

**BRS launches legal cell for victims affected by 22A restrictions: P8****Traffic Eases Near KBR Park on Second Day of Diversions: P2****Revanth's Parkal remarks widen rift in Warangal Congress; Sushmitha challenges CM: P8****WEATHER**

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9 Killed in Kolkata Hotel Fire

Nine people, including at least five Bangladeshi nationals, died and six others were injured after they failed to escape a devastating fire that broke out early Wednesday at a hotel in Kolkata's New Market area.

The blaze at Shikha Inn was the second deadly hotel fire in West Bengal within 24 hours, after nine pilgrims died in a fire at a hotel in Tarapith in Birbhum district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the deaths, while chief minister Suvendu Adhikari blamed the previous Trinamul Congress government for inadequate fire safety measures at the hotel and constituted a five-member special investigation team to probe the tragedy.

Dark smoke began billowing from Shikha Inn, located on the second floor of the six-storeyed Florence Mansion on Mirza Ghalib Street, at around 1.30 am. The building, located near the state fire and emergency services

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Modi Govt Plans 'One Day, One University' Outreach for GenZ

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In a major outreach to Gen Z, the Modi government is planning to send one Union minister to one university every day to engage with young people, discuss their concerns and better understand their perspectives on issues facing the country. The proposed initiative also figured at the Union Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday, sources said. Under the proposed 'One Day, One

University' programme, a Union minister will visit an assigned university to interact with students, hear their views on various issues and inform them about government welfare schemes, particularly those aimed at youth and students.

Education minister Pralhad Joshi and youth affairs and sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya have been given the responsibility of coordinating with universities and ministers for the visits. The initiative comes weeks after Modi urged his min-

isterial colleagues to strengthen their presence on Instagram and use reels and other social media formats to establish a greater connect with youngsters. The Cabinet on Wednesday also reviewed the social media presence and reach of Union ministers, sources said. The government's increased focus on engaging Gen Z comes in the wake of protests by students at Jantar Mantar against the NEET paper leak and other issues concerning the education sector. Sources said the social

media performance of Cabinet ministers was shared at the meeting, with Modi leading the rankings. The reach of ministers' social media posts also came up for discussion, with emphasis on expanding their audience, particularly among young people and Gen Z. Modi himself has reached out to students through social media, particularly Instagram, on several occasions following the recent protests over the NEET paper leak in Delhi and other parts of the country.

Palestine Envoy Hopes India-Built West Bank Hospital Ready in Two Years

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Palestinian ambassador to India Abdullah M. Abu Shawesh on Wednesday said India will build a speciality hospital in the West Bank and expressed hope that the project would be completed within the next two years. The hospital is part of India's commitment to establish a speciality hospital, an



Artificial Limb Fitment Centre and a Vocational Training Institute for Palestinians, announced by external affairs minister S. Jaishankar last month.

Shawesh said India had finalised the paperwork for the hospital and described the project as significant at a time when Palestine's health and education systems were under severe strain. "It is very significant for both of us because it came at a very critical time," the envoy said, adding that Palestinians were facing a devastating situation and looked to India for assis-

tance. "India yesterday finalised the paperwork regarding them building a new hospital in the West Bank... I hope that within the next two years this project will be finished and the patients will be benefited," he said. The envoy also spoke about the upcoming parliamentary election in Israel, saying Palestinians were monitoring the devel-

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Cabinet Clears 410-km Railway Expansion Worth Rs 9,450 Cr

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The Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved four railway multitracking projects across West Bengal, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh at an estimated cost of Rs 9,450 crore and the four-laning of an 82.578-km section of NH-22 in Bihar at a cost of Rs 3,590.73 crore. The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the four railway projects, which will add about 410 km to the existing Indian Railways network.

The projects include a 173-km fourth line between Kharagpur in West Bengal and Bhadrak (Ranital) in Odisha and a 75-km fourth line between Bhadrak and Haridaspur in Odisha. In a post on X, Modi said, "A major boost to railway infrastructure and connectivity across

Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal! The Cabinet has approved four multitracking projects, adding important capacity to the Indian Railways network and benefiting lakhs of people. These projects will have many benefits like: Strengthening passenger and freight movement. Reducing congestion. Greater logistics efficiency. Better connectivity, commerce and

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Modi Tops Ministers' Social Media Ranking

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi ranked at the top of the Central government's internal assessment of the social media performance of Union ministers, the results of which were presented at the Cabinet meeting chaired by him on Wednesday, according to sources. The assessment covered the social media activity of ministers between May 1 and August 15 and examined their performance across Instagram, X and Facebook. Modi emerged at the top of the ranking



based on the traction generated by social media content.

The exercise was not based merely on the number of followers ministers had. Their digital outreach, engagement and the reach of their posts were among the factors considered in evaluating their performance. During the Cabinet meeting, min-

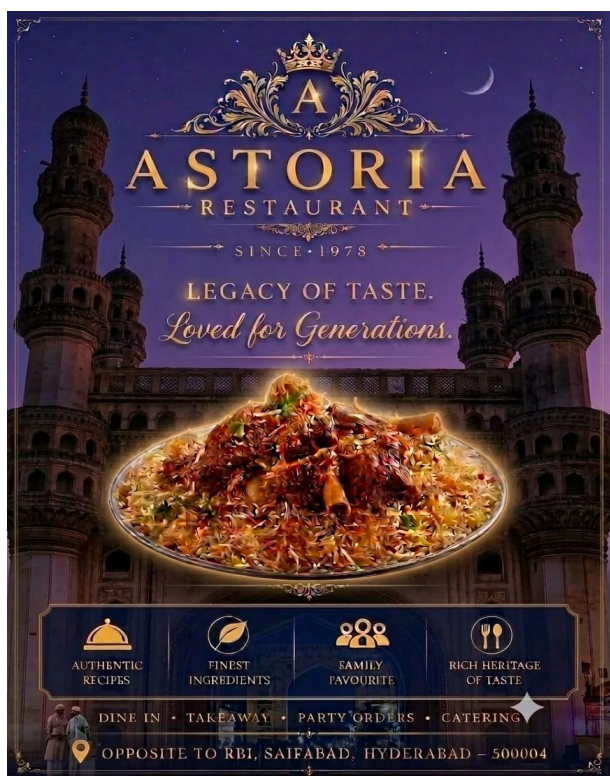
isters were briefed on their respective social media performance and the reach generated by their posts. The review comes amid the government's increased emphasis on improving its digital communication, particularly with younger audiences. The social media assessment is part of a broader push by the government to strengthen its engagement with Gen Z. Modi had earlier urged his ministerial colleagues to increase their presence on Instagram and use formats such as reels to connect more effectively with youngsters.

Congress Seva Dal Plans Major Organisational Revamp

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The Congress Seva Dal is preparing for a major organisational revamp with plans to expand its grassroots presence, increase membership among the youth and step up social service, disaster relief and legal assistance, its newly appointed chief organiser Srinivas B.V. said. Srinivas said the organisation would seek to raise its public profile and introduce its century-old legacy to a younger

generation. "We will now reach out to the people across sections of society and explain its history, objectives and contribution to the country," Srinivas told this newspaper. "Like our leader Rahul Gandhi, who goes to every section of society, be it coolies or carpenters, we will also reach out to everybody," he said. A native of Karnataka, Srinivas previously served as national president of the Indian Youth Congress.

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SC Seeks Centre Reply on DNA System for Missing Children

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The Supreme Court on Wednesday sought responses from the Centre and the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) on a public interest litigation seeking a national DNA and biometric identification system for missing and rescued children to facilitate their identification, tracing and reunification with families. A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of

India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana issued notices to the Union home ministry and the NCPCR on a petition filed by Reepak Kansal.

The plea sought directions to the Centre and all states and Union territories to create a centralised system, backed by statutory safeguards, for DNA and biometric identification of missing and rescued children. "Issue an appropriate writ, order or direction directing the Union of India and all



States/Union Territories to establish a national DNA, and biometric identification system for missing and rescued children, with proper statutory safeguards, to enable scientific matching and restoration of identity," the plea said. It also

sought mandatory DNA sampling, subject to safeguards and consent protocols, of all unidentified rescued children and willing biological parents and guardians of missing children for reunification and identity confirmation. "Direct integration and interoperability of all existing child protection databases, including police records, shelter homes, Child Welfare Committees, and Anti-Human Trafficking Units, under a centralised and real-time national frame-

work," the plea said. The petition sought the constitution of national and state-level child protection and anti-trafficking task forces to ensure interstate coordination, time-bound investigation, rescue and rehabilitation of missing and trafficked children. "Direct the respondents to frame and notify Standard Operating Procedure for tracing DNA testing, reunification, rehabilitation, compensation and long-term monitoring of rescued

children," it said. The plea also sought mandatory DNA verification of a child proposed for adoption against national records before completion of the adoption process, subject to a regulated and privacy-compliant framework. It claimed such verification would help establish the authenticity of a child's identity and prevent illegal adoption, trafficking and misrepresentation.

Traffic Eases Near KBR Park on Second Day of Diversions

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Traffic movement around KBR Park remained smooth on Wednesday morning, the second day of the one-way restrictions, as commuters appeared to have adapted to the diversion plan. No major bottlenecks were observed between the 7.30 am to 10 am peak period, though a few commuters from Ameerpet, Yousufguda and parts of Jubilee Hills who were unaware of the traffic restrictions faced some inconvenience.

Traffic on LV Prasad Marg and routes connecting Film Nagar, Banjara Hills Road Nos. 10 and 12, Journalist Colony and Road No. 45 moved steadily during the morning peak hours. Jubilee Hills Traffic Zone ACP Hari Prasad said the traf-



fic situation had improved compared to the first day as commuters were becoming familiar with the lane arrangements. He said motorists following the designated lanes could move without major interruptions.

The change was particularly visible near Basavatarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital. On Tuesday, traffic had slowed as several motorists did not move into Lane 2 (Apollo, Filmnagar, Road No. 45, Jubilee Hills Check Post) as

advised. On Wednesday, with commuters following the lane directions and cooperating with the traffic police, congestion at the stretch eased and vehicles moved more steadily, he added.

