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Recruitment Stir Sparks Scuffle in Ranchi



A scuffle broke out between police and students protesting alleged irregularities in Jharkhand recruitment examinations in Ranchi on Friday, as the protesters attempted to burn effigies of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Student leaders under the banner of the JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch accused the state government of "deceiving" and "betraying" job aspirants after the High Court stayed some notifications cancelling appointments through the 11th and 13th JPSC examinations and the JSSC-CGL.

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Trump Calls Hormuz US Territory, Says Iran will Never have Nukes

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US President Donald Trump on Friday (local time) said Iran must never be allowed to obtain a nuclear weapon and described the Strait of Hormuz as "American territory" amid escalating tensions between Washington and Tehran, Al Jazeera reported. Addressing a rally in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Trump said, "We cannot let them have a nuclear weapon; we cannot let Iran have a nuclear



weapon, or you will see some very bad things." "We went down, and we stopped them; they will never have a nuclear weapon," he added. Trump said Iran wanted to reach an agreement but questioned whether Washington would accept a deal, asserting control over the strategic water-

way. "They want to make a deal so badly, we don't even know if we want [a deal] because I view the Strait of Hormuz as an American territory right now, it's an American territory," Trump said, as per Al Jazeera. Earlier, speaking to reporters at Joint Base Andrews before departing for Myrtle Beach, Trump had claimed that the United States had "total control" over the Strait of Hormuz and supported the idea of declaring the strategic waterway a US territory. He said Washington had con-

trol over the region linked to the Strait of Hormuz amid its blockade against Iran. "We're just going to sort of see what happens, and we have total control, as you know, of the border; we have total control -- if you look at the blockade, we have total control of that entire region having to do with the Strait of Hormuz," Trump said. He also said Iran wanted a deal but was not ready for what he called the "right deal." "So they would love to make a deal, but they're not ready

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Hyderabad Land Hits Record ₹264 Cr/Acre

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The Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) raised ₹1,386 crore from the e-auction of a 5.25-acre multi-use land parcel at Raidurg on Friday, with each acre of Plot No. P1 fetching a record ₹264 crore per acre. The plot, which had a reserve price of ₹175 crore per acre, fetched a 50.9 per cent premium. The price was ₹27 crore per acre higher than the ₹237 crore that an acre fetched at Raidurgam three months ago. The land parcel is located in the Raidurg Pan Maktha layout near Hyderabad Knowledge City and Durgam Cheruvu. The area has IT parks providing office space for multinational companies, luxury housing societies and malls, besides Metro Rail connectivity. The location gives the Raidurg parcel an advantage over Kokapet, due to its proximity to commercial districts, entertainment zones and transport networks. MSN Realty was the successful bidder. In a statement, TGIIC said the auction result underscored



Hyderabad's emergence as one of India's most dynamic real estate markets and Telangana's approach to infrastructure-led growth. According to TGIIC, the outcome reflected intensifying competition among premier developers and the market's increasingly bullish outlook on Hyderabad's strategic corridors, confirming Telangana's position as a high-growth destination for institutional real estate capital. The auction was conducted through the MSTC e-Auction platform, with JLL serving as the exclusive transaction adviser, ensuring transparency and enabling competitive participation from leading national developers. TGIIC vice-chairman and managing director K. Shankar said the successful outcome of the Plot P1 auction reflected the con-

fidence and conviction of the developer community in Telangana's future. "What we are witnessing is not just strong pricing, but a clear endorsement of the state's development philosophy — one rooted in transparency, infrastructure excellence, and creating genuine value for all stakeholders," he said. "The quality of participation and the competitive spirit displayed throughout the auction reflect a market that recognises Hyderabad's transformation into a truly world-class business destination," he added. TGIIC officials thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu, stating that their leadership had created a transparent, business-enabling environment. According to TGIIC, the auction results position Hyderabad among India's premier investment destinations. Up, up and away Top three highest auction proceeds Raidurg: ₹264 crore per acre (August 2026) Raidurg: ₹237 crore per acre (May 2026) Raidurg: ₹177 crore per acre (October 2025)

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US, Canada Push to Seal Trade Deal as Deadline Nears

WASHINGTON
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US and Canadian negotiators raced against the clock Friday to reach a trade deal before a midnight deadline when punishing new US tariffs are set to kick in. In the latest salvo amid months of trade hostility, US President Donald Trump threatened to impose new 50-percent duties on a range of Canadian products by Wednesday. But he issued a last-minute delay, citing major progress in trade talks. Hours before the new deadline, Trump said the US "should be able to



have a deal with Canada," citing his "good relationship" with Prime Minister Mark Carney. Canadian negotiators have been camped out in Washington this week trying to finalize a deal that reportedly aims to address a range of flash points. Both sides have said a pact is nearly done, but talks were continuing Friday, with top Canadian

negotiator Dominic LeBlanc meeting US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer. Canada wants relief from Trump's tariffs on autos, steel and aluminum, which have battered Canada's economy, forced job losses, and strained what was once an iron-clad trade relationship. Details of the proposed agreement emerged this week after Carney briefed the leaders of Canada's provinces and territories. US tariffs will likely be reduced in certain areas, but not entirely, with Saskatchewan's conservative Premier Scott

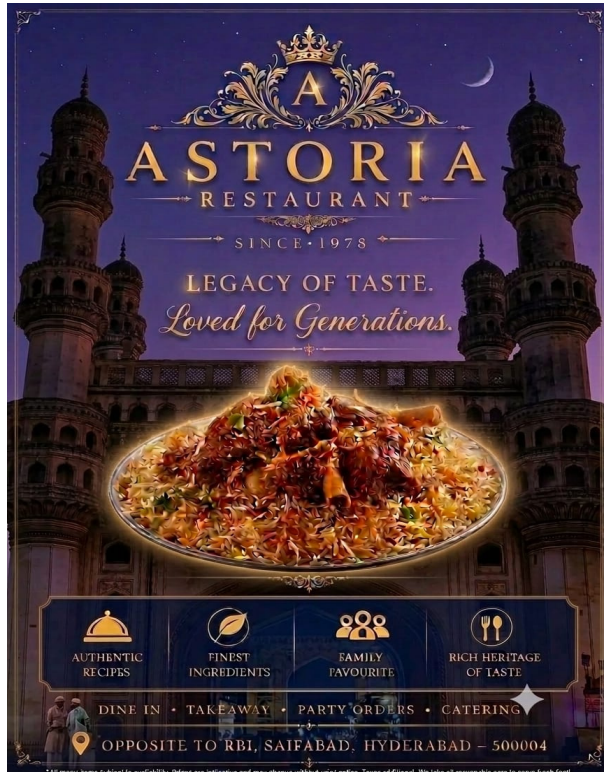
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Jharkhand High Court Halts Job Cancellations

RANCHI
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The Jharkhand High Court on Friday stayed notifications cancelling the appointments of Child Development Project Officers (CDPOs) and recruitments made through the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission-Combined Graduate Level (JSSC-CGL) examination. A bench of Justice Deepak Roshan granted interim relief on the ground of principles of

natural justice. The order brought relief to around 2,000 employees recruited through the JSSC-CGL examination. The state government will file its counter-affidavit by September 7, while the petitioners have been asked to submit their rejoinder by September 14. The court will hear the matter on September 15 and indicated that, if necessary, it could conduct day-to-day hearings from September 16.



