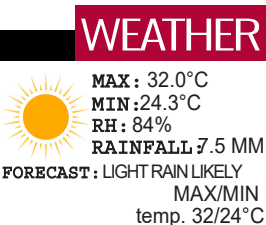


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A day after the Congress decided to sing only the first two stanzas of Vande Mataram at its programmes, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the party, calling its decision "astonishing" and "anti-national".

He said the Congress Working Committee decision only confirmed its "policy of vote-bank appeasement" and was a violation of the law enacted by Parliament on the rendition of the full national song.

Posting a video clip on X in which he is seen speaking to news agency ANI, Shah said, "The Congress Working Committee has taken an astonishing and

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CM Revanth Arrives In London For First Leg Of Two-Nation Tour

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy arrived in London on Thursday as part of his 10-day two-nation tour of the United Kingdom and the United States, aimed at attracting major industrial investments and strengthening academic collaborations for the state. The delegation includes senior Telangana government officials and will showcase the state as a leading global investment destination, with particular emphasis on Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, life sciences, green energy and skill development.

Revanth Reddy departed New Delhi on a post-midnight flight after attending the Congress Working Committee meeting on August 19. During his stay in London, he is expected to attend the wedding of Fatima Owaisi, daughter



of AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi, on August 20.

On August 21, the Chief Minister is scheduled to visit the Blavatnik School of Government at Oxford University and attend an English Premier League football presentation at Emirates Stadium. On August 22, he will interact with the Cambridge team, visit Senate House at the University of London and tour the London Business School.

The Telangana delegation will travel to Boston on August 23. The following day, Revanth Reddy is scheduled to hold academic meetings at Harvard University and the Massachusetts

Institute of Technology before travelling to New York.

On August 25, the delegation will visit Northeastern University and hold discussions with representatives of Virginia Tech University. The Chief Minister will also attend a 'Meet & Greet' organised by the Indian Overseas Congress in New York on August 26, where he is expected to interact with members of the Indian diaspora and business leaders.

The final phase of the tour, on August 27 and 28, will focus on industrial roundtable meetings with global CEOs, venture capitalists and representatives of multinational companies. Discussions will centre on data centre expansion and manufacturing facilities in Hyderabad. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to leave New York on August 29 and return to Hyderabad on August 30.

Trump Announces Crushing Economic Warfare Against Iran

WASHINGTON
Wakeup telangana

US President Donald Trump on Wednesday (local time) announced what he described as the "most crushing economic operation ever taken" against Iran, warning that any country providing financial or other support to Tehran would face "tremendous economic consequences." "No one has given the Islamic Republic of Iran a greater opportunity to make a Deal than me. TRAGICALLY, for them, they have failed to take it," Trump said in a post on Truth Social.

"Therefore, today, I am announcing the MOST CRUSHING ECONOMIC OPERATION EVER TAKEN AGAINST ANY COUNTRY! This will be Economic Warfare and Isolation on an unprecedented scale," he added. "Their navy is gone, their air force is destroyed, their military factories are now rubble, their currency is worthless, and their country is hanging by a thread," he further wrote. Trump said any country providing financial, busi-



ness, airport or government support to Iran would face "tremendous economic consequences." "Today, I am also announcing that ANY country that allows its financial institutions, businesses, airports, or government entities to provide any type of lifeline to Iran will itself face TREMENDOUS Economic Consequences," Trump said. The US President further said the measures would target Iran's economic lifelines, including oil smuggling networks, financial transfers, exchange houses and front companies. "Oil smuggling, swap lines, cash transfers, exchange houses, ship registries, front companies -- It all needs to stop NOW," he wrote. Trump said the measures would mark an "economic D-Day" and urged US allies to join Washington in isolating Iran, claiming that the

steps would cripple Tehran's ability to project terror worldwide. "You know who you are. This will be an ECONOMIC D-DAY, and we need all of our Allies to stand with the United States of America to isolate, and defeat, the Iran threat. These maniacs are on the ropes, and these HISTORIC MEASURES will cripple them and their ability to project terror worldwide," Trump said.

The US President also reiterated that Iran would not be allowed to acquire nuclear weapons. "IRAN WILL NEVER HAVE A NUCLEAR WEAPON," Trump said. Trump's announcement came shortly after he said the US had "very draconian sanctions" available against Iran and indicated that further measures could be taken. Asked about possible sanctions on Iran, Trump had said, "We have things that we could sanction. We have very draconian sanctions, and we'll see what happens." He had also said that the Strait of Hormuz remained open and claimed that a US naval blockade had been effective. "Right

now the Strait is open. A lot of boats are coming through," Trump said. "The naval blockade has been extremely effective... the blockade has been 100 per cent successful," he added. Trump said oil prices had remained stable despite tensions over the key energy route, noting that crude prices had not reached levels previously predicted.

"They were talking about USD 350 a barrel, and it's today 84, 85. And we are getting a lot of oil out," he said. He also pointed to increased production from US states such as Texas, Alaska and Louisiana, saying alternative sources and new pipelines had reduced dependence on the Strait of Hormuz. "I think the Hormuz Strait is not going to be quite as important as it was in the past," Trump said. However, Trump earlier had said the situation with Iran was "so good" and suggested that negotiations with Tehran could resume "maybe at some point." "Maybe at some point, but right now I think the situation is so good," he had said.

Jailed Pakistan Ex-PM Khan Moved to Hospital on Court Order

ISLAMABAD
Wakeup telangana

Imprisoned former Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan was taken to a private hospital in the capital after midnight Thursday for medical treatment, his party said, hours after a senior Cabinet minister pledged to comply with a Supreme Court order on his care. The minister also said the government could consider treatment abroad if adequate care was unavailable at a government

facility. Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, or PTI, said in a brief statement that he was transferred from Adiala prison to Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad following a Supreme Court order earlier this week. The party provided no further details. It was unclear whether Khan would be returned to prison after the examination or allowed to remain at the hospital for medical treatment. Khan's party and family have de-

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Pradhan May Return to Cabinet in Modi Reshuffle

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Forced to quit as Union education minister amid unprecedented student protests over the NEET paper leak and growing concerns over the state of education in the country, BJP Lok Sabha member Dharmendra Pradhan might just be on his way back to power. Amid talks of an impending reshuffle in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's team, speculation is rife that Pradhan could be offered a Cabinet



berth. That the former education minister continues to be the "blue-eyed boy" of the ruling dispensation became evident from the way he was accorded a hero's welcome by the BJP MPs when he attended Parliament after his resignation.

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India, Japan Boost Maritime Security Ties

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India and Japan on Thursday deepened their maritime security and defence cooperation, signing a pact to strengthen naval ties and vowing to work together to realise a free and open Indo-Pacific amid growing Chinese military muscle-flexing in the region. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Japanese counterpart Shinjiro Koizumi, during their talks, expressed strong opposition to uni-



lateral actions that impede freedom and safety of navigation and overflight, as well as attempts to alter the status quo through force or coercion. Though China was not directly named in their

joint statement, the remarks come amid growing concerns in New Delhi and Tokyo over Beijing's increasingly assertive military posture in the South and East China Seas.

Maritime Security Pact Singh and Koizumi signed a Memorandum of Arrangement on maritime security cooperation, providing a framework for further expanding collaboration between the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and the Indian Navy.

The agreement envisages greater information sharing on maritime domain awareness and enhanced cooperation in areas such as search and rescue. The ministers also agreed to

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Stagnant Water, Poor Sanitation Fuel Mosquito Menace in Hyderabad, Civic Action Under Scanner

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

As the city observes World Mosquito Day on Thursday, residents across several localities in Hyderabad are battling a growing mosquito menace, with stagnant water, water-logging, damaged roads and inadequate fogging being blamed for worsening conditions. The problem is particularly severe in residential areas located close to lakes, nalas and other water bodies, where residents say mosquitoes have become a daily nuisance and are disrupting their sleep. Many residents also complain that mosquito repellents, coils and other household measures are proving ineffective. In Samathanagar, residents said stagnant



water had accumulated beneath a newly constructed box-type stormwater drain, turning the area into a breeding ground for mosquitoes. “The problem has become unbearable due to the lack of mosquito fogging across the locality,” said D. Ramchander Rao, a retired Singareni employee and resident of Samathanagar. In Shantinagar, Road No. 3, Uppal, IT employee Rakesh said the mosquito population had increased considerably in recent days. “They are

uncontrollable despite using mosquito repellents and switching on coolers,” he said. He attributed the problem to the nearby sewage treatment plant. Residents of Champapet in Saidabad also complained of sleepless nights due to mosquitoes. A homemaker from the locality said the family was increasingly worried about the impact on their health. “We do not know the reason for so many mosquitoes. We have been using mosquito coils, but nothing seems

to be working,” she said. Vadde Marena, a resident of Lakdi Ka Pul, blamed poor sanitation and the lack of preventive measures for the mosquito menace. “Garbage is not being lifted properly, drains are overflowing, there is no fogging and the roads are not being cleaned properly. All these issues are contributing to the increase in mosquitoes,” he said. In NBT Nagar, Banjara Hills, resident Vinod Kumar said the mosquito menace had worsened due to the absence of regular preventive measures by the civic authorities. P. Manoj Kumar from Nizampet’s KTR Colony also pointed to water-logging and damaged roads as major concerns. He said several stretches had poor road conditions, with stag-

nant water remaining for prolonged periods. Residents of Venkatrayanagar too complained about badly damaged roads and waterlogging, saying the conditions were aggravating the mosquito problem. Hima Bindu, a teacher from Sun City said, “We have been facing a severe mosquito problem, particularly during the evenings and nights. The authorities should take immediate steps.” With several localities reporting similar complaints, residents have urged civic authorities to intensify fogging, clear stagnant water and address damaged roads and drainage problems instead of relying only on household mosquito-control measures. Repeated attempts to seek a response from the officials concerned

TGSPDCL Power Exhibition to Showcase State’s Modern Power Sector

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The TGSPDCL Power Exhibition–2026 will showcase the technological, administrative and consumer-service reforms undertaken in Telangana’s power sector, TGSPDCL chairman and managing director Jitesh V. Patil said on Thursday. Speaking to journalists, Patil said the three-day exhibition will be held from August 22 to 24 at People’s Plaza on Necklace Road. It will highlight the state’s progress over the past decade, current technological initiatives and plans, besides creating awareness about transparency, safety measures and efforts to ensure uninterrupted power supply throughout the year. The exhibition will feature SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) expansion, FLISR



(Fault Location, Isolation, and Service Restoration) systems, smart metering, artificial intelligence-based services, digital network mapping and modernised consumer services. Power ambulances, fault-management systems and real-time monitoring mechanisms for detecting and responding to supply interruptions will also be demonstrated. Patil said network mapping had enabled the corporation to identify feeders, transformers and consumers linked to each transformer, helping reduce complaint-resolution time and improve service quality. Preventive maintenance measures and

weekly analysis of power interruptions were also being undertaken to prevent recurring faults. Models of 132-kV substations, transformers, power generation, transmission and distribution systems, household wiring safety, accident prevention, solar power, battery energy storage systems and electric vehicle charging technologies will be displayed. Working models, interactive exhibits, science-based demonstrations, laser shows, digital presentations and safety demonstrations will be arranged for students and visitors. Consumer service centres will enable people to interact directly with officials. Patil said the exhibition had been designed and organised entirely by TGSPDCL officials and staff.

