday said the fruits of the Congress government's 32 months of hard work were becoming visible across Telangana, with record job creation, a surge in investments, major infrastructure projects and an expanded welfare network driving the state's growth. He said Telangana's per capita income had reached ₹4,18,931 in 2025-26, according to the latest RBI statistics, 91 per cent higher than the national average.

Addressing the Independence Day celebrations after hoisting the National Flag at Golconda Fort, Revanth Reddy said the government had demonstrated that welfare and development could move together while creating employment in both government and private sectors. He said the government would not compromise on securing Telangana's rightful share of Krishna and Godavari waters and would complete pending irrigation



projects, including Thummadihatti and Palamuru-Rangareddy. Revanth Reddy said more than 72,000 government jobs had been filled after completing recruitment for Group-I, II, III, IV posts and via the Mega DSC, while notifications had been issued for another 456 posts through TGPSC and 7,437 posts through the Police Recruitment Board. The Young India Skills University (YISU) had trained 1,190 youth in advanced skills, with 838 securing jobs, while 40,000 youth participated in job fairs under the 99-day Praja Palana-Pragathi programme and 5,700 found employment. Sixty-five government ITIs and 57 polytechnics were being upgraded into Advanced

Technology Centres.

The Chief Minister said Telangana had attracted ₹1.29 lakh crore in investments through TG-iPASS, creating potential employment for more than 78,000 people, while MoUs worth ₹5.75 lakh crore were signed at the Telangana Rising Global Summit-2025. The state would host the global summit again this year to showcase investment opportunities. He said Telangana had emerged as a top achiever in business reforms and was targeting new opportunities in life sciences, semiconductors, electronics and advanced manufacturing through the Next-Gen Life Sciences Policy-2026. The IT sector remained a major engine of growth, with exports reaching ₹3.97 lakh crore in 2025-26 and direct employment rising to 12.14 lakh. Hyderabad now had more than 355 global capability centres, including 40 established in 2026 alone. Telangana was also emerging as a major destination for data centres, cloud computing and arti-

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NALSAR Row: BCI Chief Apologises to Students Over Enrolment Directive

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Bar Council of India (BCI) Chairman Manan Kumar Mishra on Saturday tendered a qualified apology to law students following widespread backlash over the regulatory body's directives targeting the 2026 graduating batch of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad. In an Independence Day communication addressed to students, Mishra expressed regret

"if any of my words, or letter, has hurt the feelings of our law students," while maintaining that the expression of regret was not an issue of prestige or ego, but an acknowledgment of students' concerns.

The row erupted after around 450 NALSAR students raised objections against inviting Chief Justice of India Surya Kant as the chief guest for the university's convocation ceremony. Following the protest, the BCI had is-

sued a directive instructing all State Bar Councils to withhold the enrolment of NALSAR's 2026 batch as advocates until further notice. The move drew sharp criticism from students, legal professionals, and alumni across the country. Facing mounting pressure, the apex bar body rescinded the order within hours, clarifying that all graduates of the batch would remain eligible for enrolment. Mishra later admitted that the

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5 Army Personnel Missing, 4 Dead in Arunachal Flash Floods, Landslide

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Five Army personnel went missing after a flash flood triggered by heavy rainfall washed away two shelters in Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley district, while four people died in a major landslide on a road construction site in Upper Subansiri district, officials said on Saturday. According to the State Emergency Operations Centre here, both incidents occurred on

Friday evening. The landslide occurred at the Keojaring-Byaching road cutting site in Upper Subansiri district.

While several people were buried under the debris, four people -- Tadu Baki, Taji Rai, Markosh Basumatari and Babul Ali -- were reported dead in the incident.

The body of Babul Ali has been recovered, said the district disaster management officer of Upper Subansiri. Personnel from Nacho Police Station have

been deployed for the search and recovery operation.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel are also being mobilised from Daporijo, while a team of the State Disaster Response Force will assist in the operation.

In Dibang Valley district, two shelters of the 5th Grenadier at the Pasu Pani Army Camp were washed away by a flash flood triggered by heavy rainfall on Friday evening.

Congress Govt Corruption Exposed by Raja Gopal: KTR

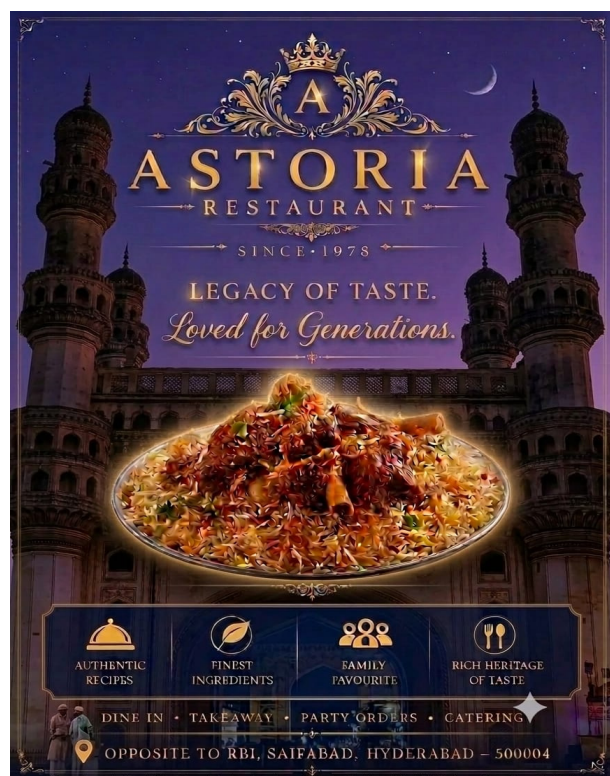
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BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao on Saturday waded into the goings-on in the Congress, declaring that he was in full agreement with Congress MLA Komatireddy Raja Gopal Reddy's views that there was widespread corruption in Telangana. Rama Rao noted Raja Gopal Reddy's comments that there are 500 or so conditions imposed on a poor person seeking Rs 5 lakh to build a house, but those in high offices were allegedly siphoning off lakhs of crores of rupees through corrupt means. Speaking with reporters at the Independence Day celebrations at Telangana Bhavan, the BRS party headquarters, Rama Rao said: "The revenue minister, the Chief Minister and senior Congress leaders are facing serious corruption allegations from their own party MLA. I hope Rahul Gandhi is listening to his own party MLAs who are openly speaking about corruption."



Rama Rao, earlier addressing a gathering of party leaders and workers after hoisting the National Flag, said: "If our country is to prosper, work must begin from our own home.

A person who was against the Telangana movement became the Chief Minister. What concern will he have for Telangana's development?" Drawing parallels between Congress and the BRS, he said there was no electricity during 60 years of Congress' rule in the state. "After KCR became the CM, he provided 24-hour electricity. People in villages and cities are all recalling KCR's governance today. The BRS will return to power. Telangana state will get back on track," he said.



PoJK Situation Vindicates J&K's 1947 Accession to India: Omar

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Saturday renewed his demand for the restoration of statehood, asserting that the constitutional powers and rights taken away from the erstwhile state must be returned. Addressing the main Independence Day function at Srinagar's Bakshi Stadium, he said federalism can be strengthened only when powers are genuinely shared and not merely re-



tained as constitutional principles on paper. He argued that J&K should become the starting point for a broader effort to reinforce federalism across the country.

Reflecting on the region's history, Abdullah said developments across the Line of Control (LoC) had reinforced his belief that

the decision taken by J&K's leaders in 1947 was the right one. He recalled how the people of the princely state resisted tribal raiders and infiltrators before the arrival of the Indian Army, describing it as a defining chapter in the region's history. He also paid tribute to Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah and other figures who played a role in defending the region during that period.

Commenting on the situation in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoJK), Abdullah de-

scribed it as "sad" and "regretful," stressing that the people living across the LoC are not strangers but part of the same historical and cultural fabric of J&K. He noted that Assembly seats in J&K designated for those areas remain vacant, expressing hope that a day would come when the people from those regions would occupy them. He also remarked that had the situation in J&K not changed in 2019, people across the LoC might have been demanding reunification.

