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Bangladesh Says PM Will Not Visit India Until Hasina Extradited

Bangladesh on Sunday said it wants India to create a "conducive environment" for Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's possible visit to New Delhi, local media reported. The comments came amid uncertainties over Rahman's visit to New Delhi for the BRICS summit on September 12-13. Rahman met Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi last week, and sought former prime minister Sheikh Hasina's extradition to Bangladesh. But there was no clarity on whether he would visit New Delhi. "We have made our position clear on this matter. We are of the view that an appropriate environment needs to be created for this visit," Bangladesh's foreign ministry spokesperson Shahidul Karim was quoted as saying by the Daily Star newspaper on Sunday.

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'Dimagi Naxal' Remark Sparks BJP-Oppn War of Words

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi's reference to "dimagi Naxals" in his Independence Day address triggered a war of words between the BJP and the Opposition on Sunday, with Union minister Kiren Rijiju clarifying that the Prime Minister was not referring to Opposition leaders but to those who support Maoists and separatists and reject the Constitution. Addressing



the nation on the 80th Independence Day on Saturday, Modi warned that while "armed Naxals may have gone", "dimagi (intellectual) Naxals" continued to operate within the system and influence policies. He called for identifying and isolating

them. Opposition leaders criticised the remarks, alleging that they were aimed at stigmatising dissent and targeting those who questioned the government. Seeking to clarify the Prime Minister's remarks, parliamentary affairs minister Rijiju said on X that Modi "didn't say Opposition leaders" were "dimagi Naxals". Rijiju said the description applied to those who supported Maoists and rejected the Constitution, backed sep-

arartists and Article 370, and those who wanted to "cut chicken neck to separate North-East from India". His last comment was an apparent reference to jailed activist Sharjeel Imam, who faces charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act in connection with the 2020 northeast Delhi riots case. Congress spokesperson Pawan Khara took a swipe at Rijiju for numbering the three points as "1, 2

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BJP Lodges Complaint Against Sonia Gandhi Over Vande Mataram Controversy

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BJP leaders on Sunday lodged a complaint against senior Congress leader Sonia Gandhi in connection with a controversy surrounding the recitation of 'Vande Mataram', officials said. The complaint lodged at Urva police station comes amid a political row over remarks and events linked to the national song, with BJP leaders accusing Gandhi of conduct that they said was inappropriate



ate in relation to Vande Mataram. The BJP leaders sought action against Gandhi over the issue and alleged that the controversy had hurt sentiments associated with the national song. The police are yet to file an FIR, while the BJP leaders Vikas K and Rajgopal have pointed out that the police can file an

FIR on the strength of relevant provisions of law under BNSS. Police told PTI that they have called for legal advice on the matter before filing an FIR. Last month, Parliament passed a bill that makes any insult to the national song a punishable offence. The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was passed by a voice vote in the Lok Sabha on July 30, a day after it was approved by the Rajya Sabha. The law grants

status to Vande Mataram on par with National Anthem Jana Gana Mana. The BJP on Saturday accused Gandhi of objecting to the singing of the full version of Vande Mataram at the party's Independence Day event. However, the Congress denied the charge, asserting that there was no attempt to stop the singing of the full version of the national song and Gandhi was only asking for a chair for party chief Mallikarjun Kharge as he was standing for a while.

After Hormuz Crisis, Govt. Fixes LPG Production Targets For Refiners

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The government has for the first time fixed maximum cooking gas LPG production targets for individual public- and private-sector refineries and upstream companies, as it seeks to build a domestic supply buffer after the West Asia conflict exposed the country's vulnerability to disruptions in imported cooking gas. The Petroleum and Natural Gas Ministry, in an

order issued on August 13, has specified maximum LPG production levels for 21 refineries and upstream companies, with combined production potential set at 63,810 tonnes a day, which is more than double the domestic LPG output in the fiscal year ended March 31, 2026 and about 70 per cent of the country's daily consumption. The production limits will kick in whenever there is a supply constraint. The lion's share of

the planned output has been set from Reliance Industries Ltd's older refinery, which would have to produce up to 18,000 tonnes a day of LPG, according to the order. India consumed 33.2 million tonnes of LPG in the 2025-26 fiscal year (about 91,000 tonnes per day). Of this, 13.1 million tonnes a year was produced locally (about 35,900 tonnes a day) while the remaining 21.3 million tonnes per annum

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Pistol Goes Off During Screening at Varanasi Airport

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Two security personnel were injured at Varanasi airport on Sunday after a loaded gun belonging to an Air India Express passenger accidentally went off during a security check. The incident occurred around 9.30 am when the passenger, who was scheduled to travel from Varanasi to Mumbai on Air India Express flight IX 1810, declared a licensed 7.62 mm pistol along with 21 live cartridges at the check-in

counter, as required under procedure. According to Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) officials, the passenger was escorted to a designated screening area for mandatory security formalities. During handling and inspection of the firearm, a round was accidentally discharged. The projectile ricocheted and injured two screening personnel. Both were immediately given assistance and shifted to a hospital in Varanasi for treatment. Officials said the incident was

quickly contained and airport operations continued without disruption. Local police were informed and the passenger was detained for investigation and further action in accordance with law. The Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS) is examining the circumstances leading to the incident, including whether prescribed procedures for handling and carriage of licensed firearms at airports were followed. Appropriate action will be taken based on the findings, officials said.

NTA Announces Re-Test For Three Papers Of UGC-NET

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The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Sunday announced that it would re-conduct the UGC-NET June 2026 examinations for English, Commerce and Sociology after a committee found multiple errors in the question papers. The re-examination for English and Commerce will be held on September 9, while the Sociology paper will be conducted on September 10. The three were among

87 subjects for which the UGC-NET examination was conducted in June. The decision followed complaints from candidates over errors in the three papers. A committee constituted by the NTA examined the complaints and found factual, typographical and translation errors, besides other problems in the question papers. The English paper also came under scrutiny over repetition of questions from an earlier examination.

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H-City Project: Rs.1,090 Crore Plan to Ease Traffic Around KBR Park

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The Telangana government has launched the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative (H-City) project to curb the rapidly growing traffic congestion in the metropolis and upgrade its transport infrastructure to international standards. As part of the initiative, the government has commenced construction of 14 major structures, comprising seven multi-level steel flyovers and seven directional underpasses, at six

key junctions around KBR Park with an estimated budget of Rs.1,090 crore. To ensure smooth, uninterrupted, and rapid completion of these construction works for early public utility, a one-way traffic system will be implemented around KBR Park starting August 18. Speaking about the implementation of the one-way system, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, said the measures were being introduced to minimise inconvenience to



commuters while significantly reducing the construction timeline. He said the decision was taken after comprehensive studies, two rounds of trial runs and close coordination with the GHMC to address ground-level challenges. "Once these multi-level structures are completed, traffic issues at KBR Park Entrance, Road No. 45,

Film Nagar, Maharaja Agrasen, and Cancer Hospital junctions will be 100% resolved, ensuring signal-free travel. At the heavily congested Jubilee Hills Check Post Junction, travel bottlenecks will be reduced by 80%. As a result, travel time between the core city and the IT corridor will be significantly minimized, saving fuel worth crores of rupees," Sajjanar said. Sajjanar further said that reducing prolonged vehicle idling at traffic junctions would help lower carbon emissions around

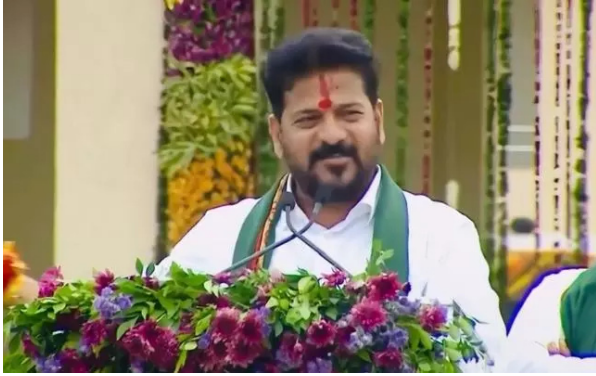
KBR Park and contribute to environmental protection. The commissioner explained that commuters may experience initial inconvenience due to route changes following the August 18 one-way implementation; this temporary measure is crucial for completing construction on schedule and securing smooth travel for future generations. "Temporary one-way traffic is for long-term benefit. We request all commuters, local residents and citizens to extend their full cooperation

to the Police Department during this project," he said. Sajjanar also said the police department was in continuous consultation with local residents, morning walkers and resident welfare associations (RWAs) in the KBR Park area, adjusting traffic plans dynamically to avoid inconvenience. The Commissioner appealed to city residents to cooperate with the authorities in implementing the project, which is aimed at providing a permanent solution to traffic congestion in the KBR corridor.