Commuters coming from Sagar Society and Srinaragar Colony and heading towards Road No. 36, Madhapur or Hitec City were advised to take the right-side route towards Road No. 10, Venkatagiri, as part of the traffic diversion, instead of using their usual route. The diversion

allowed them to reach Road No. 36 and continue towards Madhapur and Hitec City. Sub-Inspector Rakesh Reddy, deployed at KBR Park to regulate traffic, said there was confusion among commuters over lane changes on the first day, with many motorists moving in a zigzag manner, causing inconvenience and congestion.

“Yesterday, there was confusion among commuters over which lane to take and many of them were moving in a zigzag manner, which caused inconvenience and congestion. Today, commuters have gradually adapted to the lane arrangements and are following the designated lanes, which has helped minimise congestion and ensure smoother and steadier traffic movement. If commuters continue to follow the designated lanes, it will

further reduce congestion in the coming days,” he said. Commuters travelling from Ameerpet, Yousufguda and Jubilee Hills Road No. 5, however, continued to face some inconvenience.

Those unaware of the restrictions were required to take a longer route to reach Film Nagar and Road No. 36. At Road No. 45, traffic police personnel were making announcements and guiding motorists on which lanes to take while regulating the flow of vehicles. A ride-hailing app driver said traffic was moving more easily compared to Tuesday, but the diversions had increased the distance of his ride journeys. “The traffic has eased and the flow is smooth, but the distance has increased because of the diversions,” he said.

Printing Delays Notices to Unmapped Electors

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The task of serving notices to unmapped electors has not begun in Telangana, including Hyderabad, as the notices were not printed, delaying the process by three days after the claims and objections period began. The claims and objections period started on August 17 and will continue until September 16. However, notices had not been served until Wednesday evening, causing concern among voters in the city over their electoral rights.

In Telangana, 92.87 lakh voters are to be served notices. Of them, over 60 lakh have anomalies involving names, addresses and other details, while the remaining over 30 lakh are unmapped voters. Electors who submitted Voter Enumeration Forms complained that there was no mechanism to get the issues resolved. “Check-



ing the name in the draft electoral roll itself is a cumbersome process, and finally after finding the name I realised that my husband’s name was mentioned adjacent to my mother’s name. However, I did not get any notice,” said a resident of Erragadda.

V. Ridhima, a resident of MLA Road No. 12, Banjara Hills, said she was also awaiting a notice. Mohammed Jabbar, a resident of Padhishreef, said there should be a mechanism to inform people. “My uncle, who is over 80 years old and a retired government employee, is very concerned about his

voting rights. The same concern made him follow up with the authorities even from the pre-mapping stage in the month of June. Now, after submitting the Enumeration Form, he doesn’t even know whether his vote has been mapped or not,” said Mohammed Jabbar. Officials of the Hyderabad District Election Authority said notices under their jurisdiction would be served from Thursday. “There was exclusive training held for the task of serving notices,” said the official, who did not comment on the delay in printing the notices.

Telangana Pushes Solar Farms, Crop Diversification for Sustainable Growth

Telangana is moving towards a sustainable agricultural model combining renewable energy, efficient water use and crop diversification, Agriculture Director Dr B. Gopi, IAS, said at the India Energy Summit & Expo 2026 held at Novotel Hyderabad. Participating in the panel discussion “Powering Rural India: Renewable Energy, Reliable Electricity & Inclusive Growth,” Dr Gopi said Telangana’s gross cropped area has increased from around 1.31 crore acres in 2014 to nearly 2.2 crore acres, while the area under paddy cultivation has grown more than threefold. He said different crops have different water and electricity requirements and expressed concern over the increasing trend towards mono-cropping. The State Government is therefore giving priority to crop diversification, encouraging pulses, oilseeds, vegetables and oil palm as alternative crops. Dr Gopi stressed that wider adoption of micro-irrigation could significantly conserve both water and electricity while supporting agricultural productivity. A major focus is also being placed on the solarisation of agricultural electricity consumption. With suitable policies, capital investment and infrastructure, farmers could move beyond being electricity consumers and become power producers, he said. Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies could also be involved in the renewable-energy transition. Dr Gopi said Telangana is conducting pilot initiatives to identify and promote crops that require substantially less water and electricity. The approach could help Telangana build a more energy-efficient, climate-resilient and economically sustainable agricultural sector, while positioning farmers as active participants in the rural renewable-energy transition.

‘Release Fee Reimbursement Dues Immediately’: BJYM Intensifies Protest in Telangana

Youth Wing Warns of Wider Agitation, Says Delays Are Putting Students’ Education and Future at Risk

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The Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) has intensified its campaign over pending fee reimbursement dues in Telangana, demanding that the State Government clear the arrears without further delay and protect students from financial and academic hardship.

As part of the ongoing agitation, BJYM activists staged a demonstration, raising slogans and displaying placards demanding immediate payment of fee reimbursement dues. Visuals from the protest showed a sizeable gathering of activists carrying BJYM and BJP colours and participating in the demonstration.

The protest forms part of the wider “Fee Dues – BJP Fight” campaign launched by BJYM Telangana in July, seeking the release of pending reimbursements. The issue has continued to trigger protests by student and political organisations across the State.



BJYM leaders alleged that prolonged non-payment of reimbursement dues was creating difficulties for students and their families and affecting the functioning of educational institutions. They maintained that eligible students should not be forced to suffer because of delays in the reimbursement mechanism.

The BJP has also publicly raised the issue. Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao earlier alleged that delayed reimbursements were affecting lakhs of SC, ST, BC and EBC students and claimed that some students were facing difficulties obtaining

certificates from colleges because of unpaid dues.

“Movement Will Continue” BJYM leaders said the organisation would continue its democratic agitation until the pending dues are released. They called upon the government to announce a clear payment schedule rather than allowing uncertainty to continue for students, parents and educational institutions.

Recent demonstrations elsewhere in Telangana underline the growing pressure over the issue. Student groups have staged protests demanding clearance of reimbursement dues, including an agitation in Khammam earlier this month.

BJYM maintained that its campaign would be expanded further if the government failed to respond to the demand. Wakeup Telangana will continue to follow developments concerning fee reimbursement and their impact on students across the State.

BRAOU Takes AI to the Classroom: 15-Day Online Training for Teachers

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As Artificial Intelligence rapidly transforms education, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) has introduced “AI for Teachers,” a 15-day fully online short-duration programme, aimed at helping teachers strengthen their understanding of emerging technology and its use in education. The programme is listed on BRAOU’s Learning Management System as “AI for Teachers – A Short Duration Programme – 15-Day

Fully Online,” with a registration facility available through the university’s digital learning platform. The initiative comes at a crucial time when AI-based tools are increasingly being used for lesson preparation, digital content development, personalised learning, academic communication and other educational activities.

Teachers Need to Be AI-Ready With classrooms becoming increasingly technology-driven, teachers need practical awareness of Artificial Intelligence—not merely as users of digital tools, but

as educators responsible for guiding students in their appropriate and responsible use. BRAOU’s Centre for Online Education and Learning (COEL) has been promoting technology-enabled education through online courses, webinars, training programmes and digital learning initiatives. The university had also organised an “Introduction to AI for Teachers” webinar in May 2026, reflecting its growing focus on Artificial Intelligence and digital capacity-building among educators.

The short-duration format is particularly useful for

working teachers, as the programme is designed to be completed online without requiring prolonged absence from their institutions.

BRAOU has long promoted its philosophy of making higher education accessible beyond conventional classrooms. Its Learning Management System provides digital resources, video lectures, online learning materials and other technology-supported educational facilities. The AI for Teachers initiative extends that philosophy into the rapidly evolving world of Artificial Intelligence.

TG LAW CET 2026 Phase-II Counselling Schedule Released After Aspirants’ Concerns

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After days of uncertainty among law aspirants, the TG LAW CET-2026 Phase-II web counselling schedule has finally been released on the official admission portal. The development follows concerns raised by candidates awaiting a second opportunity after Phase-I admissions.

Wakeup Telangana had highlighted the delay and difficulties faced by aspirants due to the absence of clear information regard-

ing the next counselling phase. The newly announced schedule now provides candidates with definite dates to complete the admission process. Online registration-cum-verification for candidates who did not participate in Phase-I will be held from August 19 to 22. The verified eligible candidates list and correction facility will be available on August 23. Candidates can exercise Phase-II web options from August 23 to 25, with editing permitted on August 26. Provisional seat allotment will be announced

on August 29. Candidates allotted seats must report to their respective colleges with original certificates and the tuition-fee payment receipt between August 31 and September 5. Aspirants have been advised to carefully verify their eligibility, exercise suitable web options within the deadline and keep all required original documents ready for reporting. The announcement brings much-needed clarity to candidates seeking admission opportunities in the second phase.

Telangana Employees Gear Up for August 27 Collectorate Siege Over PRC, DA, OPS Demands

Government employees, gazetted officers, teachers, workers and pensioners across Telangana are gearing up for a statewide protest on August 27, with the Telangana Employees, Gazetted Officers, Teachers, Workers and Pensioners Joint Action Committee (TGEJAC) calling for a “District Collectorate Mut-tadi” over long-pending demands.

Employees and pensioners in Sangareddy district have been urged to participate in large numbers at the Collectorate protest. The agitation centres on the immediate implementation of the Second Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release of six pending DA and DR instalments, restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) by abolishing CPS, continued release of ₹2,000 crore per month towards pending employee bills, and effective implementation of the Employees Health Scheme (EHS). The JAC said the delay in the Second PRC and pending financial dues has increased concerns among employees and pensioners. It has also sought effective cashless healthcare facilities under EHS.

The August 27 agitation will be followed by a Mahadharma in Hyderabad on September 10. The JAC has appealed to employees, teachers, workers and pensioners to unite under the slogan, “For Our Rights — For Our Future,” and press the government for a time-bound resolution.

Draft Electoral Rolls Trigger Voter Frustration In Telangana

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The release of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) draft electoral rolls in Telangana has left several voters frustrated, with the Election Commission of India (ECI) and the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) facing criticism over what citizens describe as a clumsy and unnecessarily difficult system for checking their names. The draft rolls were released on Monday after the completion of the SIR exercise. The revision has already triggered

widespread concern, and yet at a time when citizens most need a simple way to check whether their names remain on the rolls, the ECI’s system has made the process needlessly complicated.