Gandhi Hoists National Flag at Multiple Locations in Serilingampally



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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman and Serilingampally MLA Arekapudi Gandhi participated in 80th Independence Day celebrations at several locations across the constituency and hoisted the national flag. Gandhi attended programmes at the MLA Camp Office in Miyapur, Chandanagar, Nallagandla HUDA Colony, NTR Nagar in Gopanpally, Sri Ram Nagar A Block in Kondapur and Hafeezpet.

Former corporators, councillors, local leaders, party workers, women and residents participated. Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi paid tribute to freedom fighters and soldiers and extended Independence Day greetings to the people. He said every citizen

has a responsibility to protect India's unity, democracy and reputation. He highlighted India's unity in diversity and called upon citizens to work together for peace, progress and national development. He also urged people to contribute to building a developed India. Gandhi said that under the guidance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, he would continue working for the balanced development of Telangana and Serilingampally and ensure welfare and development benefits reach all sections of society. "Let patriotism be in every breath and progress towards a new India in every step," Gandhi said. The celebrations concluded with patriotic fervour, with leaders, party workers, women and residents participating in large numbers.

Revanth Full Of Lies, Will Be Made To Pay For Defamation: Harish rao

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Wakeup telangana

Former minister and BRS Assembly deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday challenged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to an open debate on the farm loan waiver, Rythu Bandhu and employment, accusing the Congress government of making misleading claims about its performance in Telangana. Speaking at a press conference in Siddipet following Revanth Reddy's Independence Day speech at an event in Sangareddy, Harish Rao alleged that the Chief Minister had used the occasion for personal political attacks instead of discussing the State's development. He said Revanth Reddy had become "the only Chief Minister to speak blatant lies on Independence Day" and warned that he would face defamation proceedings over his remarks. Harish Rao said the Chief Minister's speech was



largely political rhetoric and pointed to the Congress manifesto's 420 promises, remarking that Revanth Reddy's speech began at exactly 4.20 pm. He also disputed Revanth Reddy's claim that no new ration cards were issued during the previous BRS government. Harish Rao said the claim contradicted submissions made by the Congress government itself in the Assembly, which stated that 6,47,479 ration cards had been issued during the BRS regime. The BRS leader demanded that the government convene the Assembly and allow detailed debates on farm loan waivers, welfare schemes, ration cards and employment, instead of

making what he described as unsubstantiated claims at public meetings. On welfare measures, Harish Rao alleged that fee reimbursement dues had remained pending for around two and a half years. He further claimed that women covered under the Mahalakshmi scheme were yet to receive nearly ₹80,000 each. He alleged that Rythu Bandhu payments had declined sharply under the Congress government and claimed that, against the ₹35,000 crore allocated for the farm loan waiver, only around ₹20,000 crore had been released. Harish Rao said he was ready to resign if every eligible farmer in the Chief Minister's native village had received the promised loan waiver. He challenged Revanth Reddy to make a similar commitment if the BRS leader's claims were proved correct, intensifying the political confrontation between the two leaders.

Independence Day Celebrations Held at SR Digi School in Madhapur

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Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at SR Digi School in Madhapur. DGM Aruna Reddy, the chief guest, unfurled the national flag. Students impressed the gathering with patriotic songs, dance performances and speeches. School representatives, including Girvani Zonal In-charge, Principal Archana and AGM Gramaji, recalled the sacrifices of



freedom fighters and urged students to study with discipline and grow into responsible citizens. Students who excelled in various activities were pre-

sented with prizes. The programme concluded with the national anthem, with teachers, students and parents participating in large numbers.

Exam Pads Distributed to Madhapur ZPHS Students

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The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held at the ZPHS High School in Madhapur, Serilingampally, with the national flag being unfurled on the school premises. BJP OBC Morcha Telangana state general secretary Prabhakar Yadav, who attended as the chief guest, recalled the sacrifices of freedom fighters and urged students to study with discipline and contribute to the country's development. Exam pads were distributed to students, along with awareness on health and personal hygiene. A patriotic rally was also organised to promote national unity, patriotism and so-



cial responsibility, with students participating enthusiastically while carrying the national flag. Prabhakar Yadav said students were the foundation of the country's future and urged them to set higher goals and play an active role in nation-building. School headmaster Chandrasekhar, teachers, BJP leaders and local representatives attended the programme.

Dr Battu Sudhakar to Receive National Integration Award

Dr Battu Sudhakar, Assistant Professor in the Department of Telugu, will be among the distinguished personalities honoured with the National Integration Award-2026 at a special programme being organised by Bhavana Art Creations in Hyderabad. The cultural and social service organisation is conducting the awards ceremony as part of India's 80th Independence Day celebrations on Sunday, August 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Telangana Saraswatha Parishath Hall, Bogulakunta, Hyderabad. Recognition for Contribution to Telugu The selection of Dr Battu Sudhakar for the honour highlights his contribution to Telugu language, literature and education. As an Assistant Professor of Telugu, he has been associated with academic and literary activities aimed at promoting the language and passing its cultural richness on to younger generations. His recognition alongside eminent personalities from diverse fields underlines the vital role played by Telugu teachers and scholars in preserving linguistic heritage and strengthening cultural consciousness. The ceremony will honour achievers drawn from education, literature, fine arts, Kuchipudi, social service and other fields.

Women Drivers Highlight Empowerment at Bhongir Independence Day Celebrations

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Women trainees of the Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute's Ladies Light Motor Vehicle Owner-Driver Batch actively participated in the Prabhata Bheri held in Bhongir to mark India's 80th Independence Day. Dressed in CB RSETI uniforms and caps, the trainees joined officials and faculty members in spreading messages of patriotism, unity and women's empowerment. DRDO Project Director



Nagi Reddy, Additional Project Director Janga Reddy, DRDO APM Venkatesham, CB RSETI Director Kisan and faculty member Sunil attended the programme. Officials said driving skills can help rural women gain employment,

launch independent transport services and strengthen their families financially. The celebrations highlighted how skill development and women's economic independence can contribute to a stronger and more inclusive India.

Freedom Must Lead Us Towards a Stronger, Healthier India: Damodar Rajanarsimha

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha hoisted the National Flag at his official residence in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad, on Friday as part of the celebrations marking India's 80th Independence Day. Contemporary coverage also reported the Minister's Independence Day flag-hoisting. Extending heartfelt Independence Day greetings to the people of Telangana and citizens across the country, the Minister paid



rich tributes to the martyrs and freedom fighters who made supreme sacrifices for India's independence. Rajanarsimha said the sacrifices of the freedom struggle should continue

to inspire every citizen to contribute towards strengthening the nation and safeguarding the hard-earned freedom achieved through generations of struggle. "Let us uphold the constitutional values of freedom, equality, democracy and social justice and work together to build a strong, healthy and developed Telangana and a developed India." The Minister called upon citizens, particularly the younger generation, to remember the courage and patriotism of the freedom fighters and translate their ideals into responsible ac-

tion and service to society. He stressed that the true spirit of Independence Day lies not only in celebrating freedom but also in protecting democratic and constitutional values while ensuring that the benefits of development reach every section of society. On the historic occasion, Damodar Rajanarsimha reiterated the collective responsibility to work towards a healthier, stronger, equitable and developed nation, while preserving the unity and democratic foundations of India.

Patriotic Spirit Marks I-Day Celebrations at Monda Market

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Patriotic fervour marked the 80th Independence Day celebrations at Takara Basti in Monda Market, organised under the leadership of Edla Madhukar and his supporters. Talasani Dharmendra Yadav, brother of former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, attended as the chief guest and received a warm welcome with garlands and traditional honours. Interacting with Wake



Up Telangana News representatives, Dharmendra Yadav stressed the importance of national unity, patriotism and active community participation. Dalmova Kishore Kumar, Vikesh Ponnala and Amit were among the promi-

nent participants. Local residents, supporters and community members joined the celebrations in large numbers, making the event a vibrant tribute to the nation's freedom and democratic values.

