

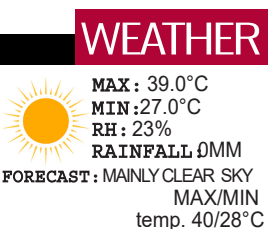


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Fire At Mumbai Income Tax Office, 28 Rescued

A fire broke out in the basement of the seven-storey Income-Tax Office building, Aayakar Bhavan, on Maharshi Karve Road in Mumbai's Churchgate area on Monday afternoon, officials said. No injuries or casualties were reported, while at least 28 people were rescued from the building. According to BMC officials, the Mumbai Fire Brigade received the initial call at 2.01 pm and declared it a Level-I fire at 2.10 pm. It was subsequently upgraded to Level-II around 2.45 pm. Multiple agencies, including the Mumbai Fire Brigade, Mumbai Police, BEST personnel, 108 ambulance services and BMC ward staff, were rushed to the site. Fire officials said smoke spread rapidly through the building because of the central air-conditioning system, forcing rescuers to break window panes to let it out. The blaze affected electri-

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We Will Add 10,000 Beds In Telangana Hospitals: Revanth



NEW DELHI
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday said the previous government only laid foundation stones for hospitals but never built them, while the Congress government had completed them after coming to power. Inaugurating the Dr MCR Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (Tims) at Sanathnagar, he said opposition parties had failed to complete the proposed Tims hospitals and the Warangal Super Speciality Hospital. The present government had taken up completion of Tims at Sanathnagar, LB Nagar and Alwal, besides the Warangal hospital, promising that one hospital would be completed every six

months.

He announced that Osmania General Hospital, LB Nagar Tims, Alwal Tims and the Warangal Super Speciality Hospital would be ready by December 9, 2027, adding that these projects would together provide about 10,000 beds. The Chief Minister said each hospital would have a separate director and be managed on the lines of corporate hospitals. Funds would be sanctioned for facilities for attendants accompanying patients. He directed the health minister to frame a system of incentives for doctors who spend extra hours in government hospitals and perform more surgeries under Aarogyasri and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).

He said the move should encourage doctors to focus on government services rather than private practice. Pointing to the rising cost of private healthcare, he said Tims hospitals were being established to provide treatment to poor patients. Since coming to power, the government has spent ₹2,700 crore under Aarogyasri and ₹2,526 crore through the CMRF, taking total healthcare support for poor people to ₹5,226 crore. He added that ₹21,800 crore had been spent on the Health and Medical Department in two years. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, health minister Damodar Rajanarasimha, transport minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, MP Anil Kumar Yadav,

MLAs, MLCs, Tims director Dr Narendra Kumar, officials, doctors and healthcare staff attended the programme. Minister for roads and buildings Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the Chief Minister had repeatedly asked him about completion of the Sanathnagar, Alwal and LB Nagar Tims hospitals. He said Alwal Tims would be ready by Dasara and LB Nagar Tims by December. He added that more than 20 per cent of work on the new Osmania General Hospital had been completed and assured it would be finished within the timeframe. Venkat Reddy requested MEIL to maintain equipment at Dr MCR Tims for three to five years and urged the Chief Minister to name LB Nagar Tims after Prof. Jayashankar. Health minister Damodar Rajanarasimha said the government wanted public hospitals to provide services at a level comparable with corporate hospitals. The Chief Minister also launched TG Safe and Aarogya Deepika Polyclinic services at the programme.

Defence Ministry Signs Rs 1,943-Crore Deal To Lease Two MQ-9B Sea Guardians

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India will take on lease two MQ-9B Sea Guardian High-Altitude Long-Endurance (HALE) Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) from US firm General Atomics Aeronautical Systems for the Indian Navy for a period of 30 months at a whopping cost of ₹1,943 crore. The Navy already operates two Sea Guardian drones that were leased a few years ago. The ministry of defence said it had signed a contract with General Atomics Aeronautical Systems, Inc. for leasing the two MQ-9B Sea Guardian HALE RPAS. The contract was signed in the presence of Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition), Department of Defence, A. Anbarasu, at Kartavya Bhawan-2 in New Delhi on August 17. The MQ-9B Sea Guardian HALE RPAS can fly for over 40 hours and are equipped with advanced systems, sensors and pay-



loads. The drones are expected to enhance the Indian Navy's Maritime Domain Awareness capabilities in the Indian Ocean. "The systems will provide persistent Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance coverage over vast areas of the maritime domain, strengthening India's ability to monitor and respond to developments across the Indian Ocean Region," the defence ministry said. In 2024, India signed a contract worth around \$3.5 billion with the US to acquire 31 MQ-9B Sky/Sea Guardian HALE

RPAS. The Cabinet Committee on Security, headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had approved the acquisition of the 31 MQ-9B armed drones from General Atomics. Of the 31 drones, the Navy is to receive 15 Sea Guardians, while the Army and the Indian Air Force will receive eight Sky Guardians each. The MQ-9B is a variant of the MQ-9 "Reaper", which was used to launch a modified version of the Hellfire missile that killed al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri in Kabul in 2022.

KTR urges government to expedite pending Tims projects

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao urged the Congress government to complete the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (Tims) works at Alwal and LB Nagar and make the hospitals available to the public. He also called for the speedy completion of the Warangal Super Specialty Hospital. The hospital, with 2,000 beds, was

planned as the largest such facility in Telangana. Rama Rao also urged the government to complete the NIMS expansion works in Hyderabad at the earliest. Taking to X, Rama Rao said the Congress government had delayed the projects for a long time due to political considerations. He charged that the government feared that BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao would get credit for them. Without

any further delay, he wanted the Congress government to make the Tims hospitals at Alwal and LB Nagar available to the public quickly. Rama Rao said it was heartening that the Sanathnagar Tims hospital had finally become accessible to the public. He said the facility was built by BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao with the aim of providing corporate-standard healthcare to the

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Soren Cancels JSSC-CGL Exam After 24-Day Student Stir

NEW DELHI
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Amid the ongoing protest by job aspirants over alleged irregularities in recruitment examinations, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren on Monday announced the cancellation of the JSSC-CGL examination and all recruitment tests conducted by outsourced agency TDPL since 2014. The decision was taken at a marathon Cabinet meeting chaired by Soren. "The government has decided to cancel the Jhark-



hand Staff Selection Commission-Combined Graduate Level (JSSC-CGL) examination, which was one of the major demands of the protesting students. We have also decided to cancel all tests conducted by outsourced agency TDPL (TSR Data Processing Pvt Ltd) and the results published by it," Soren said after the Cabi-

net meeting. He also announced the formation of an examination reforms committee headed by senior IAS officer Amitabh Kaushal. Soren said the government was concerned about the students' agitation and had already enacted the Jharkhand Competitive Examination Prevention and Redressal of Unfair Means in Recruitment Act to deal with such issues. "Several surprising factors emerged during the probe into examination irregularities by

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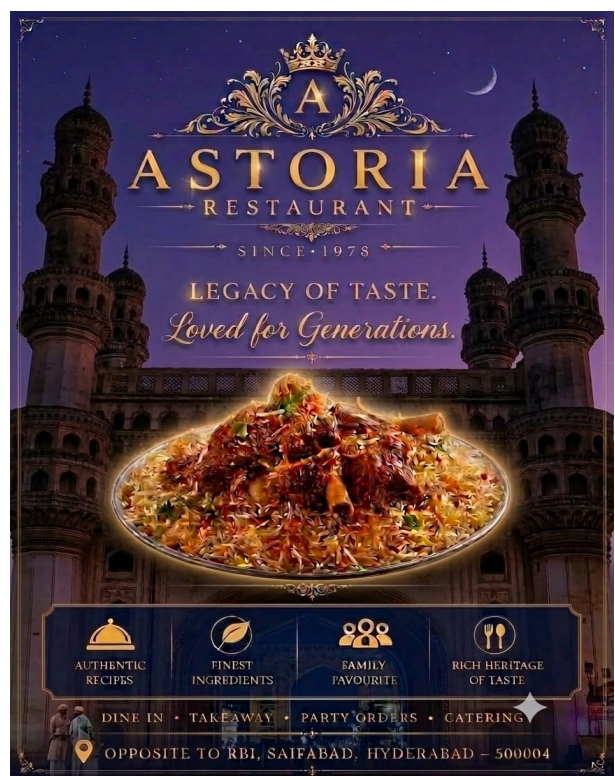
BJP Names Deepak Mhaskey Social Media Head

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The BJP on Monday appointed academic Deepak Mhaskey as its social media department head, replacing Amit Malviya who had been steering the party's social media outreach for 11 years. Malviya congratulated his successor, a chemistry professor from Chhattisgarh, as well as the party's newly appointed office bearers. "Their appointments come at a crucial juncture as the party pre-

pares to scale newer heights and take its message and organisation to every corner of the country," Malviya said in a post on X. "I wish to particularly congratulate Shri Deepak Mhaskey ji, who will be taking over from me as the head of the BJP's Social Media Department, and the co-conveners Smt. Priti Gandhi ji, Shri Shivanand Dwivedi ji, Shri Alok Bhatt ji and Shri Arun Yadav ji," he added.