The biggest problem is the reliance on large PDF electoral rolls. Instead of giving citizens a straightforward, voter-friendly interface to check the newly published draft roll, the system requires them to identify their Assembly constituency, polling station and relevant part before downloading the corresponding roll. In



practice, voters may have to go through several PDFs, particularly if polling station or part numbers have changed during the revision.

The PDFs themselves have also added to the problem. Several citizens have complained online that the documents are image-based rather than

proper text-searchable files, making the familiar “Ctrl+F” search useless. One Hyderabad discussion described voters having to convert the PDFs into text before searching them. “This is an extraordinary failure of basic digital accessibility. First they took the forms and revised the existing rolls, and then made the voter feel scared about whether their vote was still in the roll or not. When one decides to open the rolls, they then intentionally decide to make our lives even harder,” a voter from Domalguda said.

Although the ECI’s national voter portal does provide an EPIC-based search facility, the search does not include the draft rolls. Citizens trying to cross-check the newly published rolls are still confronted with cumbersome PDF files and unclear navigation. The Absent / Shifted / Dead and Duplicate (ASDD) lists have also created another layer of confusion. Election officials themselves have stressed the need to carefully re-verify absent, shifted, dead and duplicate cases to prevent genuine voters

from being wrongly removed. But the ASDD lists are released only in Telugu across the state, creating severe accessibility issues for voters who cannot read Telugu. With claims and objections open until September 16, the authorities still have time to fix the mess. A proper searchable database, EPIC-based draft-roll verification, accessible English and Telugu ASDD lists, and text-searchable PDFs can allow voters to easily and properly check their details.

HMDA to E-Auction Mokila Plots on Sept 2



The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) will e-auction 35 residential plots at Mokila layout on September 2. A large number of prospective bidders attended a pre-bid meeting on Wednesday to seek clarity on the auction process and plot details. Officials addressed queries relating to layout specifications and explained Mokila's strategic location, planned development and connectivity to Hyderabad's western growth corridor. The last date for registration is August 31.

Polytechnic Students Step Up Protests Across Telangana Against GO 97

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Polytechnic students stepped up protests across Hyderabad and Telangana on Wednesday against GO 97, with protests at Ramanthapur, Secunderabad and West Marredpally, videos of a police-student confrontation in Mahabubabad and an SFI call for a statewide polytechnic bandh on Thursday. Students fear the move to place polytechnics under the SHAKTI department and Young India Skills University (YISU) could affect SBTET and ECET lateral entry. Students at Government Polytechnic, Ramanthapur, protested on campus, while women students demonstrated at Sangeet X Roads. Another group protested at the Government Institute of Electronics, Secunderabad. West Marredpally also saw an ABVP-backed



road protest outside the Government Polytechnic College. Tukaram Gate police took some ABVP leaders to the station after protesters moved onto the road. The main concern is the future of the three-year diploma and the route into undergraduate engineering through ECET. TG ECET 2026 continues to provide an entrance route for diploma holders, so students are protesting what they fear could follow the administrative change, rather than an ECET cancellation. Basant, a parent, said the di-

ploma also opens up employment options. "There are government job opportunities also," he said. Referring to the entrance route available to diploma students, he added, "If you clear the exam, you can directly enter into the second year." He said parents wanted students' academic options protected. "Children should be allowed to study and they should be motivated," he said. The situation turned tense at the Mahabubabad Collectorate when students tried to enter the premises and police stopped them.

Videos circulating online show police personnel pushing protesters back during the confrontation. One video appears to show a police officer gripping two students around the neck as they are forced away from the entrance. Students later accused the police of using force against them. Manchala Kiran Kumar, SFI vice-president at Osmania University, said Thursday's bandh will be limited to polytechnic colleges. CJP (Cockroach Janata Party) volunteers in Telangana said they also spoke with students and college management and were standing by the students. They fear the changes could weaken SBTET, ECET lateral entry and higher-education options, while increasing private influence through YISU's PPP model.

National Dam Safety Panel Hails HYDRAA Lake Restoration Model

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The National Dam Safety expert committee has praised the restoration and development of Hyderabad's lakes by the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA), saying its approach could serve as a model for other parts of the country. The committee said HYDRAA's approach of protecting the natural features of lakes while improving their safety and water management systems could be replicated elsewhere. Committee members, led by chairman Dr Shailesh Kumar Srivastava, visited Fox Sagar on Wednesday and inspected the main bund, the condition of the lake and issues related to its safety. The committee was briefed on HYDRAA's plans for protecting and restoring Fox



Sagar Lake, which has a Full Tank Level (FTL) area of 482.6 acres. The plans include protecting the lake boundaries, safeguarding public assets and preserving the surrounding environment. Officials said Fox Sagar was being developed under HYDRAA's Phase-3 programme for the restoration of major lakes in Hyderabad. The work focuses on restoring and protecting the lake, maintaining its water storage capacity and safeguarding its surroundings. HY-

DRAA's work also includes improving inlets that carry floodwater into lakes from their catchment areas and outlets that carry excess water after the lakes reach their full level. Strengthening lake bunds while retaining their natural features is also part of the work. The committee members appreciated HYDRAA's efforts to protect public assets and restore the city's lakes, saying the work would help preserve the water bodies for future generations.

Advocate Pujari Honoured as World's First 'Psylawgist' by LBOWR

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Advocate Nageshwar Rao Pujari, Founder and CEO of Disha Law Firm, has received a Certificate of Appreciation from the London Book of World Records, recognizing him as the world's first 'Psylawgist' and a leading matrimonial legal expert in India. With 14 years of experience, Pujari has handled 5,160 divorce cases across India, earning the title 'Divorce King.' His 'Psylawgist' approach combines legal expertise with psychological strategies to resolve complex marital disputes. He has trained over 1,000 junior advocates, while



his firm employs 100 junior advocates and works with over 150 associate lawyers. He has also established offices in the USA, UK and Dubai to support NRI matrimonial cases. Certificate No. LBOWRE6020129 was issued by Dr. Ivan Gacina and Dr. Avinash D. Sakunde.

District Library Chairman G. Anjaiah Graces House-Warming Ceremony

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A house-warming ceremony held at Allapur village in Raikode Mandal turned into a warm community gathering on Wednesday, with Sangareddy District Library Organisation Chairman G. Anjaiah attending as the chief guest and extending his heartfelt wishes to the family. The newly constructed residence belongs to Usirikepalli Mallanna and Nagamani of Allapur village. The traditional house-warming ceremony was celebrated in a festive atmosphere in the pres-



ence of family members, relatives, friends, local leaders and public representatives. Participating in the celebrations, G. Anjaiah congratulated Mallanna, Nagamani and their family members on entering their new home. He wished that the new residence would bring the family happiness, prosperity, good health and lasting peace, and that

they would celebrate many memorable occasions together in the years ahead. Several prominent leaders and representatives attended the ceremony and conveyed their best wishes to the family. They included former DCMS Chairman Siddanna Patil, former Mandal Market Committee Chairman Kedarnath Patil, Baswaraj Patil,

Temple Committee Chairman Satish Kularni, Allapur Sarpanch Charan Kumar, Kusunur Sarpanch Rajasekhara Goud, Pandu Ranga Reddy, Naveen, Hulgera Sarpanch Narsimha, former Sarpanch Satish, former MPTC Pandari, former Youth President Prabhakar and Youth President Prabhakar. Sarpanches and former sarpanches from various villages, public representatives, officials, family members, relatives and well-wishers also joined the celebrations and congratulated the new homeowners.

Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran Pays Tributes to Ex-Medak MP P. Manik Reddy



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Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran paid floral tributes to former Medak Member of Parliament P. Manik Reddy on his death anniversary on Wednesday, remembering his contribution to public life and the erstwhile Medak region. Kranthi Kiran, along with P. Jaipal Reddy and other leaders, participated in the memorial programme and offered floral tributes before the specially decorated portrait of the former parliamentarian. P. Manik Reddy was elected to the Lok Sabha from the Medak constituency in the 1984 general election, representing the Telugu Desam Party. He defeated Congress candidate P. Shiv Shanker in a closely fought contest and represented Medak

in the Eighth Lok Sabha. Remembering the former MP, the leaders recalled his political journey and association with the people of the region. They said the services rendered by senior leaders in public life should be remembered and passed on to future generations. P. Manik Reddy passed away on August 19, 2018, at the age of 76 after suffering from age-related ailments. The memorial gathering reflected the respect and affection that the former parliamentarian continues to command among political leaders and his associates in the erstwhile Medak region. Photo Caption: Former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, P. Jaipal Reddy and others pay floral tributes to former Medak MP P. Manik Reddy on his death anniversary.

S250 Katamayya Rakshana Kavacham Kits Distributed to Toddy Tappers in Aler

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In a significant initiative aimed at improving occupational safety among toddy tappers, Telangana Government Whip and Aler MLA Beerla Ilaiiah distributed Katamayya Rakshana Kavacham safety kits to 250 toddy-tapping workers at a programme held in Aler town. Addressing the gathering, Beerla Ilaiiah said toddy tappers perform a traditional yet highly risky occupation and that providing them with appropriate safety



equipment is essential to reduce the danger associated with climbing palm trees. He said the objective of the people's government was to protect the lives of toddy tappers and provide greater security and confidence to their families. The Government Whip stressed that workers who depend on traditional oc-

cupations for their livelihood deserve adequate safety, welfare support and dignity. The distribution of Katamayya Rakshana Kavacham kits was intended to help toddy tappers carry out their work with improved safety precautions, he said. 250 Workers Receive Safety Kits As part of the programme, safety kits were handed over to 250 toddy tappers in the presence of officials, public representatives and local leaders. Beerla Ilaiiah interacted with the beneficiaries and

emphasised the importance of using the protective equipment properly while undertaking toddy-tapping activities. He reiterated that the government would continue to give priority to the welfare of workers and communities dependent on traditional occupations and work towards strengthening their social and economic security. The beneficiaries welcomed the distribution of the safety kits, which are intended to minimise occupational risks faced by toddy tappers during their daily work.