National Pride Takes Centre Stage at PR Andole Division's 80th Independence Day Celebrations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held in a grand and patriotic manner at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Division, Andole, in Sangareddy district on Saturday. Executive Engineer Lenkepally Kurumaiah unfurled the National Flag amid an atmosphere filled with patriotic spirit. Officers and staff members participated in the celebrations and respectfully saluted the Tricolour, marking the historic national occasion with pride and unity. Following the flag hoisting, the gathering paid homage to the great freedom fighters and national leaders whose sacrifices paved the way for India's independence. Floral tributes were offered to the portraits of national leaders as part of the celebrations.



Speaking on the occasion, Executive Engineer Lenkepally Kurumaiah highlighted the significance of Independence Day and said that the sacrifices made by countless freedom fighters for the nation should continue to inspire every generation. "The Tricolour is not merely our National Flag—it represents the sacrifices of our freedom fighters, the unity of our people and our collective responsibility towards the nation."

Shilpa Colony Residents Celebrate 80th Independence Day



Residents of Shilpa Colony, Ameenpur, Miyapur, celebrated India's 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour. The national tricolour was hoisted at Shilpa Colony Park, followed by speeches by senior citizens highlighting nationalism, unity and brotherhood. Women and children presented patriotic songs, adding to the festive spirit. Residents also organised the Shilpa Tiranga Bike Rally, which witnessed enthusiastic participation from youth, women, children and colony residents, making the celebration a grand success.

80th Independence Day Celebrations Held Across Mudhole

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The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour across Mudhole constituency, including Basar, Tanur and Lokeswaram mandals. National flags were unfurled at government offices, schools, Gram Panchayats and public institutions, followed by the National Anthem. At the Mudhole Tahsildar Office, Tahsildar Sri-latha unfurled the national flag. Similar ceremonies were held at



the Mandal Parishad Office, Police Station, Co-operative Society, Gram Panchayat, MRC, Agricultural Research Centre, ICDS Office, Government Hospital

and Agriculture Department. Educational institutions also organised celebrations with enthusiasm. Headmasters, principals and directors led flag-

hoisting ceremonies at Ashram High School, Girls High School, Rabindra School, Girwani Degree College, Little Flower School, Akshara School and Sankalp Valley. At Press Club Mudhole, its president Shafi Ullah Khan Baba unfurled the national flag. Sarpanches conducted celebrations at various Gram Panchayats across the constituency. Speakers paid tributes to freedom fighters and urged citizens to contribute to the country's de-

velopment, unity and integrity. Cultural programmes by students, including patriotic songs, dances and speeches, were major attractions. Students dressed as freedom fighters and national leaders particularly impressed the gathering. MPO Shiva Kumar, Basar Sarpanch Venkatesh, MEO Meesa Ji, former MPTC members, youth leaders, teachers, students and prominent citizens participated in the celebrations.

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



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

Revanth Urged People To Compare BJP, BRS Rule With Congress Governance

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urged the people to compare for themselves the performance of the 12 years of BJP rule at the Centre and 10 years of the BRS in the state with the Congress’ governance for 32 months in the state. He challenged former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to discuss the Congress’ performance in the Assembly against what he said was the injustice under the BRS re-

gime. “The BJP and the BRS are not different, they are two sides of the same coin,” Revanth Reddy said, speaking at an event in Sangareddy after launching the first-ever smart ration cards in the state. Against the backdrop of the Congress government adding beneficiaries to the public distribution system, he said the vision of the people’s government was that not a single poor person should suffer from hunger in Indiramma Raj-



yam. “Opposition leaders are trying to find fault with the fine rice, Indiramma houses and Aarogyasri schemes but they have failed,” he said. He asked the BJP and the BRS why it did not think of providing fine rice for the poor. The Congress government

was ensuring that fine rice reached every household, resulting in a decrease in the price of fine rice in the open market. He noted that the BRS and BJP had claimed that there would be power cuts if the Congress came to power. “In these 32 months, has power gone out even for a single moment,” he asked the audience. “We are providing 24-hour free electricity to farmers in every village and financial aid under the Rythu Bharosa.” He said former CM Rao

had stated that cultivating paddy would ruin farmers, but today the Congress government was giving farmers a bonus of Rs 500 for fine paddy. “We have increased Rythu Bharosa by Rs 2,000 and are providing Rs 12,000 annually. We deposited Rs 36,000 crore into farmers’ accounts under Rythu Bharosa,” Revanth Reddy said. He said the Congress government had spent Rs 21,000 crore to waive farm loans up to Rs 2 lakh, something that he stated was unprecedented.

Ahmadiyya Community Marks I-Day with Blood Donation

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Wakeup telangana

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hyderabad Chapter, celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour by organising a flag-hoisting ceremony at Ahmadiyya Al-Hamd Mosque in Saidabad. The local police Sub-Inspector hoisted the National Flag in the presence of community members. Following the ceremony, the Ahmadiyya Muslim Youth Association, Hyderabad, organised a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Mithra Foundation. As part of the humanitarian initiative, 25 young members of the community donated blood, contributing to efforts to save lives and



serve society. The community extended Independence Day greetings to all citizens and paid tribute to freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation. It emphasised the importance of patriotism, responsible citizenship, national unity, peace and social welfare. The community recalled the teachings of its founder, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

of Qadian, on universal compassion, mutual respect and service to humanity without discrimination based on caste, colour, creed or religion. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community called upon citizens to work collectively for peace, prosperity and development, while praying for India’s continued progress and harmony. at Narsampet.



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali joined the celebrations at the Telangana High Court alongside Telangana Bar Council Member Sri Z.H. Javeed (Javid M.), and senior advocates.



Little Patriots Steal the Show at R. Itikyal Thanda Anganwa



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R. Itikyal Thanda Anganwadi School celebrated India’s 80th Independence Day with patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. Young children dressed in saffron, white and green added charm to the celebrations. The National Flag was

unfurled, followed by the National Anthem and patriotic slogans. Their performances reflected unity, national pride and love for the country. The celebrations highlighted the importance of nurturing patriotism and respect for national values among children from an early age.

Community Pride Marks Independence Day Across Cantonment Wards

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Patriotism and community spirit marked the 80th Independence Day celebrations across multiple wards of Secunderabad Cantonment on Saturday, as the National Flag was hoisted at several locations under the leadership of local leader Jampana Pratap Garu. Flag-hoisting ceremonies were organised across Cantonment Wards 1, 3 and 6, covering Netaji Nagar, Kadakpura, Peddathokatta, Chinna Thokatta and



Baujinagar. Large gatherings were also witnessed at Vanitha Colony, Sanjeevaiah Nagar, Mudfort, Ambedkar Nagar, Sikh Village and Sitarampur, with residents participating enthusiastically in the celebrations.

Members of the JP Yuva Sena played an active role in coordinating arrangements and providing ground support at various venues. Youth leaders and supporters, including Karan, Shakeeb, Mukesh, Vara-

prasad, Kranthi, Sashi, Arshad, Faisal, Chotu, Suleman, Durgaiah, Ajith and Rajesh, worked together to ensure the smooth conduct of the programmes. Addressing the gatherings, organisers highlighted the importance of national unity, brotherhood and community development. The celebrations concluded with the singing of the National Anthem and distribution of sweets, leaving residents with a strong sense of pride and patriotism.