Revanth Accuses KTR of Chasing Away Kavitha To Avoid Sharing Property

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched a fresh attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, alleging that he pushed his sister K. Kavitha away to avoid sharing the property accumulated by their father and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. Addressing public meetings at Mulugu and Parkal, Revanth Reddy drew a comparison between KTR's alleged treatment of Kavitha and his own relationship with Panchayat Raj Minister Dasari Seethakka Anasuya. He said the Congress had supported and encouraged Seethakka for her hard work and rewarded her with a ministerial position. "While we



showered love and affection on Seethakka and recognised her services, Rama Rao drove his own sister away," Revanth Reddy alleged. He questioned why KTR had allegedly distanced himself from Kavitha at a difficult time. The Chief Minister also criticised KCR for allegedly remaining silent over the family dispute. Comparing him to Dhritrashtra from the Mahabharata, Revanth Reddy said KCR should have inter-

vened and supported his daughter instead of remaining at his farmhouse. "He played Dhritrashtra and preferred to stay put in his farmhouse when Kavitha was shown the door," Revanth Reddy said. He added that people expected KCR to ensure justice within his family, but alleged that he failed to do so. Revanth Reddy also revived allegations concerning a blood donation drive associated with KTR's symbolic

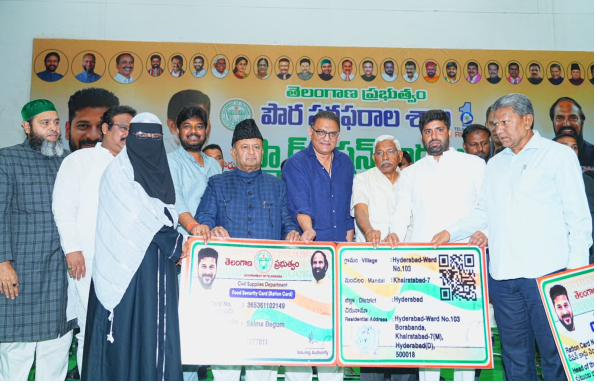
protest demanding the release of water into the Kaleswaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He alleged that BRS leaders collected blood from poor workers during the campaign and subsequently sold it to private hospitals for financial gain. The Chief Minister claimed that both KTR and former minister T. Harish Rao did not participate in the blood donation programme, while alleging that party leaders handled the donated blood improperly. This was reportedly the second occasion on which Revanth Reddy levelled the serious allegation against BRS leaders. The claims have added another dimension to the continuing political confrontation between the Congress government

and the BRS leadership. The allegations come amid intensified political exchanges in Telangana, with Revanth Reddy repeatedly targeting the KCR family and the previous BRS government over governance and political issues. BRS leaders have frequently responded to the Chief Minister's criticism, though the latest allegations regarding the blood donation drive have so far drawn no public response from KTR or Harish Rao. The remarks at Mulugu and Parkal underline the Congress government's continued effort to politically challenge the BRS leadership while highlighting alleged differences within the KCR family.

Smart Ration Cards Distributed in Hyderabad

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Hyderabad witnessed a major step towards the digital transformation of the public distribution system with the distribution of new Smart Ration Cards (Food Security Cards) at Komaram Bheem Adivasi Bhavan in Banjara Hills. The programme, organised by the Telangana State Civil Supplies Department, was chaired by the Hyderabad District Collector and attended by Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, local MLAs and MLCs. Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Shri Ganesh actively participated in the programme and joined other public representatives in distributing the newly printed QR-coded ration cards to beneficiaries. The new cards are



aimed at strengthening the digital delivery of essential food security benefits and improving transparency in the Public Distribution System (PDS). The QR-based system is expected to make beneficiary identification and access to welfare services more efficient. A large number of beneficiaries attended the programme, marking an important milestone in the government's efforts to modernise welfare delivery. The participation of elected representatives also highlighted the focus

on ensuring that government schemes reach eligible families directly. MLA Shri Ganesh welcomed the initiative and emphasised the importance of technology-driven governance in making public welfare services more accessible and transparent. The distribution programme concluded with beneficiaries receiving their new Smart Ration Cards, marking another step towards a more efficient and digitally enabled PDS in Hyderabad.

Surekha's Absence Sparks Parkal Speculation



The absence of endowments minister Konda Surekha from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's tour of the erstwhile Warangal district has triggered speculation within Congress circles, particularly over the political future of her daughter and the Parkal Assembly constituency. Surekha was missing during the Chief Minister's visit to Medaram, the programmes in Mulugu and the public meeting there. She was also absent at the Parkal public meeting, the final major event of Revanth Reddy's tour. The development has drawn attention as Surekha and her husband, former minister Konda Murali, have already indicated that their daughter Susmitha could contest the next Assembly elections from Parkal and are reportedly making preparations. Political circles now speculate that the Chief Minister may be inclined to support Parkal MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy for the constituency. Prakash Reddy has also reportedly expressed confidence about retaining the seat. Adding to the speculation, Revanth Reddy, while addressing the Parkal meeting, appealed to the people to bless Prakash Reddy in the next elections. His remarks have triggered renewed discussion within the local Congress unit over the Konda family's political plans and the future of Parkal. Whether the apparent differences remain confined to the constituency or develop into a larger internal dispute within the Congress remains to be seen.

Elderly Woman's Salute Captures Spirit of the Tricolour

As a Tiranga procession passes by, an elderly woman quietly raises her hand in salute — a simple moment becomes a powerful picture of patriotism

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Amid the colour and crowds of India's 80th Independence Day celebrations, a simple gesture by an elderly woman has emerged as a touching expression of patriotism. Visuals show the woman standing by the roadside as a Tiranga procession passes by. With a bag hanging from her shoulder, she quietly raises her right hand in salute towards the passing National Flags. There is no stage, spotlight or speech. Yet her gesture speaks volumes. **A Salute From the Heart** As men, women and children carrying the Tricolour move along the road, the elderly woman remains near a tree and continues her salute. The contrast between the lively procession and her quiet gesture makes the moment particularly moving. Her identity and the exact location could not be independently established from the visuals alone. Therefore, the moment is best understood simply as an ordinary citizen respectfully acknowledging the National Flag. **Patriotism Beyond Grand Celebrations** Independence Day is often marked by flag-hoisting ceremonies, rallies, cultural programmes and speeches. However, patriotism can also be reflected through small, spontaneous acts of respect. The woman's gesture carries a simple message: one does not need to hold the Tricolour to express respect for the nation. Across Hyderabad, Independence Day



celebrations brought citizens together, with streets and public spaces filled with the colours of the Tricolour. Amid these large gatherings, the elderly woman's roadside salute offers a deeply personal perspective on patriotism. **One Gesture, One Powerful Message** She may not have been leading the procession or addressing a gathering, but her quiet salute could become one of the most memorable images of the celebrations. A flag in every hand is inspiring. Respect for the flag in every heart is even more powerful. Her silent salute reminds us that patriotism does not always require words. Sometimes, a simple gesture can say everything.

TG LAW CET 2026 Phase-II Schedule Awaited as Aspirants Seek Clarity

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Candidates awaiting the second phase of TG LAW CET 2026 counselling are urging the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TG CHE) to announce the Phase-II schedule at the earliest. The demand comes after the major stages of Phase-I counselling were completed, leaving many aspirants uncertain about their next opportunity for admission. As per the revised schedule issued by the Office of the Convener, TG CETs (Other) Admissions-2026,

online registration and certificate uploading were extended until July 28. The verified eligible candidates list was scheduled for publication on the same day, while web options were exercised from July 28 to 31. Candidates were permitted to edit their options on August 1. The provisional seat allotment list was scheduled to be released on August 5, followed by reporting and original certificate verification from August 6 to 12. With Phase-I now completed, candidates who did not receive seats, those seeking better op-

tions, and aspirants waiting for vacancies are looking towards Phase-II. However, they say the official admission portal has yet to provide clear dates for Phase-II registration, web options, option editing, seat allotment and college reporting. Candidates are particularly seeking clarity on the availability of vacant seats and whether students allotted seats in Phase-I can participate for improved options. They have also urged authorities to publish college-wise vacancy details before web options begin. Many aspirants are re-

peatedly checking the admissions portal for updates and say important counselling information should be prominently displayed to avoid confusion. Candidates have appealed to the TG LAW CET-2026 Convener and TG CHE to issue a comprehensive Phase-II notification, including the timetable, eligibility criteria, vacancy position and allotment procedure. A timely official announcement, they say, would help thousands of law aspirants plan their admissions with greater certainty.

TG Plans Modern Eight-lane Ratan Tata Radial Road

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The 41.5-km Ratan Tata Greenfield Radial Road-1, connecting the Raviryalla interchange at ORR Exit 13 with Amanagal on the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR), is being developed with provision for expansion to eight lanes to meet future traffic and connectivity requirements, official sources said. The state government is currently developing the 100-metre-wide, access-controlled corridor as a six-lane road, with three lanes on either side. A 20-

metre-wide space in the central median is being reserved for future Metro and MMTS corridors to integrate mass public transport with the road network. The project, being developed along the southern fringe of Hyderabad, is expected to provide connectivity to the upcoming Bharat Future City. It is being executed in two phases at an estimated total cost of Rs 4,621 crore. The first phase covers 19.2 km from Raviryalla to Meerkhanpet and is being executed by Rithwik Projects. The second phase, covering 22.3 km

from Meerkhanpet to Amanagal, is being taken up by L&T. About 1,000 acres are being acquired across 14 villages in Maheshwaram, Kandukur, Ibrahimpatnam, Yacharam, Amangal and Kadthal mandals of Ranga Reddy district. The voluntary participation of farmers has helped speed up the land acquisition process, enabling agencies to undertake levelling and road construction works simultaneously. The HMDA has begun preparing acquired stretches for road construction.

4,518 Students Receive Degrees At VIT Chennai Convocation



Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Chennai, held its 14th annual convocation on Sunday, with 4,518 undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD students receiving their degrees. Speaking at the convocation, Dr T. Ramasami, former secretary, Union department of science and technology, said youth had an important role not only in shaping their own future but also that of their families, the country and humanity. VIT Founder and Chancellor Dr. G. Viswanathan, who presided over the ceremony, said only about 13 per cent of India's population had attained graduate-level education and stressed the need for greater expansion of higher education. He compared India's graduate attainment rate with Canada, South Korea and Japan, which have considerably higher rates. Dr Ganesanathan Geathiswaran, deputy high commissioner of Sri Lanka, South India, highlighted the close historical and cultural ties between India and Sri Lanka, particularly the deep connections between Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka. VIT Vice-Presidents Dr Sankar Viswanathan and Dr G.V. Selvam, Vice Chancellor Dr V.S. Kanchana Bhaaskaran, Pro-Vice Chancellors, senior officials and faculty members attended the convocation.