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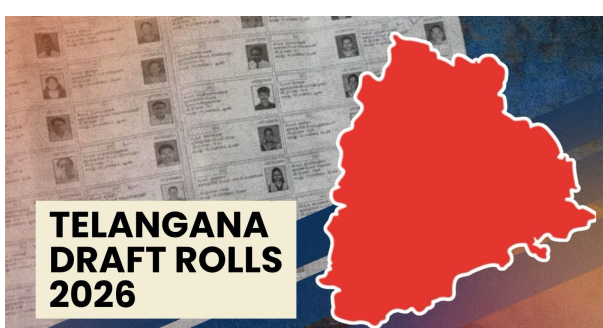


73 lakh deleted from Telangana voter list, Hyderabad sees highest

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana has resulted in the deletion of 73,39,235 voter names across the state. The deletions have been made under the ASDD category—Absent, Shifted, Duplication and Death—leading to a significant reduction in voter lists across all districts. Hyderabad recorded the highest number of dele-

tions, with 19,41,444 names removed from the electoral rolls. Of these, 1,56,392 voters were marked dead, 2,99,850 were untraceable, 13,45,333 had permanently shifted, 99,264 were identified as already enrolled, while 40,605 were deleted for other reasons. Among Hyderabad constituencies, Malakpet recorded the highest number of deletions at 1,47,779, followed by Musheerabad with 1,40,070. Charminar



recorded the lowest at 94,174. In percentage terms, Musheerabad topped the list with 45.17 per cent deletions, followed by Malakpet at 44.76 per cent, while Bahadurpura recorded the lowest at 34.57 per cent.

Outside Hyderabad, Rangareddy district recorded 12,87,091 deletions, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri with 10,71,566. Medchal-Malkajgiri saw deletions equivalent to 35.97 per cent of its electors before

the SIR exercise. Nizamabad recorded 2,11,670 deletions, while Sangareddy saw 2,98,278 names removed. The least number of deletions was recorded in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, where 26,121 names were removed. Other districts with comparatively lower deletions include Mulugu with 27,842 and Jayashankar Bhupalpalle with 35,918. The figures are not final. During the claims and objections period, voters whose names

have been left out can approach the authorities and submit Form 6 to seek inclusion in the electoral roll. Therefore, the number of deleted voters is expected to change after claims and objections are processed. The SIR exercise is aimed at updating electoral rolls by identifying deceased, shifted, duplicate and untraceable voters, while ensuring that eligible citizens retain their right to vote.

Farm Ponds Offer Lifeline to TG Farmer

Officials caution that farm ponds must be combined with field bunding, groundwater recharge and drip or sprinkler irrigation.

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Farm ponds are proving to be a vital source of protective irrigation for Telangana farmers during the ongoing Kharif season, which has been hit by deficient rainfall and delayed sowing. The ponds store rainwater and enable farmers to provide one or two critical irrigations during dry spells. As of mid-August, the state’s rainfall deficit widened again after a strong July, with mandal-level data showing drought-like conditions persisting across large parts of Telangana. Twelve districts have been facing the highest deficit. The state received 41 cm of rainfall against the normal 44.5 cm till mid-August, leaving an overall deficit of about 8 per cent. Officials forecast a high probability of El Nino



conditions from August onwards, with INCOIS putting the likelihood at 98 per cent for the period up to March next year. The Agriculture department’s Kharif contingency plan has suggested farm ponds, recharge pits, short-duration crops, drought-tolerant varieties and micro-irrigation to reduce the impact. Farm ponds are being funded through the convergence of Central and state schemes, mainly under the rural employment guarantee programme. Excavation is taken up as labour-intensive work, with the Centre providing the major share of funds and

the state and local bodies supervising technical approval and execution. Assistance is also available under the watershed component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana and the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture. R. Ramadevi, MPDO and project officer of rural employment guarantee works in Bonakal mandal of Khammam district, said small and marginal farmers have shown strong interest. A 15m x 15m pond costs Rs.1,78,384, with Rs.1,25,136 as labour and Rs.53,248 for materials, including stone re-

vetment. It provides 406 person-days, with 40 labourers working for 10 days. Marginal farmers with less than five acres, who often lack dependable irrigation and cannot afford borewells or diesel pumps, have been benefiting. Even small ponds help protect vegetables, pulses, fodder and horticulture crops. The scheme gives preference to SC, ST, women and small and marginal farmers. Under VB-G RAM G and Telangana Jalasiri, 4,348 sites had been identified out of a target of 13,046 ponds by July 30, engaging nearly 9,930 wage seekers. Against the broader state target of 50,000 ponds, 3,173 works had been grounded, providing employment to 12,619 wage seekers. Adilabad identified all 180 ponds allotted to it, while Medak achieved 90 per

cent progress and Mahabubnagar 85 per cent. Mancherial and Narayanpet also recorded significant progress. Jayashankar Bhupalapally led in grounded works with 363 ponds, followed by Nirmal with 302. The PMKSY watershed programme reported the highest number of beneficiaries in Mancherial, Rajanna-Sircilla, Nirmal and Jayashankar Bhupalapally. Officials caution that farm ponds must be combined with field bunding, groundwater recharge and drip or sprinkler irrigation. Proper site selection and maintenance are essential to prevent siltation and ensure water lasts through the crop season. The ponds have also aided groundwater recharge and pisciculture, saving crops from deficit rainfall conditions.

Dasoju Sravan Slams Revanth Reddy Over ‘Vulgar’ Remarks

HYDERABAD
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MLC Dasoju Sravan strongly criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at Telangana Bhavan, accusing him of using abusive language and making false claims during meetings in Mulugu and Parkal. Sravan said Revanth’s alleged remarks against former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao were unbecoming of a Chief Minister and a leader of a party founded on the principles of Gandhi and Nehru. Sravan questioned Revanth’s claim of working 18 hours a day, asking whether those hours had delivered Rythu Bandhu, Rythu Bima, complete farm-loan waivers, two lakh jobs, the promised Job Calendar, ₹2,500 Mahalakshmi assistance, one tola of gold and ₹4,000



pensions. He alleged that the Congress government had pushed Telangana into debt of around ₹4.5 lakh crore and accused the Chief Minister of repeatedly travelling to Delhi to protect his position. He also criticised the government over grievances raised by retired employees, unemployed youth and HYDRA victims. Sravan alleged that the government had obstructed Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes and accused it of failing poor families. He further alleged large-scale land irregularities and

claimed that real-estate interests were targeting lands in West Hyderabad, Chevella, Shabad and Shamshabad. He accused Revanth of diverting attention by demanding KCR’s presence in the Assembly and said the Chief Minister lacked the courage to face senior BRS leaders directly. Sravan said KTR and Harish Rao had sacrificed careers and faced arrests during the Telangana movement, while accusing Revanth of opposing the movement. He warned that arrogant language and alleged failures would politically damage Revanth Reddy and the Congress party.

Subhapradam Gold Coin Promise Raises Customer Questions

Subhapradam Projects’ “9th Anniversary Bonanza” has raised questions among customers who booked plots for ₹51,000 after being promised an “Instant 1 Gram Gold Coin” under the August 5 promotional offer. Nearly two weeks after the offer, some customers claim they are still waiting for the promised gold coins. They are seeking clarity on how many customers booked plots under the scheme, how many coins were distributed and how many eligible beneficiaries remain pending. Wake Up Telangana attempted to contact the company’s CMD for a response, but the call was unanswered. An automated response received did not address questions about the number of bookings, coin distribution or the timeline for clearing pending claims. The company’s detailed clarification is awaited. The gold-coin offer is part of wider promotional campaigns by Subhapradam Projects, which also advertise Goa trips, Singapore-Phuket cruises, cash rewards, cars and free plots linked to sales targets. Customers say such incentives require clear written terms, eligibility conditions and delivery timelines. They want the company to explain whether any conditions, verification process or stock-related issues affected the promised “instant” distribution. The five key questions are: How many ₹51,000 bookings were made? How many coins were distributed? How many customers are waiting? What caused the delay? When will all eligible customers receive their coins? Until the company responds, allegations of cheating should be treated as claims, not established facts. Customers should preserve receipts, advertisements and booking documents.

Farmers Must Get Water Without Delay: BRS Leaders Demand Action in Narayankhed

Former MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy and BRS leaders seek uninterrupted water supply to farmers under Nallavagu project; memorandum submitted to officials

HYDERABAD
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BRS leaders in the Narayankhed constituency have demanded immediate measures to ensure that farmers receive irrigation water without interruption under the Nallavagu Project, stressing that the interests of farming families should be given top priority. The issue was highlighted by former Narayankhed MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy, who urged the authorities to take effective steps to release and supply water to agricultural fields in a timely manner. According to the BRS leaders, farmers dependent on the Nallavagu Project should not be forced to suffer because of delays or interruptions in irrigation water supply. They said timely availability of water is crucial for protecting standing crops and safeguarding farmers’ investments during the cultivation season. Memorandum Submitted



to Officials As part of their representation, BRS leaders and farmers met the concerned officials and submitted a memorandum seeking prompt action on the irrigation issue. The leaders called upon the administration and Irrigation Department to closely monitor the situation and ensure that water reaches the agricultural fields of eligible farmers without disruption. They maintained that irrigation water should be managed in a transparent and systematic manner so that farmers at different reaches of the project receive their due share. Bhupal Reddy Backs Farmers’ Demand

Former MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy extended his support to the farmers and demanded that the government respond positively to their concerns. BRS leaders said they would continue to raise farmers’ issues and press the authorities for solutions whenever cultivators face difficulties related to irrigation and agriculture. Several BRS leaders, former local representatives, farmers and party workers from the Narayankhed constituency participated in the programme. Strong Hook: “Water in the project must reach the farmer’s field — delays in irrigation can put an entire crop season at risk.”