Medical Devices Park Marks 80th Independence Day



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The Medical Device Park Industrial Welfare Association celebrated India’s 80th Independence Day with a grand flag-hoisting ceremony at Medical Devices Park, Sultanpur. Police, TGIIC and Telangana Life Sciences officials, along with Med-Tech industry representatives, participated. CEO Sarvesh Singh hoisted the

National Flag and highlighted the growing national recognition of medical devices manufactured at Sultanpur. Circle Inspector Praveen Reddy stressed safety and regulatory compliance. Association President Dr. Kuldeep Raizada appreciated government support and said the park is strengthening Telangana’s MedTech leadership and contributing to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Gachibowli Traffic CI Narsimha Raju Honored with Telangana’s Prestigious Seva Medal

HYDERABAD
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Gachibowli Traffic Chief Inspector (CI) Narsimha Raju was honoured with the prestigious Telangana State ‘Seva Medal’ for his exceptional dedication and outstanding public service during the 80th Independence Day celebrations. Cyberabad Police Commissioner Ramesh Reddy, IPS, presented the award at the Cyberabad Commissionerate. The Telangana Government recognised Raju’s distinguished contributions to



service management, crime detection and intelligence operations. Senior officers and colleagues congratulated him, appreciating his operational excellence, investigative skills, commitment to public safety and exemplary service to the police department.

London Kids School Celebrates Independence Day



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London Kids School, Sangareddy, celebrated India’s 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour on Saturday. Students impressed the gathering with patriotic songs, cultural performances and colourful presentations showcasing their love for the nation. The celebrations aimed to

instil patriotism, unity, discipline and respect for India’s cultural heritage among young children. The school management, principal and teachers were appreciated for combining education with value-based learning. The programme concluded with a strong message of nurturing responsible and patriotic citizens.

From Student to Supporter: Naresh Kolipaka Gives Back to Childhood School

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Marking India’s 80th Independence Day, Digital Leads Hub proprietor Naresh Kolipaka returned to his former school at Govindapuram village in Huzur Nagar mandal and donated books and study material worth ₹10,000 to students. Naresh, who completed Class VII at the school in 2006, said the visit was an emotional experience. He urged former students to stay connected with their schools and support children through books, educational materials and career guidance. “Celebrating freedom is important, but contributing to the future of students is also true service to the nation,” he said. He added that even a small contribution to education could inspire students and



positively influence their future. Headmaster Gotte Srinivasulu, students and others participated in the programme. Naresh said strengthening education and creating opportunities for children were among the most meaningful ways to contribute to nation-building. The initiative conveyed a simple message: the school that helped shape his future is now receiving his support to shape the future of another generation.

Aler BRS Marks 80th Independence Day with Patriotic Fervour

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Aler BRS celebrated India’s 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour at the party office under the leadership of Town BRS President Putta Mallesh Goud. Party leaders, workers and local representatives hoisted the Tricolour and paid tributes to freedom fighters. Speaking on the occasion, Mallesh Goud said Independence Day reminds citizens of the sacrifices behind freedom and urged everyone to uphold national unity, democracy and



constitutional values. Leaders stressed communal harmony, inclusive development and equal opportunities for farmers, workers, women and youth. The celebrations concluded with a pledge to protect the nation’s unity and contribute to India’s progress.

Tricolour Unites Generations at KK Apartments

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KK Apartments in Tarnaka celebrated India’s 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour, bringing residents, children, association members and support staff together under the Tricolour. Association President M. Praphul Kumar hoisted the National Flag amid patriotic enthusiasm. Committee members Surya Narayana, G. Venugopal Sharma, Krishna Sai and Usha Sree Thalka actively participated in organising the celebrations. Children enthusiastically took part



in games and competitions, with prizes distributed to winners. Security personnel, electricians, housekeeping workers, the gardener and their children also joined residents, making the programme an inclusive community celebration.

The event reflected the Har Ghar Tiranga spirit visible across Hyderabad and highlighted the values of unity, freedom, responsibility and patriotism. The association thanked all participants for making the celebrations memorable.

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.

‘Warped Mentality’ of Protecting Criminals: Rahul Slams BJP on Ankita Bhandari Case

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday slammed the BJP over the 2022 Ankita Bhandari murder case, in which a 19-year-old receptionist of an Uttarakhand resort was killed, and said the ruling party has a "warped mentality" of protecting criminals. Gandhi said he met Bhandari's family here two days ago. Four years have passed, but even today they are waiting for justice for a crime against their daughter that is unforgivable, the leader of opposition in the Lok Sabha said in a post in Hindi on X. "Ankita, just 19 years old, was a receptionist at the Vanantara Resort where she was murdered by being drowned in the Chilla canal after resisting the shameful demands of a 'VIP' guest. The post-mortem report also con-



firmed evidence of violence and drowning," Gandhi said. However, Ankita's room at the resort was demolished before any kind of investigation could take place, which is suspicious in itself, he said. "India cannot move forward until this inhuman mentality that treats women as objects for men's use is eradicated.

India will move forward only when India's women move forward with respect, safety, equality and justice," the former Congress chief said. Bhandari, a receptionist at the resort in Pauri Garhwal district, was reported missing in September 2022. Her body was later found in a canal. Investigation revealed that she was murdered for refusing her

employer's demand to provide "special" services to a VIP guest at the resort. The high-profile murder case had triggered widespread protests across Uttarakhand, leading to the arrest of three persons, including the resort owner. They were subsequently convicted of murder.

PM Must Explain Why 2023 Women’s Quota Act Isn’t Implemented: Raut

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut on Saturday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should answer why the women's reservation act passed by Parliament in 2023 has not been implemented yet. Reacting to the prime minister's Independence Day speech, Raut also said that those who are above 75 should hand over power to the youth. Speaking from the ramparts of the Red Fort, Modi called for setting aside political wrangling to ensure implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies. He also sought to reach out to the youth. Raut said the country had always moved ahead



through "Yuva Shakti" (youth power). "Those who have crossed 75 years of age must hand over power to 'Yuva Shakti.' This will be a true tribute to the country," he said. "Women's reservation has been passed in 2023. I urge the PM to implement it, and also answer why he did not implement it (so far)," Raut said. The Women's Reservation Bill was passed by Parliament in September 2023. But the subsequent 131st Constitution Amendment Bill, which proposed to increase the Lok Sabha seats to 816 to "operationalise" the

women's reservation law before the 2029 polls following a delimitation exercise, was defeated in the Lok Sabha. Meanwhile, Raut praised the 'School Thik Karo' campaign launched by Cockroach Janta Party leader Abhijeet Dipke, saying that it was a very good initiative. The children of those who control the education system study abroad, the Sena (UBT) MP said. On Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis's statement that voters gave a clear verdict over the splits in the Shiv Sena and NCP in the 2024 assembly polls, and the Supreme Court is expected to deliver its judgement on the issue on similar lines, Raut said this "threat" will be put on record.

Tricolour Reaches 92 Abujhmad Villages For First Time Since Independence

The survey of the area started a few years ago but the exercise progressed at snail’s pace due to Maoist threats: Reports

RAIPUR Wakeup telangana

Abujhmad, the informal capital of CPI (Maoist) in south Bastar in Chhattisgarh, had a tryst with the tricolour for the first time since independence when the national flag was proudly hoisted across the erstwhile insurgent stronghold on Saturday. The tricolour was hoisted in 92 villages in the Abujhmad, a 4,000 sq km hilly and forested area extending from south Bastar in Chhattisgarh to Gadchiroli in Maharashtra, as the local villagers observed Independence Day for the first time since independence on Saturday. “Although India gained independence from British rule on August 15, 1947, today we realized the meaning of freedom as we observed Independence Day for the first time. It is a great feeling which I cannot describe in



words”, Guddu Nuretti, resident of Orchha under Abujhmad in Narayanpur district in south Bastar, said. Abujhmad, loosely translated into English as unknown area, spans three districts in south Bastar-Narayanpur, Dantewada and Bijapur- and is the only area in the country which has remained unsurveyed so far. The survey of the area started a few years ago but the exercise progressed at snail’s pace due to Maoist threats. The pace of the survey has however picked up after

Abujhmad was declared made Maoist-free on March 26 this year. Maoists had banned celebration of Republic Day and Independence Day in the areas controlled by them by asking the local villagers to stay indoors and hoist black flags atop their houses. Abujhmad is inhabited by around 50,000 tribals comprising the tribal communities such as Gond, Muria, Abujmarhia, Madiya, and Halba. “Revenue records of the villages in Abujhmad are available only up to the

1990s. The entire Abujhmad was taken over by the Maoists by 2,000”, a senior police officer said. The fall of the Maoist fort of Abujhmad became imminent after the killing of CPI (Maoist) general secretary Nambala Keshava Rao alias Basavaraju, the first such incident in the country, in May 2025 in an encounter with the security forces. In another significant development as far as fall of a Maoist fort is concerned, the tricolour was hoisted atop Karregutta Hills in Bijapur district in south Bastar by Chhattisgarh deputy chief minister Vijay Sharma and state forest minister Kedar Kashyap on Saturday. Karregutta Hills, also known as Black Forest for being a densely forested terrain, was a key haven of Maoists where the ultras ran their arms and ammunition factories.