Collector Briefs SH-1 Affected Landowners on TDR Benefits

Hyderabad district collector Dr Priyanka Ala on Thursday briefed landowners — affected by the Rajiv Highway Elevated Corridor (State Highway-1) from Paradise Junction to Shamirpet — on the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) scheme and its benefits. She explained the TDR policy, eligibility criteria, applicable rules and the online application process through the BuildNow portal. At an awareness meeting held at the Hyderabad Collectorate on Thursday, the collector said the value of TDR was directly linked to the rates fixed by the concerned sub-registrar of office (SRO). If the applicable SRO rates increase in the future, the value of TDR would also increase in accordance with the prevailing rules, she explained. The collector said TDR would be available as an optional mechanism for eligible landowners, subject to applicable regulations, eligibility conditions and legal requirements. She urged affected landowners to understand the scheme and make an informed decision about the options available to them. Officials explained the procedure for using and transferring TDR, its key benefits and various situations in which it could be utilised. The collector and officials also interacted with the affected landowners and clarified their doubts regarding TDR valuation, SRO rates, the online application process, utilisation and transfer of TDR. District revenue officer Dr Narayana, SH-1 special deputy collector and Land Acquisition Officer Aparna, HMDA chief planning officer Ravinder Reddy, other officials and affected landowners attended the meeting.

CJP’s School Theek Karo Campaign Reaches Moulali Government HS

Volunteers said they would give the authorities about 10 days to respond.



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A considerable stretch around government high school, Moula Ali, is bordered by abandoned railway quarters, tall grass and accumulated waste. An unused jungle gym sits in one corner of the school grounds, grass growing around it. Outside the gate, the concern is more serious. Students have to pass close to an isolated railway stretch where the headmaster acknowledges there is a problem and Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) volunteers allege people gather to drink alcohol and consume drugs. That stretch and the safety of children who use it, particularly girls, became the main issue during CJP Telangana’s seventh visit under its “School Theek Karo” (Fix Our Schools) campaign on Thursday. The visit

also showed the awkward position the relatively new group now finds itself in as it tries to build a presence around public education in Telangana. Volunteers say they want to question the system, but work within its rules; school staff say they are willing to talk, but cannot allow outsiders access to children without permission from higher officials. CJP did not leave Moula Ali with a long list of complaints against the school. Volunteers said the roughly 500-student school was functioning better than several others they had seen. They praised its midday meal, water supply and the efforts made by the headmaster to arrange an RTC bus for students. “We came to know that everything is going fine, but outside the school premises there are some anti-social elements,” CJP Telangana volunteer Ra-

jesh said. The headmaster accepted during his interaction with the volunteers that the external stretch was a problem and said the school had already changed the way it manages children’s movement because of it. Girls are not sent out alone; he told the team. Students leave in groups and parents are expected to collect girls from the school. Female teachers also speak to students about safety and ask them to report anything that happens outside. The headmaster also said he had pursued an RTC service through Prajavani after students faced difficulty reaching the school. The bus now operates around school timings and has been running for about a year, he said. The school also helps children secure bus passes online. Gary Mathews of CJP said the bus arrangement deserved recognition. The flyover and changed bus access have created another problem. According to the headmaster, some children now get down farther away and have to walk roughly 500 metres to reach the school.

G. Sai Baba Yadav Empowers Underprivileged Youth Through Free Sports Coaching

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Veteran athlete and sports mentor G. Sai Baba Yadav is making a lasting impact in New Bowenpally by providing free sports coaching to underprivileged children and helping young talent overcome financial barriers. Born and raised in Bowenpally, Sai Baba completed his Class 10 education before dedicating himself to athletics



under the guidance of coach Krishna. He began his competitive sporting career in 1980 and went on to win a state medal and a Silver Medal in the South Zone champion-

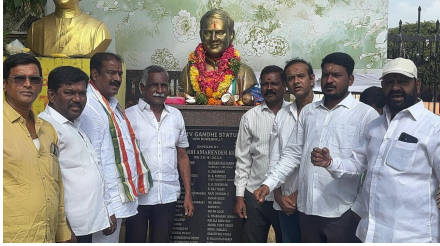
ships. He also represented his state at the National Sports Games. After his competitive career, Sai Baba chose to give back to the community rather than pursue commercial opportunities. Recognising that many talented youngsters cannot afford professional training, he launched a free coaching programme for children from economically weaker families. Over the years, he has trained and mentored

more than 500 young athletes, instilling discipline, fitness, confidence and a competitive spirit. His decades-long commitment has made him a source of inspiration for aspiring athletes in New Bowenpally. Through sport and selfless service, Sai Baba continues to demonstrate how grassroots coaching can open new opportunities and transform the lives of underprivileged youth.

Secunderabad Leaders Pay Tributes to Rajiv Gandhi on 82nd Birth Anniversary

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Local Congress leaders and prominent citizens paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his 82nd birth anniversary at New Boipally Cantonment Ground Pump House on Thursday. Cantonment Board former Vice President P. Jampana Pratap attended the programme as chief guest. Leaders recalled Rajiv Gandhi’s contributions to India’s technological development, youth empowerment and strengthening of democratic institutions. They highlighted his vision of a modern, digitally advanced India and his efforts to decentralise governance through the Panchayati Raj system. Secunderabad District Congress Party



Vice President Baddam Balwanta Reddy, DCC General Secretary B. Sadanand, Syed Riazuddin Guddu and DCC Secretary N. Harikrishna were among those present. Ward 1 President Maruti Goud, Mukesh Yadav Kumar, Varaprasad, Netaji Nagar Raju, Sai Yadav and Karan Singh also participated. The gathering paid floral tributes and remembered Rajiv Gandhi’s enduring legacy and contributions to nation-building.

TPCC notice to Konda Surekha triggers differences within Telangana Congress

The Telangana Congress move to serve a show-cause notice on Forest Minister Konda Surekha over her daughter Konda Sushmitha’s outburst against Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has triggered different opinions within the party. The episode is now taking a different turn, with several leaders questioning the transparency of the disciplinary process and alleging discrimination. A section of the party has strongly objected to the TPCC Disciplinary Committee serving the notice on the Forest Minister. Several senior leaders are of the opinion that Konda Sushmitha is a major and should have been served the notice instead of her mother. “This is nonsense. Is Konda Sushmitha even a member of the Congress party? If so, she should be served a notice and asked for an explanation. Even if she is not a Congress member, how can a notice be issued to her mother?” asked a senior leader from Gandhi Bhavan. A few leaders also questioned the transparency of the Disciplinary Committee. Munugode MLA Komati-reddy Rajgopal Reddy has also been making critical comments against the government and the party. “In that case, why has he not been served a notice so far?” wondered another senior leader. “Why is a BC Minister’s family being specifically targeted? Why are upper caste leaders being spared from action?” the leader questioned.

48th All India Public Relations Conference to be held in Bhubaneswar from December 25–27

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a landmark development for India’s public relations fraternity, Odisha Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati on Thursday unveiled the official poster and brochure of the 48th All India Public Relations Conference-2026 (AIPRC-2026) at a special ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Bhubaneswar. Organised by the Public Relations Society of India (PRSI) and hosted by its Bhubaneswar Chapter, the prestigious three-day national conference will be held in Bhubaneswar from December 25 to 27, 2026. Significantly, this will be the first time Odisha hosts the All India Public Relations Conference in its nearly five-decade history. AI Meets Human Intelligence The conference will be organised around the thought-provoking theme “NAVAGUNJARA – Public Relations in the Age of AI.” Inspired by Odisha’s iconic Navagunjara motif — representing diverse forms coming



together harmoniously as one — the theme seeks to explore the rapidly changing communication landscape where Artificial Intelligence and human intelligence converge with creativity, ethics, cultural understanding and empathy. The national conference is expected to bring together public relations and corporate communication professionals, media practitioners, corporate leaders, government representatives, academicians, policymakers and other stakeholders from across India. ‘A Moment of Pride for Odisha’ Unveiling the poster and brochure, Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati described Odisha hosting the conference for the first

time as a matter of immense pride. He observed that Navagunjara combines Odisha’s rich cultural heritage with the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence, and extended his best wishes to PRSI and its Bhubaneswar Chapter for successfully organising the prestigious national event. The Governor also welcomed communication professionals and experts from across India to the Temple City of Bhubaneswar. Ethics and Human Values Vital in AI Era: Dr. Ajit Pathak PRSI National President Dr. Ajit Pathak said AIPRC-2026 would explore the opportunities created by Artificial Intelligence while reaffirming the ethical, cultural and human values that remain fundamental to effective public relations. He said Bhubaneswar, with its rich cultural heritage and growing stature as a centre of innovation, provides an ideal setting for a national dialogue on the future of communication. The unveiling ceremony was attended by senior PRSI office-bearers, including Secretary

General Dr. P.L.K. Murthy, Conference Convenor Dr. Sanjay Kumar Sahoo, Co-Convenor Krushna Chandra Mohapatra and Bhubaneswar Chapter Treasurer Ansuman Pattnayak, besides National President Dr. Ajit Pathak. Bhubaneswar Set to Become National Communication Hub Beyond professional deliberations, AIPRC-2026 is expected to provide delegates with an opportunity to experience Odisha’s distinctive cultural heritage, art, traditions and hospitality. With AI reshaping the way organisations, governments, media and communities communicate, the conference is poised to become an important platform for discussions on innovation, responsible use of technology, credibility, reputation and trust in the digital era. The historic Bhubaneswar edition is set to bring together professional knowledge, technological innovation and India’s cultural diversity, opening a significant new chapter in the journey of the All India Public Relations Conference.