Dr. Nahida Tarannum Inspects Anganwadi Centre, Conducts Health and Hygiene Awareness Session

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Dr. Nahida Tarannum, serving at PHC Sadashivanagar and holding an M.Sc. in Psychology, inspected an Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in Sadashivanagar and conducted an awareness session focusing on health, hygiene and the well-being of children. During the visit, Dr. Nahida interacted with the Anganwadi staff and children and reviewed the general environment at the centre. She stressed that Anganwadi Centres play an important role in laying the foundation for children's health, nutrition, hygiene and early development. As part of the awareness



programme, she explained the importance of personal hygiene, proper handwashing, clean surroundings and healthy daily habits. Special emphasis was placed on inculcating hygienic practices among children from an early age to help prevent common infections and promote healthier growth. Dr. Nahida also interacted with the young children in a friendly manner and encouraged them to follow cleanliness practices.

BRS Leaders Pay Tributes to Former Medak MP Manik Reddy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS leaders and workers paid rich floral tributes to former Medak MP late P. Manik Reddy on Wednesday on his eighth death anniversary at a programme held in Jogipet. Leaders garlanded his portrait and recalled his political journey, public service and contribution to the erstwhile Medak region. Manik Reddy was elected to the Lok Sabha from Medak in 1985 and later joined the Telangana Rashtra Samithi, now BRS, in 2013. He passed away on August 19, 2018, at the age of 76.



Speaking at the programme, BRS leaders said Manik Reddy maintained a close bond with the people throughout his political career. They remembered his commitment to public service and said his legacy would continue to inspire party workers and younger generations. Former MPP P. Narayana Mudiraj, former AMC

Chairman D.B. Nagabhusanam, and BRS leaders Chavala Venkatesham, Sara Sridhar, Birla Shankar, Una Nagaraju, Khaja Pasha, Rafi, Mogulaiah, Paripoornam, Lingam, Prashanth and Kamalamma were among those present. The programme concluded with leaders and workers paying homage to the former parliamentarian.

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Telangana Rakshana Sena chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha demanded that all 2,000 Singareni employees who have applied for medical unfit status be declared medically unfit after proper examination. She urged the government to conduct medical boards every month until all pending applications are resolved.

In a video message released on Wednesday along with HMS General Secretary Riyaz Ahmed and former minister Boda Jannardhan, Kavitha said the gov-



ernment had agreed to conduct a medical board last month following pressure from HMS and TRS. However, she said limiting the process to a single month was unfair to workers who had been waiting for deci-

sions. Kavitha warned that workers would not tolerate further delay or injustice in providing dependent employment. She also criticised Koonamneni Sambasiva Rao over the employment difficulties faced by young people due to alias-name issues. She questioned how unemployed youth protesting through hunger strikes could be persuaded to withdraw without receiving clear assurances. She alleged that while unions had submitted affidavits concerning dependent employment, Koonamneni had not submitted one. Kavitha accused him of

adopting double standards and said workers would take note of his actions. She demanded that the alias-name issue be resolved immediately and assured support from HMS and TRS to the protesting youth. Meanwhile, Kavitha extended support to government employees, teachers and pensioners protesting over pending demands. She called for implementation of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), abolition of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), settlement of pending Dearness Allowance (DA), and resolution of health-card issues.

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.

Bangladesh Seeks Guarantee Clause in Renewed Ganges Treaty

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Bangladesh may seek a “guarantee clause” for minimum water flow in the renewed Ganges Water Treaty with India and could approach international forums to protect its water rights, Bangladesh Water Resources Minister Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anee said in Dhaka on Tuesday. Anee indicated that Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman may raise the issue during his visit to the United Nations in September. The bilateral treaty, signed in 1996 for 30 years to govern dry-season water sharing at the Farakka Barrage, will expire on December 12, 2026. During negotiations, Bangladesh is pushing to reinstate the guarantee clause, or safe-



guard provision, included in the original 1977 treaty and may also seek the right to information to ensure transparency in water sharing. Bangladesh maintains that since 70 per cent of the Ganga basin is in India, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal utilise a majority of the water, leaving less for Bangladesh as a lower-basin country. Anee said Dhaka must negotiate the new Ganges water-sharing treaty, also known as the Farakka Treaty, with India in light of changed circumstances and new realities. “I hope the Prime Minister will present a strong position on the treaty in favour of

Bangladesh when he visits the United Nations next month. He must firmly present our rights and interests there,” Anee said during a seminar titled 'Ganges Water Treaty: Issues for Renegotiation'. He added that Dhaka was willing to seek legal recourse at the international level if necessary to safeguard the country’s interests. “The first treaty, signed in 1977, protected our interests. It included a guarantee clause. But memorandums of understanding were signed in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1985, and none of them contained a guarantee clause. The 1996 treaty subsequently dropped the guarantee clause,” the minister said, adding Bangladesh had been deprived because the guarantee clause was absent, Prothom Alo reported.

“Our relationship with the neighbouring country is friendly. However, our friends need to provide greater cooperation in safeguarding Bangladesh’s interests and rights. We must take the relationship forward while respecting the feelings of the people of Bangladesh and the interests of the country,” the minister was reported to have said. The minister said Bangladeshis had long viewed the Farakka Barrage as a “death trap” adding India had built barrages and around 900 embankments along the Ganges after Farakka, which had strained relations between the two countries. “As a result, people in Bangladesh had developed a negative perception of India,” he was quoted as saying by Dhaka Tribune.

9 Killed in Kolkata Hotel Fire

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Nine people, including at least five Bangladeshi nationals, died and six others were injured after they failed to escape a devastating fire that broke out early Wednesday at a hotel in Kolkata’s New Market area. The blaze at Shikha Inn was the second deadly hotel fire in West Bengal within 24 hours, after nine pilgrims died in a fire at a hotel in Tarapith in Birbhum district. Prime Minister Narendra Modi condoled the deaths, while chief minister Suwendu Adhikari blamed the previous Trinamul Congress government for inadequate fire safety measures at the hotel and constituted a five-member special investigation team to probe the tragedy. Dark smoke began billowing from Shikha Inn, located on the second floor of the six-storeyed Florence Mansion on

Mirza Ghalib Street, at around 1.30 am. The building, located near the state fire and emergency services department headquarters, also houses other hotels. Most guests were asleep when the fire broke out. Survivors recalled waking up after hearing screams outside. Some managed to escape through the stairs despite thick smoke, while several others climbed onto the cornice after coming out through windows. At least five fire engines were deployed. Firefighters recovered the bodies of six men, two women and a boy and rescued six injured persons, who were taken to Calcutta Medical College and Hospital. Among the dead was Sandip Paswan, 19, of Giridih in Jharkhand, who worked as a receptionist at the hotel.

Five of the victims were Bangladeshi nationals. Four belonged to a family from Kustia — journalist Debasish Dutta, 39, of Ajker Patrika, his wife Afsana Sharmin, 27, their three-year-old son Swanashis and Dutta’s father-in-law Mohammad Akram Ali, 64. Dutta and his family had checked into the hotel on Tuesday after returning from Bengaluru, where his wife had undergone treatment. The fifth Bangladeshi victim was Ahmed Babu, 40, a businessman from Dhaka. The identities of the remaining three victims were yet to be established. Several Bangladeshi nationals were among the survivors, prompting the Bangladesh Deputy High Commission in Kolkata to open a helpline. A preliminary investigation indicated that a short circuit in an air-conditioning unit may have triggered the blaze.

'History-Sheeters' Infiltrated Jul 20 Protest, 240 Cops Hurt: Police Tells SC

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Delhi Police has strongly defended the use of force during the "Chalo Sansad" protest here on July 20, telling the Supreme Court that the agitation was hijacked by "anti-social elements" and "history-sheeters", resulting in a breakdown of law and order that left more than 240 police personnel injured. The Delhi Police affidavit, filed by Deputy Commissioner of Police Sachin Sharma of the New Delhi district in response to a batch of petitions alleging excessive use of force against protesters, said the force was willing to have its actions examined by a court-appointed panel. "The use of force by police can be gone into by a Committee appointed by this Hon'ble Court and the Delhi police will fully cooperate with such Committee and provide all details necessary. "At the cost of repetition, it is submitted that since a Committee may be appointed by this Hon'ble Court which will examine all the issues related to use of force by the police



officials," it said. On August 3, a bench headed by Chief Justice Surya Kant, while hearing petitions on the issue, had clarified that the expression "criminal antecedents" in its order on releasing student protesters referred only to those involved in grave and heinous offences. It had also said states could close or withdraw FIRs against the remaining students in accordance with law. The affidavit said more than 30,000 people, including alleged miscreants and anti-social elements, had gathered in and around Jantar Mantar on July 20 during the protests, which later turned violent. Police resorted to force only after repeated

warnings and attempts to prevent protesters from advancing towards Parliament were not heeded. According to the affidavit, 2,873 people who attended the protest had particulars matched existing crime records in official police databases. It said 92 of the people present at the site were involved in more than 10 criminal cases, of whom 47 were "history-sheeters". "The right to protest peacefully is a fundamental right of every citizen, including young students/young individuals. This right is sacrosanct and must be preserved at any cost. The difficulty arises when an initial peaceful protest turns violent, resulting in

bodily harm either to the other citizen as well as the police personnel along with destruction of public property," the affidavit said. Anti-social elements merging with the crowd, with criminal background infiltrating such protests either to give bad name to the protestors or to the police, is always a matter of concern and worry, not only in India but everywhere," it added. Police said if the violence did not stop or appeared to be spreading rapidly, a graded response was adopted, beginning with minimal use of force, with decisions taken according to the situation on the ground, the affidavit said. "More than 240 police officers have suffered injuries; the investigation will take into consideration the grievances of the protestors as well as the grievances of those police officers who were deployed on duty and have suffered injuries. "Both will have to be and should be investigated impartially. The facts narrated herein are the facts as appear and available as on date which would need an investigation," it said.