Rahul's 7-hour Sit-in Protest Gets Pellet Victim an FIR

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

High drama unfolded at Parliament Street police station on Friday as Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi staged a nearly seven-hour sit-in demanding an FIR over the alleged pellet-gun injuries suffered by a 19-year-old protester. The standoff ended in the evening after Delhi Police registered a case, which Gandhi described as the "first step towards justice". Gandhi

reached the police station with Sahil Lochab and his mother after first approaching Mandir Marg police station to seek registration of the case. When the demand was not accepted, he met deputy commissioner of police (New Delhi) Sachin Sharma at Parliament Street police station, which also houses the DCP's office. In visuals released by the Congress, Gandhi is seen asking joint commissioner of police (New Delhi Range) Nupur Prasad and



Sharma to register an FIR immediately and showing them Lochab's injuries. After the officers refused, Gandhi said he was prepared to stage a dharna

outside the station for "15, 20 or 30 days" and walked out of the room. Gandhi then began a sit-in inside the police station and said he would not

leave until an FIR was registered. The protest came exactly a month after he staged a demonstration outside the Prime Minister's residence. "We are only saying that an FIR must be lodged. Sahil is here and his mother is accompanying him. Till an FIR is registered, we will not budge from here," Gandhi said. Gandhi alleged that officials had told him the FIR could not be registered because there were "orders from the top". "The police personnel here

wanted to register the FIR, but there was a brake on justice from above," he said, claiming that approval had to come from senior authorities, including Union home secretary Govind Mohan and Union home minister Amit Shah. The protest drew senior Congress leaders, including Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Jairam Ramesh, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Kumari Selja. Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav and members of the Indian Youth Congress

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Over 20 Legislators Demand Konda Surekha’s Dismissal from Cabinet

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More than 20 Congress legislators on Friday demanded the dismissal of Endowments Minister Konda Surekha from the Telangana Cabinet and her suspension from the party, alleging that she failed to condemn controversial remarks made by her daughter, Konda Sushmita, against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Addressing a press conference at the Congress Legislature Party (CLP) office, Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah strongly criticised Surekha’s decision to distance herself from her daughter’s statements. He said it was unacceptable for a



minister holding a responsible position to claim that she had no connection with remarks made by a close family member targeting the Chief Minister and the Congress leadership. Ilaiah said internal differences within the party should be discussed through appropriate forums such as the CLP or Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), rather than mak-

ing allegations publicly against the Chief Minister and the party leadership. He stressed the importance of maintaining party discipline and collective responsibility. Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy alleged that Surekha did not maintain cordial relations with Congress legislators in the district and demanded strict action against anyone violating party discipline.

Questioning her attitude and alleged lack of remorse, he suggested that her conduct could raise questions about possible support from Opposition parties such as the BRS and BJP. He also challenged Surekha to provide evidence for allegations of a multi-crore scam involving Congress leaders. Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham said publicly criticising the Chief Minister while continuing in the Congress was self-defeating. He demanded that the Konda family apologise to Revanth Reddy and called for Surekha’s removal from both the Cabinet and the party. Devarakonda MLA Balu Naik also con-

demned Sushmita’s allegations, accusing the Konda family of becoming part of what he described as Opposition conspiracies against the government. He said those who oppose the Chief Minister should not continue in the Congress and urged the party high command to initiate immediate disciplinary action against Surekha. The controversy intensified after Surekha, in her August 20 reply to a notice issued by the PCC Disciplinary Action Committee, distanced herself from Sushmita’s statements against the Congress and Revanth Reddy and requested the party to withdraw the notice issued to her.

Telangana polytechnic staff boycott talks with govt over merger with YISU

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Polytechnic Joint Action Committee (TP-JAC), which is leading protests against the State government’s decision to merge polytechnic colleges with the Young India Skills University (YISU), boycotted a meeting with Technical Education department officials on Friday. The meeting was convened to discuss concerns raised by polytechnic students and staff over the proposed merger. However, TP-JAC representatives refused to participate, stating that the previous two meetings had failed to produce any logical or positive outcome. A TP-JAC office-bearer said the government had so far offered only oral assurances regarding the protection of the interests of polytechnic students and staff. “Whenever we asked the officials to provide these assurances in writing, they did not agree,” the representative



said. The committee demanded that the government either withdraw GO 97 or remove Clause 4, which provides for the integration of polytechnics with YISU. It made clear that the agitation would continue until one of these demands was accepted. Meanwhile, Shakti Minister Dr G. Vivek Venkatswamy visited protesting students at Government Polytechnic, Masab Tank, and interacted with them. He assured the students that the Engineering Common Entrance Test (ECET) would be conducted for polytechnic

students. Despite the assurance, student organisations maintained that the protests would continue. The All India Democratic Students’ Organisation (AIDSO) said the agitation would not be withdrawn until all the demands of students were addressed and the government withdrew the order merging polytechnics with the Shakti department. The ongoing standoff has intensified concerns among students and staff over the future administration, academic arrangements and career prospects of polytechnic students in Telangana.

A Son’s Heartfelt Tribute Keeps Late Dudyala Srisailam’s Memories Alive



The memories of late Dudyala Srisailam, a Congress leader from Vatapally Mandal in Sangareddy district and a civil contractor, were fondly remembered by his son nearly a year after his demise. In an emotional tribute, his son recalled his father as not only a loving parent but also his teacher, source of courage and guiding force. He said that although time continues to move forward, his father’s memories, words and teachings remain alive in his heart and continue to guide him during difficult moments. He remembered how his father always encouraged him, stood by him and gave him the confidence to face life’s challenges. The tribute reflected the deep bond between father and son and the pain caused by losing a loved one. Varalakshmi Vratham Held in His Memory On Friday, during Varalakshmi Vratham, the family paid their respects to Srisailam with devotion. His photograph was decorated with flowers and a garland, while traditional lamps and offerings were placed before the portrait. The family’s observance reflected their continuing love and respect for him. Though Srisailam is no longer physically present, his values and teachings remain an enduring source of strength for his family. A father may leave this world, but the love, values and guidance he gives his children continue to shape their lives for generations.

Khammam MPs urge SCR to rename Bhadrachalam Road station as Kothagudem rly station

Khammam MPs have urged South Central Railways to rename Bhadrachalam Road railway station at Kothagudem as Kothagudem railway station, citing its status as district headquarters.