CJP Slams PM Modi Over ‘Dimagi Naxal’ Remark

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Cockroach Janta Party chief spokesperson Saurav Das on Saturday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his reference to "dimagi Naxals" in his Independence Day address, and said educated young people cannot be branded "Naxalis" merely for questioning the government. In his address from the Red Fort on the country's 80th Independence Day, Prime Minister Modi said while the menace of armed Naxalism was nearing its end, there were people with a "dimagi Naxal" mindset who were looking for opportunities to create violence and unrest and take the country



in the wrong direction. The prime minister said such people needed to be identified and isolated, Sufi Mohammed Yunus and that the youth needed to be brought into the mainstream. "Dimagi Naxal or whatever is not going to work, prime minister. How could you loosely brand educated young people 'Naxalis' etc? Just because they question your government? Sheer arrogance! Sheer incompetence at re-

solving their problems?" Das said in a post on X. "Bells are ringing. The awakening is here!" he said. In a separate Independence Day message, Das said perhaps after 12 long years, the country was celebrating Independence Day "in its truest sense" as "something within us has finally broken free: The fear." He said a generation told to remain silent had found its voice and medium, while a generation told nothing would change had begun to believe again. "An era of awakening has begun. An era of peaceful protest has begun," Das said, adding that people would gradually "weed out" the "old, the corrupt, the incompe-

tent and the arrogant". Das said "a Jantar Mantar is being born in every district of this country", where those who felt hopeless would find hope in one another and those who felt powerless would discover the power of standing together. He also accused those in power of trying to divide Gen-Z and the young by saying, "Your Gen-Z vs Our Gen-Z." "Because they know what history holds: There is nothing more powerful than a people who refuse to be divided!" Das said. "They will divide. We will unite. They will spread fear. We will spread courage. The mind is without fear now. And there is no going back," he said.

Opposition Slams PM Modi Over ‘Dimagi Naxal’ Jibe, Calls It Stigmatising Dissent

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Opposition leaders on Saturday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his "dimagi Naxals" reference in his Independence Day address, accusing him of using labels to target dissent, while also tearing into his appeal to parties to implement women's reservation and questioning the linking of

it with delimitation. CPI(M) General Secretary M A Baby stated that while his party opposes Naxalism, they accuse the government of violating the law and the Constitution in its handling of Maoists. He described the prime minister's reference to individuals with a "Naxal mentality" as an attempt to target the Opposition. "Naxalism is a political

perspective and approach with which we all fully disagree. We don't support the modus operandi of Maoists or Naxals. They take up arms and don't participate in general democratic political activity," Baby told PTI Vides. "But now, his narrative is that urban Naxals are there; now he says 'people with Naxal mentality'... They always want to accuse people in

opposition that they are anti-national, and to go to Pakistan. This is a very convenient accusation that they are Maoist in their mind. It is an atrocious allegation," he said. Baby also accused the Modi government of engaging in "state terrorism" regarding its treatment of arrested Maoists, alleging that some individuals were shot dead in custody rather than being.

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Modi’s Shout-Out.....

India would also work towards achieving 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047, with five new nuclear reactors planned within this decade. Highlighting the expansion of India’s startup ecosystem to 2.5 lakh registered entities over the past decade, he referred to the ₹1-lakh-crore research and innovation fund and initiatives such as Skill India, Khelo India, the National Drone Policy, private participation in space and the National Education Policy. He said the number of universities had risen from fewer than 350 to nearly 1,000 and medical colleges from fewer than 400 to around 850. More than 10,000 Atal Tinkering

Labs, he said, were helping build an innovation ecosystem among young people. Alongside these opportunities, the PM flagged challenges ranging from Maoist extremism and drug abuse to national security. Stating that armed Maoist extremism was nearing its end, Modi called for identifying and isolating "dimaagi Naxals", whom he accused of seeking opportunities to create violence and anarchy and mislead young people. He also called for collective action against drug abuse and urged families to participate in the 100-day nationwide Nasha Mukti Yuva Abhiyan. Against the backdrop of changing forms of warfare and threats to critical infrastructure, Modi announced the creation of a modern voluntary civil defence net

work.

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A major hyperscale, AI-ready cloud infrastructure campus was coming up in Bharat Future City and Chandanvelly. On infrastructure, Revanth Reddy said Telangana was competing not with other States but with the world. Projects included the 360-km Regional Ring Road, 6,092 km of roads under HAM and radial road networks, and 122.9 km of new Metro Rail corridors under Phase-II. The government was also prioritising the revival of Mamnoon airport and development of a joint-use airfield at Adilabad. HYDRAB was protecting lakes, drains and government land, while the Musi rejuvenation programme covered

55 km, with 39 STPs and plans to divert 2.5 tmc ft of Godavari water to the river. He said the government was simultaneously strengthening farmer welfare, having waived crop loans up to ₹2 lakh for more than 25 lakh families, provided over ₹36,000 crore under Rythu Bharosa and spent nearly ₹1.70 lakh crore on agriculture and allied welfare in 32 months. Telangana had surpassed Punjab in paddy cultivation and yield and procured a record 81.12 lakh metric tonnes of paddy through 8,575 centres. The government’s welfare initiatives, he said, included free RTC travel for women, free power up to 200 units for 53.09 lakh families, ₹500 gas cylinders for 42.90 lakh families, new smart ration cards, fine rice for 93 lakh fam-

ilies, and 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses in the first phase, besides another 2.5 lakh sanctioned houses. NALSAR Row.....:

Facing mounting pressure, the apex bar body rescinded the order within hours, clarifying that all graduates of the batch would remain eligible for enrolment. Mishra later admitted that the matter had been handled in haste. Closing the chapter, the BCI announced that all proceedings against the students stood closed with no further inquiry required, observing that the batch had no role in any disturbance. In his letter, the BCI chief also acknowledged that peaceful dissent and questioning remain vital pillars of a constitutional democracy, asserting

that students should have the freedom to air their views and that attendance or boycotts of convocations should not be enforced. The apology follows mounting demands from the NALSAR Student Bar Council, which had sought an apology over remarks alleging "groupism" and "dirty politics," as well as earlier moves to collect details on protesting students and faculty members. The council maintained that peaceful criticism of public institutions and figures, including the judiciary and the Chief Justice of India, falls well within democratic scrutiny. Students and alumni from the National Law School of India University (NLSIU), Bengaluru, had also voiced solidarity.

CRIME

Cyberabad Police Celebrate 80th Independence Day

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The 80th Independence Day celebrations were held at the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate, with Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh as the chief guest. He unfurled the national flag and received the ceremonial salute, followed by the Telangana state song “Jaya Jayahe Telangana.” Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ramesh said completing 80 years of independence was a matter of pride for every Indian.



He highlighted India's strong democratic and constitutional institutions and said the country was progressing towards becoming a developed nation by 2047. He said Hyderabad and Telangana were gaining global recognition in science, technology and pharmaceuticals, while maintaining a safe environment for citizens, industries and investors remained crucial for economic growth. The Commissioner said Cyberabad Police were

committed to people-centric policing and effective law and order to support the city's development and attract investments. During the celebrations, four police personnel received Best Service Medals and 15 others received Service Medals for outstanding service. Dr. Ramesh congratulated them and urged them to continue serving with dedication. Gifts were presented to children of police personnel, while senior police officials, personnel and their families participated in the celebrations.