India Assures Warm Welcome for Tarique Rahman

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Amid uncertainty over Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman’s visit to New Delhi, Indian high commissioner to Dhaka Dinesh Trivedi has said Prime Minister Narendra Modi wants the visit to be “memorable” and that differences between the two countries can be resolved through dialogue and engagement. Speaking at a reception hosted by the Indian High Commission on Tuesday for Bangladeshi business leaders and a visiting Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) delegation, Trivedi said Modi had conveyed that the two

leaders needed to meet and assured that Rahman would receive an appropriate welcome during his visit, according to Bangladeshi media reports. “After meeting the PM (Rahman) here, I went straight to Delhi and had a great meeting with our PM. He (Modi) just mentioned one thing: we need to meet. You can tell them on my behalf that you have the Prime Minister of India’s assurance that when the PM of Bangladesh visits India, he will have such an honourable reception as he deserves,” Trivedi said. The visit, he added, would be “a memorable” whose benefits would ultimately reach

people and businesses on both sides. “We are eagerly waiting, and I’m so hopeful. There are issues, there is no doubt about it,” he said. Trivedi said differences were natural in a vibrant democracy. “If issues are not there, then it’s not democracy; it’s something other than democracy,” Trivedi said. He added that Indian officials had been working closely with Bangladesh’s ministers in recent weeks to address differences and understand the concerns of the Bangladeshi people, the Dhaka Tribune reported. The extradition of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh

Hasina and the handing over of the killer of student leader Sharif Osman Hadi are the two main demands put forward by Dhaka for Rahman’s visit to materialise. Acknowledging differences between the two neighbours, Trivedi said they could be resolved through engagement and dialogue. “Friends really understand each other’s issues, and we are not friends if we don’t understand...I can tell you I fully understand there are issues, but these issues can definitely be sorted out once the PM of Bangladesh (Tarique Rahman) and our PM Narendra Modi meet,” he said.

Amit Shah To Chair Southern Zonal Council Meet in Mahabalipuram

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will begin a three-day visit to Tamil Nadu and West Bengal on Thursday, during which he will chair the 31st meeting of the Southern Zonal Council in Mahabalipuram and lay the foundation stones for border security projects in Siliguri. Shah will chair the Southern Zonal Council meeting on Thursday and offer prayers at the Shore Temple in Mahabalipuram

in the evening. The Southern Zonal Council comprises Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay is the vice-chairman of the council. The meeting will be attended by chief ministers, lieutenant governors and administrators of the member states and Union Territories, along with two senior ministers from each state. "The

chief secretaries/advisors and other senior officers of the State Governments, as well as senior officers of the Central Government, will also participate in the meeting," a government statement said. "The chief ministers of the member states serve as the vice-chairman of the Council by rotation. The 31st meeting is being organized by the Inter-State Council Secretariat under the Union Home Ministry with the Tamil Nadu government as the host," it said. "Issues proposed by

the states are submitted for discussion before the Zonal Council's standing committee and after deliberation there, the remaining issues are placed before the Zonal Council meeting for consideration," the statement said. Shah will then proceed to Siliguri in West Bengal, where he will lay the foundation stones for various border security projects on Friday and interact with Sashastra Seema Bal personnel, officials said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

CWC to Take Paper...

The CWC reiterated its demand that women's reservation be implemented within the current strength of 543 Lok Sabha seats. Venugopal said the party wanted the number of seats capped at 543 for the next 25 years, with one-third reserved for women and implemented immediately. Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should apologise to the country over the "shudhikaran" in Uttarakhand after Kharge's programme there. Addressing the CWC, Kharge said, "In Parliament, too, we strove for a comprehensive deliberation on issues concerning education and examinations-seeking a discussion on the injustices faced by students and

demanding accountability. However, (Prime Minister Narendra) Modi ji and (Home Minister) Amit Shah ji evaded questions throughout the Monsoon Session. Now that they have started speaking, they are prioritising non-issues over the questions raised by the youth," The CWC meeting was held at Indira Bhawan and chaired by Kharge. Former Congress presidents Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, AICC general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh and K.C. Venugopal and senior leaders Ambika Soni, Mukul Wasnik and P. Chidambaram were among those who attended.

Palestine Envoy.....

The envoy also spoke about the upcoming parliamentary election in

Israel, saying Palestinians were monitoring the developments and were once again being made to “pay the price” for Israeli domestic politics. On US President Donald Trump’s “Board of Peace” initiative announced earlier this year, Shawesh described it as a step towards “resolving” the conflict in Gaza but said it was not an initiative for building lasting peace there. The Palestinian envoy also accused Israel of granting impunity to “extremist Israeli settlers” and pursuing policies aimed at frightening, dispossessing and ultimately driving Palestinians from their homeland. The Palestinian Embassy cited the annexation of the occupied West Bank, settlement expansion, funding for settlements

and settlers and alleged settler violence among its concerns. Meanwhile, India reiterated its longstanding support for a negotiated two-state solution and its support for the Palestinian people during talks in Ramallah on Tuesday between external affairs ministry secretary Sripriya Ranganathan and Palestinian foreign minister Varsen Aghabekian Shahin.

Congress Seva Dal...

He said a membership drive would soon be launched at the block, district and state levels, with a particular focus on young people who may not be familiar with the history of the Congress and the Seva Dal or their role during the freedom struggle and subsequent na-

tion-building. “I am planning a nationwide tour to engage with people across the country and highlight the role and contribution of the Congress party in India’s freedom struggle and its journey of nation-building,” he said. The objective, he added, would be to take the party’s historical legacy directly to people while connecting the younger generation with its history and values. Srinivas said disaster relief would be another area of focus. Seva Dal teams led by him were recently deployed in Assam to assist people affected by floods. The organisation’s #SOSSevaDal teams conducted rescue operations and distributed food and survival kits among people in need. “Such rescue and rehabilitation work will be

done in case of calamities and emergencies across the country,” Srinivas said.

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“The projects also include the laying of the third and fourth lines between Gummidipundi in Andhra Pradesh and Gudur in Tamil Nadu covering 90 km, and between Cuttack and Paradeep (Badabandha) in Odisha, covering 72 km,” Modi said. The government said the increased line capacity would enhance mobility, operational efficiency and service reliability. “These multi-tracking proposals are poised to streamline operations and alleviate congestion. The projects are in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of a New India which will make people.

CRIME

20,000 Telangana Students Write to High Court

HYDERABAD
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Around 20,000 students from government schools across Telangana have written postcards to the Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, highlighting the shortage of teachers and basic infrastructure in their schools. Representatives of several public organisations on Tuesday urged the High Court to take suo motu cognisance of the letters and treat them as a public interest litigation. They sought specific directions to the state government to fill vacant teacher posts, provide classrooms and improve facilities in government schools. Campaigners said stu-



dents from primary and high schools had written the postcards in their own handwriting as part of the campaign, aimed at drawing attention to the constitutional right to education guaranteed under Article 21A. Speaking to the media, Ravi Prakash Mayreddy of the Dial Your Village initiative, Yadma Madhava Reddy of the Vandemataram Foundation, Sai Kumar of MV Foun-

dation, Dileep Reddy of People's Pulse and others said many government schools lacked safe drinking water, separate toilets for boys and girls, science laboratories, libraries, playgrounds and sports equipment. They said several schools were functioning without adequate teachers, leaving classrooms vacant and affecting the quality of education. One student, Shravani,

said her school lacked classrooms, drinking water and computers. Another student, Vaishnavi of Guavvaladinne village, said she walks 4 km to school at Nandini mandal and 4 km back every day because of the absence of bus services. She said some students were dropping out because of the difficulty in travelling. The organisations urged the government, the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and the Education Department to act immediately, and sought improvement in all government schools, not just Telangana Public Schools and integrated schools.

Three MDMA Peddlers Arrested in Gachibowli; Drugs Worth ₹16.4 Lakh Seized



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Wakeup telangana

Gachibowli Police and SOT Cyberabad teams arrested three alleged MDMA peddlers and apprehended 16 consumers, recovering 95.41 grams of MDMA and 50 grams of OG Kush worth ₹16.4 lakh. The arrested persons were identified as Md Razal Abdul Gafoor (26) and Navina KD (22) from Bengaluru, and Koripella Yashwanth Sai Shanmukh (26) of Moos-

apet, Hyderabad. Police said Yashwanth was arrested on August 11 near Kingdom Pub Road, Vattingulapally, along with 16 consumers. Based on his alleged disclosures, Gafoor was arrested in Thrissur, Kerala, and Navina in Begur, Bengaluru, on August 18. Police recovered 51 grams of MDMA and 50 grams of OG Kush from Navina's residence. The seized property also included two mobile phones. The case was registered at Gachibowli Police Station under relevant sections of the NDPS Act. Police urged citizens to report information about drug and ganja suppliers through Dial 100 or the Cyberabad Police WhatsApp number. Educational institutions were also asked to remain vigilant and report drug-related activities, with informants' identities kept confidential.

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.

Cyber Awareness Programme Held at Narayana College in Madinaguda



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Miyapur Police conducted a cybercrime awareness programme at Narayana Junior College in Madinaguda on Wednesday as part of the "Suraaksha Tiranga" campaign. Around 200 students attended the session. DI Vijay and Cyber Warrior Suryateja sensitised students about online financial frauds, phishing, fake links, OTP scams, risky loan and betting

apps, and safe social media practices. Police advised students to remain cautious while dealing with messages and links from unknown persons and avoid sharing sensitive personal or banking information. Officials said victims of cyber financial fraud should immediately call the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930. For other emergencies, citizens can contact 112. Miyapur Police patrol staff, college management and students participated in the programme.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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.

Traffic Awareness Programme Held at Pallavi School

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A traffic awareness programme was conducted at Pallavi School, Bowenpally, under the "Arrive Alive" initiative to educate students on road safety and responsible driving. The programme was organised on the instructions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police B. Sumathi, IPS, and under the supervision of DCP Traffic-I K. Rahul Reddy, IPS. ACP Traffic Trimulgherry Division G. Shankar Raju led the



awareness session. Students were sensitised about the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, underage driving, triple riding, rash driving and using mobile phones

while driving. They were also advised to wear helmets and seat belts, follow lane discipline, obey traffic signals and speed limits, and give priority to pedestrians at zebra cross-

ings. Special emphasis was placed on underage driving, with students being informed about the legal consequences of driving motor vehicles without meeting the prescribed age and licensing requirements. The interactive session saw active participation from students, who clarified their doubts on traffic rules. The programme was attended by the school principal, management, teachers and staff, and received an enthusiastic response.