Flag Hoisting Mishap Sparks Safety Debate; Practical Training Urged

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A National Flag-hoisting ceremony is meant to reflect patriotism and dignity. However, visuals from Fraser Town, Bengaluru, have sparked a public-safety debate after a man was seen climbing a tall flagpole, apparently attempting to fix a problem after the Tricolour failed to unfurl properly. The banner at the venue carries the name FTRWA — Fraser Town Residents' Welfare Association. While no serious injury is visible in the

footage, the incident highlights the risks that can arise when technical problems occur during public ceremonies. The episode raises an important question: Could such situations be prevented through proper preparation and a trial run? Flag-hoisting programmes are organised across government offices, schools, colleges, residential communities and welfare associations. Organisers should inspect the flagpole, rope, pulley, knots and flag arrangement before the event. A simple rehearsal can identify problems such as tangled



ropes, jammed pulleys, loose knots or incorrect positioning. More importantly, participants should never attempt dangerous improvisations, such as climbing a tall flagpole, without appropriate safety arrangements. The Flag Code of India, 2002, along with the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, governs the display and use of the National Flag. Respecting the Tricolour therefore requires not only awareness of the rules but also practical preparedness. Authorities, schools and community organisations

could introduce brief training sessions covering flag preparation, equipment inspection, proper knotting, trial runs and safe responses to technical failures. The Fraser Town visuals offer a broader lesson ahead of national celebrations: patriotism must go hand in hand with preparedness. A simple protocol—check the flag, test the mechanism, follow the Flag Code and never compromise human safety—can help ensure that national celebrations remain both dignified and safe.

Fake WhatsApp Account Created in HMWSSB MD Ashok Reddy's Name

The HMWS&SB has warned people about a fake WhatsApp account created using the name and photograph of its managing director Ashok Reddy. The board said unidentified persons were using a foreign mobile number beginning with +84 to send messages in Ashok Reddy's name. The messages may initially begin with casual greetings and could later be used to seek money or request financial transactions. Ashok Reddy urged people not to trust messages from unknown numbers using his name or photograph, transfer money or share OTPs and bank details. People receiving suspicious messages have been advised not to respond, but instead block and report the number. Any request for money or other financial transactions in his name should be independently verified through official channels, the HMWSSB said.

TG Farmers Differ With Government On Bonus To Seven Paddy Varieties

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Farmers in Telangana have opposed the state government's decision to provide a bonus of ₹500 per quintal on minimum support price (MSP) to only seven varieties of paddy sown. According to the government's stipulations, farmers must produce the bill of the seed purchased by them to officials while selling their crop at the procurement centres. This will help officials decide whether or not the crop is one among the seven varieties of paddy for which the bonus is to be given. Farmers contend that it is not possible to get bills from farmers who maintain seeds of their



own. Further, such seeds are usable for about five years. About 25 per cent of farmers maintain their own foundation seed, according to an estimate. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Manda Rajamallaiiah, a farmer from Gopalpur, said he purchases the best quality paddy seed produced by scientists of the Telangana Agricultural University. This is because though seeds of different companies are available in the market, their quality is not as-

sured. Like Rajamallaiiah, many farmers purchase seeds from the university. After harvesting, they preserve some paddy as seed for the next season. The same seed could also be used for about five years. "It is not possible to get a purchase bill for every season," Rajamallaiiah explained. To encourage farmers to produce fine variety of paddy, the Telangana government had announced a bonus of ₹500 per quintal on minimum support price

for seven varieties of paddy purchased at the procurement centres in the state. They are BPT 5204, RNR 15048, HMT Sona, Jai Sriram, KNM 1638, WGL 44, and KNM 7715. Further, the size of the grain would be measured using a calliper. The length of grain must be below 6 mm and width below 2 mm. In addition, the length to width ratio must be 2.5 mm. Farmers maintain that the output of foundation and other fine varieties of seeds that meet these standards must also be given the '500 per quintal bonus. They underlined that most farmers grow only those varieties that have a good demand in the market.

SIPAHE Hosts Patriotic Independence Day Celebrations

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The Society for Integrated Progress And Human Empowerment (SIPAHE) celebrated Independence Day with patriotic fervour and community spirit. Senior Advocate of the Telangana High Court, Ms. Rachana Reddy, hoisted the National Flag as the Chief Guest. In her address, Adv. Rachana Reddy praised SIPAHE for its grassroots initiatives, particularly its legal-aid efforts and commitment to human empowerment. She also appreciated the organisation's efforts to protect the historic Manchippa Dargah in Nizamabad from the impact of the Kaleshwaram Project, Package No. 21. SIPAHE expressed gratitude to her for successfully arguing its case and securing



a favourable High Court order for the protection of the Dargah. The programme was attended by DCC Hyderabad President Khalid Saifullah, Submarine Commando Moin Khan, Producer and Director Shahana Khan, senior Congress leader Aijaz Ali Khan, former MLA candidate Huma Abbasi, advocates Suresh Kumar Sharma, G. Ketan, Anusha and Mohammed Sharif, former Minority Chairman Malakpet Imran Pasha Khan, Congress leader Amjad Ali

Khan, Rehan Khan Mustafa, social activist N.H. Teja and others. SIPAHE President Mansoor Ahmed Khan, General Secretary Adv. Fazil Mohammed Khan and Executive Member Meraj Banu led the celebrations with organisation members. As part of the programme, sweets were distributed among neighbourhood children and birds were released into the open sky, symbolising freedom, compassion and justice. at Narsampet.

Tearful Tribute to Ambedkarite Official Sanjay Jadhav



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A memorial meeting was held at Ambedkar Bhavan, Dadar, remembering former BMC Chief Engineer Sanjay Mahadev Jadhav, who passed away after illness on August 8. Anandraj Ambedkar attended and paid tribute. Jadhav, who retired voluntarily in 2020, was a committed follower of Phule-Shahu-Ambedkarite ideology and

worked for the Buddhist community. A sportsman and avid reader, he earned LLB and MBA degrees while serving professionally. He also shared a close bond with the Telugu community. Prakash Patil, Nagasen Malaji, Jangam Lingoji, Gannarapu Shankar, Bhimratna Malaji and Moolanivasi Malaji expressed condolences to his family.

Alhajri Urges Urgent Action on Dengue in Langar Houz

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Congress leader and Karwan Assembly constituency in-charge Usman Bin Mohammed Alhajri has urged the authorities to take immediate measures to control mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of dengue in areas surrounding Langar Houz Lake. Alhajri inspected the lake and found extensive growth of wild creepers, bushes and other vegetation, creating favourable conditions for mosquito breeding. He also visited areas near Langar Houz Market, where dengue-positive cases have reportedly emerged, and interacted with residents to understand their health concerns.



He contacted the concerned GHMC Deputy Commissioner and urged authorities to clear the overgrown vegetation and maintain the lake surroundings. He also sought regular anti-larval measures, insecticide spraying and fogging by the GHMC Entomology Department in affected and adjoining areas. Later, Alhajri, along with Congress

leaders, visited Area Hospital Golconda and met the RMO. They sought details of dengue patients and urged better diagnosis and necessary medical care for those affected. He stressed that preventive public-health measures must be implemented on an emergency basis to protect residents from dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. Senior Congress leaders Chintibabu, Akula Chandrashekhar, Abdul Rasheed Khan, division presidents Santosh Goud, Nagulapally Srikanth and Bogi Sai Kiran, along with youth leaders Ali Bin Usman Alhajri, Osama Bin Usman Alhajri, Mohammed Afroz and others, were present.

Shravana Masa Celebrations Begin with Grand Rituals at Secunderabad Temple



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Spiritual fervour gripped the Sri Navagraha Hanuman Temple at Jeera, RP Road, as grand Shravana Masa celebrations began on Sunday with mass Satyanarayana Swamy Vratams. Hundreds of devotees gathered at 10 AM and participated in the sacred rituals amid devotional chants. The temple management has planned a series of

special programmes throughout the holy month. A mass Shivabhishekam will be held on August 23, followed by special mass Homas on August 30. The celebrations will conclude with the Shiva-Parvati Kalyana Mahotsavam on September 6 at 6 PM. Temple authorities appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers and seek divine blessings for health, peace, prosperity and harmony.

TDP Demands Indiramma Houses for Goshamahal Poor

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As part of the Telugu Desam Party's Praja Chaitanya Yatra, a public awareness programme was held across Goshamahal constituency, covering Shankar Basti, Ambedkar Nagar and Chudi Bazaar. TDP Politburo member Bakkani Narasimhulu and Hyderabad Parliament Coordinator Nagu Nagesh attended as chief guests and unfurled the party flag along with former GHMC floor leader Ram Narayana Yadav and K.D. Dinesh. Addressing the gathering, Bakkani Narasimhulu re-



called the welfare and development initiatives undertaken during the tenure of former Chief Minister and TDP founder N.T. Rama Rao. He said NTR's government implemented prohibition on gudumba and provided alternative employment through home guard jobs to affected fam-

ilies. He also highlighted the distribution of house pattas to slum dwellers and the government's focus on maintaining law and order while prioritising the welfare of the poor. Narasimhulu said former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu gave special attention to Hyderabad's development, with initiatives in sanitation, greenery and infrastructure helping the city earn recognition through the Clean and Green programme. He also recalled the Janmabhoomi programme and efforts to strengthen traditional occupations. Criticising the previous

BRS government over delays in double-bedroom housing, he expressed concern that Goshamahal had reportedly not found a place in the current Indiramma housing distribution list. He demanded that the Congress government immediately identify eligible poor families in Goshamahal and sanction Indiramma houses to them. TDP leaders, including Urmila Devi, Prem Prakash Sharma, U. Prem, Anand Singh, Surender Singh, S. Simhadri, A. Shivaraj, Kishan Rao, Amarnath Singh, B.Y. Srikanth, Joginder Singh and Damodar Sharma, participated in the programme.

Cantonment MLA Ganesh Hails Youth Congress Leader Tarun

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Cantonment MLA Shri Ganesh attended Independence Day celebrations at Jayanagar Colony in New Bowenpally, organized by Youth Congress Vice President Ratnagiri Tarun. Held at Sri Rama Apartment Square, the event featured a flag-hoisting ceremony and children dressed in patriotic attire. MLA Ganesh appreciated Tarun's efforts to promote patriotism and community participation among local residents. The celebrations reflected the spirit of Independence Day and encouraged youngsters to embrace national pride.