President’s Police Medal for Additional DCP P. Krishnamurthy

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Additional DCP P. Krishnamurthy of the Telangana State Eagle Force has been conferred the prestigious President’s Police Medal for distinguished and dedicated service to the Police Department. The medal was presented by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during the 80th Independence Day celebrations held on Saturday. The Chief Minister congratulated Krishnamurthy for the honour and appreciated his long-standing contribution to policing. Krishnamurthy has served in various wings of the Police Department for the past 35 years. During his distinguished career, he has earned 58 cash rewards, 40 Good Service Entry rewards, one Meritorious Service Award, four Appreciation Awards and nine Commendation Awards. He has also received a Police Seva Medal and a Police Seva Patnam. The President’s Police Medal recognizes his exemplary commitment, professional dedication and sustained service over more than three decades. Telangana Police officials and personnel congratulated P. Krishnamurthy on the prestigious honour and lauded his distinguished career.



Former University of Hyderabad Student Held With Ganja on Campus

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

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

Teen Dies as Lorry Hits two-wheeler

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A 16-year-old girl was killed while her parents suffered injuries when a lorry hit their two-wheeler on the Hyderabad-Warangal highway at about 11.20 am on Saturday. Police said the victim was an intermediate student. The family had started early in the morning from their house in Warasiguda on their way to their native place in Warangal to attend a function, police said. The other commuters chased and de-

tained the lorry and informed the local police who has detained the driver and seized the lorry. Police has conducted panchnama at the accident scene and are examining the CCTV footage of the accident scene for further investigation. A case of rash and negligent driving leading to death has been booked against the driver, his official arrest is yet to be announced. Victim’s body has been shifted to Gandhi hospital mortuary after postmortem handed over to victim’s relatives.

Man Held for Holding Multiple Indian Passports With Different Names, Identities

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Wakeup telangana

Gachibowli police on Saturday said they had arrested one Mothukupalli Lakshmikanth Reddy for allegedly holding multiple Indian passports with different names and identities. Investigation revealed that the passports with different names, dates of birth and identification details, were used in the context of US visa applications. During the investigation, it was found that he had passports in the names of

Muddannolla Lakshmikanth, Medha Prasoon Kumar Reddy and Medha Prasoon Kumar Reddy as well as on his name of Mothukupalli Lakshmikanth Reddy. Police had registered the case against him March 22 based on a complaint lodged by US Consulate-General Hyderabad. As part of the investigation, passport applications and related documents were collected from the Regional Passport Office, Secunderabad. The residence certificate used to obtain

the passport earlier was also found to be fake, police said. After his arrest, Gachibowli police recovered forged documents related to passports from his possession. They also seized his mobile phone, a tab and electronic devices. Police booked Lakshmikanth Reddy in Crime No. 523 of 2026. Sources said a special team comprising IT, cybercrime and detective departments was probing into accused Lakshmikanth Reddy’s biometric details, international travel history, digital

communications and the role of travel agents, brokers and intermediaries who assisted in obtaining multiple passports. Police said he had since been produced before the magistrate for judicial remand. Police will be filing a petition seeking custody of Lakshmikanth Reddy for further investigation. Sources said that the accused would be charged with additional sections under law if more evidence was found against him as the investigation progressed.

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 Harid Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That’s not just a posting — it’s a signal. It tells you who’s in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn’t an iso-

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

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

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



Ali Musqati Hoists Tricolour at Shah Ali Banda on Independence Day



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BRS Charminar Assembly constituency in-charge Ali Musqati hoisted the National Flag at the BRS party office in Shah Ali Banda Municipal Division on the occasion of India's Independence Day. The programme was held under the supervision of senior BRS leader Syed Laiq Ahmed. Senior BRS

leaders Zubair Bin Saleem Al-Amoodi, Mohammed Umar Khan, Syed Laiq Ahmed, Abdul Sattar and others were present on the occasion. State and regional road works may experience notable slowdowns as the peak geopolitical uncertainty coincides with India's peak construction season from February to June.



Hyderabad District Collector, Priyanka Ala Handed over Appreciation Letter to Hyderabad DPRO, Mohammed Habeeb on the 80th Occasion of Independence Day.

Telangana Bengali Samiti Hoists Tricolour in Hyderabad



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The Telangana Bengali Samiti organised a flag-hoisting ceremony at Ghansi Bazaar in Hyderabad on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day. Samiti President and senior BRS leader Dipankar Pal hoisted the national flag in the presence of

members and local residents. Several Samiti members, including Kartik, Mansa, Bablu, Rakesh, Ganesh, Nita and Somnath, attended the programme along with others. The gathering marked the celebration of India's Independence Day and reflected the Samiti's participation in the national celebrations.

Members paid tribute to the country and expressed their patriotic spirit during the ceremony. The event concluded with the national flag being honoured and greetings being exchanged among the participants on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day.

Protect the Spirit of Independence: Diddi Sudhakar



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The 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at Suryanagar Basti in Baglingampally under the leadership of local residents. Dr. Diddi Sudhakar, National President of the All India Peace and Solidarity Organisation, attended as chief guest and hoisted the National Flag. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sudhakar said that even after 80 years of independence, people continue to face challenges in securing solutions to basic

issues. He recalled that people belonging to Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain and other communities fought together for the country's freedom. He urged citizens to unitedly reject attempts to divide society in the name of religion, caste, region and patriotism. He stressed that protecting the Indian Constitution, which guarantees equality, liberty, social justice and fundamental rights, is the responsibility of every citizen. Dr. Sudhakar called upon youth and students to ac-

tively participate in strengthening democracy and questioned the need for greater attention to education, science, technology and research for national development. He said the country's future depends on an educated and responsible youth taking leadership roles and working through democratic means for public welfare. J. Sunder, Rakesh Singh, Pappu Rajender, Usharani, Nirmala, Manju, Praveen, Gopi, Monty, Bhupesh and others participated in the programme.

Jagadeeshwar Goud Hoists National Flag at Multiple Locations

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TPCC State General Secretary and Serilingampally Congress Party In-charge V. Jagadeeshwar Goud participated in Independence Day celebrations and hoisted the national flag at several locations across the constituency. Goud hoisted the flag at Bus Stop Labour Adda in Chandanagar, Gangaram village in Madinaguda, Youth Colony in Hafeezpet, Sri Ram Nagar Colony and Indira Nagar in Chandanagar. He



also participated in the celebrations at the Sri Krishna Youth Office in Nallagandla. Speaking on the occasion, Goud extended Independence Day greetings and paid tribute to freedom fighters who

sacrificed their lives, endured imprisonment and faced hardships during the struggle for independence. He said the celebrations should help preserve the inspiring stories of the freedom movement and

pass them on to future generations. He urged citizens to remember the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and protect the nation's freedom. "Freedom is not merely a right we inherited; it is a responsibility we must protect and pass on to future generations," Goud said. The programmes were attended by chairpersons Srinivas Reddy, Advisor D. Raju, former presidents Balakrishna, Laxman, Pradeep and Bhaskar, along with several Congress leaders, Sevalad representatives and local workers.

Muslim Rashtriya Manch Holds 'Jalsa-e-Yad-e-Mujahideen-e-Azadi'

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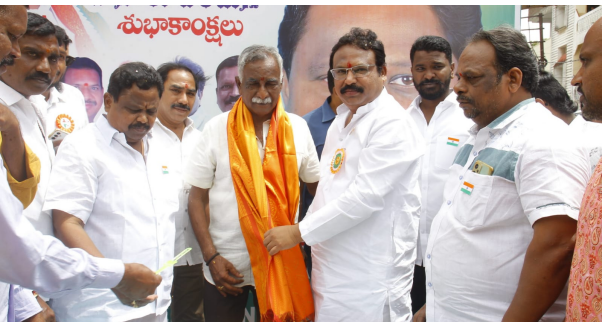
The Muslim Rashtriya Manch (MRM) organised a 'Jalsa-e-Yad-e-Mujahideen-e-Azadi' at Darulshifa, Hyderabad, to pay tribute to the sacrifices and national services of freedom fighters from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The programme was organised by Zahid Mirza, Greater Hyderabad Convenor of MRM, under the guidance of Dr. Indresh Kumar, Patron of MRM India. MRM Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Regional Convenor M.A. Sattar, State Convenor Najaf Ali Shaukat, and office-bearers including Syed Razzaq, Syed Sarwar Husain, Mohammed Masood Ali and



Mohammed Yousuf Ali attended the event along with activists and supporters. Speakers recalled the courage and sacrifices of freedom fighters who gave up their lives and comforts for India's independence. They stressed the need to preserve their legacy and inspire younger generations with their contributions.