BRS backs polytechnic students' stir against GO 97

The BRS extended support to the statewide agitation by polytechnic students against GO 97, assuring them that the party would pressure the Congress government to withdraw the order. A delegation of polytechnic students met BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar and former corporation chairman Chirumalla Rakesh Kumar at Telangana Bhavan on Thursday, and apprised them of their concerns. The students said the government had failed to respond to their protests and sought the BRS's support. Speaking on the occasion, Praveen Kumar said students who should be in classrooms were being forced onto the streets to protest against GO 97. He alleged that thousands of polytechnic students across Telangana were protesting but the Congress governmen.

Telangana MPs Question SCR Over Project Delays

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

South Central Railway (SCR) on Thursday held a coordination meeting with Members of Parliament at Rail Nilayam, where MPs raised concerns over delays in sanctioned railway projects, including new lines, road overbridges, passenger amenities and regional connectivity. The day-long meeting was attended by Union coal and mines minister G. Kishan Reddy, 15 MPs and senior SCR officials. Several MPs from Telangana questioned SCR general manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava over the slow progress of development works. They said work had yet to begin on several sanctioned road overbridges (ROBs), road underbridges (RUBs), foot overbridges (FOBs)



and other projects. Welcoming the MPs, Sri-vastava said 40 railway stations in Telangana were being redeveloped at a cost of more than ₹2,000 crore. Four stations — Hi-Tech City, Begumpet, Karimnagar and Warangal — had already been inaugurated after redevelopment under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, while work at the remaining stations was progressing, he said. Srivastava said 1,481 km of new-line, doubling and tripling projects were under way at a cost of about ₹24,210 crore. Since April 2025,

also questioned why the MPs' meeting was not held in 2025. Raghunandan Rao urged railway officials to expedite track-doubling and new-line projects. He also sought the establishment of a terminal on the western side of Edulaganapalli. Mahbubabad MP Porika Balram Naik sought the reintroduction of the Izzat pass concession. "The passes were available at a nominal cost and allowed multiple journeys. They helped students from rural and tribal families travel to colleges in major towns. We have sought their reintroduction," he said. Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender said the Centre, and not the state government, was providing funds for land acquisition for railway projects.

Ponnam Wants Governance Delivered at People's Doorstep

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Thursday participated in the "Palle Palleku Ponnamp Anna — Palle Paleno Praja Palana" programme at Bavupet village in Elkathurthy mandal and reviewed the implementation of various government welfare schemes with officials. During the programme, Prabhakar interacted with villagers, listened to their grievances and directed officials to take immediate steps to address their problems. He said the objective of the Praja Palana government was to ensure that people received government services and welfare benefits at their doorstep without having to repeatedly visit government offices. The minister said that since the Praja Palana government as-



sumed office, as many as 331 pensions had been sanctioned in Bavupet, with nearly Rs 90 lakh being disbursed every month. He said 17 Indiramma houses had also been sanctioned in the village. Prabhakar further stated that 316 families were receiving the benefit of up to 200 units of free electricity, while 326 families were covered under the gas subsidy scheme. Women's self-help groups, he said, had been provided interest-free loans through bank linkage programmes to strengthen their financial independence and livelihood opportunities. Under

the Rythu Bharosa scheme, 4,660 farmers in the area had received a total of Rs 4.17 crore, while eight families had benefited from Rs 40 lakh under Rythu Bima. The minister assured villagers that the government would take necessary steps to ensure that every eligible family received the benefits of welfare and development schemes. Expressing concern over the low rainfall, Prabhakar advised farmers to focus on rainwater conservation, adopt modern agricultural practices and diversify their crops to reduce risks. He reiterated that Praja Palana was aimed at resolving public grievances at the grassroots level and making governance more accessible and responsive. Sarpanch Bathula Ravinder Goud, government officials and villagers participated in the programme.

EFLU suspends 14 students after NSUI-ABVP clash in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) administration on Thursday suspended 14 students in connection with violent clashes between two student organisations, leaving several students injured. According to EFLU sources, seven students each from NSUI and ABVP EFLU units were among the suspended on the charges of creating violence and damaging the official property on the university campus. An enquiry committee comprising four senior

professors has been constituted to probe the incident and submit a report in 10 days. "Fourteen students will be under suspension until the committee submits its report. One student from NSUI has already been asked to vacate the hostel accommodation on charges of bringing one Congress MLC onto the campus," sources said. Meanwhile, the EFLU Students Union staged a protest demanding the administration revoke the suspension immediately. It wanted an independent enquiry committee to be constituted to probe the incident.

Fire at Balanagar Transformer Promptly Controlled; Major Accident Averted

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A major mishap was averted in the early hours of Thursday after a transformer near Lions Eye Hospital in Balanagar caught fire, triggered by a short circuit. Observing the flames, alert commuters and local residents immediately informed the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) officials and local representatives. Responding swiftly to the alert, TGSPDCL team led by DE (Operations) Soma Shekar, ADE Satish Babu and AE Akbar alongside Balanagar Congress Division President Puli Shiva Kumar Goud and



Puli Srikanth Patel reached the spot. The officials promptly isolated the line, initiated repair work, and

restored power, preventing the blaze from spreading to adjacent structures. Later Shiva Kumar Goud spoke to the GHMC sanitation team and organised for the cleaning and lifting of the debris. Local residents lauded the prompt intervention of both the power utility officials and political leaders. According to DE Soma Shekar, the fire escalated rapidly because plastic waste and garbage had accumulated around the transformer base. TGSPDCL officials later interacted with local street vendors operating nearby, advising them to keep the surroundings clear of combustible waste to prevent similar incidents.

BJP Calls for Stronger Grassroots Mobilisation in Jubilee Hills



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Khairatabad MLA Chintala Ramachandra Reddy has urged Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders and grassroots workers to strengthen field-level activities and intensify efforts to expand the party's presence across the Jubilee Hills constituency. Reddy made the appeal during a gathering held at the BJP constituency office in Sagar Society on Wednesday to felicitate senior leader Seethala Anil Kumar on his appointment as the new Jubilee Hills Division BJP president. Felicitations were accorded to Anil Kumar, with Reddy expressing confidence in his ability to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level. He stressed the importance of effective booth-level coordination and urged the newly appointed di-

vision president to maintain close communication between party leadership and local workers. Reddy said a strong booth-level network is essential for building the party organisation and reaching people across the constituency. He called upon party cadres to work collectively and remain active among the public. Seethala Anil Kumar thanked the leadership for entrusting him with the responsibility and assured that he would work in coordination with all party cadres. He said efforts would be made to streamline grassroots activities and take the BJP's ideology and welfare initiatives to the people. Several divisional leaders, booth committee members and party workers attended the felicitation programme and extended their support to the new division president.

SC Communities Demand 18% Reservation and ₹5,000 Crore Special Fund

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A delegation led by P. Balwanth Rao, National President and Founder of Jai Bheem Sena, submitted a representation to Telangana Minister for SC Development, Tribal Welfare, Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons Aduri Laxman Kumar, urging the government to implement the 12 assurances of the Chevela Declaration and strengthen welfare meas-



ures for SC communities. The delegation demanded that reservation for Group-3 SC communities be increased from 15% to 18%, with their representation in the 100-point roster revised from point

22 to point 16. It also sought ₹5,000 crore from the SC Sub-Plan under a LEAD-CAP-style funding model for 2025-26. The representation called for improved infrastructure in SC/ST residential

schools, expanded coaching centres and greater financial assistance for overseas education. It also sought adequate representation in government promotions, ₹6 lakh housing assistance for poor SC/ST families, and the reopening or utilisation of vacant SC Corporation shopping complexes. The delegation further demanded industrial subsidies through the SC Corporation to promote entrepreneurship, employment and economic empowerment among disadvantaged communities.

Employees oppose blame game over Telangana's 22-A land list controversy

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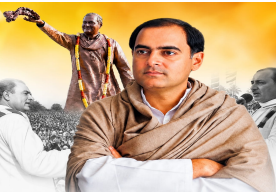
Repeated statements by a few ministers blaming employees and officials for the controversy surrounding prohibited Category 22-A, have not gone down well with employee associations. Several land and property owners have raised concerns over their assets being included in the prohibited category under Section 22-A. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy admitted the error and apologised to those affected. He said all District Collectors had continued to use old copies of the prohibited land lists. "This is definitely a

mistake by our officials. I admit a few people faced hardships and I apologise to them," he said at a press conference on Monday. Adding fuel to the ongoing row, Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Tuesday said officials who played key roles during the previous government's tenure might have been involved in including properties under Section 22-A. "I suspect there is a conspiracy to tarnish the government's reputation. We will conduct a comprehensive inquiry into the 22-A list," Venkat Reddy said.

Rajiv Gandhi's Vision of Unity and Harmony Continues to Inspire India: Damodar Rajanarsimha

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister, Bharat Ratna and architect of modern India Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary. Remembering the former Prime Minister's contribution to the nation, the Minister said Sadbhavana Diwas, observed on Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary, carries a powerful message of peace, frater-



nity, communal harmony and national unity. "Sadbhavana Diwas, celebrated with the message of promoting peace, brotherhood, communal harmony and unity in the country, remains a great source of inspiration for all citizens," Rajanarsimha said. The Minister called upon people to draw inspiration from

Rajiv Gandhi's ideals and contribute towards building a stronger and more inclusive India. "Unity is our strength and harmony is our progress. Inspired by Rajiv Gandhi's ideals, let us do our part to build a strong India founded on peace, fraternity and equality," the Minister said. Rajanarsimha paid homage to the former Prime Minister and said Rajiv Gandhi's vision and commitment to a modern, united India would continue to inspire future generations.

T Govt to Continue Polytechnic Students' Lateral Entry to Second-Year Engineering

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The Telangana government on Thursday assured polytechnic students that lateral entry into second-year engineering through TG ECET would continue and said there would be no change in existing fees or scholarships, as protests against GO 97 continued across Hyderabad and the state. Polytechnic students and staff, however, are proceeding with a "Chalo Hyderabad" programme on August 22. Labour and SHAKTI minister G. Vivek



Venkatswamy said polytechnics were being moved under the skill, human capital and knowledge training initiatives (SHAKTI) department to give students advanced skill training and improve employment opportunities. He said lecturers and other

staff would continue as government employees, their service conditions would remain unchanged and POLY-CET would continue. Fees would also remain the same, he said. A separate clarification issued through the Telangana government's fact-check account said "there is no change in the existing arrangements" concerning lateral entry, fees and scholarships. It also said the government was engaging with student unions and that their concerns would be clarified through official chan-

nels. Students, however, continued demonstrations at Abdullapurmet near Ramoji Film City and Yousufguda on Thursday. The agitation centres on GO 97, which put polytechnic colleges under the ambit of Young India Skills University as part of the SHAKTI reorganisation. Students and staff have questioned what the change could mean for the separate academic status of diploma education and the future role of SBTET.