Milky Mushroom Stall Draws Attention at Kurnool Parade Ground

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A milky mushroom cultivation and value-addition stall at the Independence Day Parade Ground in Kurnool attracted considerable public attention, showcasing the potential of mushroom farming as a promising horticulture-based enterprise. Set up with the support of the Department of Horticulture, Kurnool, the stall aimed to create awareness among farmers, women, youth and aspiring en-



trepreneurs about mushroom cultivation, nutrition, value addition and income-generation opportunities. The Kurnool District Collector visited the stall, inspected the displays and

interacted with the team. The Collector appreciated the initiative promoting mushroom farming and entrepreneurship. Fresh milky mushrooms and cultivation units were displayed, helping visitors understand the basic cultivation process and the scope for undertaking mushroom farming with limited space and resources. The stall also highlighted the nutritional benefits of mushrooms and opportunities for developing value-added products

and improving marketing. The initiative encouraged people to explore modern horticulture enterprises beyond conventional farming. Officials and the participating team explained the practical aspects and commercial potential of mushroom cultivation. The programme underlined how milky mushroom farming can provide an alternative livelihood and open new opportunities for agri-entrepreneurs in Kurnool.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central Distributes Wheelchairs to Persons with Disabilities

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In a meaningful humanitarian initiative aimed at improving mobility and dignity for persons with disabilities, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central distributed wheelchairs worth ₹30,000 at a programme held at YSR Garden in Bhuvanagiri town on Monday. The wheelchairs were sponsored by Rotarian Dr. Empalla Bucchi Reddy, Regional Chairman—Membership, Kakatiya Region, and Head of Capol Bone Setting Centre, Oushapur, as part of his commitment to community service. Assistant Governor Rotarian Pakkiru Kondal Reddy attended the programme as chief guest along with Rotary Club of



Bhuvanagiri Central President M.A. Raheem and handed over the wheelchairs to the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, the Rotary representatives said the club would continue to undertake service initiatives for economically disadvantaged and vulnerable families. They stressed that providing mobility support to persons with disabilities can help improve their independence and participation in everyday life.

Chance Encounter in Bidar Turns Memorable for Narayankhed BRS Youth



What began as a chance encounter in Bidar turned into a memorable moment for a group of BRS youth from Sirgapur in the Narayankhed region of Sangareddy district when they unexpectedly came across Bidar MP Sagar during their visit. The youngsters said there was no prior appointment or planned political meeting. On noticing the MP in Bidar, they approached him and exchanged greetings. When they introduced themselves and told him that they had come from Narayankhed in Telangana, the MP responded warmly and interacted with them in a friendly and cordial manner. Warm Gesture Wins Hearts The youth said they were particularly happy with the MP’s simple and approachable manner. Despite the encounter being completely unplanned, he spent a few moments speaking with them and also readily posed for a group photograph. The unexpected interaction left the Sirgapur youth with a pleasant memory of their visit to Bidar. BRS Youth President Narsa Goud, along with Ramesh, Suresh, Chintu, Narasimhulu, Laddu, Sai and Satish, participated in the interaction. The youngsters expressed happiness over the warm reception they received, saying that a simple greeting during a chance encounter turned into a memorable moment across the Telangana-Karnataka border

RS Praveen Kumar Demands Continuation of Kalyana Lakshmi

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BRS State General Secretary Dr. RS Praveen Kumar alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Minister Ponnampabbhakur were responsible for the suspension of the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes. He demanded that the government immediately ensure their continuation and warned that those responsible should take moral responsibility. Former MLAs from Nalgonda and Nagarjuna Sagar met the Nalgonda District Collector and submitted a petition seek-

ing the uninterrupted implementation of Kalyana Lakshmi. Dr. Praveen Kumar questioned the government’s failure to file a counter affidavit in a High Court PIL filed by advocate Vijay Gopal seeking to stop the scheme. He asked why the government’s legal representatives had failed to respond despite receiving several opportunities from the court. He questioned the roles of the Law Secretary, Advocate General and Additional Advocate General, and asked why the Chief Minister had not instructed them to file a counter



affidavit. He also criticised Minister Ponnampabbhakur for allegedly failing to obtain paragraph-wise remarks from BC Welfare Department officials, despite the department being the nodal agency for Kalyana Lakshmi. Taking aim at Revanth Reddy’s claim of working 18

hours a day, Praveen Kumar alleged that the government was using its time to target valuable lands, collect land details and commissions, and place properties on prohibited lists, leading to large-scale scams. He recalled that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao introduced Kalyana Lakshmi to prevent child marriages and protect poor families from falling into debt for weddings. He said the scheme had benefited nearly 13 lakh people and directly supported eligible beneficiaries without intermediaries or commission agents.

He alleged that the Congress government had deliberately delayed the scheme for nine months and conspired to eliminate welfare initiatives associated with KCR. He said beneficiary selection was transparent, based on documents including marriage cards, age certificates and income certificates. Praveen Kumar said the scheme had received appreciation from the Government of India and the World Bank. He warned the Congress government to stop its efforts to scrap Kalyana Lakshmi and demanded that the scheme be restored immediately.

Fake What-sApp 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.

Over 1 Lakh Kalyana Lakshmi Applications Pending: Harish Rao

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Minister T. Harish Rao strongly criticised the Revanth Reddy government during a media interaction at Telangana Bhavan, alleging widespread negligence in welfare implementation and political vendetta against the BRS leadership. Harish Rao said the Constitution places a responsibility on the State to ensure public welfare and recalled that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao approved 42 welfare schemes soon after assuming office. He said the BRS government introduced Kalyana Lakshmi immediately after coming to power to support women, even though it was not part of the election manifesto. He alleged that more than one lakh Kalyana



Lakshmi applications are pending, leaving beneficiaries struggling. He sarcastically remarked that the scheme had effectively become "Santhana Lakshmi" as weddings were being delayed while children were being born. Harish Rao also accused the Congress government of cancelling 1.4 lakh ration cards and failing to fulfil promises on new cards. He recalled that the BRS government removed the ceiling on rice distribution and provided six kilograms of quality

rice to eligible beneficiaries. Raising concerns over employee health insurance, he alleged that EHS contributions were being deducted from salaries despite confusion over hospitals providing treatment. He cited the case of a retired headmaster's family receiving an ₹11 lakh hospital bill and accused the government of failing employees, journalists and police personnel. He further alleged that ₹24 crore in Aarogyasri funds had not been released to Siddipet Medical College since November 2023. On social welfare, Harish Rao claimed that allocations for SCs, STs, Dalits, BCs and corporations remained largely unspent. He alleged that the government had made major budgetary announcements without releasing corresponding funds to beneficiaries.

Harish Rao accused Revanth Reddy of running a "family rule" and targeting him politically because he raises questions about government failures. He also rejected allegations surrounding his temple visits in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka, challenging the Chief Minister to produce evidence regarding claims about rituals. Recalling his role in the Telangana movement, Harish Rao cited his arrests, Rail Roko agitation, Million March participation and Manukota incident. He said he had faced 370 cases during the movement and was elected with a record margin of 1.2 lakh votes. Harish Rao concluded that Revanth Reddy had no moral authority to question his contribution to the Telangana movement or his political record.

Srinivas Goud Named Honorary President of Telangana Sarpanches Association JAC

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud has been appointed Honorary President of the Telangana Sarpanches Association JAC and pledged to work for the resolution of problems faced by Sarpanches across the state. Goud attended a meeting of Sarpanches organized by the Telangana Sarpanches Association JAC at Suravaram Pratap Reddy Auditorium in Basirbagh as the chief guest. During the programme, appointment letters were handed over to district presidents and Goud was formally elected Honorary President. Speaking on the occasion, Goud said villages were the foundation of the state and warned that weakening villages would ultimately weaken Telangana. He said significant



development had taken place in villages over the past decade and stressed the need to continue the progress. Goud demanded the immediate release of pending bills due to Sarpanches and called for the release of funds lying frozen in Gram Panchayat bank accounts. He said Panchayats receive Central funds, including those used for salaries, but the State government has failed to provide matching grants. He urged the government to take proactive measures to address the financial difficulties of Gram Panchayats and Sarpanches. He also emphasized their responsibility in improving education, healthcare

and agriculture while ensuring government welfare schemes reach rural communities. The JAC announced that a meeting with district presidents, secretaries and executive committee members would soon be held to discuss village development issues. Founding President Survi Yadaiah recalled the JAC's struggle for pending bills, saying members faced threats and legal cases while pursuing the issue. Bandaru Rammo-han Rao stressed the importance of training Sarpanches in village administration and development. National Lok Satta Organization President and other leaders also attended.

Nagula Panchami Celebrations at Bapujinagar Temple

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A large number of devotees gathered at Sri Nallapochamma Temple in Bapujinagar on Monday to celebrate Nagula Panchami with traditional rituals and religious fervor. Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap performed special pujas to Sri Subrahmanya Swamy and prayed for peace and prosperity. He highlighted the spiritual significance of Nagula Panchami and the belief that Naga worship helps overcome Rahu, Ketu and Kala-sarpa Dosha-related astrological concerns. The



temple premises echoed with Vedic chants during the rituals. The managing committee later felicitated Pratap for his continued support. Prem Kumar Mudiraj, Ajit Kalyan, Narasimha Mudiraj, Ashok Yadav, Kampalli Srikanth and Jaipal Rakesh participated. Chief priests Sai Pan-tulu and others conducted the rituals.