Avani Vatsalya Foundation Marks Independence Day



Avani Vatsalya Foundation Founder Raghu Sharma distributes snacks to children at the Indiranagar Anganwadi Centre during the 80th Independence Day celebrations. Anganwadi Teacher Swathi, Helper Balamani, and committee members Archana Agarwal, Parameshwari, Shashikala, Chakravarthy, Geetha and Veeramani participated in the programme.

Grand Tiranga Rally Held in Gachibowli

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



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

CM Revanth to Inaugurate Dr. MCR TMS Monday: Damodar

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Telangana's public healthcare system is set for a major expansion with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy scheduled to inaugurate the Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (Dr. MCR TMS) at Sanathnagar in Hyderabad on Monday, August 17. Ahead of the launch, Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha inspected the hospital on Sunday and reviewed arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit and the formal inauguration of the institute. The Minis-



ter examined preparations at the hospital and directed officials to ensure that all arrangements were completed on time. He also stressed the need for coordination among departments involved in the inauguration programme. Dr. MCR TMS is being developed to provide advanced and super-specialty healthcare services through Telangana's public health system. The new institution is expected to strengthen the government hospital network and improve access to specialised medical treatment for people in Hyderabad and surrounding areas.

Following his inspection, the Health Minister is scheduled to hold a review meeting with officials from various departments to assess the final arrangements and address any pending issues before the inauguration. The launch of Dr. MCR TMS is being viewed as an important step in expanding Telangana's public healthcare infrastructure and bringing advanced medical services closer to patients. With the Chief Minister set to formally inaugurate the institute on Monday, officials have been instructed to maintain close coordination and ensure a smooth and successful launch.

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.

Odisha Floods: Over 95,000 Evacuated as Six Districts Remain in Grim Grip

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The flood situation in six districts of Odisha remained grim on Saturday as heavy rain triggered by a depression battered the state, forcing authorities to evacuate more than 95,000 people from low-lying areas. According to the State Emergency Operation Centre, around 2.70 lakh people in 503 villages across 52 blocks of Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur, Mayurbhanj, Keonjhar and Kendrapara have been affected. Flooding in the Baitarani, Brahmani, Jalaka and Budhabalanga rivers and their tributaries has worsened the situation. The rising Subarnarekha has further increased concerns in Balasore. Disaster Management Minister Suresh Pujari said 95,206 people had



been shifted to 226 relief camps equipped with cooked food, drinking water, sanitation, lighting and medical facilities. Special arrangements have been made for children, pregnant women, elderly people and persons with disabilities. Free kitchens are functioning in affected areas, while dry food and essential supplies are being distributed. The government has deployed 118 response

teams for rescue, relief and emergency operations, with additional teams kept on standby. Officials are continuously monitoring river levels and vulnerable areas, particularly in Mayurbhanj, Balasore, Bhadrak, Jajpur and Keonjhar. In Balasore, the Subarnarekha crossed its danger mark of 10.36 metres at Rajghat in Jaleswar. Its level reached 10.48 metres at noon and was forecast to rise to

10.60 metres by 10 pm. Authorities are closely monitoring 331 villages in 80 gram panchayats of Jaleswar and Baliapal blocks. The India Meteorological Department said the low-pressure area over southeast Jharkhand and adjoining regions had weakened. However, another low-pressure area is likely to develop over the north Bay of Bengal within 48 hours. Fishermen have been advised against venturing into the sea along the Odisha-West Bengal coasts. Meanwhile, heavy rain triggered a landslide at Kanjipani Ghat on National Highway-49 in Keonjhar, disrupting traffic. Soil, rocks and uprooted trees blocked the highway, with officials reporting repeated landslides over the past two days.

Iran Offers \$30,000 Bounty For Killing, Capturing US Soldiers

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Iran's military has announced a reward of \$30,000 for anyone who kills or captures a US soldier, with the bounty doubled if the action is carried out by an Iranian woman. Army chief Amir Hatami said the plan was introduced after receiving a large number of requests from people seeking to contribute financially to the military effort, Iran's state-run IRNA news agency reported. "Anyone who kills or captures and hands over an invading American military personnel will receive a reward equivalent to \$30,000 or 5 billion tomans from the Islamic Republic of Iran's Army," Hatami said. He added that "courageous Iranian women"



who carried out such an action would receive twice the amount. Hatami did not specify where or when such operations were expected to occur. There has been no known deployment of US ground troops inside Iran during the conflict, apart from a rescue mission in April involving an American pilot whose aircraft had been downed. The latest announcement comes amid continuing tensions between Tehran and

Washington. The conflict began on February 28 after the United States, backed by Israel, launched attacks on Iran. Nearly 40 days of fighting were followed by a ceasefire in April and a framework for peace talks in June, but subsequent negotiations collapsed. Since then, Iran and the United States have continued exchanging fire sporadically, with clashes reportedly concentrated mainly in southern Iran and around the strategically important Strait of Hormuz.

Three Sets of Questions on Youth Protests Disallowed in Lok Sabha: CJP

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Three sets of questions raised in the Lok Sabha over the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led youth protests were disallowed during the recent Monsoon Session of Parliament, citing admissibility rules. CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das on Sunday criticised the decision, questioning the government's accountability to Parliament. In a post on X, Das said DMK Lok Sabha MP Matheswaran VS had submitted three sets of questions seeking responses from the Union Home and Education Ministries. The notices carried reference numbers 101799 and 101801. According to Das, the questions covered several issues linked to the youth protests, including the refund of NEET-UG 2026 application fees, growing public distrust in the government, denial of drinking water and sanitation facilities to protesters in



Delhi, government engagement with protesting students, student welfare, examination paper leaks and education reforms. The questions also sought information on the treatment of citizens exercising their fundamental right to peaceful protest. Das said the questions were rejected under Rule 41(2) of the Lok Sabha Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, citing clauses (i), (iv), (v), (xviii) and (xxii). These provisions cover requirements such as precise wording, restrictions on arguments or defamatory imputations, questions seeking opinions or hypothetical legal solutions, matters pending before courts and issues under

consideration by parliamentary committees. Calling the explanations "very bizarre justifications," Das argued that the questions were legitimate and directly related to matters of public concern. Matheswaran confirmed that the questions had been disallowed and said he received the information through the Lok Sabha members' portal. Das questioned why MPs could not raise issues concerning police action against protesters inside Parliament. He asked why Union Home Minister Amit Shah did not appear before Parliament during the crucial weeks to answer questions concerning the alleged police action. "The right of an MP to question the Executive is not some procedural nuisance but is actually the heart of parliamentary democracy," Das said, stressing the importance of Question Hour in ensuring ministerial accountability. The CJP-led protests began in June over NEET-

UG, alleged paper leaks, examination reforms and student welfare. The agitation intensified after activist Sonam Wangchuk joined the protest at Jantar Mantar and began an indefinite hunger strike. On July 20, protesters organised a 'Sansad Chalo' march, during which police action and allegations of pellet-gun use became major issues. The CJP later withdrew its agitation after the government accepted its demands, including the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Opposition parties subsequently raised the alleged use of force in Parliament and demanded an explanation from Shah, whose ministry oversees the Delhi Police. The issue contributed to repeated disruptions in both Houses. The Lok Sabha website states that the admissibility of questions is governed by Rules 41 to 44, along with the Speaker's directions, parliamentary precedents and established practices.:::

Boat With 100 Passengers Stranded In Crocodile-Infested Chambal River Towed To Safety

NEW DELHI
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A steamer boat ferrying 100 people broke down in the middle of crocodile-infested Chambal River in Madhya Pradesh and drifted 100 km with the current, endangering the lives of the passengers. All the passengers were rescued safely when the ferry boat was towed to the shore by the local administration, officials said. The incident happened at around 11.30 am when the steamer, carrying around 100 passengers



and 60 two-wheelers, was travelling from Porsa in Morena district in Madhya Pradesh to the Bateshwar Mahadev temple in Uttar Pradesh. The engine of the steamer suddenly broke down in the mid-river, leaving the vessel to drift with the current as the crew members and the pas-

sengers watched helplessly, officials said. The crew tried to row the boat to the shore with the help of oars but failed to defy the water current, leaving the steamer to the mercy of the current. Rescuers finally managed to take control of the drifting steamer in the mid-river around 100 km away and towed it to the bank at Kachchapura in the neighbouring Bhind district in Madhya Pradesh, officials said. All the passengers were safely evacuated, the officials said. People in

Chambal areas of Madhya Pradesh travel in steamers to visit the Bateshwar Mahadev temple in Uttar Pradesh particularly on every Monday during the month of Shravan which falls in the rainy season. The ancient shrine of Bateshwar is located in the village of Bateshwar along the Yamuna River in Agra district of Uttar Pradesh. The temple sits roughly eight km from the town of Bah, nestled near the Chambal ravines. Chambal river is highly infested by crocodiles.

C'garh: Sai Unveils State-Of-The-Art Cancer Institute

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Chief minister Vishnu Deo Sai on Sunday inaugurated the state-of-the-art Ramakrishna Care Cancer Institute, a private sector initiative, here and hailed the ultra-modern medical facility as a new chapter in Chhattisgarh's health sector. The institute has been established on the premises of Ramkrishna Care Hospital here. Mr. Sai inspected the advanced treatment facilities and modern medical equipment at the new cancer unit and congratulated the hospital management and doctors



on the initiative. He was accompanied by speaker of the state Assembly and former chief minister Dr. Raman Singh and state health minister Shyam Bihari Jaiswal on the occasion. The chief minister said that the institute marks a new chapter in Chhattisgarh's health sector, enabling cancer patients to

access diagnosis, treatment and other medical services within a single campus. He said that such a private-sector initiative will further strengthen the state's healthcare infrastructure. Highlighting Chhattisgarh's healthcare journey, the chief minister said that the state has made significant progress in the two and half decades since its formation in 2000. He said that the government's objective is to ensure that people can access quality and advanced treatment within Chhattisgarh without having to travel outside the state.