The gathering also highlighted the importance of national unity, peace, communal harmony, mutual tolerance and collective efforts for India's development. Participants pledged to work towards strengthening the country's unity and integrity. The organisers thanked all participants for their support and presence.

Veteran Cantonment Leader Jampana Pratap Honoured on Birthday



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Senior Congress leader and former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap celebrated his birthday on Saturday amid grand festivities, attracting a large gathering of political leaders, party workers, activists, supporters and well-wishers from across the Secunderabad Cantonment constituency. The celebrations turned into a major show of solidarity, with supporters and admirers lining up to greet and felicitate the veteran leader with traditional shawls, flower bouquets and warm wishes. Fan clubs organised grand cake-cutting programmes, while sweet distribution drives were held at several locations across the constituency. A large number of DWCRE Women Resource Persons associated

with the Cantonment Board also participated in the celebrations and conveyed their greetings to Jampana Pratap. Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, accompanied by senior Congress leaders, attended the celebrations and personally greeted the veteran leader. He presented Jampana with a bouquet and honoured him with a shawl, acknowledging his long-standing public service and contribution to Cantonment politics. The enthusiastic participation of leaders, workers and residents from different sections highlighted Jampana Pratap's enduring public connect and influence across the constituency. The celebrations reflected the affection and respect he continues to command among people and political circles.

Resonance School Celebrates I-Day and Investiture Ceremony

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Resonance School, Vanasthalipuram, celebrated India's 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour along with its Investiture Ceremony. Former IPS officer V.V. Lakshminarayana graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Resonance Schools and Junior Colleges Managing Director Purnachandra Rao Narra, Principal S.V. Guru Raj, Academic Operations Head Sujatha, Research and Development Head Rajkumar, teachers, students and parents attended the programme. The celebrations began with the ceremonial hoisting of the National Flag, followed by patriotic performances by students highlighting unity, freedom and national pride. The Investiture Ceremony was a major highlight, as newly appointed Student Council members formally assumed their responsibilities. The young leaders pledged to uphold discipline, teamwork, inte-



Resonance School students presenting a vibrant patriotic dance performance during the 80th Independence Day celebrations held today at Resonance School, Vanasthalipuram, showcasing their talent, patriotism and love for the nation.

grity and responsibility while serving as role models for their peers. Addressing the students, Lakshminarayana said the freedom enjoyed today was secured through the sacrifices of countless freedom fighters and urged the younger generation to contribute towards building a stronger India. He said patriotism extends beyond protecting the nation's borders and can be expressed through planting trees, helping others, respecting farmers, soldiers and scientists, and making responsible

choices. He called upon students to seek freedom from mobile phones, unhealthy habits, negative thoughts, ego and hatred, while encouraging them to remain curious, creative and innovative. He also urged students to read about national icons and learn at least one inspiring lesson from their lives every day. Addressing parents and teachers, he suggested creating home libraries, spending quality time with children and beginning classes with inspiring stories to nurture

curiosity. Purnachandra Rao Narra said Resonance believes education must go beyond academics by developing leadership, discipline, confidence and strong values. He expressed gratitude to Lakshminarayana for inspiring students to play an active role in transforming India into a developed nation. The programme concluded with students reaffirming their commitment to unity, integrity, responsibility and service to the nation.

Axis Direct Data Shows Gen Z and Tier 2/3 Cities Powering Investor Growth

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Axis Direct's H1 CY2026 investor insights highlight a significant transformation in India's retail investment landscape, with Gen Z, mobile-first participation and investors from Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities emerging as major growth drivers. Gen Z accounted for 50% of investors during the first half of 2026, followed by Millennials at 35%, while other age groups made up the remaining 15%. The findings underline the growing influence of younger, digitally savvy investors in the capital markets. Digital platforms continued to dominate trading activity, with 76% of investors trading online and 60% executing trades through mobile applications, representing 20% year-on-year growth. The expansion was particularly strong beyond metropolitan centres, with Tier 2 and Tier 3 cities contributing 50% of all new acquisitions. Female participation also increased, with women accounting for 27% of

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new acquisitions. Around half of these new female investors belonged to Gen Z, highlighting the growing participation of young women in financial markets. The report also pointed to a growing preference for self-directed investing. Among unmapped Unique Trading Customers, 90% traded through online channels, while 67% identified mobile applications as their primary trading platform. Investment patterns remained stable, with average monthly SIP contributions between ₹3,000 and ₹4,000 and average lumpsum investments ranging from ₹90,000 to ₹1 lakh. Banks, finance and IT recorded the highest retail trading volumes. Beyond participation, investors displayed stronger conviction and resilience by holding through volatility, accumulating during market corrections and gradually increasing risk exposure as markets recovered.

Sai Durgha Tej announces January 12 release for ‘Sambarala Yeti Gattu’

The makers of director Rohith KP’s highly anticipated pan-India action drama ‘Sambarala Yeti Gattu’ (SYG) have officially announced that the film will hit worldwide screens on January 12 next year, coinciding with the Sankranti festival. Telugu star Sai Durgha Tej, who plays the lead role, shared the release announcement poster on his X timeline with the message, “Let’s meet for Sankranti,” further building excitement among fans.

The announcement comes after months of anticipation surrounding the film, which is being mounted on a massive scale. Produced by K Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the banner of Primeshow Entertainment, the project carries a reported budget of ₹125 crore, making it the biggest film in Sai Durgha Tej’s career.

The film has already generated considerable buzz because of its ambitious production and impressive technical team. The unit reportedly completed its Mumbai schedule in June. Sources close to the production had indicated that the schedule in-



involved a prominent Bollywood actor, whose presence is expected to strengthen the film’s pan-India appeal.

Adding to the excitement, the makers had earlier shot a major action sequence choreographed by National Award-winning stunt director Peter Hein. Reports have also suggested that Sai Durgha Tej will take on a powerful antagonist, with a Bollywood superstar expected to appear in the role. Extensive CGI work is being carried out to enhance the film’s large-scale visual spectacle.

Actress Aishwarya Lekshmi is paired opposite Sai Durgha

Tej as the female lead. The film features an ensemble cast comprising Jagapathi Babu, Srikanth, Saikumar, Ananya Nagalla and Ravi Krishna, among others.

Sai Durgha Tej has reportedly dedicated nearly two years to the project, undergoing extensive preparation for a demanding and emotionally intense character. With its combination of action, drama, visual effects and a strong cast, SYG is being positioned as one of Primeshow Entertainment’s most ambitious ventures following the success of ‘HanuMan’.

The film is scheduled for release in Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada and Malayalam, making it a major pan-India offering for the Sankranti season. On the technical front, Vetri Palanisamy is handling cinematography, while Aja-neesh Loknath is composing the music. Naveen Vijaya Krishna is responsible for editing, and Ayesha Mariam is designing the costumes.

With the January 12 release now officially announced, expectations are high for Sambarala Yeti Gattu to deliver a grand cinematic experience to audiences across the country.

Amitabh Bachchan celebrates Independence Day with tricolour, recalls Sholay’s global appeal

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eteran Bollywood mega-star Amitabh Bachchan celebrated the 80th Independence Day with poise. On Saturday, the actor took to his Instagram, and shared a video of himself holding the Indian tricolour.

He said, “Diwas swatantra ka, shubh din badhaayi ka. Vande Mataram”.