Income Tax Evasion Will Invite Strict Action, Says Commissioner

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Deliberate income tax evasion is a serious offence and can attract penalties of up to 300% of the tax evaded, confiscation of assets and imprisonment of up to seven years, State Income Tax Commissioner Shah Nawaz-ul-Rahman said. He was speaking at an interactive session on TDS, ITR filing and CPC processing for Chartered Accountants and tax lawyers, organised jointly by the Telangana & Andhra Pradesh Tax Bar Association



and the State Income Tax Department at Taj Three Star Hotel, Secunderabad. Commissioner Shah Nawaz-ul-Rahman warned taxpayers against understating income, making false claims or concealing assets abroad. He said the department has extensive digital records and

urged taxpayers to file returns within the prescribed deadlines. He assured taxpayers that the department would extend cooperation, address grievances and resolve genuine issues promptly. He also urged Chartered Accountants to promote awareness about transparent tax

compliance and responsible tax planning. He stressed that paying taxes contributes directly to the nation's development. State Additional Income Tax Commissioner S.A. Mathivanan and Joint Income Tax Commissioner B. Malathi attended as guests of honour. Telangana & Andhra Pradesh Tax Bar Association office-bearers, including President A.P. Dahima, Secretary CA P.V. Narayana Rao and Treasurer Pankaj Sancheti, also participated.

Congress Strengthens Grassroots in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri



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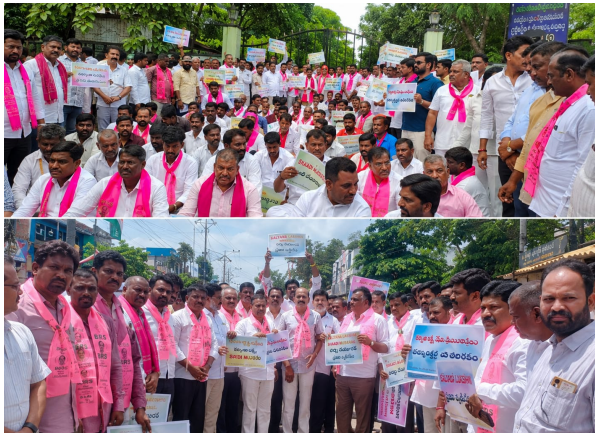
The Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Congress Political Affairs Committee (PAC) meeting was held at New Vivera Hotel in Bhongir on Monday, with senior leaders discussing measures to strengthen the party organisation and improve public outreach. Telangana AICC In-Charge Meenakshi Natarajan attended the meeting as the chief guest and reviewed the party's organisational position in the district. She held detailed discussions with Congress leaders on strengthening the party from the district level to the grassroots and ensuring closer engagement with the public. Telangana Government Whip, Aleru MLA and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Congress Committee President Beerla Ilaiyah, Bhongir MLA Kumbam Anil Kumar Reddy, PAC members and several senior party functionaries participated in the meeting. The discussions primarily focused on improving coordination between elected

representatives, party leaders and grassroots workers. Leaders were advised to identify local issues, bring genuine public grievances to the attention of the government and work towards their resolution through proper coordination. The meeting also stressed the need to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the benefits of various welfare schemes and government programmes. Congress workers were urged to remain accessible to people and explain the government's welfare and development initiatives at the village, mandal and constituency levels. Senior leaders also discussed strategies for maintaining regular contact with the public, strengthening the party cadre and improving communication within the organisation. The PAC meeting concluded with a call for greater unity, coordination and active public participation, as the Congress leadership looks to further consolidate its organisational strength across Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.

BRS Protests in Aleru Over Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak Schemes

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Following the instructions of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), BRS leaders and workers staged a protest in Aleru town of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district on Monday, opposing what they described as attempts to discontinue the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak welfare schemes. As part of the programme, BRS representatives submitted a



memorandum to the MRO, demanding that the government continue the two welfare schemes and safeguard the interests of eligible benefici-

aries. BRS leaders said Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak have provided financial support to economically weaker families during

marriages and demanded clarity from the government over the continuation of the schemes. The Aleru Town BRS president, along with party leaders, activists and supporters, participated in the protest in large numbers and made the programme successful. The leaders said the party would continue to raise its voice whenever welfare programmes benefiting poor and vulnerable families were affected.

Parigi Congress Cadres Join Vikarabad Protest

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A large number of Congress leaders, workers and supporters from Parigi participated in a protest rally and dharna organised by the Vikarabad District Congress Committee, condemning the Haldwani incident and expressing solidarity with Congress national president Mallikarjun Kharge. The protesters raised slogans and displayed placards, alleging discriminatory and disrespectful actions against Congress leadership.

Leaders said the protest represented a broader fight against discrimination and a commitment to democratic and constitutional values. Congress cadres from Parigi turned out in strength, reaffirming their support for Kharge and the party leadership. They said they would continue to oppose threats to equality, social justice and democracy. The protest concluded with leaders and workers pledging to remain at the forefront of democratic struggles and defend constitutional principles.

Malakpet Students Show True Spirit of Independence

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An Independence Day celebration at the Government Junior College for Boys in Malakpet on August 15, 2026, highlighted the determination and aspirations of young students facing significant hardships. As part of the celebrations, students participated in essay-writing and elocution competitions, sharing their views on independence, nation-building and personal responsibility. Winners were honoured with mementos, while all participants received tokens of



appreciation. The programme also offered organisers an opportunity to interact closely with students and faculty. These conversations revealed the severe financial and socioeconomic challenges many students face in their daily lives. Despite these difficulties, the students displayed remarkable determination to pursue education, overcome poverty and build

better futures. Their commitment left a lasting impression on those attending the programme. The event concluded with a renewed call to support public education and empower disadvantaged youth. The resilience of Malakpet's students, organisers observed, reflects the true spirit of independence—the freedom to dream and the courage to pursue those dreams.

BRS Protests for Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak Aid

SANGAREDDY Wakeup telangana

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) staged a protest at the Sangareddy District Collectorate on Monday, demanding uninterrupted and timely financial assistance under the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes for eligible poor families.

Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar, Zaheerabad MLA K. Manik Rao and former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, along with BRS leaders and workers from across the district, participated in the demonstra-



tion and submitted a representation to the authorities. BRS leaders alleged that delays and uncertainty over the release of marriage assistance were causing difficulties for econom-

ically weaker families. They urged the Congress government to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive the promised financial support without unnecessary delays. The protesters also questioned the status of the Congress party's election promise to provide one tola of gold along with Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak assistance. They demanded that the government clarify its position and fulfil the commitment made to poor families. Former MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran said the schemes should continue effectively and that

eligible brides must receive assistance on time. He also demanded implementation of the one-tola gold promise. BRS leaders warned that the party would intensify its agitation if the government failed to address the concerns of beneficiaries. They maintained that welfare schemes for poor families should not be affected by political considerations. The Sangareddy protest has renewed the political debate over the implementation of Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak and the Congress government's election promises linked to the schemes.

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.

Cong, ABVP Train Guns on NTA Over UGC-Net Retest

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

While the Congress launched a scathing attack on the National Testing Agency (NTA) over its decision to conduct a re-test in three UGC-NET subjects, the RSS-affiliated ABVP also came out against the agency on Monday, with both demanding accountability for the lapses. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded that the NTA leadership be held accountable and said his party would not stop until Prime Minister Narendra Modi answered for students' academic years being "stolen". The ABVP said serious errors in a national-level examination raised questions over the quality and credibility of the entire process. Gandhi alleged that the education



system had become an "extraction machine", pointing out that the UGC-NET examinations for Sociology, English and Commerce were held between June 22 and 30 but were cancelled nearly two months later because of errors in the question papers and repetition of old questions. "Thousands of candidates who prepared for years, filled forms, paid the fees, travelled to distant centres, must now do it all again in September. NTA makes the mistake but the student serves the sentence," Gandhi said.

He also questioned whether the papers had been leaked before the examination and alleged that there would be no accountability for the lapses. Gandhi said the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan was only the "first step" and demanded accountability from the NTA leadership. "Your years are being stolen and we will not stop until Modi answers for it," he told students who would have to appear for the examination again. The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP), meanwhile, expressed se-

rious concern over the re-examination and asked the NTA to explain how such errors occurred and why they were not detected during the preparation and review of the question papers. "Serious errors in a national-level examination like UGC-NET are deeply concerning. Students should not have to pay the price for NTA's lapses. Playing with the future of students must stop," ABVP national general secretary Virendra Singh Solanki said. The ABVP demanded that clear accountability be fixed at every stage of the examination process and asked the NTA to ensure proper examination-centre allocation and adequate travel arrangements so that candidates did not face additional financial or mental stress during the retest.

Trump terms Saudi-Turkey-Pak defence agreement 'big, bold' step

TEHRAN Wakeup telangana

US President Donald Trump has termed the Saudi Arabia-Turkey-Pakistan defence agreement a "big, bold and important first step" towards defending themselves in a "more meaningful way". Trump's remarks on Sunday came days after the three nations signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement — holding any armed offensive against any of the three countries an attack against all of them. "Very happy to see that Saudi Arabia, Turkey, and Pakistan have recently, and finally, signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement. It shows



how the Middle East is coming together, and how countries will finally be able to defend themselves in a more meaningful way," Trump said in a post on Truth Social. "Congratulations to the Great Leadership of the three Nations mentioned. THIS IS A BIG, BOLD, AND IMPORTANT FIRST STEP — WOW," Trump wrote. The agreement was signed August 7 by Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Pakistan

Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif. India said it is assessing the implications of the Mecca agreement on its national security, as well as regional peace and stability. "As far as this agreement is concerned, we are examining its implications both from the perspective of India's national security and considerations of regional peace and stability," External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said on August 11. "India remains fully committed to safeguarding its national interests and will take all necessary measures in this regard," Jaiswal said.