PM Modi To Inaugurate Global Fintech Fest 2026 In Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 scheduled to be held from September 8 to 11 in Mumbai. It will be a third year in a row; the PM will attend this event. Touted to be the world's largest Fintech conference, the theme of this year's fest is "Potential to Impact: Trusted, Connected, Global Systems for Inclusive Finance," with three technology pillars: Agentic AI, Tokenisation, and Quantum, forming the foundation of the conference agenda. Stalwarts of the global fintech ecosystem are expected to converge at the conference, organised by the Payments Council of India (PCI), the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) and the Fintech Convergence Council (FCC). Among other luminaries who will address GFF 2026 are Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs.

Students' Expression Cannot Be Stopped- Rahul Gandhi

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Thursday said students are now coming out to express themselves and this cannot be stopped, as he urged them to use this energy for bringing fundamental changes for the country's youths. Addressing an event to mark the birth anniversary of his father, former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, he said Mahatma Gandhi's vision of India to enable everyone to tread the path of 'swaraj' can be achieved only if the government opens the doors to the young people and the country helps them walk on that path. The leader of opposition in Lok Sabha also accused the BJP-RSS of attacking minorities, taking away



the land of tribals and oppressing Dalits, saying these need to be reversed. "The job of the government and the country is to open the doors to your imagination and to make you feel and believe and have the confidence that what truth is for them... The country should help you walk on that path. That is Gandhiji's vision for India, and that is the path of Swaraj. "This is the political fight taking place in India. The students are saying we have an expression and we believe in certain things as individuals. I am very proud now that millions of young students

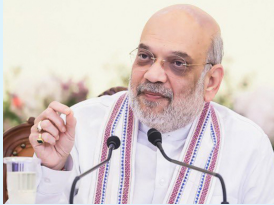
have understood this. That the pain they were feeling was being caused because they were being trapped and not allowed to express themselves. Now that expression has suddenly come out and it cannot be stopped," Gandhi said. He was speaking at the event "Hara Bhara Swaraj: A Tribute to Rajiv Gandhi's Vision" at Jawahar Bhawan, where former Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot and several other party leaders and youths were present. Noting that merely having that expression does not mean anything, he said it has to be translated into transforming the system for the youth of the country. "How will that expression transform the education system of our country? How will that education system transform the fact that you can do whatever

you want? That's really the question. How can we use this awakening, energy, now to make fundamental changes for young people going forward? This is the fight. There is no possibility of 'swaraj' for the large mass of Indian people if one man owns every single business in this country. It cannot be done." He said Mahatma Gandhi's vision cannot exist without certain fundamental things. "It cannot exist with an education system that is so expensive, it cannot exist with a testing system that is unfair, it cannot exist with a financial system that is monopolised by two or three people, it cannot exist without a political system that reaches deep inside the country - panchayati raj, MLAs, MPs etc. etc. That is really what you have to do."

Anti-national, for vote bank: Amit Shah slams CWC decision on two-stanza Vande Mataram

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A day after the Congress decided to sing only the first two stanzas of Vande Mataram at its programmes, Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the party, calling its decision "astonishing" and "anti-national". He said the Congress Working Committee decision only confirmed its "policy of vote-bank appeasement" and was a violation of the law enacted by Parliament on the rendition of the full national song. Posting a video clip on X in which he is seen speaking to news agency ANI, Shah said, "The Congress Working Committee has taken an astonishing and anti-national decision. Follow-



ing their 1937 resolution, they have decided to sing only two stanzas of the great song Vande Mataram. I want to remind the entire country that in 1937, the Congress, for the sake of Muslim appeasement, laid the foundation for the partition of the country by breaking Vande Mataram into two parts. From there, the two-nation theory gained strength and eventually, the country was partitioned and Pakistan was born." "In the 150th year of Vande Mataram's composition, the Narendra Modi government has corrected that historic mistake, and tried to

strengthen national integration by singing the entire song, the immortal work of Bankim Babu. The decision to sing it in full in all government functions has been given legal form as well." "Yesterday, the Congress decided to violate it. This decision by the Congress only confirms its extreme policy of appeasement. For vote bank appeasement, they have not only insulted the immortal work of the late Bankim Babu, but also millions of martyrs who went to the gallows for the country's independence while chanting Vande Mataram, and spent many years in jail," he said. "Now the people of the country should unite and raise their voices against this decision of the Congress, that politics of appeasement will no longer work in this country.

Modi Calls for Youth Role in Policymaking

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday called for greater engagement between government departments, universities and young people to bring fresh and unconventional perspectives to policymaking. Chairing the third high-level meeting with secretaries to the Government of India at his official residence, Modi discussed the future agenda of ministries and departments dealing with infrastructure and connectivity, security and external affairs, and governance. Noting that deliberations had already been held with two groups of secretaries, he said officials should look beyond immediate issues and statistics and take a long-term view of how the country's future should be shaped. Discussing the challenge of overcoming silos, Modi said they were not



merely an organisational problem but also reflected a mindset. Silos could be horizontal or vertical, and officials must take ownership of their responsibilities and work with a sense of belonging, he added. Emphasising collective effort, the Prime Minister cited the Covid-19 pandemic and the West Asia crisis, during which officials from different departments worked together effectively. Such coordination should become a natural part of the government's working culture, he said. Modi called for the effective use of artificial intelligence while retaining human intervention and judgment. He asked of-

ficials to explore innovative ways of combining AI's capabilities with human expertise. Describing data as a national asset and a resource for the future, he said the government invested heavily in collecting, storing and managing data, but its full potential was not always realised because of departmental silos and fragmented systems. He pointed to differences in the ways data was collected and managed and called for solutions that would enable greater interoperability and more effective use of information. Modi also called for greater focus on research and innovation, particularly in defence. He stressed the need to make India's defence industry more globally competitive, develop innovative defence courses and strengthen human resource development in the sector. Calling for a comprehensive approach to

strengthening India's maritime sector, he recalled that shipbuilding had been granted infrastructure status and sought an assessment of whether the intended objectives were being achieved in mission mode. He reiterated the need for India to move from port development to port-led development and called for better connectivity between manufacturing and export-oriented units to maximise the benefits of maritime infrastructure. The Prime Minister also encouraged senior officers to interact more informally with junior colleagues and build stronger networks across cadres and departments. He reiterated the need for a whole-of-government approach, closer coordination, innovative thinking and collective ownership to address complex challenges and shape India's future.

US Envoy Summoning Is Pakistan-US Matter: J&K CM

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Pakistan summoning US Charge d'Affaires Natalie Baker after US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor's remarks is a matter between Pakistan and the US. Neither you nor I can do anything about it. Whatever the US Ambassador (to India) said, he has said it. It is now between those two countries," Abdullah told reporters here when asked about Pakistan's protest. The chief minister also refused to be drawn into the war of words with his alliance partner Congress, which said there should not be a third-party intervention on Jammu and

consider the advisories on travel to the place as central government and Abdullah have taken steps to make it a safer place. "That (the demarche) is a matter between Pakistan and the US. Neither you nor I can do anything about it. Whatever the US Ambassador (to India) said, he has said it. It is now between those two countries," Abdullah told reporters here when asked about Pakistan's protest. The chief minister also refused to be drawn into the war of words with his alliance partner Congress, which said there should not be a third-party intervention on Jammu and

Kashmir as it is an integral part of India. "I am not getting into this. Congress has their point of view; they are a political party, the largest opposition party. They have a point of view and are entitled to it. I am not going to get into a war of words over this. What can I say on that?" he said. To a question about whether any celebrities from Bollywood or Hollywood were expected for the Kashmir International Film Festival taking place next month, the chief minister said the objective behind the festival was to expose local audiences to diverse kinds of

cinema. "Don't expect anyone from Hollywood. I wish we had reached a stage where people from Hollywood would come; that will take time. For now, if some people arrive from Bollywood, that is good. But the objective is not simply to bring Bollywood celebrities here. Our aim is to expose local audiences to diverse kinds of cinema," he said, adding that it is also a step towards generating employment. "The goal is... conducting cutting-edge workshops related to the film industry like for direction, cinematography, editing, music, etc..

Ladakh Tourist's Gen Z Remark Goes Viral After VIP Traffic Halt

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A video of a woman in Ladakh saying, "Gen Z, we won't tolerate this nonsense," has been making rounds on the internet since yesterday. The incident reportedly took place at the Minimarg checkpoint in Kargil, Ladakh. According to reports, the incident occurred on July 25, about a month ago, and the video went viral yesterday. According to sources, the incident occurred when the move-



ment of the Defence Minister and the Army Chief along the Zojila-Gumri route led to traffic restrictions in the area. The Defence Minister and the Army Chief were scheduled to travel by air,

but due to bad weather, they travelled by road from Gumri to Kargil. As per standard procedures, traffic was halted to facilitate their movement, resulting in delays for tourists as well as local

residents. Following this, the woman was seen arguing with security personnel at the checkpoint and insisted that they were tourists, not Kashmiris, who, she claimed, are generally subjected to such restrictions. The video, however, went viral yesterday, igniting a debate over tourist behaviour at border checkpoints. The report further mentioned that after the VIP movement passed through the area, tourists were given clearance to proceed.

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India, Japan Boost.....