KHAMMAM
Wakeup telangana

MPs from Khammam have urged the South Central Railways (SCR) authorities to rename existing ‘Bhadrachalam Road railway station’ situated at Kothagudem town, the district headquarters, renamed as ‘Kothagudem railway station’. A request has been made to the SCR general manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava at a high-level review meeting held on Thursday at Rail Nilayam in Secunderabad. BRS Parliamentary Party leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra and Khammam MP R Raghuram Reddy attended the meeting. The MP Raghuram Reddy stated that it would be apt to rename ‘Bhadrachalam Road’ (BDCR) railway station as Kothagudem railway station as it serves as the district headquarters of Kothagudem district that



was formed from Khammam district. Both the MPs noted that Bhadrachalam Temple town is a renowned pilgrimage site often referred to as ‘Dakshina Ayodhya’ and emphasised the need to introduce a new train, ‘Bhadradri Express,’ connecting Kothagudem to Tirupati as there is no direct rail connectivity between the two places. Furthermore, they demanded the construction of a railway line to Bhadrachalam and proposed developing it into a railway junction connecting the states of Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, and Andhra Pradesh. Raghuram Reddy told the SCR officials to focus on the process of

exchanging State government land located at the Khammam railway station to facilitate the widening of the approach road to the Kothagudem railway station. Ravichandra reiterated the demand that the Dornakal-Miryalaguda railway line project has to be executed via an alternative route, rather than passing through the fertile lands of the Khammam Urban and Palair constituencies. He also wanted Kothagudem to be developed as a railway division. He wanted the officials to speed up modernisation works at Kothagudem, as elderly people, physically challenged; lactating women and children find it difficult to go to the 2nd platform. Lift and escalator facilities should be provided. Similarly, underpasses at Bhajan Mandir and Rajiv Park have to be constructed for the benefit of locals, he said.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Felicitates 20 Senior Citizens

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri organised an ‘Atmeeya Sanmana Karyakramam’ at the SV Hotel Conference Hall in Bhuvanagiri on Thursday, honouring 20 senior citizens in recognition of their contribution and service to society. The programme was held under the leadership of Club President Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy. Assistant Governor Pakkuru Kondal Reddy, Dr. Empalla Bucchi Reddy, Chairman—Membership, Kakatiya Region, and G. Gyanaprakash Reddy,



Chairman—Social Media, Kakatiya Region, joined the programme along with Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu and Treasurer Pendam Venugopal. The 20 senior citizens felicitated on the occasion were Shetty Balayya Yadav, Manchikanti Venkatesham, Empalla Bucchi Reddy, Karipe Nursing Rao, Poli Shankar Reddy, Chennu Lakshman, Pasam Pandarinath, Nemuri

Ashok Kumar Goud, Dardayi Narsing Rao, Pokala Yadagiri, Chand Mohammed, Kokkalkonda Nimmayya, Komatireddy Mohan Reddy, Padamati Panduranga Reddy, Pendam Satyanarayana, Bandaru Yadagiri, Gollikar Eshwarji, Smt. Machha Lakshmi, Smt. Donta Lakshmi and Smt. Kadari Seethamahalakshmi. Former presidents Shetty Balayya Yadav, Manchikanti

Venkatesham, Kokkalkonda Nimmayya, Chennu Lakshman, Padamati Jaganmohan Reddy, Karipe Narsing Rao and Paluvula Agheshwar Rao, along with Rotary executive members and senior citizens, participated. Rotary representatives said recognising senior citizens was a gesture of respect and gratitude for their experience, guidance and contribution to society, and reaffirmed the club’s commitment to continuing meaningful community-service programmes under the spirit of ‘Service Above Self.’

Varalakshmi Vratham: Jampana Pratap Performs Puja, Highlights Ashta Lakshmi Blessings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Cantonment Board Vice-Chairman Jampana Pratap on Friday performed Varalakshmi Vratham at his residence in New City Colony and highlighted the spiritual significance of the festival. He said worshipping Goddess Varalakshmi is believed to invoke the blessings of the Ashta Lakshmis, bringing prosperity, health, wisdom and peace to devotees. The puja was organised by his family with devotion and



traditional rituals. His wife and former Cantonment Board member, Jampana Vidyavati, actively participated in the celebrations. Pratap said Goddess Varalakshmi is revered as a benevolent deity who blesses devotees and fulfills their

wishes. He prayed for the welfare and prosperity of families and the community. Following the puja, Pratap and Vidyavati distributed traditional Vayanam to women from the locality who attended the auspicious celebrations.

MBBS, BDS Aspirants Get Another Chance: KNRUHS Reopens Online Registration

In a significant relief for medical aspirants, Kalaji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) has reopened the online registration process for admissions into MBBS and BDS courses for the 2026–27 academic year under the Competent Authority Quota in government and private medical and dental colleges across Telangana. According to a press release, the University decided to provide another opportunity for registration after considering requests received from several candidates. Candidates who have qualified NEET UG-2026 by securing the prescribed cutoff score or above are eligible to utilise the extended registration opportunity. Registration Window: August 18–20 Online registration and uploading of certificates will be available from 2 PM on August 18, 2026, to 6 PM on August 20, 2026. KNRUHS clarified that candidates who have already submitted their online applications need not register again. Applicants have been advised to carefully refer to the previously issued notification and prospectus for eligibility criteria, required certificates and other admission-related instructions. Eligible candidates can complete the registration process through the .Key Deadline: Online registration and certificate upload will close at 6 PM on August 20, 2026.

Sangareddy Glows in Devotion as Women Celebrate Varalakshmi Vratham



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Homes across Sangareddy wore a festive and devotional look on Friday as women celebrated Varalakshmi Vratham with traditional fervour, offering special prayers to Goddess Lakshmi for the health, happiness, prosperity and well-being of their families. Varalakshmi Vratham is being observed on August 21 this year by many families following Telugu and other South Indian traditions. Women traditionally decorate the sacred kalasham or representation of Goddess

Lakshmi with a saree, flowers and jewellery and offer fruits, sweets and other naivedyam as part of the worship. Across households, the celebrations reflected both devotion and creativity, with beautifully decorated puja mandapams becoming the centre of attraction. Colourful flower garlands, traditional lamps, ornaments, new sarees and carefully arranged offerings added grandeur to the occasion. At the Sangareddy district headquarters, Smt Keerthi Mahesh Shetty performed Varalakshmi Vratham with devotion and made elaborate

rate arrangements for the auspicious occasion. The Goddess was beautifully adorned in a traditional saree, jewellery and vibrant flower garlands, while the puja area was decorated with lamps, floral arrangements and traditional motifs. The carefully arranged mandapam created an impressive devotional atmosphere. Keerthi Mahesh Shetty offered prayers to Goddess Varalakshmi, seeking health, prosperity, peace and happiness for her family and the well-being of all. The traditional decorations and festive arrange-

ments made the celebration a memorable one, reflecting how families continue to preserve the spiritual and cultural significance of Varalakshmi Vratham while passing these traditions to younger generations. Across Telangana and other parts of South India, women marked the occasion with special pujas, naivedyam, mangala harathi and the exchange of tandoor. Similar celebrations were reported in Telangana on Friday, with women praying for happiness, prosperity and family welfare.