UGC-NET Fiasco: Joshi Orders Audit of NTA Exam Processes

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

As the National Testing Agency (NTA) once again came under fire over question-paper errors that led to the re-examination of three UGC-NET subjects, Union education minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday met the secretary of the Department of Higher Education and directed the agency to conduct a thorough audit of all examination processes and submit a report on corrective action taken. The minister issued the directions at a meeting attended by NTA director general Abhishek Singh, where the agency's internal processes and protocols were reviewed. The NTA is reworking its systems to ensure that examinations are conducted fairly and without errors. Joshi directed the agency to strictly comply with established examination protocols and carry out a



complete overhaul of its confidential operations architecture, secluded rooms, air-gapped systems and device-deposit protocols on a war footing. The minister was also briefed on organisational reforms initiated at the NTA following recent problems. More than 50 staff members have been removed, while professionals are being recruited for key leadership positions. "Ten new professional leadership positions, including chief technology officer, chief finance officer, CISO, GM (test security) and GM (R and D and psychometrics), have been advertised and are

being onboarded," the ministry said. Domain specialists from the private sector are also being brought in for cybersecurity, psychometrics, question-paper design and other specialised areas. The action follows the NTA's announcement late on Sunday that it would conduct re-tests for English, Commerce and Sociology papers of the UGC-NET June 2026 examination after a committee found multiple errors. English and Commerce will be held again on September 9 and Sociology on September 10. Sources said candidates would not be charged an additional

fee for the re-examination and that the number of qualifying candidates and subject-wise allocations would not be reduced because of the re-test. The NTA had conducted UGC-NET June 2026 from June 22 to 30 across 87 subjects for Junior Research Fellowship, eligibility for appointment as assistant professors and admission to PhD programmes. The agency constituted a committee after receiving complaints about errors in the three papers. The panel found factual, typographical and translation errors, misspelt names of scholars, garbled book titles, grammatical and punctuation mistakes and repetition of questions used in earlier examinations. The NTA is now reviewing processes involved in setting, moderating, translating and composing question papers to prevent such errors at source and fix responsibility for lapses.

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

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

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

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

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.

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KTR urges.....

Rama Rao said it was heartening that the Sanathnagar TIMS hospital had finally become accessible to the public. He said the facility was built by BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao with the aim of providing corporate-standard healthcare to the poor free of cost. He said the hospital was modelled on AIIMS and reflected the idea of establishing TIMS hospitals in all parts of Hyderabad. BRS chief Chandrashekar Rao had laid the foundation stones for the facilities and ensured that construction progressed rapidly during the BRS regime. The Sanathnagar TIMS facility has 1,000 general beds, 300 ICU beds and 16 operation theatres. It

also has an organ transplant unit and facilities for MRI, CT scans, X-rays, cath labs, radiology and dialysis. Rama Rao said the hospital would be a lifeline not only for Hyderabad residents but also for critical patients arriving in the city from various districts. He extended his best wishes to the engineers who built the hospital on a 22-acre campus. He also wished the doctors, nursing staff and other personnel who will provide care at TIMS, Sanathnagar. Soren Cancels..... "Several surprising factors emerged during the probe into examination irregularities by the CID and the Special Investigation Team. These cannot be disclosed at this juncture," he said.

Soren alleged that several companies operating in Jharkhand appeared to be involved in a major examination racket. The JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch, which has been spearheading the agitation, however, said the protest would continue until its demand for a CBI probe was accepted. Candidates who had cleared the JSSC-CGL and secured government jobs, meanwhile, protested outside the Jharkhand Secretariat, claiming that around 2,000 people could lose their jobs if the examination was scrapped. Activist Devendra Mahto, who has been on hunger strike for 16 days over the alleged irregularities and has emerged as the face of the agitation, said he would soon end his fast. He thanked students, parents,

the media, police, the state government and Soren for supporting the agitation. "We are grateful that the students' concerns were taken seriously and our demands were fulfilled. Most importantly, the investigation is being conducted meticulously, those involved in corruption are being apprehended, and efforts are underway to reach the masterminds behind these gangs," Mahto said. After Hormuz Crisis... He said he had had the privilege of working closely with each of them over the last decade and was confident that under the new leadership, the BJP's digital communication will achieve newer milestones and continue to shape India's public discourse with con-

viction, creativity and clarity. Malviya has been at the core of BJP's social media strategy for over a decade. He came into prominence in 2009 through a forum called 'Friends of BJP' and was made head of the party's IT department in 2015. "A BIG THANK YOU to the BJP's massive support base on social media, a community brimming with commitment, energy and ideas. This family has stayed together through thick and thin and played a decisive role in reshaping India's public discourse. You have been an incredible source of strength to me personally and to the cause," he said. Malviya said he had the opportunity to meet and interact with many of the supporters of the BJP's social media over the 11 years was at

the helm, and those interactions will always remain special. "I hope you will continue to extend the same unstinted support to the party and to my successors in the years ahead. India is poised to scale even greater heights under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji and the BJP. Your contribution to this journey will be remembered and written in glorious words," he said. Bangladesh Says..... The blaze affected electrical wiring and installations, record-storage cabins, scrap material, old records, paper stock and wooden partitions. According to the fire brigade, 15 people were rescued from the first, second and third floors and brought to the ground floor

CRIME

Concerns Over One Way Plan Around KBR Park

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The one-way circulation plan around KBR Park comes into force on Tuesday as construction of the H-CITI steel flyover and underpass proceeds across Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills. Citizens have raised concerns that walkers, bus passengers and hospital users could face longer access to stops under the traffic plan, which explains vehicle movement in detail but offers little clarity on pedestrian routes.

The Hyderabad Traffic Police map gives motorists 13 exits around a five-kilometre circuit but does not set out a compa-

rable pedestrian network. Police have directed officials to install lane markings and pelican signals for crossings. “Whatever existing footpaths are there, they are not continuous. You have to get down, come up, and they are blocked in certain places. So, pedestrians have to walk on the road,” said Dr Donthi Narasimha Reddy, public policy expert, who identified the hospital stretch as the main concern. Narasimha Reddy and other signatories wrote to the Hyderabad police commissioner before the rollout, seeking clarity on whether the Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority and TSRTC were involved in plan-

ning. The letter sought pedestrian counts, walking routes, hospital access details, bus frequency and timings, and findings of the two pilot exercises, particularly for elderly people, women, children, persons with disabilities, patients, attendants and workers. “They did pilot studies twice. The report of these pilot studies has not been revealed so far,” Narasimha Reddy said, arguing that the trials focused on cars and overlooked bus users and pedestrians. He estimated that travel between Agrasen Junction and Basavataarakam Cancer Hospital could mean a 4.5-km vehicle circuit or a 1.5-km

walk through a dip and uphill stretch, affecting cancer patients, older people and attendants if bus access changes. The letter also cited possible walks of 2.4 km to Vengal Rao Building, 1.5 km to Jubilee Hills Check Post and 3.2 km to Cancer Hospital. Sneha Nalajala, lawyer and co-signatory, said a police feedback form outside KBR Park explained traffic changes but did not list bus commuters. She pointed to Basavataarakam Cancer Hospital, where patient folders include a bus map because many families from villages stay nearby while bus availability is already limited.

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.

CID Probe Against DIG Chauhan for Corruption

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Wakeup telangana

Jagulamba Range DIG L.S. Chauhan has been ordered to report to the DGP office with immediate effect after the Telangana Crime Investigation Department (CID) launched a probe into serious allegations of embezzlement, misuse of power and extortion. The action follows state DGP C.V. Anand's remarks at a press meet in Warangal on August 10,

where he said the performance of four police officials was unsatisfactory despite warnings. Chauhan, despite being cautioned, allegedly continued to misuse his position and indulge in embezzlement. Based on instructions from senior police officials, a special CID team has begun investigating Chauhan. Action is likely to be taken against him as per rules once the CID submits its

report. A departmental inquiry prior to the CID probe had revealed that Chauhan purchased several acres of land worth crores and faced charges of extorting money, which he allegedly used to construct a posh villa. Reliable sources said he failed to inform the department head about these property purchases, violating service rules that require prior intimation.

4 Held For Crypto Fraud In Chandrayangutta

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Four individuals involved in cryptocurrency-based cheating and extortion were arrested by the Bandlaguda police on Monday. The accused's modus operandi was to approach the victims through social media, luring them in the name of cryptocurrency transactions and after gaining confidence, they allegedly called them to a particular location on the pretext of facilitating transactions and thereafter committing the offence. The scammers on August 18 trapped the victim J.R. Chowdary through social media and visited his house in Ismailnagar, Bandlaguda and snatched ₹7 lakh and fled the scene. R. Davender, SHO of Bandlaguda police station, said. Based on Chowdary's complaint, a special team examined the CCTV footage and tracked the four accused to Kings Snooker in Chandrayangutta, Davender said.

The arrested accused were identified as Saber Bin Ahmed Hadrani alias Saif, 23, Mohammed Abul Salam, 18, Mohammed Anas, 21, and Mohammed Asif 27, the SHO said. The investigation further revealed the accused were involved in four similar offences, and were produced before the court for judicial remand.

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.