The ministers also agreed to move swiftly towards concrete maritime security cooperation, including maximising synergies in mine countermeasures capabilities and exploring the possibility of joint development in naval shipbuilding and design. Japan's technological expertise and India's production capabilities will be leveraged for deeper cooperation in the sector. Focus On Defence Manufacturing The two sides agreed to explore greater use of India's production capabilities under the Make in India initiative, particularly in defence shipbuilding and related areas. They also agreed to advance reciprocal access to ship repair facilities and work to-

wards concluding a ship repair arrangement in the near future. Singh welcomed Japan's recent review of its framework for the transfer of defence equipment and technology and called for further deepening of the defence and technology partnership. The two ministers also discussed the shipborne UN-ICORN integrated communications antenna system, which is being pursued as the first defence equipment transfer project between the two countries. They committed to working towards its early realisation. India and Japan agreed to strengthen coordination to protect sea lines of communication through mutual visits by naval ships and units, joint exercises, personnel exchanges and logistical

support, including access to ports and maintenance and repair facilities. The ministers also agreed to promote exchanges between their special operations forces and pursue cooperation with India's integrated theatre commands after their establishment. The joint statement said enhanced cooperation was important not only for India and Japan but also for regional and international security. The latest push comes as both countries seek to strengthen security partnerships in the Indo-Pacific, where China's expanding military capabilities and assertive maritime activities have emerged as major strategic concerns. Jailed Pakistan..... Khan's party and family have de-

mandated that he should be allowed to stay at the hospital. The latest development comes hours after Parliamentary Affairs Minister Tariq Fazal Chaudhry said the government had approached the Supreme Court to seek clarification on whether the medical relief granted to Khan applied only to the former premier or could be extended to other prisoners. Chaudhry's comments came two days after a three-judge Supreme Court panel ordered authorities to take Khan to Shifa International Hospital in Islamabad for a medical examination, following months of concerns from his family and personal physicians about his health and access to medical care. The court ordered that he be examined by a medical board

that includes specialists and one of his personal physicians, Faisal Sultan. Pradhan May..... After the announcement of BJP president Nitin Nabin's team, which has a significant number of new faces along with some senior leaders, speculation is rife that the council of ministers could also include new faces along with some reshuffling of portfolios. Commerce minister Piyush Goyal was the only union minister appointed as the national treasurer of the BJP. Under intense pressure from the CJP and its supporters, who had gathered at the Jantar Mantar last month, Pradhan tendered his resignation on July 25, maintaining that his decision was aimed at safe-

guarding the student's future. He also maintained that his decision to resign from the Cabinet was also to prevent "anti-national forces" from exploiting the nationwide protests. Two days after Pradhan's resignation, his party colleagues presented him with a ceremonial cap and escorted him inside the Parliament when he went to attend the recently concluded Monsoon Session. With the BJP-led NDA government's efforts in passing the women's reservation amendment bill, there are talks within the ruling party that some more women leaders could also be inducted. Some of the NDA allies could also see their representative getting included in Team Modi during the reshuffle, or so claim reports.

CRIME

Two Kids Steal Money for Food, Parents Blame

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Two 12-year-olds allegedly stole Rs 8,000 from a locked flat in Venkata-puram, Alwal, to buy food after being neglected at their home, police said on Thursday. The incident occurred around 11 pm on August 17, when the two minors, who are friends, entered an apartment to collect donations for the upcoming Ganesh festival. Police said the flat was locked and its owner had left the keys on a window beside the main door before going to a temple. The minors allegedly took the keys, opened the flat, entered a bedroom and took Rs 8,000



kept in a safe. They then locked the house and replaced the keys at the same spot. The owner noticed articles scattered in the bedroom after returning from the temple and found the cash missing. She subsequently lodged a complaint. "We were confused as the door was locked, the key was placed at the window; how could the cash be stolen," a police officer from Alwal police on Thursday disclosed. Police examined the available evidence and

identified the two minors as having entered the apartment while the owner was away. Notices were served on their parents, and a case was registered against them under the Juvenile Justice Act, police said. During questioning, the parents claimed that the children had found '8,000 on a road near the complainant's house and that they had intended to return the money to police. Police later questioned neighbours and family members about the children's home conditions. A woman police officer said they alleged that the children were neglected by their mothers and that their fathers were addicted to alcohol.

"We formally questioned the kids. With tears in their eyes, they said that their parents treated them as orphans. Their mother hardly served them food; they ate only during Anadanam or begged with the neighbours for food and clothing," she said. The minors also allegedly admitted to an earlier theft from a neighbour's house to buy food. Police said they had left about 20 tolas of gold untouched during that incident and had taken only cash. Police said they were examining the parents' responsibility for the alleged offences committed by the minors and would seek legal opinion before taking further action.

Court Sentences Stalker to Three Years Imprisonment

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A local fast-track Poeso court sentenced a 26-year-old man to three years of imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 20,000 following his conviction for stalking, threatening and sexually harassing a minor girl. According to officials, the accused, Swami, targeted a ninth-grade student by obtaining her

contact information through classmates. He repeatedly pressured her to meet him outside school premises and issued self-harm threats when she refused. Although the harassment briefly halted after the initial warning by her parents, the accused resumed targeting the victim two years later via WhatsApp and Instagram, where he even demanded explicit photographs. The

harassment escalated in May 2024, when Swami contacted the victim's father, issuing threats to abduct the girl once she turned eighteen. Following a formal complaint by the victim's family, Shivampet police registered a case under relevant sections of the POCSO Act and Indian Penal Code. Following the charge-sheet and trial, Judge R.M. Subhaval delivered the verdict.

Warasiguda Man Sentenced to Seven Days in Jail for Misusing 112 Emergency Number

A 34-year-old driver from Warasiguda was sentenced to seven days in jail by a local court on Thursday for misusing the 112-emergency response number and abusing police staff. The accused, identified as Wardha Satish, a resident of Ramnagar under Warasiguda police station limits, was found guilty of repeatedly calling the emergency helpline and using obscene language, thereby wasting the time of emergency services personnel. According to police, the CDO functional vertical division registered an e-petty case against Satish after multiple complaints of harassment through unnecessary calls to 112, the number meant for immediate police assistance

Chandrayangutta Police Arrest Man for Assaulting Daughter

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Chandrayangutta police took a man into custody for allegedly sexually assaulting his 12-year-old daughter. According to police, the minor called the emergency helpline 100 on Thursday night when her father allegedly attempted to assault her. Acting on information received from the police control room, a team reached the girl's residence and spoke to

her. The police later took the accused into custody near Chandrayangutta crossroads. A case has been registered, and the girl reportedly told police that her father had been sexually assaulting her for several years and had threatened her not to disclose the matter to anyone in the family. Police are also gathering further information from the victim's mother as part of the investigation.

HC Seeks Info on Telangana's Total Debt

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The Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the principal secretary of the Telangana finance department to file a detailed counter explaining the state's debt accumulation, particularly in relation to funding large welfare schemes, and its compliance with the provisions of the Telangana State Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act, 2005. As no remarks were made on the outstanding debt of the state

government in an affidavit filed by the state government — in response to a petition filed challenging the legal basis of implementing Kalyana Lakshmi or Shaadi Mubarak schemes — Justice N.V. Shraavan Kumar viewed that it is necessary to deal with the debts accumulated for implementing the larger welfare schemes. Alarmed over delay in the payment of salaries for staff working in various courts of Mahbubnagar district and several pending cases related to the government's statutory duty.

Road Encroachments Cleared on Daniyalagutta-Indira Nagar Road

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A special drive to remove road encroachments was conducted on both sides of the Daniyalagutta-Indira Nagar Main Road in Begumpet, improving traffic movement and road safety. The drive was carried out on the instructions of B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and under the supervision of K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, DCP, Traffic-I, Mal-



kajgiri. Encroachments obstructing the road near the Government Primary School and along the main road were removed. Officials said the

cleared stretch, which was earlier restricted to one-way traffic because of obstructions, now allows smooth two-way movement, easing congestion and

improving convenience for commuters. The operation was attended by ACP G. Shankar Raju, ACP T. L. Ramesh Kumar, Inspector K. Srinivas, RSI Ashok Reddy, Traffic Police personnel, and officials from HMDA and GHMC. Traffic Police said similar drives will continue to ensure encroachment-free roads, smooth traffic flow and safer conditions for road users.

EDITORIAL

GEN ALPHA JOINS GEN Z IN QUESTIONING POLICY OF GOVT

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The reported plans of the BJP to send a Union minister to a university every day to "interact directly with students and understand their concerns" can be seen as a response to the perceived failure of the party to reads the young minds but the mantras on the mission will do bear in mind the rebuke a vice-chancellor in Kerala received while trying to push the governmental agenda. The attempts by Mohanan Kunnummal, the vice-chancellor of Kerala University of Health Sciences, to extract an answer from students gathered at a function to honour them for their performance in the Class 10 and Class 12 examinations to the effect that they are not "cockroaches" were met with deafening silence. Repeated prodding by Dr Kunnummal to say that

they are, in fact, "lions" failed to move them. The BJP may have started showing the signs of losing to battle to control the larger political narrative which it has been peddling quite successfully for more than a decade for good reasons. The party had started on a winning note against the then United Progressive Alliance government at the Centre. The theme was the alleged massive corruption under the government and the "development history" of Gujarat under Narendra Modi, then the state's chief minister. After three successive elections to the Lok Sabha and running the government for the last 12 years, the party is now facing tough questions on governance. Lack of quality education and employment opportunities used to be items on the agenda of political parties during elec-

tions till now, but they have lately become the sole agenda of the youth brigade. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) which successfully ran a campaign for the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Union education minister for his failures has called for a social audit of government-run schools in all states. The party says it has got massive response from all over the country. There are reports from several states about students hitting the streets demanding better infrastructure for their schools. The poor education facilities in the country are not the responsibility of the BJP alone; it is the collective failure of all the parties which are and were in government. But the BJP may be held answerable because the Generation Alpha has seen the party in power at the Centre and in most states during the larger part of their life.

The real challenge for the BJP will be its inability to flash the communal card as a panacea for every ill in this case; the signs from the youngsters till now have been that they are unwilling to take that bait. They are also unlikely to subscribe to the hate campaign the right wing often unleashes when questioned. The youth ask basic questions on education, healthcare, housing and decent infrastructure and will be satisfied only if they get convincing answers. Narratives that take birth in IT cells and are propagated through WhatsApp may die their natural death soon for actions on the ground alone can see the BJP through. The party should not expect the silence of the students in Kerala everywhere; this bunch can turn vocal in their disagreement with the official story.