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



Hyderabad logistics company plans USD 50 million expansion

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Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad-based logistics company Jassper Shipping has announced plans to invest USD 50 million over the next three years to expand its project logistics, break-bulk, bulk cargo and industrial supply chain operations. The investment comes as India’s infrastructure and industrial sectors witness sustained growth, creating rising demand for specialised logistics solutions. According to the company, the growth capital will be deployed in phases to strengthen project logistics infrastructure, enhance bulk and breakbulk cargo handling, develop technology-driven logistics planning capabilities and



expand operations across major industrial and port-led corridors. The first tranche of USD 10 million will focus on expanding Jassper Shipping’s B2B project logistics business. The company plans to target key sectors including power, steel, petrochemicals, heavy engineering, manufacturing and large-scale in-

frastructure projects. The initial investment will also support specialised transportation services, port-to-plant logistics, vessel chartering and multimodal freight solutions for oversized, heavy and critical cargo. These capabilities are aimed at helping industrial customers manage complex transportation requirements more effi-

ciently and safely. Pushpank Kaushik, Chief Executive Officer and Head of Business Development for the Subcontinent, Middle East and Southeast Asia at Jassper Shipping, said India’s infrastructure and industrial sectors were entering a multi-year growth cycle. He said the expansion was generating unprecedented demand for specialised project logistics capabilities and creating significant opportunities for companies with expertise in handling complex cargo. Kaushik added that the USD 50 million investment reflects Jassper Shipping’s long-term commitment to strengthening its capabilities across project cargo, breakbulk logistics, vessel chartering

and integrated industrial supply chains. The company said the planned investment would cover both physical infrastructure and technology-led solutions. By combining expanded logistics capacity with digital planning capabilities, Jassper Shipping aims to improve cargo movement, operational efficiency and safety while supporting customers involved in large infrastructure and industrial projects. The expansion is expected to strengthen the company’s presence across India’s key industrial corridors and ports as infrastructure development and manufacturing activity continue to drive demand for specialised logistics services.

Tata Tea Chakra Gold’s ‘Ghanam Soch’ Campaign Celebrates Homemakers

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Tata Tea Chakra Gold has launched its latest campaign, ‘Ghanam Soch’, celebrating the invaluable contribution of homemakers and urging families to recognise that their work cannot be measured by a salary slip. The campaign highlights the everyday strength of millions of women who nurture families, manage households and shape the future, often without financial compensation or formal recognition. Through the initiative, Tata Tea Chakra Gold reinforces its belief that strength lies not only in a strong cup of tea but also in strong values and perspectives. The campaign unfolds through a relatable home-loan application scene. When a banker asks how many family members are working, the husband confidently says two. However, when salary slips are requested, only his is



available. The conversation then prompts the family to acknowledge that his wife, despite not receiving a monthly pay cheque, is equally a working member whose daily efforts keep the household functioning. In a poignant moment, the mother-in-law points out that a homemaker’s contribution is far too valuable to be measured through a salary slip. The husband ultimately recognises his wife as an equal partner in building their home, reinforcing the campaign’s central message: while one person may earn for the family, it takes two to

build a home. Sharat Verma, President – Packaged Beverages and Organic India, Tata Consumer Products, said Andhra Pradesh remains a key market for Tata Tea Chakra Gold. He said ‘Ghanam Soch’ extends the brand’s belief that “Ghanam Tea inspires Ghanam Soch” by celebrating the quiet strength of homemakers and encouraging families to appreciate their unseen yet indispensable contribution. The campaign aims to spark meaningful conversations around recognising the value of women’s work within the home.

New markets for India’s buffalo meat aid dairy economy

NEW DELHI
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Among India’s agricultural export items, buffalo meat has shown a massive 25.6 per cent growth in 2025-26 to USD 5.1 billion. “We crossed USD 5 billion for the first time last fiscal year and are on track to do USD 6 billion in 2026-27,” a Commerce Ministry official said to The Indian Express. That’s not all; the value realisation, or simply put, the money made on the sale per tonne of buffalo meat, is remarkable. If one looks at the-

numbers, in 2014-15, India exported 14.8 lakh tonnes (lt) of buffalo meat worth USD 4.8 billion, which is an average value of USD 3,240 per tonne. The next few years saw a drop in value realisation and exports, but since 2024-25, there has been no looking back. In 2024-25, exports touched USD 4.1 billion at a unit value of USD 3,236 per tonne. The unit value increased to USD 3,591 in 2025-26 and USD 4,392 during April-June 2026. The official said that the higher unit value realisa-



tion shows that Indian buffalo meat has been better accepted. “This has been enabled by government policy, allowing exports only from plants registered by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), which is conditional upon their meeting stringent safety,

hygiene and infrastructure requirements,” the official said. Fauzan Alavi, secretary of the All-India Buffalo and Sheep Meat Exporters Association, explains what worked. “In the last couple of years, we have consciously worked at making Indian buffalo meat a global brand and not a number two alternative to cattle beef. The world too is recognising our product quality and safety standards.” India is the world’s third-largest bovine meat exporter. Trailing behind Brazil at 42.8 lt and Aus-

tralia at 21.6 lt, its projected volume is 17 lt for 2026, according to US Department of Agriculture data. Our top three exporters are the Mumbai-based Allansons Private Ltd, the LuLu Group-owned Fair Exports India, and HMA Agro Industries, Agra. Buffalo meat, also called carabeef, is used for processed industrial foods such as burger patties and ready-to-eat products. The focus now is on raising value realisation by pushing retail sales in smaller packages as well. Since last October,

APEDA has been imposing a Rs 250/tonne levy on exports of all frozen and chilled buffalo meat. The proceeds go towards a Meat Export Development Fund meant for promoting exports. The efforts are showing in how diverse the market has become. In 2025-26, of the USD 5.1 billion, 10 countries imported over USD 100 million worth of meat each. These are Vietnam, Egypt, Malaysia, the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Iraq, the Philippines and Jordan.

Deputy Commissioner Inspects Integrated Farm



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Panchayat Raj Deputy Commissioner K. Sudhakar inspected an integrated agricultural farm on the outskirts of Taroda village in Mudhole mandal. He reviewed the farmer’s practice of combining crop cultivation with allied agricultural activities and examined farm management and resource utilisation. Officials explained that integrated farming helps farmers make better use of available land and generate income from multiple agriculture-based activ-

ities. Sudhakar appreciated the farmer’s efforts and stressed the need to promote integrated farming systems in rural areas. He also discussed challenges, benefits and sustainable agricultural practices with the farmer. The Deputy Commissioner advised farmers to utilise available opportunities effectively to enhance their income and achieve greater sustainability. DRDO Vijayalakshmi, DLPO Buttiker Lakshman, MPDO Lava Kumar, Sarpanch Arif Uddin, APO Shrisha Reddy and other officials were present.

Agentic AI Training Programme Concludes at RGUKT Basar



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A 90-day certificate course on “Agentic AI and Machine Learning” for E4 students of various engineering departments at Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar Triple IT, concluded successfully on August 14, 2026. The programme, conducted from March 2, was organised under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) support from Raheja Institution, with Nirman as the managing partner and Swinfy Solutions Pvt. Ltd. as the training partner. A total of 120 students benefited from the programme. The valedictory function was held at the AB-3 Conference Hall, with Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan as chief guest

and OSD Prof. E. Muralidharan as guest of honour. Prof. Govardhan urged students to continuously upgrade their skills in emerging technologies, particularly Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, to meet evolving industry requirements and improve employment prospects. Prof. Muralidharan stressed the need for faculty members to update their teaching skills in line with advances in research and technology. The training was led by industry expert Satish and Swinfy Solutions CEO Rani Ji under the supervision of Faculty Coordinator Dr. N. Vijay Kumar. The programme enhanced students’ practical knowledge, confidence and industry readiness while strengthening academia-industry collaboration.

CBIT Photo Club Celebrates 187th World Photography Day

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The CBIT Photo Club (CPC), in association with Raw Fine Arts College (RFAC) and Click Talks, organised the 187th World Photography Day Celebration at the Assembly Hall of Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, on Wednesday. The event brought together photography professionals, dignitaries, faculty members and students for a day dedicated to creativity, visual storytelling and photographic expression. With more than a decade of experience and a community of over 500 members, CPC continues to promote photography as both a creative and professional pursuit among students. The programme began with a warm welcome to the guests, followed by the ceremonial lighting of the lamp. CBIT Principal Prof. C.V. Narasimhulu, Director of Students Affairs Prof. B. Linga Reddy and Dr. Srinivas Andoju addressed the gathering



and highlighted the importance of creativity, student participation and opportunities to develop talents beyond academics. Jahnvi added an artistic touch to the inaugural ceremony with a graceful welcome dance. The invited dignitaries and guests were later felicitated in recognition of their presence and contribution to the celebration. A major attraction was the series of expert sessions featuring prominent photography professionals. Mr. K. Ramesh Babu spoke about the importance of observation, composition and visual storytelling, urging students to look beyond the technical aspects of pho-

tography. Mr. Raghu Ram shared insights on developing an individual photographic style and visual perspective. The afternoon session featured Mr. Bhupal Kumar, who discussed photography as an art of seeing and encouraged participants to discover extraordinary perspectives in ordinary subjects. The celebration also included a hands-on photography workshop, giving students an opportunity to apply concepts learned during the expert sessions. Participants experimented with perspectives, techniques and creative approaches while interacting with professionals. A photography competition further encouraged

students to showcase their creativity, with winners being recognised during the programme. Students also shared their experiences and highlighted the value of practical exposure and professional interaction. The event concluded with the valedictory address and a Vote of Thanks by Dr. K. Gurubrahmam. The organisers acknowledged the efforts of the institution, dignitaries, resource persons, faculty, volunteers and students. The celebration reinforced photography’s power to capture emotions, communicate ideas and tell stories, while inspiring students to develop their own unique visual voices.