CCTV Cameras Installed on Mudgal and Vittoli Roads

MUDHOLE
Wakeup telangana

With the objective of preventing crimes and strengthening the security system in villages, two CCTV cameras have been installed at Mudgal village under the Community CCTV Project. The cameras will monitor key locations and the movement of people and vehicles in the village, helping authorities keep a watch on suspicious activities and prevent crimes. Local residents expressed their satisfaction over the installation of the com-



munity CCTV cameras. Meanwhile, three CCTV cameras have been installed by the police on Vittoli Road in Mudhole Mandal headquarters. The cameras are expected to strengthen surveillance on the road and play an important role in prevent-

ing crimes and anti-social activities. Mudhole SI B Prasis said that the CCTV cameras would enable continuous monitoring of traffic and movement on the road. In the event of any untoward incident, the footage recorded by the cameras would help

police identify suspects and gather details related to the incident. He said that, considering the heavy movement of vehicles on Vittoli Road, the installation of CCTV cameras would be highly beneficial for public safety.

He appealed to the public to cooperate with the police and immediately report any suspicious person or activity. Local residents welcomed the installation of the CCTV cameras and expressed their happiness over the enhanced security arrangements.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
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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.



Targets Met, High Costs May Have Prompted RBI To Prematurely Close FCNR B Scheme

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In an unexpected move, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last Friday decided to prematurely close the FCNR (B) scheme by August 31, 2026, one month before the earlier scheduled closure date of September 30, 2026 surprising market participants. This came even as the RBI governor Sanjay Malhotra, a week prior, during the monetary policy press conference on August 5 had mentioned that there was no proposal under consideration for an early closure for the FCNR scheme.

According to experts, strong response to the FCNR (B) deposit scheme and the cost of the swap may have prompted the RBI to

prematurely announce closure of the scheme. Says Madhavi Arora, lead economist at Emkay Global, “Given that Brent crude price has fallen in the range of \$80-85 per barrel then the \$ 95 per barrel when the scheme was announced in June, there is a possibility that the internal target may have been lowered from the \$ 90 billion earlier. So, the current account deficit funding needs could have been assumed to be lower. Total inflows may be around \$ 75 billion of which \$ 65 billion would be FCNR B deposits.”

Says Anil Bhansali, head treasury at Finrex Trading Advisors, “The RBI may not have expected the flows to be so good. Since good flows have come, their target met, they an-



nounced to close the scheme. The other reason was that though it improved the Balance of Payment position immediately, it created future external liability for the RBI which would have turned them cautious. Also, the scheme comes at a cost, the hedging cost comes to around \$ 9-10 billion assuming that most deposits were of 5 years.”

The RBI announced the USD-INR Forex Swap facility covering FCNR(B) deposits, External commercial borrowings (ECBs) and overseas foreign cur-

rency borrowings (OFCB) inflows on June 08, 2026 to attract dollar flows and shield the falling rupee. On August 14, the central bank said that the scheme brought \$56.8 billion worth of inflows, with FCNR deposits accounting for \$52.3 billion. Based on the encouraging response, the deadline for the swap facility was being moved forward to August 31.

Soumya Kanti Ghosh, group chief economic adviser, SBI in his report said, “While there may be valid reasons to justify an early closure, the most likely reason could be that the target for FCNR (B) mobilization has already been achieved with inflows at \$57 billion. And another \$25-30 bn could easily flow in the remaining

days of August taking the total collections to around \$85 billion.”

SBI Research, in its report Ecowrap, estimated that the cumulative hedging cost could amount to around \$10.5 billion over five years. “While this appears sizeable in absolute terms, it needs to be viewed against the scale of India’s foreign-exchange reserves rather than the FCNR(B) corpus alone. With current reserves at around \$700 billion and incremental reserve accumulation assumed at roughly \$20 billion annually, the five-year cumulative hedging cost of \$10.5 billion would amount to only 1.45 per cent of the current reserve stock and around 1.27 per cent of the projected reserve stock. This is minimal,” said Ghosh.

Vedanta Power Reaffirms India Energy Security Commitment on Independence Day

NEW DELHI
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As India celebrated its 80th Independence Day, Vedanta Power Limited, India’s fifth-largest private thermal power producer, reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the nation’s energy security by delivering reliable power, securing domestic fuel supplies and investing in long-term capacity expansion. With a total power generation capacity of 4.78 GW, including 4.18 GW operational capacity and 0.6 GW under commissioning, Vedanta Power has established a significant presence across Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh. Around 74% of the company’s capacity is backed by long- and medium-term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs), while approximately 85% of its opera-

tional capacity has domestic coal linkages, providing greater fuel security and stability of operations. Fuel security remains a key pillar of Vedanta Power’s approach to reliable generation. Approximately 85% of its operational portfolio is backed by long-term domestic coal linkages through Coal India subsidiaries, including Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL), South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL) and Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL). This includes 100% linkage coal from SECL and NCL for the Vedanta Power Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant in Punjab and 100% linkage coal from MCL for the Vedanta Power Jharsuguda Thermal Plant in Odisha.

Vedanta Power is also strengthening fuel flexibility across its portfolio. At Meenakshi Energy

Limited in Andhra Pradesh, the company is transitioning the plant from its original imported-coal-based fuel mix towards domestic coal. This transition is aimed at enhancing fuel security and reducing exposure to global fuel market volatility.

Commenting on the occasion, Rajinder Singh Ahuja, Whole-Time Director and CEO, Vedanta Power Limited, said, “Energy security is fundamental to the country’s economic independence and its aspirations for a developed India. At Vedanta Power, we are committed to playing our part by ensuring reliable and secure power, strengthening domestic fuel linkages and expanding our generation capacity. As India’s power requirements continue to grow, we believe dependable thermal power will remain an important part of the energy.

BSE, PHDCCI join hands to expand capital-market access for MSMEs

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Stock exchange BSE Ltd and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) on Monday announced a partnership to promote equity financing and expand capital-market access for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) across the country. The two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to create greater awareness among MSMEs about equity financing, particularly through the BSE SME platform, and help eligible businesses navigate the listing process.

Under the partnership, BSE will provide subject-matter experts and trainers for awareness programmes, seminars, workshops, roadshows and knowledge



sessions aimed at helping MSMEs understand the benefits and requirements of

raising capital through the markets. The collaboration will also provide MSMEs with

access to mentorship, expert guidance and capacity-building initiatives, besides establishing a nodal-point mechanism to assist businesses in exploring suitable capital-market opportunities. BSE Managing Director and CEO Sundararaman Ramamurthy said the partnership would help take awareness about SME listing closer to businesses across the country.

“The BSE SME Platform offers eligible businesses an opportunity to access growth capital while enhancing visibility and corporate credibility,” he said. The chamber will leverage its network of member associations, industry bodies and regional chambers to reach out to SMEs and undertake awareness and capacity-building initiatives.

Advocate Mir Qurram Ali Congratulates Khanna Family



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali conveyed his warm congratulations to Advocate R.B. Khanna , Manju Khanna , Rahul Khanna and Rohan Khanna on their new house ceremony held at Lala Dawar Aza, Shalibanda, Hyderabad. He wished the entire Khanna family happiness, peace and prosperity in their new home.

KLH GBS Welcomes New Batch with Vision for Future Leadership



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KLH Global Business School (KLH GBS), Kondapur, welcomed its new batch for the academic year 2026–27 with an Orientation Programme for MBA, BBA and B.Sc. Animation & Gaming students. Former MLA and retired IAS officer Dr. Jayaprakash Narayan attended as Chief Guest and urged students to pursue higher education with curiosity, responsibility and a commitment to continuous learning. He stressed the importance of combining knowledge and professional skills with leadership qualities and social awareness.

Er. Koneru Lakshman Havish, Vice President, KL Deemed to be University, welcomed the students and encouraged them to

explore opportunities beyond classrooms through innovation, industry exposure, creativity and leadership development.

The programme featured interactions with senior academics and industry professionals, including Dr. Srikanth Parikibandla, Vikas Surendran, Dilip Kumar, Sai Doma, Srinivasa Rao, Mallikharjuna Rao and Dr. J. Srinivasa Rao. Speakers shared insights on career opportunities, industry expectations, professional growth and emerging trends. Dr. Anand Bethapudi, Dean, KLH GBS, said the institution is committed to creating a dynamic learning environment that prepares students for successful careers while nurturing responsible, innovative and future-ready leadership.

Govt To Soon Set Up High-Level Panel On 'Banking For Viksit Bharat'

NEW DELHI
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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Monday indicated that the government is likely to soon constitute a high-powered committee to examine India’s banking sector and recommend reforms aimed at supporting the country’s long-term economic ambitions and its vision of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

Speaking at a two-day Public Sector Banks (PSB) Confluence, Sitharaman said the committee would comprehensively review the banking sector and submit its recommendations to the government for swift implementation. The proposed panel was announced in the Union Budget in February under the theme “Banking for Viksit Bharat.”

“We expect the announcement of the high-powered committee to look into the banking sector. Soon the committee will be announced. The committee would give its thoughts and recommendations to the government,” Sitharaman said. The Finance Minister



said discussions among banking leaders at the PSB confluence could provide valuable inputs to the proposed committee. She stressed that the government wants to move quickly on the recommendations and further strengthen the banking system to meet the financing needs of the next phase of economic growth.

Sitharaman also called upon public sector banks to make effective use of their stronger balance sheets and support economic expansion. She noted that the banking sector has already undergone significant reforms, with banks improving their financial health and reducing bad loans.

Highlighting the improvement in asset quality, the Finance Minister

said non-performing assets (NPAs) are now at their lowest-ever level. She said this provides a strong foundation for banks to undertake further reforms and play a larger role in financing economic development.

The government’s renewed focus on banking reforms comes as India prepares for its long-term “Viksit Bharat 2047” goal. Sitharaman pointed out that the target is less than two decades away and therefore the banking sector must begin preparing now for the country’s future financial requirements.