Phenom to Create 2,000 Jobs in India, Expand Telangana Presence

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Global HR technology company Phenom is set to deepen its presence in India with increased investments in technology, talent and innovation, creating more than 2,000 additional employment opportunities in the coming years. The company also plans to expand its physical footprint in Telangana, strengthening Hyderabad’s position as one of its key global technology hubs. The company’s India growth plans will be highlighted at IAMPHENOM India 2026, scheduled for December 17 at Novotel Hyderabad. The event will bring together HR professionals, talent acquisition leaders, HRIT teams and C-suite executives to examine how Applied AI



can deliver measurable outcomes in hiring, employee development and workforce retention. Phenom CEO and Co-Founder Mahe Bayireddi said the future of work will be shaped by how organisations combine technology with investments in people. He said IAMPHENOM India will provide a platform for leaders to move beyond AI experimentation and explore how AI can transform the

way employees work, develop and grow. Founded in 2010 and headquartered in Greater Philadelphia, Phenom operates across Canada, India, Israel, the Netherlands, Germany and the United Kingdom, with employees across approximately a dozen countries. The company serves more than 500 global enterprises across technology, healthcare, retail, hospitality, manufacturing, transportation,

finance, energy and utilities. Its customers include Microsoft, Honeywell and Southwest Airlines. In India, Phenom operates from Hyderabad, Visakhapatnam and Bengaluru, with teams spanning engineering, product development, data science, customer success and support. India has become one of the company’s largest technology and talent hubs outside the United States. Its Indian customer base includes Royal Enfield, IDFC, Dr. Reddy’s, Capgemini, PwC, NTT DATA, OpenText and Eli Lilly. Phenom’s Applied AI platform combines Engines, Ontologies, X AI and Agents to connect enterprise data, provide contextual intelligence, personalise talent experiences and automate tasks.

The technology supports career sites, recruiting chatbots, candidate relationship management, interview scheduling, internal mobility, career pathing, mentoring and referrals. Bayireddi said AI is fundamentally transforming the talent landscape, with routine jobs increasingly becoming automated tasks while new roles and skills emerge. He said India, with its large workforce and growing pool of technology talent, is positioned to play a major role in this transformation. Phenom is also moving beyond conventional HR software towards a “Work Operating System”, designed to bring humans and machines together to improve collaboration and performance.

ICICI Prudential Life Posts 60.7% Growth in Telangana Term Insurance

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ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company has recorded a strong 60.7% year-on-year growth in its term insurance (retail protection) business in Telangana during Q1-FY2027, reflecting rising demand for financial protection and long-term planning in the State. As of March 31, 2026, the company had covered 6,56,032 lives in Telangana, while its Assets Under Management (AUM) stood at Rs. 11,708 crore. The company’s total sum assured in the State was Rs. 1,52,016 crore. Over the past seven years, it has paid benefits worth Rs. 4,060 crore to customers in Telangana, including Rs. 1,192 crore in death claims. The company said it is

also witnessing strong demand for savings products, including linked, non-linked and annuity solutions. Its distribution network in Telangana comprises 11 branches, 6,172 advisors, 3,934 partner branches and 3,372 specified persons. Amish Banker, Chief Distribution Officer, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance Company, said Telangana remains a strategically important market, with growing customer interest in financial protection, savings and retirement planning. He said investments in digital capabilities, distribution and customer engagement were helping the company expand its presence. The insurer is leveraging artificial intelligence, machine learning, data analytics and digitalisation across

the customer lifecycle. During Q1-FY2027, about 54% of savings policies were issued on the same day, while around 58% of insurance policies used digital KYC. Nearly 97% of services were delivered through self-help or digital modes. The company also highlighted its 99.3% claim settlement ratio in Q1-FY2027 and an average turnaround time of one day for non-investigated individual claims. The Board has approved a proposal to rename the company ICICI Life Insurance Limited, subject to regulatory approvals. The company plans to further strengthen its Telangana presence through branch expansion, advisor recruitment and targeted customer outreach.

Stock markets rebound in early trade: Sensex jumps over 500 points

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Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded in early trade on Thursday, tracking a recovery in world markets as easing US Treasury yields improved global risk sentiment. Fresh foreign fund inflows also added to the markets’ optimism during the initial trading. The 30-share BSE Sensex jumped 504.32 points to 77,416.16 in early trade after four days of decline. The 50-share NSE Nifty also bounced back after

seven days of losses. It climbed 118.85 points to 24,198.55. “Indian equity markets are expected to trade with a firmer undertone, supported by an overnight rebound on Wall Street and gains across Asian markets after easing US Treasury yields improved global risk sentiment. “While the recovery in overseas equities offers a constructive backdrop, persistent geopolitical uncertainty in the Middle East is likely to keep investors cautious,” Ponnudi R, CEO of Enrich Money, an online trading and wealth-tech firm,



said. All the 30-Sensex firms were trading in positive territory during the early deals. Eternal, Infosys, Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Finance, Tata Consultancy Services and HCL Tech were among the biggest winners. Foreign Institu-

tional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 407.99 crore on Wednesday, according to exchange data. In Asian markets, South Korea’s Kospi rebounded 5.74 per cent. Japan’s Nikkei 225, Shanghai’s SSE Composite index and

Hong Kong’s Hang Seng index were also quoting higher. “US indices halted a three-day losing streak after the US Treasury announced plans to more than double long-dated debt buybacks, pulling the 10-year Treasury yield down to 4.65 per cent. The S&P 500 gained 0.21 per cent, the Nasdaq Composite rose 0.16 per cent, and the Dow Jones Industrial Average added 120 points,” Rajesh Palviya, Head of Research at Axis Direct, said. US markets ended in positive territory on Wednesday. Brent crude, the global

oil benchmark, traded 0.20 per cent higher at USD 91.87 per barrel. “The decline in US bond yields indicates a positive potential construct for equity markets, globally,” VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said. On Wednesday, the Sensex was down 325.78 points, or 0.42 per cent, to settle at 76,909.68, registering its fourth day of decline. Extending its losses to the seventh day, the Nifty declined 76.60 points, or 0.32 per cent, to end at 24,078.30.

HCLTech Report: Only 25% of Telcos Ready to Scale AI

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Telecom leaders increasingly view artificial intelligence (AI) as a major source of future revenue, but most organizations are not yet prepared to deploy it at scale, according to a new HCLTech Telecom Pulse Survey Report released in partnership with Mobile World Live. The survey, based on responses from nearly 200 senior executives across network operators, MVNOs, communication service providers and OEMs worldwide, found that 60% of telecom leaders consider AI a key future revenue driver, while only 25% believe their organizations are ready to operationalize AI at scale. The report highlights a significant gap between AI ambitions and execution, with legacy infrastructure, cloud-native modernization and skills shortages continuing to hinder the industry’s transition toward AI-native TechCos. Traditional telecom business models are also facing growing pressure. Nearly 70% of respon-

dents said connectivity services are becoming increasingly commoditized, underlining the need for differentiated digital services and platform-led growth. However, innovation remains slow, with nearly 80% of respondents launching fewer than five new digital products or services during the past year. The survey also found that almost half of telecom leaders consider partnerships with hyperscalers, AI platform providers and software vendors essential to accelerating innovation and monetization. HCLTech Chief Growth Officer and Global Head of Telecom, Media and Technology Anil Ganjoo said AI is transforming networks into intelligent, platform-driven ecosystems and that connectivity alone will no longer be sufficient to sustain growth. He said HCLTech’s AI-intrinsic approach can help telecom companies accelerate their transition into TechCos through AI-native innovation and autonomous operations.

Guidehouse Expands India Presence with New Hyderabad Hub

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Global professional services firm Guidehouse has expanded its presence in India with the launch of a new hub in Hyderabad, strengthening its capabilities in managed services, technology and digital transformation. The company plans to create more than 1,000 new jobs in Hyderabad over the next 12 months, taking its workforce in the city from around 200 to nearly 1,000 employees. The Hyderabad expansion marks Guidehouse’s fourth city presence in India, alongside Chennai, Trivandrum and Gurugram. The company said the new hub will primarily support clients in healthcare, financial services and other highly regulated sectors, with opportunities spanning functional, technical and technology-enabled managed services. Ali Bokhari, Partner and Global Managed Services Leader, Guidehouse, said the Hyderabad expansion reflects the company’s confidence in India’s talent pool, innovation eco-



system and long-term growth potential. He said the new facility represents an investment in employees, clients and Guidehouse’s global delivery model. Guidehouse plans to recruit professionals across managed services, technology, analytics and digital transformation, while also creating opportunities for technology graduates to develop skills in emerging areas such as artificial intelligence. Employees will gain exposure to industry-specific functions while applying advanced technologies to real-world business processes. Vinay Singh, Partner and Managed Services & Technology Lead, India,

Guidehouse, said the Hyderabad hub will increase the company’s capacity to deliver technology-enabled managed services at scale. By combining advanced analytics, automation and domain expertise, the company aims to help clients improve operations, accelerate transformation and create sustained value. Hyderabad’s strong technology ecosystem, academic institutions and growing global capability centre (GCC) landscape were identified as key factors behind the expansion. Guidehouse expects the new hub to generate significant direct and indirect employment opportunities while strengthening its

ability to serve global clients. Mahendra Singh Rawat, Partner and Country Head, India, Guidehouse, said Hyderabad offers a strong combination of talent, innovation and business momentum. He described the new centre as an important milestone in the company’s Indian growth strategy, with plans to build a major workforce focused on healthcare, financial services and other regulated domains. Guidehouse said its employees will benefit from learning and development programmes, international collaboration and career growth opportunities. The company also encourages employees to participate in community initiatives covering education, sustainability and social impact. With approximately 18,000 professionals globally, Guidehouse provides advisory, technology and managed services to commercial and government clients across healthcare, financial services, energy, infrastructure and national security.

ACIC-CBIT Holds Drone Technology Workshop at Pallavi International School



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ACIC-CBIT Research & Entrepreneurship Foundation conducted a two-day hands-on Drone Technology Workshop for students of Pallavi International School, Gandipet, offering practical exposure to drone assembly, calibration and flight operations. The workshop was inaugurated by PISG Principal Ms. Hema Madabhoshi and ACIC-CBIT CEO Dr. Sunny Agarwal. ACIC-CBIT team member Mr. Harish Potluri introduced students to drone funda-

mentals before they began assembling drone components under expert guidance and safety supervision. On the second day, students calibrated their drones using Mission Planner software and participated in flight training with dedicated learning drones. The ACIC-CBIT team also flew each student’s assembled drone, allowing participants to witness their creations in action. The workshop concluded with certificate distribution in the presence of PISG Jr. Principal Ms. Sangeeta Pallepati.

Rupee gains 3 paise to 95.70 against US dollar amid high crude prices

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The rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day with gains of just 3 paise at 95.70 against the US dollar on Thursday, as the support from the weaker dollar index was negated by elevated crude oil prices. Forex traders said while a weaker US dollar eases some depreciation pressure on the domestic currency, crude oil hovering above USD 90 would continue to keep pressure on India’s import bill. The dollar index fell to its lowest level since late May after the US Treasury announced that it would double its buyback operations for longer-dated Treasury bonds, pushing US long-term yields lower

and reducing the dollar’s yield advantage. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.57 against the greenback and traded in a range of 95.56-95.72 during the session. It eventually settled at 95.70 (provisional), higher by 3 paise from its previous close. On Wednesday, the rupee stayed almost flat, ending just 1 paise higher at 95.73 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.61, lower by 0.22 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 2.22 per cent at USD 93.65 per barrel in futures trade.