FROM FRONT PAGE

'Dimagi Naxal'.....

Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera took a swipe at Rijiju for numbering the three points as "1, 2 and 4". "Brother Kiren Rijiju, get your counting right first, then we'll answer. After 1 and 2 comes 3, not 4," he said. Congress leader Jairam Ramesh joined in, commenting, "Entire Political Science's kamaal." Earlier, senior Congress leader P. Chidambaram had posted: "I am proud to be a dimagi Naxal", drawing sharp reactions from BJP leaders. BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad termed Chidambaram's remark "utterly irresponsible". He said Modi's reference was to people who, while sitting in cities such as Delhi, Mumbai, Patna and Kolkata, alleg-

edly nurtured Maoist ideology and provided ideological and other support to the movement. BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra also attacked Chidambaram, alleging that Naxalism had prospered when he was home minister during the UPA government. BJP MP Nishikant Dubey posted an old video of Chidambaram discussing India's nuclear weapons policy and asked whether the remarks qualified him as a "dimagi Naxal". BJP national general secretary (organisation) B.L. Santhosh and the party's IT department head Amit Malviya also targeted Chidambaram over his remarks as the political row over the Prime Minister's Independence Day comments intensified.

NTA Announces.....

The NTA concluded that the problems were sufficiently widespread to warrant re-conducting the examinations instead of addressing them merely by dropping erroneous questions during the answer-key challenge process. The agency clarified that the re-examination of the three subjects would not delay the result process for the remaining 84 subjects. The answer-key challenge process for these subjects has already begun and their results, allocation of Junior Research Fellowship seats and issuance of eligibility certificates for assistant professor and PhD admission will proceed as scheduled. Further details regarding the re-examination, including admit cards,

will be communicated to candidates by the NTA.

After Hormuz Crisis...

India consumed 33.2 million tonnes of LPG in the 2025-26 fiscal year (about 91,000 tonnes per day). Of this, 13.1 million tonnes a year was produced locally (about 35,900 tonnes a day) while the remaining 21.3 million tonnes per annum (about 58,400 tonnes a day) was imported. This high import dependence of over 64 percent left the country exposed when the start of the Iran war effectively shut the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow sealane through which India got 90 percent of its imports from nations like Saudi Arabia. With supplies impacted, the government in

March ordered refineries to divert streams used for petrochemicals production to maximise LPG output. It also initially stopped sales to industrial and commercial users and thereafter gradually scaled it up. For domestic households, periodicity of booking a refill was increased, and they were encouraged to shift to piped natural gas, whose supplies were not so severely impacted due to the war.

Bangladesh Says.....

By an "appropriate environment", Karim highlighted the issue of Bangladesh seeking Hasina's extradition, according to BDNews24 media portal. Relations between India and Bangladesh have witnessed strain after Hasina virtually addressed the press on August 5 in

New Delhi, where she said she is determined to return home in December to put the country on the "right track" by restoring democracy, notwithstanding the risk of facing the threat of imprisonment or a death sentence. Bangladesh expressed outrage over the media interaction, saying the event had hurt the sentiments of its people and could adversely affect efforts to improve bilateral ties with India. They described Hasina as an "absconding, convicted genocider". However, India's Ministry of External Affairs on August 7 said that it had no role in the media event concerning Hasina and it does not endorse anything said at the forum about the Bangladesh government.

CRIME

Special team to quiz Roshan Travels shooting suspects

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

City police have constituted a special team to question two suspects allegedly involved in a firing incident at a private travels office in Afzalgunj. The suspects, identified as Manish Kushwaha and Amit Kumar, were recently arrested by the Bidar police from Bihar in connection with the murder of a security guard and the robbery of ₹93 lakh from an ATM in Shivajinagar, Bidar, last year. According to police sources, Hyderabad Commissioner of Police V.C. Sajjanar is likely to personally question the duo to ascertain their role in the firing incident and re-

construct their movements after the ATM heist. The city police are also expected to seek their custody through a prisoner transit (PT) warrant after August 31, when their 15-day police custody with the Bidar police is scheduled to end. Bidar police arrested Kushwaha and Kumar on August 16 from a hideout in Bihar following an extensive investigation. The duo had been wanted in connection with the murder of security guard Giri Venkatesh and the ATM robbery reported in Shivajinagar on January 16 last year. The Karnataka police had announced a reward of ₹5 lakh for information leading to their capture, while the Bidar crime branch had sep-

arately announced a ₹4 lakh reward. Investigators suspect that the accused fled towards Hyderabad after carrying out the ATM robbery and planned to travel to Bihar through Raipur. During their stay in Hyderabad, they reportedly approached Roshan Travels in Afzalgunj to book tickets to Raipur. The ticketing agent at the private travels office allegedly became suspicious of their behaviour and asked them to have their luggage checked. Instead of co-operating, the duo allegedly opened fire before fleeing the premises. Mohammed Jahangir, the travels manager, sustained bullet injuries in the incident. The Hyderabad police are expected

to bring the accused to the city after obtaining the necessary transit warrant. Investigators will question them about the circumstances leading to the firing, their movements in Hyderabad and their escape route. Sources said the police are also likely to conduct a scene recreation at Roshan Travels to establish the sequence of events and collect further evidence. The questioning is expected to help investigators determine whether the two suspects were acting alone and whether other members of their alleged criminal network were involved in the Hyderabad episode. Four other suspects connected to the broader criminal investigation

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

Cyberabad Traffic Police Conduct Weekend Drunk & Drive Checks; 201 Offenders Caught

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Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk-and-drive enforcement drive, apprehending 201 motorists for driving under the influence of alcohol. The vehicle-wise breakdown includes 174 two-wheelers, 17 three-wheelers, 17 four-wheelers and one heavy vehicle. Based on Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC), 170 offenders recorded levels between 36 and 200 mg/100 ml, 16



between 201 and 300 mg/100 ml, and 15 between 301 and 550 mg/100 ml. All the offenders will be produced before the court. Police warned that drunk driving is a serious offence. Those who cause a fatal accident while driving under the

influence of alcohol may face charges under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a maximum punishment of 10 years' imprisonment and a fine. Meanwhile, between August 10 and 15, 2026, courts disposed of 276 drunk-driving cases. Of these, 3 offenders received fine and jail sentences, 9 were sentenced to fine and community service, and 264 received fines. Cyberabad Traffic Police urged motorists to avoid drunk driving and prioritize road safety.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

A 43-year-old woman died in a tragic lift accident at an apartment in Annapurna Enclave, Chandanagar, under the Chandanagar Police Station limits on Tuesday. According to police, Anasuya, a resident of Nallagandla SC Colony, had visited her relative's residence at Chatwaz Mansion Apartment along with her husband, Dhadi Srinivas. As the couple entered the lift, Anasuya was reportedly still stepping inside when the lift suddenly moved upward before the doors had completely closed, trapping her between the lift and the entrance. Apartment residents rushed to the spot after hearing cries for help and managed to stop the lift before rescuing her. She was immediately shifted to a private hospital.

Auto-Driver Held with 1.45 Kg Ganja in Hyderabad's Madhapur



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The State Task Force (STF) team of the Prohibition and Excise Department arrested an auto-rickshaw driver allegedly involved in selling ganja in Madhapur and seized 1.45 kg of the contraband from him on Saturday, August 15. The suspect was identified as Amar Kumar, a native of Jharkhand. According to officials,

Kumar allegedly used his auto-rickshaw to transport and sell ganja in the area. The STF team intercepted him while he was allegedly selling the contraband and recovered 1.45 kg of ganja, an auto-rickshaw and a mobile phone. The suspect, along with the seized ganja and other material, was handed over to the Madhapur Excise Station for further investigation.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

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An 18-year-old Osmania Medical College student died by suicide at an under-construction building near RGI Stadium, Uppal, early Sunday. His family said he was stressed over internal examinations. The deceased, K. Bhargav Reddy of Medak district, had been staying at his relatives' house in Ramanthapur. He was preparing for exams with his cousin

late into the night before leaving unnoticed. His family filed a missing complaint at 7.30 am, and police later found his body. No suicide note was recovered. Police said he had been under stress due to exams. The body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem and later handed over to the family. Police registered a case under missing circumstances, later altered to BNSS 194. Investigation is continuing.

Two Arrested In Shankarpally Burglary Cases

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Shankarpally police arrested two members of a burglary gang allegedly involved in a series of thefts targeting locked houses and commercial establishments across Shankarpally, BDL Bhanur, Gajwel and surrounding areas over the past six months. Police said the accused confessed to their involvement in 11 theft cases, while four other members of the gang remain absconding. The arrested persons were identified as Vishal Bhag-

wat Shinde, a labourer from Solapur district in Maharashtra, and Krishna Dandekar Bhonsle, an agricultural worker from Jalna district. The absconding accused were identified as Shivaji Bhonsle, Rahul Vijay Pawar, Rahul's father-in-law and Jamuna. According to police, the gang conducted reconnaissance during the daytime. Women and children allegedly moved around villages and identified houses where residents were away. At night, the male members approached the targeted

properties through fields and bushes, sometimes using motorcycles. The accused allegedly wore masks and gloves while committing the offences and used iron rods to break locks and cupboards. They stole gold ornaments, cash and other valuables. Police said the gang also carried sickle-like weapons to threaten residents who attempted to resist. During the investigation, police recovered ₹5,000 in cash, half a tola of gold and an iron rod from the arrested persons. Special teams have been formed to trace the four

absconding accused and recover property connected with other theft cases. Police urged residents to remain vigilant and take precautionary measures to protect their homes. People were advised to avoid keeping large amounts of cash or valuables at home, properly secure doors and windows when leaving their houses unattended, and immediately inform police about suspicious persons or vehicles moving around residential areas.