“Viksit Bharat 2047 is actually not too far away. We are in 2026, so less than 20 years is what we have before us,” she said, underlining the need for timely reforms and

stronger financial institutions.

Department of Financial Services Secretary Sanjay Lohiya also highlighted the substantial improvement in the asset quality of public sector banks. He said gross NPAs had declined sharply from a peak of 14.6 per cent in March 2018 to a record low of 1.93 per cent in March 2026.

During the same period, net NPAs of PSBs also fell significantly, from 8 per cent to 2.39 per cent. The proposed high-powered committee is expected to examine the changing requirements of India’s banking sector and suggest measures to make banks more capable of supporting investment, infrastructure, businesses and overall economic growth.

With improved balance sheets and declining bad loans, the government believes public sector banks are better positioned to enter the next phase of reforms and contribute more effectively to India’s journey towards becoming a developed economy by 2047.

Independence Day Celebrations at St. George’s Girls High School



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Independence Day celebrations were held with patriotic fervour at St. George’s Girls High School in Abids. The school campus was filled with enthusiasm as students and teachers came together to commemorate the nation’s Independence Day.

School Principal Smt. Ruth Lajavanti unfurled the national flag and addressed the students on the significance of Independence Day. She stressed the importance of patriotism, national unity and a strong sense of responsibility among students.

Ruth Lajavanti said that students should develop love and respect for the nation while

also focusing on their education and overall personality development. She said the school was committed to providing students with opportunities to excel not only in academics but also in various extracurricular and other fields.

She reminded the students that they are the future citizens of India and will play an important role in shaping the country’s progress. She encouraged them to work hard, uphold discipline and values, and contribute positively to society.

The celebrations reflected the spirit of patriotism and highlighted the school’s commitment to nurturing confident, responsible and capable young citizens.

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.

Anirudh Ravichander and Kavya Maran Wedding: Venue, Date Details Out



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For those unfamiliar, Kavya Maran is the daughter of Sun Group chairman Kalanithi Maran. Over the years, she has gained immense popularity, particularly among cricket fans, through her frequent appearances during Indian Premier League (IPL) matches. Her enthusiastic presence in the stands, especially while supporting her team, has made her a familiar and widely followed face among IPL audiences. Her photographs and reactions during matches often attract significant attention on social media, contributing to her growing fan base. Kavya has continued to remain in the spotlight, not only because of her family background but also because of the strong public interest surrounding her appearances at sporting events. Her popularity has made her one of the most recognisable personalities associated with the IPL off the field. Meanwhile, Anirudh Ravichander has established himself as one of the leading music composers in the Indian film industry. Known for his energetic compositions, innovative sound and ability to create chart-topping songs, Anirudh continues to dominate Tamil cinema and has also built a strong presence across other Indian film industries. The composer recently worked on Lokesh Kanagaraj's acting debut DC, with his background score receiving widespread appreciation from audiences and fans. His music was widely regarded as one of the major highlights of the project, further adding to his reputation as one of the most sought-after composers in the country. Anirudh also has an impressive lineup of upcoming projects. His highly anticipated films include Jailer 2, The Paradise, Arasan, King, and AA23 x A6, among several others. With multiple major collaborations ahead, expectations remain high for his upcoming musical ventures. The growing attention surrounding Kavya Maran and Anirudh Ravichander has therefore sparked considerable interest among fans, particularly across Tamil cinema and cricket circles.

Shaik Sajida Wins Gold and Silver at Telangana Masters Swimming Championships



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Shaik Sajida of Medchal-Malkajgiri district delivered an impressive performance at the 11th Telangana Masters Inter-District Swimming Championships 2026, winning one gold and one silver medal in the Women's 35–39 age group. The championship was organised by the Telangana Swimming Association in association with the Sports Authority of Telangana (SATs) and Telangana Olympic Association (TOA) at the GHMC Swimming Pool, Amber-

pet, on August 15 and 16, 2026. Sajida secured the silver medal in the 50-metre Breaststroke, clocking 1:12.6 seconds. G. Durga of Ranga Reddy won gold with a timing of 1:04.6 seconds, while Megha Shukla, also from Ranga Reddy, finished third with 1:17.0 seconds. Sajida then produced a winning performance in the 50-metre Backstroke, securing the gold medal with an impressive timing of 1:04.19 seconds. Her strong performance has also earned her eligibility for direct entry into the 2nd Asian Masters Championship, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru from October 4 to 10, 2026. The first- and second-place winners in the championship are eligible for direct entry to the prestigious event. For Sajida, the achievement represents much more than medals. As both a swimmer and coach, she described the success as a reflection of passion, perseverance, discipline and the determination to keep challenging oneself. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to compete, improve and inspire others, stressing that age should never be a barrier to pursuing dreams and achieving excellence. Her accomplishment stands as an inspiring example of how dedication and consistent effort can lead to success at any stage of life.

HPRC Equestrian Challenge Ends with Thrilling Show Jumping Finals

Archi Horse Riding dominates four classes as top riders deliver stellar performances at HPRC Gandipet

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The 2nd HPRC Equestrian Challenge 2026 concluded on Sunday at the Hyderabad Polo & Riding Club (HPRC), Gandipet, with an exciting day of Show Jumping finals in the 60 cm, 80 cm and 90 cm categories, followed by a grand Closing Prize Ceremony. The five-day equestrian event brought together riders and horses from leading riding clubs, providing a competitive platform for young and experienced equestrians. The closing day witnessed intense competition across six Show Jumping classes, with Archi Horse Riding emerging as the day's standout club, securing victories in four of the six events. HPRC riders Ananya Gupta and Samyuktha Lakshmi Vanapalli also delivered impressive performances, winning the 60 cm Under-14 and 60 cm Open categories respectively. In the 60 cm Under-14 class, Ananya Gupta of



HPRC claimed the top position aboard Brave Indian. Moksh of Royal Caballo Club, riding Alf, finished second, while Archi Horse Riding's Gurazada Amrutha Varshini and Kori Vivaan secured third and fourth places with She is Innocent and Cornelius respectively. The winners received medals and certificates. The 60 cm Open category saw HPRC's Samyuktha Lakshmi Vanapalli take first place with Chestnut Charmer. Abdul Mannan of Royal Caballo Club finished second aboard Breeze, while HPRC's Gautam Sanjay Sujanaani took third place with Air-strike. Medals and certificates were presented to the top performers. The 80 cm Children II class was won by Dhruva Potineni of The Ashwa

Collective, riding Raja. HPRC's Ayaan Verma Nandimpalli finished second with Darcy. The category was awarded with medals and certificates. The 80 cm Open class featured a prize-money competition, with Mohd Hasham of The Ashwa Collective emerging victorious aboard Tyson and receiving ₹15,000. Archi Horse Riding's Penumutchu Arnav Sri finished second on Foggy Bottom and received ₹7,500, while teammate Kori Vivaan placed third with Cornelius, earning ₹5,000. Abdul Mannan of Royal Caballo Club secured fourth place aboard Moonstone and received ₹2,500. In the 90 cm Children I category, Archi Horse Riding's Penumutchu Arnav Sri won the class

with Peterbolt. HPRC's Samyuktha Lakshmi Vanapalli finished second aboard S Captain. Both received medals and certificates. The marquee 90 cm Open class provided another memorable finish for Archi Horse Riding. Penumutchu Arnav Sri secured his second victory of the day, riding Foggy Bottom, and took home the ₹15,000 first prize. HPRC's Mohammed Aamir Shahnawaz finished second with Darcy, earning ₹7,500. Archi Horse Riding riders Raajvir Singh and G Sanjay secured third and fourth places with Melrose and Condero, receiving ₹5,000 and ₹2,500 respectively. Speaking at the closing ceremony, Chaitania Kumar, President, HPRC,

said the event had been an incredible five days, beginning with the hosting of the country's first National Qualifier of the season and culminating in the successful conclusion of the Equestrian Challenge. He thanked the riders, clubs, officials, media, guests and the HPRC team for their contribution to making the second edition memorable. The closing ceremony brought together prominent members of the equestrian and sporting fraternity, including Kishor Futnani and Rajeev Dhaiya, EFI Judges; Reaz Ahmed, Administrative Secretary, HPRC; Chaitania Kumar, President, HPRC; Vijender Singh, Vice-President, HPRC; Anirudh Reddy, MLA; Siva Sena Reddy, Chairman, Telangana Sports Authority; and Sheeraz Ahmed of HPRC, along with the medal winners. The presence of officials, sporting personalities and riders added to the significance of the concluding ceremony.

RTC Buses, Metro Rail, Autos, Cabs On MeeTicket App

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TGSRTC on Monday revamped its MeeTicket app to integrate RTC bus and Metro Rail ticketing with cab and autorickshaw booking services on a single platform. The app earlier offered only TGSRTC-related ticketing services. According to TGSRTC, the revamped app will provide multi-modal travel services by integrating RTC buses, Metro Rail, autorickshaws and cabs. Passengers will be able to book RTC or Metro tickets and simultaneously pre-book an autorickshaw or cab for onward travel through the app. The system will have a payment mechanism to transfer fares paid by passengers to the respective transport providers or partners. 'MeeTicket' will function as a unified digital platform.