Prakash Raj’s ‘Jagamae Sangeetham’ to premiere on Prime Video on September 4

Prakash Raj is set to headline Prime Video’s Telugu series “Jagamae Sangeetham,” where he takes on the role of Shastri, a revered and dedicated master of classical Carnatic music. Set against the backdrop of the sacred temple town of Vaikuntapuram, the series explores tradition, family legacy, and long-buried secrets, with Prakash Raj’s character at the heart of its musical and emotional journey. On Thursday, the makers released the premier date of the musical drama on social media. Sharing the poster on Instagram, Prime Video wrote, “When tradition meets stardom, two voices try to find their own rhythm #Jagamae-SangeethamOnPrime, New Series, Sept 4.” Speaking about the show, Nikhil Madhok, Director and Head of SVOD Originals, Prime Video India, stated, “Jagamae Sangeetham is a deeply moving story that celebrates the emotional power of music while exploring universal themes of family, legacy, and self-discovery. At its heart, the series asks timeless questions



about tradition, ambition, and the courage it takes to chart your own path. Under Palnati Surya Pratap’s distinctive creative vision, supported by Sushmita Konidela’s passionate production, and elevated by Vishal Chandrasekar’s soul-stirring music, the series delivers an experience that is both culturally rooted and universally relatable.”

Producer Sushmita Konidela added, “From the outset, our vision for Jagamae Sangeetham was to tell a story where music is not merely part of the world but becomes the emotional language through which a family expresses what it cannot always put into words: love, conflict, longing, pride, hope, and ultimately healing.”

She added, “While the series is deeply rooted in the world of Carnatic music, its themes of legacy, belonging, and finding your own voice are universal. Bringing together such an exceptional cast and creative team has been an incredibly fulfilling journey, and we invite audiences across India and the world to step into the world of Jagamae Sangeetham and experience it for themselves on Prime Video.” “Jagamae Sangeetham” features an ensemble cast led by Prakash Raj, Meka Srikanth, Madhubala, Akshay Lagusani, and Sushmita Shetty, the series also stars Suman, Sijju Menon, Shafi, Jhansi, Raghu Babu Yerra, Rocket Raghava, Nagi Jabardasth, Mirchi Kiran, Keshav Deepak, Priyanka Nalkari, Manik Reddy, Prachi Thaker, and Roopa Lakshmi in pivotal roles. “Jagamae” Sangeetham, created and directed by Palnati Surya Pratap, will stream on Prime Video in India and over 240 countries and territories worldwide in Telugu with English subtitles and dubs in Tamil.

Soori’s high-octane sports drama ‘Mandaadi’ cleared for release

MUMBAI
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The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has now cleared director Maithamaran Pugazhendhi’s much-anticipated upcoming sports action drama ‘Mandaadi’, featuring actor Soori and Mahima Nambiar in the lead, for release with a U/A 16+ certificate. Taking to its X timeline, R S Infotainment, the production house producing the film, wrote, “#Mandaadi is U/A 16+ Certified! #Mandaadi in cinemas worldwide on September 10, 2026. @sooriofficial #Suhas #sathyaraj @Mahima_Nambiar @RavindraVijay1 @MithunJS5 @bala_actor @Kritika_Bala.” The film is slated to hit screens worldwide on September 4 this year. ‘Mandaadi’ will mark the Tamil debut of Telugu actor Suhas, who plays a pivotal role alongside Soori. Apart from Soori, Mahima Nambiar and Suhas, the film will also feature actors Sathyaraj, Ravindra Vijay, Mithun, and Balasaravanam in important roles. For the unaware, the title ‘Mandaadi’ is inspired by the rich maritime culture of Tamil Nadu’s coastal belt and embodies the spirit of individuals who possess exceptional skill, determination, and leadership in navigating the challenges of the sea. Shooting for the film had



been wrapped in April this year. A video that the makers had released while announcing that shooting for the film had been wrapped up showed how the cast and the crew had suffered injuries while making the film that has been predominantly shot at sea. The film has triggered huge interest among fans and film buffs as Soori has performed all the high risk stunts that were shot on sea for the film himself. The film is expected to emerge as a significant milestone in Soori’s career as it stands as the biggest and most ambitious project he has undertaken to date. Sources point out that one of the film’s major strengths lies in Soori’s extraordinary physical commitment. The actor has personally performed all the high-risk

action sequences set in the sea, without the use of body doubles. Sources in the know had told IANS that for the extensive sailboat racing portions, Soori underwent rigorous training and hands-on preparation over several months, mastering the physical and technical demands of the sport. This dedication, they said, had added authenticity and emotional weight to the film, significantly enhancing its realism and cinematic impact. Shot extensively across the coastal regions of Tamil Nadu, particularly in the Ramanathapuram belt, ‘Mandaadi’, the sources claim, has large-scale action blocks, emotionally charged sequences, and ambitious sailboat racing portions.

Regional Powerhouses Weigh No-Confidence Vote in Bid To Oust Infantino: Report

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

European football powerhouse UEFA, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and CONCACAF are discussing a possible vote of no confidence against FIFA President Gianni Infantino, escalating a leadership crisis triggered by his controversial proposal to sell private investors a stake in a new FIFA commercial entity controlling World Cup rights. Senior figures familiar with the discussions told Reuters that the three confederations are considering whether to push for an Extraordinary FIFA Congress to challenge Infantino. FIFA has never previously held a no-confidence vote against a sitting president in its 122-year history. One source said Infantino faces two choices: step aside peacefully and decline to contest the March 2027 election, or face a formal challenge. Under FIFA statutes, an Extraordinary Congress can be called by the FIFA Council

or requested by at least one-fifth of FIFA’s 211 member associations. Each attending association would have one vote. The FIFA statutes do not specifically outline a procedure for removing the president through a no-confidence vote. FIFA did not comment on the discussions. UEFA referred to its earlier call for a “thorough and fundamental” review of FIFA’s leadership and governance, while CONCACAF pointed to a joint statement with UEFA and AFC accusing FIFA’s leadership of a fundamental breach of trust. AFC did not immediately respond. Infantino continues to have substantial support, particularly from Africa. CAF President Patrice Motsepe has said Infantino retains Africa’s backing and that his future should be decided by FIFA members through the election process. Six Arab football associations, including Qatar and 2030 World Cup co-host Morocco, also recently expressed support for him. The leadership crisis

intensified following the collapse of Infantino’s plan to sell a minority stake in a new FIFA commercial entity to private investors. The proposed company would have controlled commercial rights to the World Cup. UEFA, AFC and CONCACAF opposed the plan, citing concerns over transparency, consultation and governance. The controversy deepened after FIFA Chief Operating Officer Kevin Lamour left his position. Lamour had criticised the investment proposal and reportedly said staff had been misled about the project. FIFA did not provide a reason for his departure. FIFA Vice President Sandor Csanyi subsequently withdrew his support for Infantino, describing Lamour’s departure as the “final straw.” However, Infantino’s opponents face major obstacles. No challenger has publicly emerged before the November 18 nomination deadline, while Infantino continues to enjoy support among several member.

PV Sindhu’s World Championships medal hopes end after loss to Wang Zhi

NEW DELHI
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P.V. Sindhu’s pursuit of a record sixth World Championships medal came to a painful end on Thursday after China’s Wang Zhi Yi defeated the Indian star 21-11, 15-21, 21-17 in a gripping Round-of-16 contest at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. The defeat marked a significant setback for the two-time Olympic medallist, who had entered the tournament with hopes of adding another medal to her remarkable World Championships record. Sindhu has previously won five medals at the global event, including a historic gold in 2019. The loss also ended Sindhu’s remarkable dominance against Chinese opponents at the World Championships. Before Thursday’s encounter, she had beaten Chinese players eight times at the tournament. Wang, the World No. 3, became the first Chinese shuttler to defeat Sindhu at the World Championships. The opening game was tightly contested in its early stages,



with both players showing caution and attempting to avoid unforced errors. Wang repeatedly looked to move Sindhu around the court, particularly using the front court to disrupt the Indian’s rhythm. Sindhu, meanwhile, tried to deny Wang opportunities to unleash powerful attacking strokes. Wang held an 11-8 advantage at the interval and gradually began to take control. Sindhu struggled with her consistency and conceded several points through unforced errors and misjudgements. Wang capitalised on the

openings with accurate drops and attacking shots to close out the first game 21-11. Sindhu responded impressively in the second game. She adopted a more patient approach and moved into an early four-point lead as Wang struggled to maintain her accuracy. The Chinese player attempted to extend rallies and put Sindhu under pressure, but the Indian responded with delicate dribbles, controlled drops and well-timed winners. Wang eventually fought back to level the game at 15-15, raising hopes of

another straight-game victory. Sindhu, however, produced her best spell of the match, winning six consecutive points to take the game 21-15 and force a decider. The third game began with Sindhu looking confident. She raced to a 3-0 lead and later established an 8-4 advantage. Wang refused to surrender and gradually worked her way back into the contest. A series of errors from Sindhu allowed the Chinese shuttler to regain momentum. Despite the pressure, Sindhu managed to hold a slender 11-10 lead at the interval,

setting up a tense final phase. The match reached its most dramatic moment when the scores were locked at 16-16. Wang suffered a heavy fall and required a medical timeout. Following the resumption, Sindhu struggled to regain her composure and committed four consecutive errors. Those mistakes proved costly. Wang moved to match point and needed only one opportunity to finish the contest. She produced a precise drop that Sindhu could not return, sealing a 21-17 victory in the deciding game. The result sent Wang into the quarterfinals and brought Sindhu’s World Championships campaign to an abrupt conclusion. Although the defeat ended her hopes of a sixth medal, Sindhu’s record at the World Championships remains one of the finest in Indian badminton history. She will now shift her attention to the Asian Games, where she will look to recover from the disappointment and mount another challenge for international honours.

Telangana launches online complaint system for private schools

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The School Education department on Thursday announced the launch of an online private school complaint monitoring system, which is aimed at facilitating parents, students and people to submit complaints/grievances relating to private schools.