Akan Hyderabad Celebrates Independence Day, Championing Inclusive Hospitality

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Akan Hyderabad marked Independence Day with the latest edition of its annual flagship initiative, Akan Aahvaanam 2026, bringing together policy-makers, artists, hospitality leaders and guests for an afternoon centred on inclusion, empathy and purposeful hospitality. The event was attended by Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana; actress Dhaassyam Geetha Bhascker, Dr. Zelalem Birhanu Taffesse, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF Hyderabad, Journalists Anjali, Swapna, actor Kadambari Kiran, Temple Architect Anand Sai, among others, who joined the gathering to support the cause of accessibility and social inclusion. Akan Aahvaanam 2026 followed a unique “Pay-As-You-Please” format, where guests enjoyed a



curated aritaku bhojanam and live acoustic performances without fixed prices. Every contribution collected during the event was directed towards social initiatives through The Good Talk Factory Foundation, supporting public accessibility upgrades across Hyderabad, family-centric autism support programmes and skill-development workshops for neurodivergent youth. Aahvaanam, which translates to “Invitation,” was conceived as a platform to transform hospitality into meaningful social action. Since its inception, the

initiative has aligned Independence Day celebrations with causes that create lasting community impact. Nihal Reddy, Managing Director of Akan shares his gratitude, “Akan is happy to be a part of such missions and initiatives that matter. Emphasis on the environment should be safe. Every child has not only a right but given the right opportunity then they can grow to the greatest place.” Jayesh Ranjan, IAS, Special Chief Secretary, Government of Telangana, who spent time with the intellectually

challenged children showcasing their talents, says “On Independence Day, we often measure our progress through GDP, incomes and economic growth. But true independence also means creating a level playing field for everyone, particularly those who face disadvantages. Akan Aahvaanam 2026 is a reminder that progress is meaningful only when it reaches everyone. We need to be more sensitive to the challenges faced by intellectually challenged individuals and create a society that accommodates and includes them.” Actress Dhaassyam Geetha Bhascker says, “Independence is truly meaningful when every individual has the opportunity to participate, contribute and feel included. Aahvaanam is an important step towards creating greater awareness and reminding society that inclusion is not an option,

but a responsibility we all share.” She added, “Every individual experiences the world differently, and we need to take the time to understand those differences with empathy and sensitivity. Events like Aahvaanam help us listen, learn and create spaces where individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities can feel seen, respected and valued.” Reflecting the mission of Akan Aahvaanam 2026, Akan incorporated inclusive features within the venue, including full wheelchair accessibility, a designated quiet and low-sensory seating area, and sensory-friendly service hours, enabling guests of different abilities to participate comfortably. The proceeds of the event will support The Good Talk Factory initiatives, over 500 guests enjoyed the meal and contributed to the cause.

Airtel scraps 1.5GB daily prepaid plans offering unlimited calls

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Bharti Airtel has discontinued all prepaid plans that were offering 1.5 GB data per day with an unlimited calling facility, leaving customers to choose from pricier plans offering higher data usage per day, according to information available on the company’s app. The telco withdrew five prepaid plans – Rs 299, Rs 319, Rs 579, Rs 619 and Rs 649 – leaving subscribers of the popular Rs 299 plan with pricier options to choose from. Experts say that the latest move by Airtel signals what may be an inevitable industry shift towards higher tariffs as telcos sharpen their focus on improving average revenue per user (ARPU). The reshuffled prepaid offering deck leaves the entry-level Rs 199 and Rs 219 plans unchanged, but it means that subscribers of the popular Rs 299 plan looking for a higher data

usage quota per day will now have to opt for the Rs 349 pack, translating into a price rise of about 16 per cent for them. While there is no official announcement from the company, people aware of the development said the move is part of Airtel’s efforts to drive sustained ARPU growth. They argued that subscribers on the Rs 299 plan would often exhaust their data allowance and end up buying top-ups or recharging again, anyway. The Rs 349 plan, in comparison, offers unlimited 5G data. The discontinued plan priced at Rs 299 offered 1.5 GB per day with validity of 28 days. The same set of services with 30-day validity was being offered under a plan priced at Rs 319. The Rs 579 plan was offering 1.5GB per day with 56 days’ validity, the Rs 619 plan came with a similar benefit with 60-day validity and the Rs 649 plan offered 2GB data per day

with 56-day validity. Bharti Airtel management, during the earnings call last week, had said the company sees potential for raising tariffs on plans that offer unlimited data at lower price points. In response to a question if Bharti Airtel needs to hike tariffs given that it is recording healthy growth, Executive Vice Chairman Gopal Vittal had said when the company talks about tariff repair, it is actually about the architecture of mobile plans in place. “Which means that for a very low level of pricing, you get unlimited data, and that means ARPU is capped. That to me is not a healthy way to operate it because if you look at it, and we have talked about this before,” Vittal said. He said every market has offerings in terms of small, medium, large to extra large and therefore, there is a need for “sensible price architecture” in mobile services.

Mahindra Unveils BE 6 Sporteq, Formula E Edition And Scorpio Lifestyler

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Mahindra & Mahindra unveiled two new versions of its BE 6 electric SUV on Independence Day — the Sporteq and Formula E Freedom Edition — while also showcasing the new Scorpio Lifestyler pickup aimed at Indian and global markets. The BE 6 Sporteq is the new flagship variant, priced at ₹19.45 lakh, or

₹11.45 lakh with the Battery-as-a-Service (BaaS) option. It retains the SUV’s bold styling, featuring LED headlights, C-shaped DRLs and two-tone alloy wheels, while adding a black-and-tan interior and a redesigned dashboard without the central spine. The Sporteq introduces six new technology suites. These include TEQ_Me for automatic driver-profile recognition, TEQ_xting for

personalised tailgate messages, TEQ_Talk with Google Gemini voice assistance and TEQ_Drive, which offers custom drive modes, Tribe Drive, Drift Mode, Acceleration Boost and SOS functions. The electric SUV is available with 59kWh and 79kWh battery packs, offering a claimed range of up to 682km. Its rear-mounted electric motor produces 282bhp and 380Nm of torque.



Mahindra also introduced the BE 6 Formula E Freedom Edition at ₹24.45 lakh.

It gets a Rosso Impulso exterior shade, Indian tricolour-inspired decals and Formula E badging.

The cabin features a Firestorm Orange theme, leatherette and suede upholstery, spe-

cial decals and a dedicated Freedom Edition plaque. The company also showcased the Scorpio Lifestyler, a double-cab lifestyle pickup based on the Scorpio-N platform. It features a rugged front grille, LED headlights, C-shaped LED taillights and a large rear cargo bed. The Scorpio Lifestyler is expected to launch in India by April 2027 at a starting price below

₹19.79 lakh. It will rival the Isuzu D-Max V-Cross and Toyota Hilux. Mahindra also plans to offer the pickup in Australia, New Zealand, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and South Africa, where it will be sold simply as the Lifestyler. The new products underline Mahindra’s strategy to expand its electric SUV portfolio while entering more global lifestyle pickup markets.

TUCPA Announces 33-Member Executive Committee for 2026–2028



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The Telangana United Christians and Pastors Association (TUCPA) has announced its 33-member Mega Executive Committee for the 2026–2028 term, bringing together leaders from major Christian and Catholic denominations under the motto, “We are not for Identity – But for Unity.” A major priority of the new committee is the proposed Christian Jathara (Kraistava Jathara) at L.B. Stadium, Hyderabad, aimed at showcasing community unity and highlighting key minority rights and welfare demands. TUCPA plans to pursue issues across all 119 constituencies, including the demand for official Scheduled Caste status for Dalit Christians, stronger laws against religious hatred and targeted

atrocities, protection of worship places, and financial assistance for registered pastors, particularly those serving rural communities. The association will also seek faster allocation of land for Christian cemeteries in all 33 districts, streamlined permissions for church construction, and greater representation of Christians in state-nominated positions, the Christian Minorities Finance Corporation and legislative bodies. The newly elected office-bearers include President Bishop K. Timothy, Working President Rev. P. Menno Joel, Vice Presidents Rev. Jayakumar Zacheus and Rev. K. Chitti Babu, General Secretary Goneh Solomon Raj, Treasurer C. Benoni Richard, Women State Convener C. Hemalatha and Youth State Convener M. Shalini.

Spectra Flavours & Emulsions Launches NEJOS Herbal & Mineral Wellness Drops

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Hyderabad-based Spectra Flavours & Emulsions has unveiled NEJOS Herbal & Mineral Wellness Drops, a concentrated formulation designed to complement purified drinking water with selected minerals and herbal extracts. Developed at the MSME Green Industrial Park in Dhandumalkapur, the product is being introduced initially in the Hyderabad market, with plans for expansion across India. NEJOS was launched at an event held at Hyatt Place, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. The programme was attended by Kanneganti Rama Devi, President, Association of Lady Entrepreneurs of India (ALEAP), Chairperson & CEO, AIC ALEAP WE-HUB, and Senior Vice Chairperson, WE ITTC, as the Chief Guest. K. Sudhir Reddy, President, Telangana Industrialists Federation (TIF), was the Guest of Honour. Founder and Proprietor Vadde Nanda Srinivas Rao, along with industrialists, business leaders, media representatives and



other invitees, participated in the launch. Modern water purification systems are designed to remove impurities from drinking water. Depending on the purification process, some naturally occurring minerals may also be reduced. NEJOS has been formulated with selected mineral salts providing potassium, calcium, magnesium and sodium, along with herbal extracts of Tulsi, Ginger and Mint. The product is intended to be conveniently incorporated into daily hydration. According to the company, 1 ml of NEJOS can be added to one litre of drinking water, mixed well and consumed as part of a regular hydration routine. Speaking at the launch,

Kanneganti Rama Devi emphasised the importance of making wellness part of everyday life. She noted that commonly used RO-based purification systems may reduce certain minerals along with impurities and said NEJOS seeks to address this aspect by adding selected minerals and herbal extracts to drinking water in a convenient drop format. K. Sudhir Reddy congratulated Vadde Nanda Srinivas Rao and the Spectra Flavours & Emulsions team for developing the product within the MSME ecosystem. He highlighted the significance of the MSME Green Industrial Park, Dhandumalkapur, in supporting innovative products with wider mar-

ket potential. Vadde Nanda Srinivas Rao said the product was developed with the simple idea of making everyday hydration more meaningful. He said NEJOS brings selected minerals and herbal extracts together in an easy-to-use drop format and has been developed in Hyderabad with the intention of initially serving the local market before expanding nationally. The launch reflects the growing interest in convenient wellness-oriented formulations that can be incorporated into daily routines. Spectra Flavours & Emulsions plans to strengthen NEJOS's presence in the local market before taking the product to consumers across India.