FIR booked over alleged misuse of HMWSSB name and logo in Hyderabad

An FIR has been registered at the Madhapur Police Station in connection with an incident in which the name and logo of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) were allegedly used without authorisation for sludge and septage cleaning operations. A press release stated on Friday that a vehicle bearing registration number TG08V6294, belonging to AG Septic Tank Cleaner PVT. Ltd., was offering sludge and septage cleaning services while using the HMWSSB's identity. Water Board authorities said the use of the name and logo had the potential to mislead the public and brought the matter to the attention of the police. Based on the complaint, an FIR was subsequently booked at the Madhapur Police Station and further legal proceedings were initiated.

KTR questions Rahul Gandhi's silence over police action against students

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has questioned Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi's silence over the police action against protesting students in Telangana, accusing the Congress leadership of adopting "double standards" on student rights. Rama Rao said Rahul Gandhi had been delivering strong speeches in support of students protesting in Delhi, while students in Telangana were allegedly being subjected to lathi-charge, dragged away and forcibly removed by police. "Are constitutional rights meant only for students in Delhi and not for those in Telangana?" Rama Rao asked, questioning whether Rahul Gandhi would extend the



same support to Telangana students facing police action. In a statement, the BRS working president alleged that the Congress government in Telangana was using police force to suppress student protests. He said the use of force against students must be condemned irrespective of whether the incident occurred in Delhi or Telangana. Rama Rao also directly questioned Rahul Gandhi over whether he would stage a protest against the Telangana government and

demand accountability from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He accused the Congress leadership of selectively defending students based on political considerations. "Will you stage a dharna at Revanth Reddy's Jubilee Hills palace too?" he asked, alleging that Telangana students were being treated differently because the state government was headed by Congress. Rama Rao said Rahul Gandhi's support for student protests in Delhi would have credibility only if he also

spoke out against alleged police excesses in Telangana. He urged Rahul Gandhi to rise above party politics and demand action against those responsible for the alleged police crackdown. Otherwise, he warned, the public could view the Congress leader's support for students as hypocritical. The BRS leader maintained that students' constitutional rights should be protected uniformly across the country and that political affiliation should not determine whether police action against protesters is condemned. He called upon Rahul Gandhi to publicly condemn the alleged police action in Telangana and ask the Chief Minister to take appropriate action against those responsible.

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Zaheerabad Glows in Devotion with Varalakshmi Vratam

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Varalakshmi Vratam was celebrated with devotion and traditional fervour across Zaheerabad on Friday. At 14th Ward, Miss Bhavani performed a special Varalakshmi Puja, beautifully decorating the Goddess with a saree, jewellery, colourful flowers and garlands. The puja mandapam, illuminated with traditional lamps and festive decorations, created a devotional atmosphere. Bhavani prayed to Goddess Varalakshmi for health, happiness, prosperity and the well-being of all families.

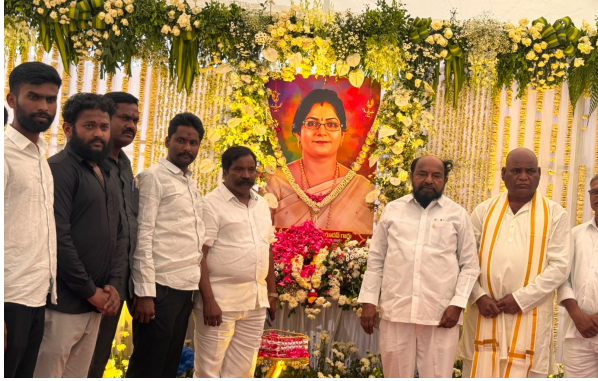


As part of the traditional celebrations, she also offered Vayanam to Muthaiduvulu (married women) and received their blessings.

Ragam Sujatha Yadav Remembered on 10th-Day Ceremony

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National BC president R. Krishnaiah and BC United Forum Telangana president Bheri Ramachander Yadav paid heartfelt tributes to late Ragam Sujatha Yadav during her 10th-day ceremony held at her residence in Vertex Kingston Park Villas, Nallagandla, Serilingampally. Speaking on the occasion, R. Krishnaiah said Sujatha Yadav's untimely demise was an irreparable loss to the women's



community and the BC movement. He recalled her as an active, capable and committed leader who worked tirelessly for public welfare. He said the BC community had lost a promising woman

leader and prayed for peace to her soul and strength to her family. Bheri Ramachander Yadav described Sujatha Yadav as a talented public servant and an inspiration to BC women. He

said her contributions to public service would remain alive in the memories of those she served and inspired. He expressed deep condolences to her husband, corporator Ragam Nagerud Yadav, and prayed that God grant him and the family strength to overcome the loss. Several BC leaders, community representatives, public representatives, political leaders, relatives, friends and well-wishers attended the ceremony and paid their respects to the departed soul.

Mahila Congress Leaders Celebrate Errabelli Swarna's Birthday with Varalakshmi Vratam Festivities



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana Pradesh Mahila Congress President Errabelli Swarna's birthday was celebrated with enthusiasm and traditional fervour on Friday, coinciding with the auspicious Varalakshmi Vratam celebrations. Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President Neelam Padma Venkat Swamy, along with Mahila Congress leaders from across Telangana, extended heartfelt birthday greetings to Errabelli Swarna on behalf of the organisation. The celebrations were marked by a cake-cutting ceremony, floral greetings and traditional festivities. As the occasion coincided with Varalakshmi Vratam, women also participated in special puja and offered prayers seeking prosperity, good health, happiness and continued success for Swarna. Speaking on the occasion, Neelam Padma conveyed her best wishes to the State Mahila Congress President and appreciated her efforts to strengthen the organisation

and encourage women to take an active role in public and political life. She said Mahila Congress leaders would continue working collectively to strengthen the organisation from the grassroots level and advance the cause of women's empowerment and greater representation. District presidents Neelam Padma, Karnati Parvathamma, Banka Sarala, R. Lakshmi, Badika Indira, Soujanya, Sri Jyothi and Usha Sree were among those who extended greetings. State Vice Presidents Suguna Reddy, Boyapalli Rekha and Shailaja, along with Nayini Rajitha, State General Secretaries, Secretaries, Block Presidents, Mandal Presidents, Town Presidents and several other Mahila Congress functionaries participated in the celebrations. The gathering reflected both a festive and devotional atmosphere, with the leaders extending their wishes for Errabelli Swarna's good health, happiness, long life and continued success in serving and empowering women.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central Felicitates 19 Senior Citizens

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud, the legendary warrior who rose from humble origins, laid the foundation for 'Bahujan Rajya' (people's rule) by challenging oppression and fighting for the rights of the underprivileged, said Jampana Pratap, former Vice-President of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board. Speaking as chief guest at a commemorative event organised by the



Gouda Sangam at Sarvai Papanna Jayanagar Square in Bowenpally on his 376th birth anniversary, Pratap paid rich tributes to the historic warrior by garlanding his statue. Recalling Papanna Goud's courage and military brilliance, Pra-

tap said he mobilised a revolutionary grassroots army and challenged powerful Mughal landlords. He highlighted Papanna's capture of strategically important forts, including Golconda, Bhuvanagiri and Warangal. Pratap urged the

younger generation to draw inspiration from Papanna Goud's struggle against injustice and his vision of social equality. Community leaders and Gouda Sangam members, including Krishna Goud, Srinivas Goud, Shyam Goud, Ajay Kumar Goud, Anand Goud, Teamku Goud, Shankaraiah Goud, Prabhakar Goud and Kalyan Goud, attended the celebrations and paid tributes to the historic leader.