Kalyana Lakshmi row: BRS cadre stages protest at Collectorates and other places

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Condemning the Congress government's conspiracies to discontinue the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) staged protests at Collectorates and other places across the State. The party demanded that the Congress government address the issues and extend benefits to the poor and needy under the scheme. The BRS leaders warned that if the scheme was not continued, protests would be intensified across the State involving women. From Alampur to Adilabad, BRS leaders held placards and raised slogans against the Congress government for its failure. At many places, the party leaders squatted on the roads in protest and demanded that the government disburse Kalyana Lakshmi benefits at the



earliest. These protests were staged following instructions from BRS working president KT Rama Rao. He had charged that the Congress government was hatching conspiracies to discontinue the scheme out of political vendetta. In Makthal constituency, former Makthal MLA Chittem Rammohan Reddy participated in the protest on National Highway 167. The BRS leaders opposed the Congress party's alleged conspiracy to discontinue the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes.

A protest was held by the BRS town and mandal units at the Sri Satyanarayana junction in Narayanpet. In Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency, a protest was held at Maddur Old Bus Stand junction under the leadership of former MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy. Traffic movement was disrupted for a while after the BRS party held a protest at the Ambedkar Centre on National Highway 353 in Jayashankar Bhupalpally. Former Bhupalpally MLA Gandra

Venkata Ramana Reddy demanded that the schemes be continued without interruption. A massive protest was held at YSR Junction in the Jogulamba Gadwal district, demanding the continuation of the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme, which has stood as a support system for poor families. Led by BRS Gadwal in-charge Basu Shyamala Hanumantha Naidu, a large number of party leaders and activists participated and raised slogans against the government. Tension prevailed at the Nalgonda Collectorate after the BRS cadre staged a protest under the leadership of former MLAs Kancharla Bhupal Reddy and Nomula Bhagat. They launched the protest demanding the immediate implementation of the suspended Kalyana Lakshmi schemes.

Badshahi Ashoorkhana Restoration Resumes

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Restoration works at the Badshahi Ashoorkhana, stalled for more than three years, have resumed and are progressing at a brisk pace. The works include rebuilding the collapsed Naqqar Khana, Persian tile conservation and repairs to other heritage structures within the complex. The Naqqar Khana was in a severely damaged condition, with its wooden roof completely collapsed. "As per the approval of the Department of Heritage, the roof was replaced with steel members and stone slabs for long-term preservation. The front facade will be retained with the existing wooden members after necessary repairs," said Yoshowant Purohit, project director, Hyderabad, Aga Khan Trust for Culture. The Naqqar Khana works, including



traditional lime plaster, are expected to be completed in nine months. Conservation has also begun on the main Ashurkhana with installation of a temporary roof to allow repairs to the historic timber roofing system. The fragile 17th century tiles are being documented in detail to prepare a conservation proposal. The original Persian tile work remains in good condition, though the lower 6.5 feet of the structure was submerged during Musi floods, damaging the tiles. "The Naqqar Khana is an

important place where drums were played by nakharchis, especially during Muharram and on special occasions," said Mir Abbas Ali Moosavi, hereditary Mujawer of the Ashoorkhana. He noted that visitor numbers have risen in recent years, with heritage walks and tourist guides bringing more people. Built in 1592 by Mohammed Quli Qutb Shah, founder of Hyderabad, the Badshahi Ashoorkhana has been a place of mourning since its inception, with congregations held here during Muharram.

Vinod Kumar Seeks Extension for Voter List Claims



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Former MP B. Vinod Kumar, BRS General Secretary Soma Bharat Kumar and former Corporation Chairman Y. Satish Reddy represented the BRS at an all-party meeting held at the Chief Electoral Officer's office in Ramakrishna Rao Bhavan. Speaking to the media, Vinod Kumar

said eligible voters whose names were missing from the draft electoral roll need not worry and could register through Form 6. He urged the Election Commission to widely publicize the provision. He said the CEO informed the meeting that notices would be issued to 92 lakh people whose names appeared in the draft list but who had not submitted required documents. Vinod Kumar sought an extension beyond the one-month deadline, saying there were no immediate elections. He said the BRS would approach the Election Commission in Delhi. He attributed rising rural voter numbers to development and said urban migration of voter registrations was slowing the process. He assured that BRS would work to protect every eligible voter until the final list is published.

NRR Accuses Cong. Of Betraying BCs, Undermining Reservations

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Telangana state BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Congress, accusing it of systematically betraying the backward classes (BC) community through appeasement politics, dilution of reservations and neglect of BC welfare institutions. Addressing the first state executive meeting of the OBC Morcha at the

party office, Rao said the Congress has historically done "grave injustice" to the BCs. He cited the introduction of five per cent reservation for Muslims during Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy's tenure and their inclusion within the BC category, alleging this move eroded the rightful share of genuine BC communities. Even in the GHMC elections, Rao said, claiming that in several BC-reserved seats,



Majlis-backed and Muslim candidates have been elected as corporators under the BC umbrella, a trend he said was not seen earlier. He urged the BC community to seriously reflect on how this is

affecting its reservation quota and warned that political parties are indulging in minority appeasement merely to secure Muslim votes. Rao contrasted the Congress record with the BJP, noting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who belongs to the OBC community, has ensured greater representation and welfare for BCs, while no Congress-ruled state today has a BC chief minister. He also recalled that during the Congress-led

UPA tenure, not a single OBC was appointed as secretary among 102 officers, with only two from the ST community. Targeting the state government, Rao questioned the functioning and funding of the MBC and BC corporations, demanding a White Paper on their performance. He called on the OBC Morcha workers to expose what he termed the Congress "betrayal" and take the BJP's welfare message to every BC household.



Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has decided to implement the 'No Banners in Public Spaces' task to keep roads, junctions and other public areas free from unauthorised banners and visual clutter.

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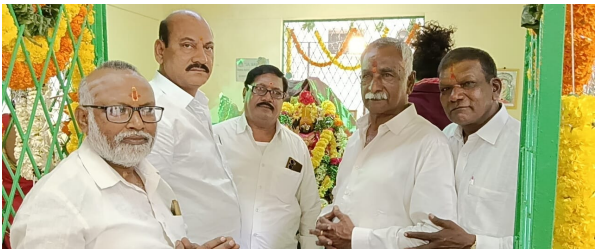
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Cantonment Board former vice-president Jampanna Pratap and Jaya Lakshmi Gardens head Raghav Reddy performed special Bonalu pujas at the Durga Mata Temple in Lala Mia Basti's seventh ward. The leaders participated in traditional rituals, praying for the peace, health and prosperity of the local community. They also planted saplings on the temple premises, combining spiritual observance with an environmental initiative. Jampanna Pratap said

the prayers were offered for the collective welfare of the people and highlighted the importance of protecting nature alongside preserving traditions. He said the plantation drive reflected the message of nurturing both faith and the environment. The temple administration felicitated Jampanna Pratap and Raghav Reddy with traditional honors in recognition of their community service and participation. Local residents and temple committee members attended the programme in large numbers.

Jaiswal Condemns Alleged Vande Mataram Incident at Congress Headquarters

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Former Jambagh Division corporator Rakesh Jaiswal strongly condemned the alleged incident that took place during the rendition of the National Song "Vande Mataram" at the Congress headquarters on August 15, 2026. Addressing a gathering at Putlibowli in Jambagh Division, Jaiswal said the National Song represents the honour, unity and patriotic spirit of the country. He recalled that "Vande Mataram" was written by renowned Bengali writer Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay and



played an important role in inspiring Indians during the freedom struggle. He said every citizen and political party should respect national symbols and uphold the dignity associated with them. Jaiswal demanded that the Congress leadership provide a clear explanation to the people of the country regarding the alleged incident and clarify

the circumstances surrounding it. BJP workers and local leaders, including Amar Singh, Shabbir, Sandeep Jain, Balaji Thakur, Shanker Kuber, Raju Yadav, Anil Yadav, Ahmed Khan and Baburaja, among others, attended the programme and expressed solidarity with the demand for an explanation.

State Pushes Joint Response Plan For Chemical Accidents

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Telangana has called for stronger coordination among Major Accident Hazard (MAH) factories, district administrations and emergency agencies to ensure timely response to chemical accidents. The issue was discussed at a workshop organised by the National Safety Council, Telangana Chapter, and the department of factories at FTCCI on Monday. Around 96 representatives of MAH factories and officials attended the programme. Secretary to Government, SHAKTI department, Harichandana Dasari directed the factories department to strengthen coordination among the agencies concerned for timely action during emergencies. Director of factories Y. Mohan Babu said preparedness was particularly important as state-level mock drills were being conducted in coordination with the National Disaster Management Authority. He also stressed compliance with the Manufacture, Storage and Import of Hazardous Chemicals Rules, the Chemical Accidents Rules and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code, 2020. The workshop focused on strengthening emergency mechanisms in factories and coordinating response measures to protect

HYDRAA Assures Vanasthalipuram Residents Of Protection Of Public Utility Land

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HYDRAA Commissioner A. V. Ranganath assured residents of Vanasthalipuram's Officers Colony that the Agency would support them in protecting public utility lands within the colony premises, which are allegedly being

encroached. Ranganath inspected the site following a complaint from residents alleging illegal construction on land earmarked for public purposes. He said the dispute over the land would be brought to the court's notice and stated that HYDRAA would protect the site with the court's per-

mission. and other issues. The residents said they had been fighting for nearly two years to protect the land and alleged that those opposing the alleged encroachment had been threatened by people involved in the construction. HYDRAA stated that the colony layout was

developed in 1987, with plots 39 and 40, measuring around 400 square yards, earmarked for public use and placed under the responsibility of a co-operative society. The district cooperative officer reportedly informed HYDRAA that the society had been inactive for nearly 45 years and was

subsequently cancelled. Residents alleged that the two plots were sold to private individuals in 2023 and claimed that although permission had been obtained for a ground-plus-one-floor structure, construction was later taken up for four floors.