Hayathnagar Librarian Wins National Best Librarian Award–2026



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Dr. Anandam Durgaprasad, Librarian at Government Degree College, Hayathnagar, has been honoured with the prestigious National Best Librarian Award–2026 for his outstanding contribution to library services and digital education. The award was presented at a programme organised under the auspices of the Madras Library Association in Chennai. Dr. Durgaprasad received the honour in the presence of Education Minister Thiru Raja Mohan, Padma Shri awardee Kalyana Sundaram, University of Madras Vice-Chancellor Professor Armstrong and Dravidian University Vice-Chancellor Professor Doraswamy, among other dignitaries. Dr. Durgaprasad has played a key role in connecting students with modern library facilities,

digital resources, educational opportunities and employment information. His “E-Library Telangana” blog has emerged as a valuable resource for students, job aspirants and researchers, offering information on competitive examinations, education, employment and research. According to Dr. Durgaprasad, the blog has attracted readers from 146 countries and recorded nearly 1.7 million views. He said his goal is to use technology to make useful educational and employment information accessible to a wider section of society. Government Degree College Principal Dr. P. Suresh Babu, along with faculty, staff, fellow librarians, relatives and well-wishers, congratulated him on the national recognition. The award has brought pride to the college and Telangana.

Ranveer Opts for Corporate Studio Backing

Ranveer Singh's exit from Don 3 may have marked a turning point in his career, with strong corporate backing giving the actor greater leverage in an industry traditionally dominated by major Bollywood studios. His latest project, Pralay, which began filming on August 16, places him within a powerful corporate-backed ecosystem. The post-apocalyptic thriller is backed by Ananya Birla's Birla Studios, Hansal Mehta's True Story Films and Ranveer's own Maa Kasam Films. This combination gives the actor a stronger production base while allowing him greater creative and financial independence. Ranveer's commercial position has also been strengthened by the success and growing scale of the Dhurandhar franchise. His professional association with Jio Studios and the Ambani family has further expanded his access to influential corporate networks. With business houses such as Birla and Ambani backing projects connected to him, Ranveer arguably has greater bargaining power than stars who remain dependent on traditional film studios. This backing could become particularly important following the controversy surrounding his departure from Don 3. Ranveer reportedly exited the project after delays in the script and creative disagreements. Following his



decision, the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) issued a non-cooperation directive against the actor. Excel Entertainment, meanwhile, claimed that it had incurred losses of around ₹40–45 crore during the pre-production stage. The episode highlights the difficult relationship between actors and studios when major projects undergo prolonged development. While studios can face substantial financial losses because of delays, changes in creative direction and abandoned plans, actors may also feel compelled to walk away when they believe a script or project no longer matches their expectations. Industry observers argue that repeatedly delayed or substantially altered projects can justify an actor reconsidering their involvement. At the same time, producers are left carrying sunk costs involving sets, locations, technicians, schedules and other pre-production expenses. Producer Suneel Darshan has maintained that studios should avoid using external pressure tactics to force settlements. According to him, legal or industrial intervention remains the legitimate route available to producers seeking to recover losses when a promised film is not delivered. For Ranveer, however, the emergence of Pralay, coupled with the growing strength of the Dhurandhar franchise, suggests that his career may be entering a new phase. Corporate partnerships could provide him with financial stability, creative flexibility and negotiating power, potentially reducing his dependence on traditional Bollywood studio structures.

Actress Ananya Raj Passes Away After Year-Long Health Battle

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Actress Ananya Raj, known for her appearances in films such as 7 Hours to Go, The Final Exit and Ghost, has passed away at the age of 27. The actress' family confirmed her demise through her official Instagram handle on Sunday, saying she died peacefully in her sleep after battling physical and mental discomfort for more than a year. In a statement shared with her followers, Ananya's family said, "This is Ananya's family. With great pain, we have to announce that Ananya passed away in the wee hours of 15th July. She passed away peacefully in her sleep." The family revealed that Ananya had been dealing with physical and mental difficulties for over a year but continued to fight through the challenges with determination. They described her as a strong-spirited woman who faced life with courage and lived it on her own terms. "For over a year, she was going through physical and mental discomfort. And she fought like a warrior to overcome them," the family said in their emotional statement.



Remembering the actress, her family added, "She was a strong-spirited girl and lived like a Queen. Bachcha, your absence will be dearly felt." They also appealed to fans, friends and well-wishers to pray for her soul and requested privacy for the family during the difficult period. Ananya Raj had established a presence in the Hindi film industry through her work in projects including 7 Hours to Go, The Final Exit and Ghost. Though she was still at an early stage of her career, her performances helped her gain recognition among audiences. Beyond films, Ananya also featured in several music videos released by prominent music labels, including T-Series, Zee Music and Times Music. Her work across films and music videos allowed her to connect with audiences beyond traditional Bollywood projects. The actress also appeared in the Telugu film Thaggede Le, which was written and directed by Srinivas Raju. Her work in multiple languages and formats reflected her growing presence in the entertainment industry. News of Ananya's sudden death at such a young age has left fans and members of the film fraternity deeply saddened. Her family's statement highlighted not only the loss of a young actress but also the difficult personal battle she had faced privately. As tributes continue to emerge, Ananya Raj's family has urged everyone to respect their privacy and maintain silence during this period of grief. Her journey, though brief, remains remembered through her films, music videos and the work she left behind.

Sailor Shringhari Beats Boys For National Title



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Telangana sailor Shringhari Roy of the Secunderabad Sailing Club won gold at the 3rd Raja Bhoj Multiclass Sailing Championship, topping the Optimist Main Open Category (Boys & Girls)

at the National Sailing School in Bhopal on Sunday. A student of St Ann's Girls High School in Mehdiapatnam, Shringhari sailed with remarkable consistency across the series to finish first overall — placing herself at the top of the combined boys' and girls' standings, not merely her own di-

vision. The win adds to an impressive record for the Team India sailor, who is the reigning national girls' champion in the Optimist class and recently represented India at the IODA Optimist World Championship 2026 in Tangier, Morocco. She trains under Arjun Pradipak, Commodore and Coach at the Secunderabad Sailing Club. "This has been a dream we've chased together, and today it came true. Shringhari earned every bit of it, and this is only the beginning," Arjun said. Shringhari was understandably overjoyed, calling it a breakthrough and one of the happiest moments of her journey so far. Significantly, the victory cements her place as a Team India member for the International Optimist Dinghy Association (IODA) Asian & Oceanian Championship to be held in Sri Lanka this December.

HPRC Riders Secure Podium Finishes in Equestrian Challenge



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The second HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026 witnessed exciting show jumping action at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC), Gandipet, with riders competing in the 40 cm Under-12, 40 cm Open and 105–110 cm categories. The day concluded with a prize distribution ceremony attended by prominent members of the equestrian community. Archi Horse Riding riders dominated the competition, securing victories in both the 40 cm Open and 105–110 cm classes, while HPRC riders also delivered strong performances across all three categories. In the 40 cm Under-12 class, Naag Hridhaan Mu-

lugu of Archi Horse Riding secured first place riding Cornelius. Yuvan Tummala of Kings Equestrian finished second on Rustam, followed by Archi Horse Riding's Shouryan Bathula on Perfect Hella. Ayaan Verma Nadimpalli of HPRC, riding Hulk C, secured fourth place. The 40 cm Open class saw Yuvan Tummala of Kings Equestrian take the top spot aboard Rustam. Shouryan Bathula of Archi Horse Riding finished second, while HPRC's Tia C Kumar secured third place riding Brave Indian. Ram Reddy Botta, riding Hulk C, finished fourth. The marquee 105–110 cm class was won by Archi Horse Riding's Archi Jagadeesh riding Melrose. His teammate Jeroen

Shepers, aboard Foggy Bottom, claimed second place. HPRC rider Sanjit Kanumilli produced an impressive performance on Alaba to finish third, while Mohammed Amaan Ali of The ASHWA Collective finished fourth with Flying Champ. The prize money for the top four places was ₹20,000, ₹10,000, ₹7,500 and ₹5,000 respectively. HPRC's Sanjit Kanumilli earned ₹7,500 for his third-place finish. The prize ceremony was attended by HPRC President Chaitania Kumar, KMC Construction Director Mrs Keerthi Reddy, TSEA's Narshima Reddy, HPRC Vice-President Vijender Singh, and EFI judges Kishor Futnani and Rajeev Daiya.