India is celebrating its 80th Independence Day on Saturday marking eight decades since the country gained freedom from British rule in 1947. The milestone is an occasion to remember the sacrifices of freedom fighters and reflect on the nation’s remarkable journey.

From building democratic institutions and expanding education to becoming a major global economy and strengthening its presence in science, technology and defence, India has undergone profound transformation.

Earlier, the veteran actor recalled the global mass appeal of his iconic movie, ‘Sholay’, revealing the surprising turn of events in Italy. The mega-star revealed that as many as 2,000 Italians had gathered at an open-air square in Bologna and watched the restored version of ‘Sholay’ from 11 PM until 3:00 am.

While having Dr Ganesh Baraiya on the hot seat during a recent episode of Kaun Banega Crorepati Season 18, the host spoke about the restoration of his iconic 1975 film and the



overwhelming response it received in Italy.

Speaking about the recent restoration, Big B recalled how a newly restored print of Sholay was screened at the historic central square in Bologna, Italy.

The restored film had its world premiere in Bologna on June 27, 2025, as part of celebrations marking its 50th anniversary.

The film revolved around retired police officer Thakur Baldev Singh, played by Sanjeev Kumar, who hires two small-time criminals, Jai and Veeru, played by Amitabh Bachchan and Dharmendra respectively, to capture the ruthless dacoit Gabbar Singh, portrayed by Amjad Khan. Hema Malini played the free spirited Basanti, while Jaya Bhaduri played soft yet graceful widow Radha.

The ensemble also featured several memorable supporting actors, including A.K. Hangal, Satyen Kappu, Mac Mohan, Sachin, Jagdeep, Asrani,

Viju Khote, Keshto Mukherjee, Helen, Sachin Pilgaonkar.

R.D. Burman composed the film’s music, with lyrics by Anand Bakshi. Its soundtrack produced some of Hindi cinema’s most enduring songs, including Yeh Dosti Hum Nahin Todenge, Holi Ke Din, Koi Haseena Jab Rooth Jaati Hai, Mehbooba Mehbooba and Jab Tak Hai Jaan.

The movie shot extensively against the rocky landscapes of Ramanagara in Karnataka, was an ambitious production that blended action, drama, romance, comedy and tragedy. For the uninitiated, reportedly the movie upon release saw no cinegoers in theatres and was almost declared a dud.

But soon with word of mouth, it went on to become a superhit and further also one of the few longest running movies in the theatre attaining the cult status.

GVR Karate Academy Students Shine at 80th Independence Day Celebrations



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Students of GVR Karate Academy showcased their exceptional martial arts skills and disciplined performance during the 80th Independence Day celebrations organized under the aegis of the State Institute of Correctional Administration.

The impressive karate demonstration featured a range of karate techniques, self-defence skills and coordinated performances, captivating the audience and earning widespread appreciation. The event was attended by Dr. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons, as the Chief Guest.

Dr. Soumya Mishra witnessed the students’ performances and

appreciated their dedication, discipline and technical skills. Speaking on the occasion, she said martial arts such as karate play an important role in developing self-confidence, mental strength, physical fitness, discipline and self-defence abilities among students.

She commended the students for maintaining regular training and demonstrating their skills with confidence and discipline. She also appreciated GVR Karate Academy and its trainers for providing systematic guidance and encouraging students to develop both physical fitness and personal discipline.

A disciplined parade presented by Prisons Department staff was another major highlight of the celebrations, along with

the energetic karate demonstration by the academy students.

The programme was attended by Prisons Department IG Rajesh, IG Muralibabu, DIG Sampath, Chanchalguda Jail Superintendent Shivakumar Goud, Cherlapally Jail Superintendent Pramod, PAC Cherlapally Superintendent Bharat, SPW Hyderabad Superintendent Smt. Venkata Lakshmi, Jail Academy Principal Srinivas Reddy and Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, Director, GVR Karate Academy, besides other senior officials.

The event highlighted the importance of discipline, fitness and self-defence while providing young karate practitioners an opportunity to display their talent before distinguished officials and guests.

HPRC Equestrian Challenge: Young Riders Shine in Hacks and Dressage



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The 2nd HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026 got underway at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC), Gandipet, with riders competing in Hacks and Dressage

classes on Saturday.

The event will continue with Show Jumping later in the evening. Riders who impressed at the National Qualifier held at HPRC earlier this week maintained their strong form. Gautam Sanjay Sujanaani once again emerged on top in

the Junior Dressage category, riding Airstrike. Kumbham Sai Tanvi Reddy finished second aboard Centaur. In Children-I Dressage, Janampally Hitesh Reddy claimed the top spot with Centaur, while Anet Castilino finished second on Bella. Mereddy Akshaj Reddy secured third place riding Chestnut Charmer. Dhruva Potineni of The Ashwa Collective won the Children-II Dressage class aboard Grace. Mysha Gupta was second with Agni, while Vedik Guduri and Ananya Gupta shared third place with Tin Tin A and Roudy respectively.

The Hacks competitions also produced strong performances. In the Under-12 category, Myra Alapati topped the standings on Badsha, followed by Rhythm Tiwari on Chetak. Neil Sinha Jha and M. Anaika Reddy shared third place riding Enigma and Airstrike. In the 13-16 Years Hacks category, Apeksha Matcha emerged winner aboard Parazi. Ishaan Kandhari finished sec-

ond on Kajal, while Zoya Faiyaz and Swathi Janardhanan shared third place with Master Touch and Misti. Atharv Chandra Varma Tippi and Priya Reddy shared fourth place.

Established in 2005, HPRC is a leading

equestrian and polo institution in Hyderabad, offering facilities for riding, polo and equestrian sports. The club has also been recognised as Arena Polo Club of the Season at The Indian Polo Awards, Season V.



Hyderabad Glows with the Spirit of Freedom



Patriotic spirits soar as locals gather to hoist the National Flag in front of the historic Charminar monument in Hyderabad, marking India's milestone 80th Independence Day on Saturday, August 15, 2026.

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Hyderabad celebrated the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour on Saturday, with government departments, political parties, police authorities and welfare associations organising flag-hoisting ceremonies across the city. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy hoisted the national flag at Golconda Fort, while BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao unfurled the Tricolour at Telangana Bhavan in the presence of party leaders and workers. AIMIM president Asa-

duddin Owaisi hoisted the flag at several locations, including Musheerabad, Erragadda, Jubilee Hills and Moghalpura. BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao led celebrations at the party office in Nampally. Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar attended the celebrations at CAR Headquarters, Petlaburz. Flag-hoisting ceremonies were also held at TGICCC and the Telangana Human Rights Commission. Across the city, people paid tribute to freedom fighters, sang patriotic songs and distributed sweets.



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy hoisted national flag on the occasion of 80th Independence Day, at Golconda Fort in Hyderabad on August 15, 2026.



BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao hoisted the national flag at Telangana Bhavan on Independence Day. Former ministers, public representatives, senior party leaders and workers attended the celebrations.



Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar participated in the Independence Day celebrations at the CAR Headquarters in Petlaburz.



On the occasion of Independence Day, AIMIM President Asaduddin Owaisi hoisted the Tricolour at several locations across Hyderabad, including Musheerabad, Erragadda, Jubilee Hills, Yakutpura Bada-bazar, Jamiat UI Mominath Madarsa, Moghalpura and Madina Building X Road. Large numbers of people participated in the celebrations with patriotic enthusiasm.



BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao, along with party leaders, hoisted the Tricolour at the State BJP office in Nampally on the occasion of Independence Day.

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The Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at the Telangana Human Rights Commission (TGHRC) here. Dr. Justice Shameem Akther, Chairperson, TGHRC hoisted the national flag



Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka felicitating freedom fighters during Independence Day celebrations in Khammam



The Indian Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervor and grandeur at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC), Road No. 12, Banjara Hills. On behalf of the Director of TGICCC, V.B. Kamalasan Reddy, Superintendent of Police Manohar attended as the Chief Guest and unfurled the national flag.