Charles Schwab opens tech capability centre in Hyderabad

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Charles Schwab, the US-based financial services major, made its India debut on Wednesday, August 19, with Schwab India in Hyderabad. The 345,000 sq ft technology capability centre will support Charles Schwab’s US business, said the Times of India. The company plans to have a 2,000-strong workforce by the end of 2027 and would handle in-house the technology work it has been outsourcing. Telangana IT and Industries minister D Sridhar Babu inaugurated the facility along with Charles Schwab leaders, including Christopher Wyse, managing director and chief corporate affairs officer.

Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad was moving beyond shared services to build technology that powers global trading and brokerage. He said the city hosts nine of the world’s top 10 brokerage and trading institutions, representing about USD 40 trillion in assets under management, and more than 475 global capability centres. “Mumbai is India’s trading and brokerage capital, but Hyderabad is increasingly building the technology that powers trading and brokerage for the world,” he said. Wyse said the investment would help Schwab serve 48 million account holders and 30,000 employees who depend on its technology platforms.

Farrhana Bhatt's 'aasteen ki naagin' post raises eyebrows

Farrhana Bhatt may have exited the Bigg Boss 19 house, but the controversy surrounding her personal life appears to be continuing. The actress has now shared a series of cryptic posts about betrayal, prompting fans to speculate about the person she may have been referring to. Taking to Snapchat, Farrhana shared a selfie along with a pointed message: "People have best friends, I used to have aasteen ki nagin! We ain't same bro!" While she did not name anyone, the phrase "aasteen ki naagin" immediately caught attention. The expression is commonly used to describe someone close who secretly betrays or harms a person who trusted them. Farrhana's following post added further fuel to the speculation. Sharing a glimpse of her house, she wrote, "When you realise it wasn't your best friend but a snake you were living with in your own damn house!" The reference to some-



one living in her house has led fans to connect the posts with the family controversy that emerged around the actress. Many social media users believe that Farrhana could be indirectly referring to Faizana, a woman who previously claimed that she was Farrhana's real sister. Faizana had publicly alleged that she and Farrhana grew up

together and lived in the same house. However, Farrhana has not publicly confirmed Faizana's claims about their relationship. The controversy also involved allegations concerning their family and mother. Farrhana's mother, Afroza Bhatt, subsequently came out in support of her daughter and rejected key claims

made during the dispute. Against this backdrop, Farrhana's latest comments about a "snake" living in her house have once again attracted considerable attention. Fans have been quick to interpret the posts as an indirect reference to Faizana, particularly because of the timing and the mention of someone being present inside her home. However, Farrhana has not identified the person she was referring to. It is therefore unclear whether the posts were directed at Faizana, a former friend or someone else from her personal life. For now, the actress has left fans guessing. Her choice of words, particularly the references to betrayal, a "snake" and someone living in her house, has nevertheless ensured that the speculation surrounding her personal relationships continues even after her Bigg Boss 19 journey has ended. Unless Farrhana chooses to clarify the matter publicly, the identity of the person behind her cryptic posts remains unknown.

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 be-

cause 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.

Nasr Boys School Holds XXVII Investiture and Sports Opening Ceremony



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Waheed uddin

Nasr Boys School, Gachibowli, Cyberabad, celebrated its XXVII Investiture Ceremony and Sports Opening Ceremony with enthusiasm and grandeur on Wednesday. Dr. M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad Commissionerate, attended as the Chief Guest and formally invested the newly elected student office bearers with their responsibilities. The ceremony highlighted the importance of leadership, discipline, responsibility and service.

The event was attended by prominent members of the Nasr Education Society, including Chairman Nawab Mir Khutubuddin Khan, Begum Salwa Khan, Member, Board of Directors, Mr. Mir Mohiuddin, Director Academics and Principal, Nasr School, Mr. Mir Jamaluddin Hammad, Executive Director-Finance, and Mr. Mir Hafeezuddin Ahmed, Chief Executive Officer and Principal, Nasr Boys School. The school also honoured its outstanding ICSE and ISC toppers with Gold Medals and Merit Awards for their exceptional academic achievements.

Cultural performances added colour to the celebrations, with Pre-Primary students presenting "We Love India" and Primary students showcasing "Colours of India." Both performances received appreciation for their creativity and confidence. The Sports Opening Ceremony encouraged students to embrace teamwork, sportsmanship, discipline and healthy competition. The programme concluded with a message urging students to strive for excellence in academics, sports and co-curricular activities while upholding the school's values and traditions.

Yash Satwalekar, Vignesh Reddy hit centuries in A-Division league

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Centuries by Yash Satwalekar (138, 178b, 12x4, 4x6) and A. Vignesh Reddy (140, 133b, 15x4, 7x6) helped Sporting XI score a formidable 424 for five in 86 overs against Deccan Wanderers on the first day of the A-Division two-day league cricket championship here on Tuesday. The scores: A-Division two-day league: Sporting XI 424/5 in 86 overs (Yash Satwalekar 138, A Vignesh Reddy 140, Shaikh Sohail 49 no, Tanay Thyagarajann 41) vs Deccan Wanderers. B-Division two-day league: Mahmood 322/9 in 90 overs bt Nalgonda District 196 in 62.3 overs (Adi Mani Kiran 55, N Ravinder 37, B Laxmikanth 38, Katta Akhil 4/42, T Aaron Paul 3/22). Postal 204 in 51.1 overs lost to Mahadev 207/5 in 42 overs (Khush Agarwal 87, R Gowtham Raj Yadav 62, G Surya Kiran 4/92). Sportive 227 in 84.0 overs bt Ours 80 in 26.2 overs (SM Hussain Sayeed 5/7). Vijay Hanuman 229 in 62.3 overs lost to Rohit XI 232/7 in 70 overs (B Sak-



shith Ram 77, Jawad Khan 30). C-Division one-day league: Abhinav Colts 68 in 19.4 overs (V Prudhvi Chaitanya 5/28) lost to Yadav Dairy 69/1 in 14.1 overs. Team Kun 130 in 26.5 overs (Mohd Adnan 34, P Jai Ganesh Reddy 37, Manjala Sharath 7/37) lost to Victoria 135/8 in 28.4 overs (N Pranvit Reddy 3/24). HCA District-8 98 in 29.5 overs (Mohd Sofi 4/28) lost to Sunshine 100/6 in 22.5 overs. Cosmos 137 in 39 overs (Arjun Potharaj 5/16) lost to Swastik Union 139/1 in 15 overs (D Arav 43, M Sudhanshu 81). Akshit 150 in 47.5 overs (T Varun 32, S Aashrith Reddy 32, G Sriramula 4/22, C Suhaas 3/29) bt

Vijaynagar 142 in 38.4 overs (Satish Jayesh Kumar 33, Aditya Dagar 4/7). Consult 321 in 48.2 overs (B Sachin Tendulkar 117, P Arjun Sarkar 54, Syed Sami 50, S Ganga Prasad 3/59, Sathya Deep VSV 3/36) bt CK Blues 121/8 in 34.4 overs (V Supreet Goud 32, T Aadarsh Reddy 3/27) - Consult won by 165 runs VJD Method. Young Masters 315 in 50 overs (Rupas Kumar 43, Anas Ahmed 53, Muddasir Sadiq 51, Arhaan Mohd 4/76) bt Secunderabad Gymkhana 97 in 26.5 overs (Arhaan Mohammed 33, Abdul Raqeeb 3/29). Sagar XI 191/9 in 50 overs (M Abhishek 51, Jaidev Goud 56) bt HCA Dist-7 113 in 41.4 overs.

Hyderabad Panthers 188/5 in 50 overs (K Aarush 101no) lost to Ameerpeth 189/8 in 42.1 overs (Sai Charith Kumar 44). Deccan Colts 227/8 in 50 overs (B Harshith 31, J Praneeth 39, N Shreehan Rao 44no) bt Picket 146 in 47.4 overs (Rishi Kumar 42). Bharat 197 in 41.4 overs (Virat Kashyap 101, P Harsh Vardhan 3/20, Anshel Akkidas 4/38, Md Amaanuddin 3/42) bt Satyam Colts 160/6 in 46 overs (Satwik 43, Revanth 31, Sai Charan 39). SA Amberpet 259 in 47.1 overs (D Manish Naga 34, Harshdeep Singh 73, Thakur Abhiraj Singh 4/46) bt Raju Cricket Centre 128 in 30.5 overs (Sai Krishna G 32, Kalam Jatin Sai 5/25). PJJCC 216 in 50 overs

(M Shiva Naga Koushik 106) bt Sri Shyam 164 in 41.2 overs (B Aarav Goud 42, Daiwik Goyal 5/33, Sai Prajval 4/48). SK Blues 173 in 48.3 overs (V Tushar Kanthi 37, M Sai Samrat 30) lost to Mahbub College 179/6 in 31 overs (Harshih Goud P 87, Ketan Nagavelli 39 no). Lords 236 in 44.2 overs (Aarush Vora 115, K Juthith Reddy 3/40) bt New Stars 153 in 27.4 overs (M Ram Charan 32, Faheem Syed 3/44, Md Bilal Ahmed 3/6). Hyderabad Patriots 307/8 in 50 overs (Ritvik Nakka 34, PL Anshuman 31, Raghaav Narayan 124 no, Neev Modi 30, Kushal Goud Ediga 43, Sri Charan Yadav 4/50) bt Lucky Xi 110/5 in 28.2 overs - Hyd Patriots won by 85 Runs VJD Method. Vijaypur Willowmen 303/6 in 50 overs (CV Chetan Aditya 132, Vaibhav Agarwal 30, Sunny Kumar Bhagat 72) vs Ranga Reddy District 41/3 in 17.5 overs - no result. Nizam Cricket Club 366/7 in 50 overs (Md Rehaan Sr 45, Mirza Maqbool Baig 150 no, Syed Khizer Daniyal 56, Mayur Shetty Kumar 3/80).

Congress notice to Konda Surekha over daughter's Revanth attack

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The Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee's Disciplinary Committee has issued a notice to Endowments and Forest Minister Konda Surekha, asking her to explain remarks made by her daughter Konda Sushmita Patel against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Parkal MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy. Committee chairman and Congress MP Mallu Ravi has given Surekha three days to respond, deepening a rift that has been building within the ruling party over the Parkal Assembly seat. The dispute traces back to a recent visit by Revanth Reddy to Parkal in Warangal district, where he publicly backed sitting MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy to contest again and asked voters to support him. The remark unsettled the Konda camp, which has for months been positioning Sushmita as a prospective candidate from the constituency; her father, former MLC Konda Murali.