BRS MLA Says Drought In NSP Ayacut Due To Congress, Not To Nino

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former minister and BRS MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy on Friday said the drought-like situation within the ayacut of Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) is not because of El Nino effect but has been intentionally created by the Congress government. Speaking to media at Nalgonda, Jagadish Reddy referred to the reported statement of Komatireddy

Venkat Reddy that water would not be released into the canals for irrigation purpose even after water level in NSP has reached the maximum storage capacity. The BRS MLA alleged that this reveals the Congress government's conspiracy to dissuade farmers from taking up cultivation of paddy, so that it can escape from its responsibility of procuring the rice crop and paying bonus for the fine variety paddy.

Jagadish Reddy Backs Polytechnic Students' Fight Against Shakti Scheme

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Students of Government Polytechnic College met former Minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy at his camp office and appealed for his support against what they described as injustice by the Congress government and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The students urged Jagadish Reddy to take up their concerns and ensure the immediate withdrawal of decisions announced under the 'Shakti Scheme'



by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Independence Day, stating that the measures were detrimental to Polytechnic students and their interests. Responding positively, Jagadish Reddy assured the

students that he would stand by them and support their fight for justice. He listened to their grievances and encouraged them to remain united and determined in pursuing their demands.

V. Srinivas Goud Backs Mayura India Workers, Demands Immediate Resolution

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Former Minister and Mayura Company BRTU President V. Srinivas Goud extended his full support to the workers of Mayura India Private Limited at Kompally, Hyderabad, who have launched a strike demanding the resolution of their legitimate grievances. Srinivas Goud demanded that the management immediately initiate discussions with the workers and address issues con-



cerning wage agreements, salary hikes and payment of bonuses. He also called for the reinstatement of workers who were dismissed for various reasons and urged the management to provide essential basic amenities at the workplace. He said industries could

prosper only through the hard work and dedication of workers and maintained that their rights and welfare should not be ignored. He urged the management to respect labour rights and create a healthy working environment. Recalling the efforts of the previous Telangana

government, Srinivas Goud said extensive infrastructure had been developed to promote industrial growth across the state. He stressed that industries must contribute to the creation of employment opportunities for local youth and urged companies to give priority to locals while making recruitment decisions. He further stated that labour laws enacted by the Central and State governments should primarily protect workers' interests. Governments and industrial managements, he

said, must implement policies that ensure worker welfare and prevent any infringement of labour rights. Srinivas Goud called upon the Mayura management to hold immediate talks with labour unions and resolve the workers' grievances amicably. He warned that if their legitimate demands continued to be neglected, the unions would announce their future course of action and intensify the agitation in support of the workers.

Govt Seizes Thousands of Diageo Liquor Bottles in Crackdown

Indian inspectors have seized around 18,000 boxes of Diageo liquor bottles for allegedly lacking markings to show they were made using safe recycled plastic, government sources said, in the latest blow to the world's largest spirits group. Diageo India confirmed the regulatory action, saying some of its bottles "have been quarantined by authorities until further direction". It said they were sourced from a recycler approved by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and mandatory tests were conducted by the suppliers. "Our products are completely safe for consumption ... We are engaging with FSSAI for further direction on this matter," Diageo India unit United Spirits told Reuters in a statement. FSSAI officials visited United Spirits' factory in Bengaluru last week where they were told that the Diageo India unit used recycled plastic bottles.

Shah: Tri-State Security Grid To Fortify ‘Chicken’s Neck’

NEW DELHI
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Union home minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Centre had set up a triangular security grid around the strategically vital Siliguri Corridor, popularly known as the “Chicken’s Neck”, and would build an administrative complex on an 80-acre plot in Siliguri to further strengthen security in the region. Shah said the security grid would operate from three bases — in West Bengal, Bihar and Assam — with enhanced surveillance, deployment and resources around the corridor, which connects the northeastern states with the rest of the country and lies close to multiple international borders. He made the announcement after launching several security infrastructure projects of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) at Rani-



danga in Siliguri. “The Narendra Modi government has recognised the importance of national security of the Siliguri Corridor very well,” Shah said. He said the Centre had strengthened its security presence in the area and periodically conducted exercises such as “Teesta Prahar”. Shah praised the SSB for guarding unfenced stretches of India's international borders and said the Centre was committed to making the strategically sensitive corridor more secure. He also attacked former chief minister Mamata Banerjee, alleging that her government had repeatedly failed to provide land required for border fencing and security

infrastructure. Shah said the Centre had faced difficulties in acquiring hundreds of acres for strengthening border security during the previous government. He thanked Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari for facilitating the transfer of land required by the BSF and SSB and said 1,129 acres had been made available. The home minister later attended an exhibition on the three new criminal laws and claimed that the rule of law had returned to the state after the BJP came to power. Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the Centre was taking comprehensive measures to strengthen security around the strategically important Siliguri Corridor, popularly known as the “Chicken’s Neck”. He said a triangular security grid had been established with bases in West Bengal, Bihar and Assam to

enhance surveillance and security deployment in and around the corridor. Shah announced that the Centre would also construct a new administrative complex on an 80-acre plot in Siliguri. The facility is expected to support security agencies and improve coordination in the strategically sensitive region. The Siliguri Corridor is a narrow stretch of land connecting the northeastern states with the rest of India. Its strategic importance is heightened by its proximity to the international borders with Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh. The Centre has therefore been focusing on strengthening infrastructure, surveillance and the deployment of security forces in the region. Shah made the announcement after inaugurating and launching several security infrastructure projects of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).

Recruitment Stir Sparks Scuffle in Ranchi



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A scuffle broke out between police and students protesting alleged irregularities in Jharkhand recruitment examinations in Ranchi on Friday, as the protesters attempted to burn effigies of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. Student leaders under the banner of the

JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch accused the state government of “deceiving” and “betraying” job aspirants after the High Court stayed some notifications cancelling appointments through the 11th and 13th JPSC examinations and the JSSC-CGL. "They gathered in large number at the prominent Albert Chowk to burn effigies of CM Soren and

Rahul Gandhi. When the police tried to control them, a scuffle broke out... JMM workers were also present at the spot," an official said. Similar scuffles were reported from Hazaribag and Giridih, where JMM workers clashed with students attempting to burn effigies of Soren. The student leaders alleged that neither the advocate general nor any senior advocate appeared before the High Court on Thursday to defend the government's decision to cancel the recruitment examinations. The protesters also alleged that the lawyers who were present did not make any submissions in defence of the government's stand.