Second-Phase ITI Admissions Open in Telangana

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

Kalyana Lakshmi scheme row- BRS to stage protests across Telangana

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Charging that the Congress government was hatching a conspiracy to scrap the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, BRS working president KT Rama Rao called upon party leaders and activists to stage protests across the State on Monday. He accused the Congress government of deliberately trying to discontinue the scheme under the guise of a High Court verdict. Rama Rao asked party leaders to stage protests at constituency and mandal headquarters to thwart what he called the conspiracy and expose the Congress party's deceit. He made the remarks during a teleconference with party MLAs, MLCs and others, on Sunday. The BRS working president said the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mu-



barak schemes were not merely welfare programmes but initiatives deeply linked to the self-respect of women from poor families. BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao launched the schemes on October 2, 2014, shortly after the formation of Telangana. Initially, Rs. 51,000 was offered under the scheme. The amount was later increased to Rs. 1,00,116. During the BRS tenure, financial assistance of Rs. 13,000 crore was provided to nearly 13 lakh women. The Kalyana Lakshmi scheme was also

continued during the COVID-19 pandemic, he said. "The Congress party promised to provide 'tulam' gold (10 grams) in addition to Kalyana Lakshmi, but attempts are being made to scrap the scheme," Rama Rao said. He charged that beneficiaries were being denied the benefits and made to wait for long periods. In some cases, beneficiaries were forced to make repeated rounds of government offices even after their children had been born, he alleged. Similarly, the distribution of cheques for applications approved after long delays had also stalled, he said. Rama Rao demanded that the government immediately process all pending eligible applications and release the financial assistance. "Why did the government fail to file a counter-affidavit de-

spite being granted four extensions? The government pays huge sums to private lawyers to argue cases involving issues like corruption but has acted negligently regarding the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme," Rama Rao said. He alleged that the Congress government was determined to completely halt the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes under the guise of the High Court verdict. He warned that if the schemes were cancelled, the women of Telangana and their families would teach the Congress government a fitting lesson. Rama Rao asked the BRS cadre to confront Congress leaders in every village and ward and conduct extensive campaigns among the public. He said this would make people question Congress leaders.

BRS demands recall of smart food cards, CAG audit into Rs 100-crore spend

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After the Congress government launched the distribution of smart food security cards, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) termed the initiative a cheap party campaign and demanded that the cards be recalled. It also sought a Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) audit of the exercise. In a sharp attack, BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan condemned what he called a criminal waste of Rs. 100 crore in public funds under the guise of distributing 1.05 crore laminated PDS ration cards. The cards were launched on August 15 across 119 constituencies. He said the expenditure came at a time when Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was claiming financial helplessness in clearing long-pending fee reimbursement dues for impoverished students and pension as well as gratuity benefits for retired employees.

Over Rs. 100 crore was spent to replace active e-cards with glossy, laminated cards carrying oversized portraits of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, he alleged. Nearly Rs. 100 was spent on each card, factoring in cloud servers, specialised web portals, printing, lamination and logistics across 33 districts. He charged that the entire exercise amounted to a waste of taxpayers' money. In 2021, Congress leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi, took to the national stage to denounce Prime Minister Narendra Modi's photograph on CoWIN vaccination certificates. They had described it as a "disgusting abuse of public funds for personal PR during a humanitarian crisis". The Election Commission subsequently ordered the removal of the Prime Minister's photographs during State elections in Goa, Uttarakhand and elsewhere. Sravan ques-

tioned why the same moral standard was not being applied to Revanth Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy. "Food security under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) is a statutory, constitutional right and not a personal feudal charity disbursed from the pockets of Congress Ministers," Sravan said. The BRS MLC maintained that by displaying the Civil Supplies Minister's portrait alongside that of the Chief Minister, the Congress government had openly flouted the Supreme Court's orders. He said that once the Model Code of Conduct came into force for the impending local body or GHMC elections, the Election Commission would inevitably freeze or order the reprinting of the 1.05 crore cards. This, he said, would force taxpayers to bear another Rs. 100 crore as a penalty for what he described as the government's reckless narcissism.

Sharada Peetham's Vedanta Vichara Deepika programme concludes in Hyderabad

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The three-day Vedanta Vichara Deepika programme, organised by Aham Brahmaasmi, a unit of Dakshinamnaya Sri Sharada Peetham, Sringeri, concluded on Sunday at the G. P. Birla Centre, Hyderabad. Around 150 participants from different walks of life attended the intensive Vedanta learning programme, reflecting growing interest in Sanatana Dharma and Advaita Vedanta. The sessions fo-

cused on introducing participants to the fundamentals of Vedanta in a simple, systematic and practical manner, enabling them to appreciate the timeless wisdom of the Upanishads and the teachings of Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya. The concluding day featured discourses, interactive question-and-answer sessions and reflections on applying Vedantic principles in everyday life. Participants expressed satisfaction with the structured learning experience and appreciated the clarity

and depth with which the concepts were presented by the resource persons. He appreciated the efforts of Aham Brahmaasmi in making authentic Vedantic knowledge accessible to seekers through such structured initiatives. The organisers thanked all the speakers, volunteers and participants for contributing to the success of the event and reaffirmed their commitment to conducting more programmes that promote India's spiritual heritage and the timeless message of Advaita Vedanta.

Harish Rao hits back at CM Revanth, seeks Assembly debate on welfare claims

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has given a point-by-point counter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's claims on welfare and development. It also demanded that he convene the Assembly to discuss his claims. BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao strongly criticised the Chief Minister for resorting to personal attacks instead of speaking about Telangana's development

and welfare. Countering the Chief Minister's remarks at a public meeting in Sangareddy on Independence Day, he said former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao used his Independence Day addresses to speak about development, irrigation and power. In contrast, Revanth Reddy had failed to present any meaningful account of development in Sangareddy district, he alleged. Addressing media persons at Siddipet, the former Minister alleged that the Congress gov-



ernment was neglecting the Sangameshwar and Basaveshwar irrigation projects initiated during the BRS government. The Chief Minister did not speak a word about the progress of these projects, he said. Referring to ration cards, Harish Rao said the State government had itself stated in the As-

sembly that the BRS government had issued 6,47,479 ration cards, benefiting around 20 lakh people. He said this contradicted the claims being made by the Chief Minister at public meetings. He said the Congress government had earlier imposed a ceiling of 20 kg of rice per family. The BRS government later removed the ceiling and provided six kilograms of rice per person, irrespective of family size. Harish Rao also challenged the Chief Min-

ister's claim regarding employment generation. He said that, in response to a question raised by him in the Assembly, the government had stated that only around 16,000 jobs had been provided after the Congress came to power. The Chief Minister, however, was now claiming that 70,000 jobs had been provided. "Revanth Reddy should apologise to unemployed youth if the figures being cited at public meetings are incorrect," Harish Rao demanded.



Former Minister V Srinivas Goud, former MLAs Anjaiah Yadav and visited BRS Party Bhuvanagiri Parliament In-charge Kyama Mallesh, who was recently recovering from a minor illness and is resting at his residence in LB Nagar. former minister they inquired about Kyama Mallesh's health condition. They wished him a speedy recovery and full participation in public life. Former corporator of Vanasthalipuram division former chairman of Agricultural Market Committee and others were present.

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No hike in private medical, dental college fees in TG

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Students seeking admissions to MBBS and BDS programmes in the private medical and dental colleges in the State will not have to shell out higher fees in the academic year 2026-27 as the existing tuition fee has been retained. As per the Health department orders, the tuition fee, which was fixed for the block period 2023-26, will be continued for the next three-year block period. The order is applicable to Army College of Dental Sciences in Secunderabad as well. Presently, a student securing a seat under the A-category (competent authority) has to pay a tuition fee of Rs.60,000 per annum. A seat under the B-category (management quota) costs between Rs

11.50 lakh per annum and Rs 13 lakh per annum. The colleges are allowed to charge up to two times the B-category seat tuition fees for the C-category (NRI quota) seat. As for dental colleges, tuition fee of Rs 45,000 per annum has been fixed for A-category seats. While a seat under the B-category costs between Rs 4.20 lakh per annum and Rs 5 lakh per annum, the private colleges are authorised to charge up to 1.25 times of the B-category seat under C-category admission. This tuition fee will be continued for a three-year block period. If new private medicine and dental colleges come up between 2026 and 2029, minimum fee in force will be applicable to them.

Govt departments form QRTs to counter fake, misleading social media content

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Government departments are constituting Quick Response Teams (QRT) to ensure a timely response to misleading or fake content on social media, an official said. There is a need to engage with people through social media in a constructive manner and to ensure that responses to rumours, misinformation, fake content, and misleading posts are issued promptly, the official said. The objective is to promptly scrutinise, coordinate and respond to such content, while effectively monitoring matters related to the works and functions of government departments on social media. The functions and

responsibilities of the respective teams include responding to fake/misleading content on social media. Departments such as power, agriculture and commerce have already constituted their QRTs. "Ideally, the response from the ministries should go in two hours of noting such content," the official said, adding that the monitoring of social media and relevant digital platforms would be undertaken by the social media and digital media teams of respective ministries with appropriate inputs from the new media wing of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The social media teams shall regularly monitor content relating to the ministry or department,

including its policies, schemes, programmes, decisions, and announcements. Any content which appears to be fake, misleading, factually incorrect, manipulated, distorted, taken out of context, or likely to cause public confusion shall promptly be brought to the notice of QRTs, the official said, adding the QRTs will verify such information and submit factual positions. They will also coordinate with the PIB fact check unit. Cases involving high virality, significant public interest, sensitive policy matters, potential public harm, legal implications, coordinated misinformation campaigns, or inter-ministerial issues would be escalated to the appropriate .

10 nabbed for gambling, casino paraphernalia seized

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The Goshamahall police apprehended ten persons in the early hours of Sunday, August 16, for gambling. According to the police, the team got a tip of an illegal card game being held at a house in Begum Bazar Chattri here. After obtaining the necessary permission and securing mediators, police arrived at the premises and found 10 men playing cards for cash stakes on the fourth floor. During the search, the police recovered Rs.1,18,800 in cash, 13 packs of playing cards, Casinoite/Billium coins and hookah articles. All ten apprehended persons, along with the seized material and relevant documents, were taken to Goshamahall Police Station for necessary legal action. A case was registered under Sections 3 (managing gaming houses) and 4 (individuals caught gaming) of the Telangana Gaming Act, Section 4 (smoking in public) read with Section 21 (fine for smoking in public) of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (COTPA) Act, and Section 112(2) (punishment for petty organised crime) of the BNS. All the men were also served with a 35(3) BNSS notice (notice of appearance instead of immediate arrest).