BRS launches legal cell for victims affected by 22A restrictions

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The BRS has set up a legal cell at Telangana Bhavan to provide free legal assistance to people affected by properties being included in the 22A prohibited list. BRSLP deputy leader and former Minister T Harish Rao announced a panel of 10 advocates led by advocate Kalyan in this regard. He demanded the immediate removal of wrongly included properties from the prohibited list and sought action against officials. He also sought the removal of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy from the Cabinet. He warned that the BRS would mobilise victims for a protest at the Chief Minister's residence if the government failed to respond within a day or two. Following a



meeting with 22A victims at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Harish Rao assured them that the BRS would stand by them and urged them not to sell their properties at distress prices or pay commissions to get restrictions removed. He said victims could approach the BRS legal cell for free legal assistance. "Properties in approved layouts and houses purchased decades ago are being brought under 22A restrictions. The govern-

ment itself is allowing the system to be exploited for commissions and settlements," he remarked. He suspected a major conspiracy over the inclusion of even approved layouts and apartments in the prohibited list. Citing specific cases, the BRSLP deputy leader stated that 30 acres in survey numbers 282, 283 and 284 in Budvel were cleared from the 22A list overnight, while properties in Serilingampally were allegedly removed and later re-entered into the prohibited list. He also raised the issue of 500 houses in Ameenpur's KSR Colony being included in the prohibited list despite a Supreme Court judgment. Harish Rao questioned the government's handling of the issue, pointing to differing statements by Minister

Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and officials over the inclusion of private lands in the 22A list. He also asked why Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had not ordered a CID inquiry despite claims by Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy that 40,000 acres in Yadadri Bhongir district had been included in the list. Former Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy alleged that the 22A restrictions had a hidden motive and demanded an explanation for how decades-old houses and properties were suddenly included in the prohibited list. She said the BRS, under former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao's leadership, would continue to fight for the victims and expose the reasons behind the restrictions.

Revanth's Parkal remarks widen rift in Warangal Congress; Sushmitha challenges CM

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's recent visit to Parkal in Warangal and comments he made, instead of doing any good to the party, have widened the rift in the district Congress that has already fallen apart due to groupism. It might be recalled that Revanth Reddy visited Parkal last Sunday to launch development works and addressing a public meeting stated that the sitting MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy would contest again from Parkal in the upcoming elections and urged people to bless him. His statement has triggered unrest in Endowment Minister Konda Surekha's camp as the Minister and her husband, ex-MLC Konda Murali have repeatedly announced plans to field their daughter, Sushmitha, from the Parkal constituency in the upcoming



Assembly elections. The followers of Surekha and Murali have expressed anger at the Chief Minister over his remarks and questioned how he could announce candidature of Prakash Reddy unilaterally, without the consent from the party high command. Meanwhile, Susmitha, sharing her political ambitions on social media posted a story on her Instagram account with a caption 'Upcoming Parkal MLA.' As her social media post has stirred up a storm in the Congress party; addressing a gathering at Geesugonda where her mother Surekha's birthday celebrations were held on Wednesday, Sushmitha took Revanth Reddy

head-on. She challenged the Chief Minister stating that she would contest for Parkal MLA seat and dared either Prakash Reddy or Revanth Reddy's grandfather to come and contest in the elections. Political critics here see her statement as a bold resistance to Revanth's Reddy's authority. Reacting sharply to Revanth Reddy's statement that he would remain Chief Minister for ten years, Sushmitha pointed out that even the former Chief Minister late YS Rajasekhara Reddy had not made such a claim. She reminded him that he had lost the election as an MLA in Kodangal and advised him not to forget that fact. She also hit at Chief Minister's close aide Vem Narendar Reddy alleging that he is teaching Revanth Reddy's younger brother how to loot by setting up a shell company worth Rs 200 crore.

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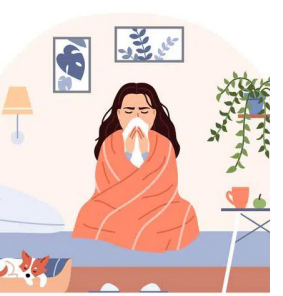
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Hyderabad sees seasonal surge in viral fevers, flu-like illnesses amid wet weather

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Persistent wet weather and high humidity across Hyderabad have triggered a sharp seasonal surge in viral fevers, influenza-like illnesses (ILI), and suspected vector-borne cases. Out-patient departments across major State-run hospitals, including Fever Hospital, Nallakunta, Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad, Basthi Dawakhana, private nursing homes and clinics, are witnessing a

surge in patient walk-ins with typical viral fever symptoms. According to senior doctors, a majority of patients are reporting overlapping symptoms, which means they are having identical warning symptoms for influenza, common cold, dengue and chikungunya. The typical symptoms that patients at health care facilities are reporting include sudden high-grade fever, severe body aches and joint pain, extreme fatigue and exhaustion, and headaches.



"Wet conditions play a big role in triggering viral fevers during the rainy season. It's mostly water-borne and vector-borne ailments. Families residing in economically weaker section regions must take precautions from mosquitoes, which are the main culprit for

diseases during this time of the year. We are witnessing a slight surge in viral fevers, but the important thing is that families can remain safe by taking simple precautions," says Superintendent, Fever Hospital, Dr Musa Khan. Doctors have pointed out that prevailing clinical presentation typically includes sudden high-grade fevers, severe body aches (myalgia), extreme fatigue, and respiratory discomfort such as scratchy throats and persistent coughs.

While public anxiety frequently centers around dengue during wet spells, doctors made it clear that a large number of patients test negative for dengue and malaria. The real culprits are the aggressive circulating viral and respiratory strains, they added. Public health authorities have urged residents to remain vigilant against seasonal diseases by getting rid of stagnant water breeding sites, ensuring safe drinking water, and avoiding self-medication.



BRS party leaders visiting TIMS Hospital in Sanathnagar, former Minister V Srinivas Goud was detained by the police at his residence in Narsingi and placed under house arrest without leaving his house.V Srinivas Goud made it clear that it is not right to impose house arrests to silence opposition leaders who question public issues and that their struggle to bring people's problems to light will continue.

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Hyderabad court convicts 33 persons in POCSO and PITA case

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A local court sentenced 33 persons involved in a POCSO and PITA case to varying terms of imprisonment, including life imprisonment for five of them, in a case registered in 2015 and investigated by the Crime Investigation Department (CID) of Telangana police. According to CID officials, the case came to light after a victim approached the CID on July 17, 2015. She told the police that a person known to her from her village had approached her with a promise of arranging employment. She was subsequently introduced to three persons

and taken to different places, where she was allegedly forced into prostitution and subjected to physical and sexual abuse. "The victim reportedly remained under their control for about four months before managing to escape and approach the CID office. Based on her complaint, a case was registered and CID teams conducted searches and raids at suspected brothel premises. During the operations, 45 persons were apprehended and nine minor girls, along with other victims, were rescued. Police also seized incriminating material as part of the investigation," said the CID officials.

BRS seeks probe into suspected bogus votes registered in Hyderabad

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan on Wednesday raised concern over the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, resulting in the addition of suspected bogus votes in parts of Greater Hyderabad. He accused officials of failing to conduct proper field verification and sought an in-depth investigation into the exercise. He demanded criminal and departmental action against the concerned officials if an inquiry establishes negligence or wrongdoing. He also sought a comprehensive field verification and forensic audit of electoral



rolls across Telangana, particularly commercial buildings and addresses with unusually high numbers of voters. The BRS would formally submit its complaints to the Election Commission in this regard and seek corrective action before the electoral rolls are finalised. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here, Sravan said the BRS had expected the

SIR exercise to eliminate bogus and duplicate voters but had instead found instances of new entries being added without adequate verification. He said the party would approach the Election Commission of India and the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer with complaints and supporting evidence. He cited the case of polling booth number 237 in Khairatabad Assembly constituency, where a private commercial building in Banjara Hills was allegedly shown as a residential address. According to Sravan, 19 suspected votes had been registered at the address before the SIR exercise.

EAGLE Force arrests six in Odisha-Hyderabad drug network

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The EAGLE Force has arrested six persons in connection with a drug supply network operating between Odisha and Hyderabad, while apprehending 100 consumers, including seven students. Sandeep Shandilya, Director, EAGLE Force, said that the investigation began after the arrest of Satya Avinash, 27, a Kukatpally hostel resident, for allegedly selling MDMA and LSD. "During questioning, he tested positive for ganja and revealed that he procured the drug through WhatsApp, made payments through PhonePe and received Google Map locations indicating where the contraband had been hidden," said the official. Based on the information, an operation was launched during the intervening night of August 12 and 13 with support from the Task Force and Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (HNEW). The arrested suspects include Sanjya Mari, Kamesh Mari, Dambu Khora, Anasu Khara and Sethi Rakesh. Sanjya Mari was arrested at Upper Karabada Chandaka, Potangi, in Koraput district. One of the six was a juvenile and was served notice and released. Of the 100 consumers apprehended, 80 tested positive for drugs and 38 were sent for de-addiction on the orders of a magistrate. The remaining 42 are expected to be sent to de-addiction centres shortly. Officials said the other 125 identified consumers would also be dealt with and monitored for rehabilitation.

TGSRTC launches new electric AC bus service from Pragathi Nagar to Waverock

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has introduced a new city AC bus service connecting Pragathi Nagar Kaman with Waverock through

the Outer Ring Road (ORR), offering commuters a faster and more comfortable travel option. The 100 per cent electric AC buses will operate via Bachupally Cross Road, Mallampet ORR Exit 4A, Exit 1, Cyient



Signal and ICICI Signal before reaching Waverock. According to RTC au-

thorities, the morning services from Pragathi Nagar Kaman are scheduled at 7.45 am, 8.15 am, 9.15 am and 10.15 am. Return services from Waverock will operate in the evening at 4.15 pm, 5.15 pm and 6.45 pm.

The new ORR service is expected to benefit daily commuters travelling between residential areas in the north-western part of city and the Waverock IT corridor, while also providing a more convenient and eco-friendly public transport option.