Farakka Treaty Shouldn’t Be Renewed in Bihar’s Interest: JD-U’s Sanjay Jha

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

JD-U's working president Sanjay Jha on Friday said the Farakka Treaty with Bangladesh, the 30-year term of which ends in December, should not be renewed, alleging that it has done "great injustice" to Bihar over the last 30 years. In an interview with PTI Videos, Jha said the treaty, signed in 1996, adversely affected Bihar by contributing to silt accumulation upstream of the Ganga river and requiring 1,500 cusecs of water to be ensured at Farakka during the lean season, when only around 400 cusecs enter Bihar at Buxar. "The treaty should not be renewed," Jha said, adding that any future arrangement should take into account Bihar's requirements for industry, irrigation, agriculture and drinking water as well as its projected population in 2050. He alleged that Bihar's interests were "sacrificed" when the treaty was signed and criticised the then political leadership for not raising adequate objections. "I am not doing any politics



on this, but if you look at the old records of that time, some people were raising this issue that this Ganga water treaty with Bangladesh would be very harmful for Bihar," Jha said. "Look at the data of the last 30 years -- what was lost and what was gained -- and you will see how great an injustice has been done to Bihar," he added. Jha said a treaty of such importance should not simply continue for 30 years, without an assessment of its impact. "During the floods, Bihar suffered all the tragedies, and after the floods, the people of Bihar did not have water. Bihar's water was given to Bangladesh. This was the biggest thing about this treaty," he said. Jha also called for implementing the National Silt

Policy, saying desilting is necessary to improve the depth and flow of the Ganga. "The National Silt Policy should be rolled out and implemented on the ground as soon as possible," he said. The Farakka Barrage was built in 1975, while the treaty was signed in 1996. "I feel that this Ganga water treaty with Bangladesh is not in the country's interest. Since its time limit is also ending, if it ends on its own, it should not be renewed," the Janata Dal (United) leader said. He said the Farakka issue was also raised during a meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, which he attended along with Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary on Friday. Jha said the meeting

also discussed Bihar's concerns relating to floods and the construction of a high dam in Nepal. The Farakka issue was mentioned, though there was no detailed discussion on it, he added. Asked about the possibility of meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi with a delegation before December, Jha said the issue was already raised in Parliament and at the meeting and would be taken up on appropriate platforms. "As far as the prime minister is concerned, we all know that for Modiji, the country's interest is priority number one," he said. Jha also criticised Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's dharna at Delhi's Parliament Street police station over youngsters allegedly suffering pellet injuries in police action. He said the government has addressed the issue and the Supreme Court has constituted a committee to look into the matter. "Are they above the Supreme Court? No law or Constitution applies to them?" he asked, saying Gandhi and his supporters should wait for the outcome of the court-monitored process.

SC Trims Law Practice Requirement

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Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Friday reduced the mandatory legal practice requirement for candidates appearing for entry-level judicial service examinations from three years to one year, offering relief to young law graduates and lawyers aspiring to join the lower judiciary. A three-judge bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices A.G. Masih and K. Vinod Chandran delivered a 2:1 verdict while hearing review petitions challenging its May 2025 judgment that had prescribed three years of

legal practice for recruitment to the post of Civil Judge (Junior Division). The court said candidates appearing for judicial service examinations notified between May 25, 2025, and March 31, 2027, would be eligible irrespective of their prior legal practice experience. However, candidates selected during this transitional period will be appointed as trainee judicial officers for one year and will subsequently undergo a further one-year structured clerkship. For examinations notified on or after April 1, 2027, candidates will be required to have at least one year of prior legal prac-

tice. The Supreme Court maintained that exposure to the legal profession remains important for candidates entering the judicial service. However, it observed that the earlier three-year practice requirement had caused hardship to fresh law graduates and young lawyers, particularly because the requirement was introduced without providing an adequate transitional arrangement. The ruling modifies the court's May 2025 decision, under which fresh law graduates had been barred from appearing for entry-level judicial service examinations unless they completed at least three

years of legal practice. The latest verdict provides a phased framework that seeks to balance the need for practical legal experience with the concerns of young candidates seeking entry into the judiciary. The transitional training and clerkship requirements are intended to provide selected candidates with practical exposure before they take on full judicial responsibilities. The decision is expected to benefit thousands of law graduates and aspiring judicial officers who had faced uncertainty following the earlier three-year practice mandate.

Raut Accuses Shah Of Undermining Maharashtra’s Cooperative Sector

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut has accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of trying to dismantle Maharashtra's cooperative movement and its network of cooperative banks. The National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) took over the Apex Urban Cooperative Bank premises in Mumbai to benefit a Gujarat bank, bypassing local stakeholders, he al-

leged. In a letter written to Shah, who is also a Union Cooperation Minister, Raut claimed that the property of the Apex Urban Cooperative Bank of Maharashtra and Goa was handed over to the NUCFDC without the consent or consultation of the bank's members. Raut questioned the inauguration of the NUCFDC office in Mumbai on August 8, claiming that the premises had long been occupied by the Apex Urban Cooperative Bank, which was established

with contributions from cooperative institutions and urban cooperative banks in Maharashtra. "This bank was established by various types of cooperative societies in Maharashtra — particularly urban cooperative banks — pooling share capital from their own funds. These urban cooperative banks and cooperative societies are members of this apex bank and hold full authority over it; yet, you have effectively nullified that authority," he said. The Sena UBT leader

said that the Apex Bank has been under liquidation for years and that its members are awaiting the distribution of its remaining assets. Raut also referred to pending recovery claims involving Madhavpura Mercantile Cooperative Bank. "Information from the website indicates that the Apex Bank is owed a substantial sum by the Madhavpura bank in Ahmedabad and a recovery suit regarding this is currently pending before the Supreme Court.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Rahul's 7-hour.....

Delhi Congress chief Devender Yadav and members of the Indian Youth Congress and the NSUI also arrived, leading to a heavy rush in the area. Security was strengthened with the deployment of police and Rapid Action Force personnel. The protest ended nearly seven hours later when police informed Gandhi that an FIR had been registered against unknown persons under Sections 118 and 125 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The provisions deal with voluntarily causing hurt or grievous hurt using dangerous weapons or means and acts endangering the life or personal safety of others. Emerging from the police station in the evening, Gandhi said the

delay raised questions about the functioning of the justice system. "We arrived here at around 11.30 am. It is now almost 7 pm, and only then has the FIR been registered," he said. "This is the first step towards justice. An FIR has been registered. Look at how long it took," Gandhi said, pointing out that nearly a month had passed since Lochab was injured. Gandhi said pellets remained lodged in Lochab's body, including three in his eye and several near his heart, and claimed that the youth had lost vision in one eye. "This is a police station right in the heart of New Delhi, and justice is not being delivered here. Now imagine what happens at a police station in a village or a small town," he said. Lochab said Gandhi's intervention

had been crucial in getting his complaint registered. "It took eight hours to register the FIR, and perhaps it wouldn't have been registered at all if the LoP hadn't supported me," he said.