The new facility can be accessed via link <https://schooledu.telangana.gov.in>. The complaint can login using their mobile phone number and OTP to lodge their issue. The system also provides a grievance tracking mechanism, enabling complainants to track their complaint status using mobile number of grievance ID. "Private may make use of the online facility for bringing genuine grievances, along with accurate information, to the notice of the School Education department," said Dr. E Naveen Nicolas, Director School Education department.

Telangana records Rs 19,266 crore revenue deficit in four months: CAG

HYDERABAD

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Telangana's finances are showing a widening gap between revenue and expenditure, with the State already running a Rs 19,266.83 crore revenue deficit in the first four months of 2026-27, even as borrowings have crossed half of the annual budget estimate. Due to the slow pace of revenue receipts and increasing expenditure, the State is increasingly depending on borrowings, as per the latest report published by the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) for July.

Notwithstanding the Congress government's claims of spending the majority of its revenue on repayment of principal and interest for loans obtained by the previous BRS government, the loans and advances dis-



bursed by the State during April-July stood at Rs 5,205.95 crore, lower than Rs 6,132.45 crore in the corresponding period last year.

More troubling is the lack of complete fiscal disclosure in some areas. The monthly accounts state that information on State guarantees as of July 31 and borrowings from the Public Account had not been received from the State government. This leaves important components of the State's financial position outside the latest available picture.

The Congress government has incurred a Rs 33,729.98 crore fiscal deficit by July, equivalent to 57.7 per cent of the annual estimate of Rs

58,458.71 crore. Net borrowings and other liabilities have reached the same level, indicating the extent to which debt is being used to bridge the fiscal gap.

Revenue receipts stood at Rs 59,642.62 crore, only 24.72 per cent of the annual estimate of Rs 2.41 lakh crore. Against this, revenue expenditure has already touched Rs 78,909.45 crore, or 33.66 per cent of the annual allocation of Rs 2.34 lakh crore.

The pressure is particularly visible in recurring expenditure. Salary and wage payments reached Rs 17,874.35 crore by July. Pension expenditure stood at Rs 10,492.35 crore, already 71.2 per cent of the annual provision of Rs 14,736.56 crore. Interest payments touched Rs 10,532.36 crore, while subsidy expenditure reached Rs

7,870.31 crore, or 43.47 per cent of its annual allocation.

The pace of expenditure has also accelerated compared with last year. Revenue expenditure during April-July was Rs 17,874.35 crore, against Rs 15,961.63 crore in the corresponding period of 2025-26. Pension spending rose sharply from Rs 6,149.96 crore in July last year to Rs 10,492.35 crore this July, indicating a 71 per cent increase and nearly half of the current budget allocation.

Meanwhile, revenue mobilisation has not kept pace. Tax revenue at Rs 53,004.40 crore represented 29.22 per cent of the annual target. GST collections stood at Rs 19,103.55 crore and sales tax at Rs 12,584.59 crore. Non-tax revenue was only Rs 4,274.55 crore, just 11.96 per cent of the annual estimate.

Despite cases, diversion of CMR paddy continues unabated in Telangana

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Wakeup telangana

Despite cases, diversion of Custom Milling Rice (CMR) goes unabated in different parts of Telangana, causing huge revenue loss to the government.

Officials said that 89 rice mills diverted 3.72 lakh metric tonnes of paddy in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 Kharif seasons across Telangana. The value was calculated at Rs 927.16 crore. This wrongdoing was found during physical verification of stocks and records carried out by the Vigilance and Enforcement Department. The verifications commenced in July and were still being conducted across the State.

According to the officials, 14 millers failed to return 1.29 lakh metric tonnes worth Rs 318 crore in Suryapet district alone, while 38 millers defaulted on paddy in Peddapalli district. The value of the

grains diverted in Peddapalli district was assessed at Rs 238 crore. Seven millers diverted grains to the tune of Rs 135 crore in Jagtial district.

Similarly, 80,000 metric tonnes of paddy allotted to millers for CMR was not returned to the government in Karimnagar district for two years. Four mills defaulted on 27,242 MTs of grains in Wanaparthy district, while eight mills were found to have diverted 14,136 MTs of paddy in Khammam district.

It was learnt that officials managed to recover over Rs 700 crore out of the total Rs 927.16 crore. They gathered undertakings from millers promising to pay 50 per cent of the cost of the defaulted grains in a week. They initiated 28 criminal cases against 50 millers for defaulting on the paddy. Twenty-six millers were already arrested.

Criminal cases were reg-

istered against seven mills for defaulting on the CMR in Peddapalli district. Two millers were arrested on charges of defaulting on grains worth Rs 24.18 crore in Sultanaabad. Two millers, including former Khanapur MLA Rekha Naik, were booked for defaulting on the CMR in Nirmal district. Police invoked the Preventive Detention Act against a miller of Mancherial district recently.

Sources said that certain rice millers were selling the rice in the black market and were minting huge profits after being allotted the paddy under the CMR process. "The government hands over the grains to the mills for executing the process by paying the cost to farmers. However, the mills are not returning the rice, but are minting money by diverting the grains," a source stated. The process has apparently become a boon to a section of mills.

PAC Meeting Held Under Chairmanship of Arekapudi Gandhi

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A meeting of the Telangana Legislative Council's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) was held on August 20, 2026, at the Legislative Council Conference Hall under the chairmanship of PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi.

The committee discussed Audit Para No. 3.7 - "Short Levy of Conversion Charges Due to Application of Incorrect Rates." PAC members Vemula Prashanth Reddy, Gangula Kamalakar, Revuri Prakash Reddy, Chikkudu Vamsi Krishna, Ramarao Pawar and Koonaneni Sambasiva Rao attended the meeting. Principal Accountant General (Audit) P.



Madhavi and CAG (Audit) officials were present. Revenue Principal Secretary D.S. Lokesh Kumar, R&S Special Secretary Rajeev Gandhi, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Kaman, MMC Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy and other senior officials also attended. After detailed discussions on Audit Para 3.7, the committee settled the audit para.

BRSV protests proposed merger of polytechnic education with Young India Skill University

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV) wing staged a protest at Masab Tank Polytechnic College on Thursday, opposing the State government's proposed merger of polytechnic education with Young India Skill University (YISU). The protesters demanded that the government withdraw the proposed changes and safeguard the interests of thousands of polytechnic students.

Police detained the protesting BRSV activists and shifted them to the



Asif Nagar police station following the demonstration. Addressing mediapersons, BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav alleged that the Congress government was attempting to weaken the existing polytechnic education system through GO

No. 97 and by linking it with the SHAKTI scheme. He said polytechnic education provided Class X students with an opportunity to acquire technical skills and secure employment soon after completing their courses. Yadav warned that the

proposed changes could adversely affect these employment opportunities and also deprive eligible students of fee reimbursement benefits. He alleged that the government was deliberately weakening the established polytechnic education system to promote the Young India Skill University model.

Questioning the rationale behind the proposed changes, Yadav asked why polytechnic students should be treated on par with ITI students merely because they were not interested in pursuing courses under the Skill University. He maintained

that polytechnic education had its own distinct academic and employment-oriented structure and should not be diluted through policy changes.

The BRSV leader further demanded that the government immediately withdraw GO No. 97 and hold consultations with students and stakeholders before taking any decision affecting technical education.

He also condemned the detention of students and alleged that the government was attempting to suppress peaceful protests through police action.



Two students' organisations here came together on Thursday, August 20, to protest against severe discrepancies and paper leaks in examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), which have forced the re-conduct of UGC-NET exams for three subjects.

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Serilingampally Zone Strengthens Office Infrastructure to Improve Civic Services

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The Serilingampally Zone has taken steps to strengthen its administrative infrastructure and improve civic services for residents. CMC Commissioner G. Srujana, IAS, along with Zonal Commissioner Narayana Amit, IAS, and other senior officials inaugurated several new facilities at the Serilingampally Zonal Office and flagged off new vehicles for field-level services.

The newly inaugurated facilities include a Zonal Office lobby, Deputy Commissioner's office, 150-foot national flag, auditorium, sanitation office, Solid Waste Management (SWM) of-



fice, Health Department office and office parks. Officials said the new facilities and modern equipment would help speed up field-level operations and enable faster and more efficient delivery of civic services across the Serilingampally Zone. Commissioner G. Srujana said the initiatives would help improve the overall functioning of the corporation and provide better services to the public. Serilingampally Zonal officials and staff participated in the programme.

KTR backs polytechnic students' agitation, seeks withdrawal of GO 97

HYDERABAD

Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday extended his party's support to the statewide agitation by polytechnic students opposing GO MS No. 97 and demanded that the Congress government withdraw the order immediately. Rama Rao said the government's decision had created uncertainty over the academic future and career prospects of thousands of polytechnic students across Telangana. He urged the government to reconsider the order and take steps to address the concerns raised by students.

"Do not play with the lives of polytechnic stu-



dents," Rama Rao said, calling upon the Congress government to withdraw GO 97 without further delay. He said students had a legitimate right to express their concerns and seek clarification from the government. The BRS working president also criticised the alleged police action against students during peaceful protests at some locations. He urged the government and police authorities to respect the democratic rights of students and avoid using force against those partic-

ipating in peaceful demonstrations. Rama Rao said leaders of the BRS student wing and other party leaders had already taken part in several protests organised in support of the students. He reiterated that the BRS would stand firmly with the protesting polytechnic students and continue extending political and organisational support to their movement. He appealed to the government to initiate discussions with student representatives and resolve the issue at the earliest, stressing that decisions affecting students' education and future should be taken only after considering their concerns.

Withdraw GO 97, release White Paper on Skill University: BRS

HYDERABAD

Wakeup telangana

BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan demanded immediate withdrawal of GO Ms No. 97, alleging that it undermined the government polytechnic system and paved the way for its privatisation and merger with the Young India Skill University (YISU).

He sought a White Paper on the university, detailing its structure, finances, assets and proposed PPP arrangements.

Questioning the move, Sravan said the government was attempting to bring a decades-old technical education system, which had served poor and middle-class rural students, under the private/skill university umbrella without adequate consultation with stakeholders or discussion in the Assembly.

He questioned why the three-year engineering diploma recognised as technical/higher education under AICTE norms was being brought under the Labour and Skilling (SHAKTI) framework. He also raised concerns over ECET-based lateral entry into B.Tech courses, academic recognition, examinations and the academic calendar. Sravan questioned the proposed PPP model, pointing out that the government would bear the cost of land, buildings, infrastructure and the initial three years of operations, while seven industry/PPP representatives would have representation on the Board of Governors.