Trump Calls.....

Earlier, Trump shared an AI-generated image on his Truth Social platform depicting the strategic waterway as "NEW U.S. Territory", while continuing to assert that the United States had control over the region. Iran rejected Trump's claims, with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi saying the US President's assertions over the Strait of Hormuz would be "corrected" either by circumstances or by Iran. "Just as Trump correctly

wrote the name of the eternal Persian Gulf, soon his delusion regarding the Strait of Hormuz will either be corrected or we will correct the delusions of this deluded man," Gharibabadi said in a post on X. Iran's Supreme National Security Council head Mohsen Rezaei also criticised Trump's remarks, saying, "The gap between America's inability to reopen the Strait of Hormuz and its claim to own it is greater than the 7,000-mile distance between Washington and the Strait itself. Welcome to the post-American order in the Persian Gulf," according to his post on X. Trump had recently announced what he called the "most crushing economic operation ever taken" against Iran and warned countries providing financial, business or

government support to Tehran of "tremendous economic consequences."

US, Canada Push.....

US tariffs will likely be reduced in certain areas, but not removed entirely, with Saskatchewan's conservative Premier Scott Moe telling reporters there's no going back to the pre-Trump "status quo." Ryan Majerus, a trade lawyer at King & Spalding, told AFP that Washington's apparent willingness to reduce the sector-specific tariffs "dramatically increases the potential of a deal." "I think both sides want an off-ramp here," Majerus said, while noting that Ottawa was "under tremendous pressure" to get tariffs removed and the public may be unhappy with the outcome. Ca-

nada's opposition Conservative Party was already on the offensive Friday, with its leader Pierre Poilievre saying "one-sided tariffs on Canadian industry would be a bad deal." "Tell me how the Canadian company is supposed to compete against an American company when only our guy pays the tariff," Poilievre said. - Booze ban - Canada's regional leaders said the United States has been particularly irritated by one retaliatory measure: the removal of US alcohol and wine from liquor stores. Carney on Wednesday asked the provinces to restock US booze. Some publicly agreed, but others voiced hesitance. Quebec Premier Christine Frechette said she wanted to study the deal before agreeing.

CRIME

Hyderabad CGST uncovers illegal pan masala unit with Rs 160 crore tax evasion

HYDERABAD
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The Hyderabad CGST Zone has busted a clandestine pan masala and tobacco manufacturing unit operating from a tinshed facility on the outskirts of Hyderabad in Medchal-Malkajgiri district, detecting estimated tax and cess evasion of about Rs 160 crore. Acting on specific intelligence, CGST officials conducted a search at the premises on August 20 and detected 40 undeclared FFS (Form-Fill-Seal) pouch-packing machines used for manufacturing and packing pan masala and tobacco products, including scented ‘zarda’. Around 56 workers were found engaged in manufacturing and packing activ-



ities when the premises were searched. Officials seized around 5,500 kg of finished pan masala and tobacco pouches, including ready-to-dispatch consignments valued at Rs 76 lakh. The seized material also included about 2,015 kg of pan masala mixture and 810 kg of tobacco, besides packing material and other incriminating documents. Two vehicles allegedly used for transporting the illicit goods were also seized.

According to the Hyderabad CGST Zone, the unit was operating clandestinely without registration and was clearing finished products without payment of applicable GST, Health Security and National Security (HSNS) Cess and Central Excise duty. The key person allegedly organising and managing the clandestine manufacture and clearance was arrested on August 21. He was produced before the Special Judge for Economic

Offences, Hyderabad, who remanded him to judicial custody for 14 days. Based on the stock physically verified, the machinery and manpower deployed, and statements recorded during the investigation, officials estimated the total duty and cess evasion at approximately Rs 160 crore. A capacity-based cess and taxation regime for the pan masala and tobacco sector has been in force since February 1, 2026. Under the Health Security and National Security (HSNS) Cess Act, 2025, a capacity-based monthly cess is applicable to pan masala based on the number, type and capacity of packing machines installed.

Hyderabad Task Force arrests four for illegal sale of bodybuilding injections

HYDERABAD
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The Task Force (Golconda unit) and Goshamahal Police arrested four persons for allegedly illegally procuring, supplying, selling and consuming Mephentermine Sulphate injections used for bodybuilding on Friday. The arrested were Gowtham Singh, R Abhilash, Siddesh Aundekar and Daksh Upadhyay. Police said Gowtham allegedly procured the in-



jections from a supplier in Meerut in Uttar Pradesh at Rs 160 per vial and sold them for Rs 900 each with the help of Abhilash. The four were caught at Begum Bazar while allegedly attempting to sell the

injections to customers. Police seized 50 vials, insulin injections, empty vials, mobile phones, all valued at Rs 1.85 lakh. The Goshamahal Police are investigating.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

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

Unidentified Man Dies While Undergoing Treatment at Gandhi Hospital

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An unidentified man, aged around 35 years, who was found lying unconscious beside Hafeezpet Road near Genpact on August 19 at around 1:18 pm, has died while undergoing treatment. Police shifted the man to Gandhi Hospital for medical treatment. He passed away on August 21 at around 7:20 am, according to police. At the time he was



found, the man was wearing a white shirt and black trousers. Police are working to establish his identity and have requested anyone with information about the deceased to contact the concerned police station.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

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

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

Madhapur Accident: Police May Arrest Driver if Further Evidence Warrants

HYDERABAD
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Madhapur Police clarified that L. Sanjush (21), allegedly involved in the fatal accident that killed Bharati Mukhi (26), was not arrested initially as circumstances did not warrant it.



The accident occurred on August 16 near Inorbit Mall, Madhapur, when a car allegedly hit Bharati while she was crossing the road. She suffered se-

vere head injuries and was declared dead at Apollo Hospital, Jubilee Hills. Police identified Sanjush as the driver and detained

him. Preliminary alcohol and drug tests were negative. His blood samples were sent to the FSL, while the vehicle was sent for Motor Vehicle Inspector inspection. The report is awaited. DCP Kukatpally Ritiraj said that as the alleged offence carries a punishment of less than seven years, police assessed the need for arrest as per Supreme Court guidelines. Sanjush was instead issued a notice

under Section 35 of the BNSS to cooperate with the investigation. The DCP denied allegations of favouring the accused, stating that the decision was based on legal requirements and evidence available at the time. Police said the MVI report, autopsy report and other evidence will be examined, and further action, including arrest, will be taken if warranted.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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



European businesses keen to work with India after FTA, says Finland official

NEW DELHI
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The India-European Union Free Trade Agreement (FTA) is expected to create new opportunities for businesses and strengthen commercial cooperation between India and European countries, Trade Counsellor at the Embassy of Finland Antti Herlevi said on Friday. Herlevi said European businesses are keen to deepen their engagement with Indian companies following the signing of the agreement. He described the current period as significant for India-Europe economic relations, while expressing hope that the remaining practical arrangements would be completed soon. “This year is very important. As you know, the FTA has been signed, and Europeans are very much



looking forward to working with India and Indian companies. There is a lot of excitement, and we hope that all the practicalities will be worked out soon,” Herlevi said. He added that businesses on both sides are looking forward to the agreement becoming operational, which could provide greater opportunities to expand trade, investment and commercial partnerships. Herlevi also highlighted the potential for stronger India-Finland cooperation in the field of the circular

economy. According to him, India could benefit from Finland’s extensive experience in developing circular economy models focused on reducing resource consumption, improving product design and strengthening recycling systems. Finland and other European countries have a long tradition of adopting circular economy principles, with businesses increasingly moving away from traditional linear production systems towards models that emphasise reuse, recycling and

efficient resource utilisation. Herlevi said reducing material consumption could have a positive impact throughout the entire value chain. Using fewer raw materials would not only reduce waste but also lower energy and water consumption. It could further reduce dependence on virgin materials, whose extraction and processing are often energy-intensive and associated with high carbon emissions. “Simply put, we should use fewer materials and recycle as much as possible. That can be a major game changer,” he said. He stressed that the shift towards a circular economy should begin much earlier than the recycling stage, particularly during product development and design. Companies, he said, need to create products that require minimal

material, remain useful for longer periods and can be easily dismantled and recycled at the end of their lifecycle. “It starts with upstream solutions,” Herlevi said, emphasising that better planning and design from the outset would be crucial for developing products compatible with circular economy principles. The India-EU FTA, coupled with greater cooperation in sustainable technologies and resource efficiency, could therefore provide businesses with opportunities to build stronger and more sustainable commercial partnerships. For India, Finland’s expertise in circular business models could support efforts to improve resource efficiency while creating new avenues for innovation and collaboration.

Hebha Patel Launches Redmi Note 17 5G at Sathya Agencies

HYDERABAD
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Actress Hebha Patel grand-launched the Redmi Note 17 5G smartphone at Sathya Agencies in Ameerpet, Hyderabad, marking the device’s arrival in the Indian market. Xiaomi’s Redmi has introduced the new smartphone with a focus on display quality, battery life and everyday performance. Speaking on the occasion, Sudeep Nallacheru said the Redmi Note 17 5G is available in multiple configurations, with prices starting at ₹27,999. Customers using SBI, Axis Bank or Kotak credit cards can avail an instant discount of up to ₹3,000 as part of the introductory offer. The smartphone features a 6.9-inch Full HD+ TrueColor AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate and up to 1,800 nits peak brightness. It runs on Hy-



perOS 3 based on Android 16 and is promised four years of operating system updates and six years of security updates. Powered by the Snapdragon 4 Gen 4 processor, the device offers up to 8GB RAM and expandable storage support through microSD. It also carries an IP65 rating for dust and water resistance and an enhanced cooling system. Photography is handled by a 50MP primary rear camera, while an 8MP front camera supports selfies and video

calls. The major highlight is its 8,000mAh battery with 45W fast charging. Redmi claims the battery can deliver up to two and a half days of usage, while 22.5W reverse charging allows users to power compatible devices. The Redmi Note 17 5G combines a large AMOLED display, powerful battery and modern software features, targeting consumers seeking a feature-rich smartphone for everyday use.

Sub-₹100 Monsoon Snacks Blend Convenience, Comfort and Everyday Affordability

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As monsoon cravings take hold, consumers are increasingly turning to quick, comforting snacks that fit easily into their daily routines without putting pressure on their budgets. This season, Godrej Yummiez is making everyday snacking more accessible with frozen favourites available on Swiggy for under ₹100 across India. The range includes

Chicken Nuggets at ₹99, Cheese Corn Nuggets at ₹89 and Potato Bites at ₹89, offering convenient options that can be prepared within minutes. The products are suited to a variety of occasions, from work-from-home breaks and office snacking to evening chai-time and relaxed movie nights. While convenience and affordability remain key drivers, mood is also influencing snacking habits. According to the Godrej Yummiez



STTEM Report 2.0, 72% of Indians say their frozen snacking choices are influenced by their mood, while 60% turn to snacks when they want to uplift themselves. The findings highlight how snacking is increasingly becoming

part of everyday moments of comfort and indulgence. Smaller, affordable packs are also helping make frozen snacks more approachable, particularly for consumers looking to explore the category without com-

mitting to larger packs. For existing consumers, sub-₹100 options provide an easy choice for spontaneous cravings at home, during busy workdays or while unwinding. The range caters to different monsoon moods. Chicken Nuggets at ₹99 offer easy-to-prepare bites for busy days and between-meal cravings. Cheese Corn Nuggets at ₹89 combine a crispy texture with a cheesy centre, making them a suitable accompaniment

to evening tea. Potato Bites at ₹89 offer a crunchy, comforting option for casual snacking and OTT viewing. Beyond frozen snacks, the wider sub-₹100 food segment on Swiggy also features accessible options such as noodles, soups and pasta, reflecting the growing importance of affordability in everyday food choices. Actual selling prices may vary by location based on promotional offers available on the platform.

Rupee settles flat at 95.71 against US dollar as geopolitical tensions weigh

NEW DELHI
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The rupee pared initial gains and settled on a flat note, higher by just 3 paise at 95.71 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, as the support from a weak dollar was negated by continued geopolitical tensions. Forex traders said the Indian rupee traded flat to positive on a weak dollar and a positive tone in the domestic markets. However, the rupee pared initial gains as geopolitical tensions continue to simmer. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.69, then touched an intraday high of 95.65 and a low of 95.75 and finally settled for the day at 95.71 (provisional) against the greenback, higher by 3 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee pared initial gains and settled for the day down 1 paisa at 95.74 against the U.S. dollar. “We expect the rupee to trade with a slight negative bias as geopolitical

tensions between the US and Iran continue amid talks of crushing economic sanctions against Iran by the US administration. “Elevated crude oil prices may also pressurise the rupee. However, a falling US dollar amid diminishing rate hike expectations may support the rupee at lower levels. Traders may take cues from services PMI data from the US,” said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan. According to Choudhary, USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 95.50 to 96. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading lower by 0.25 per cent at 98.65. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading lower by 0.42 per cent at USD 93.39 per barrel in futures trade, as the geopolitical situation in the Middle East remains tense, with fresh warnings from US President Donald Trump to countries supporting Iran.

Malabar Gold & Diamonds Reopens Renewed Somajiguda Showroom

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Malabar Gold & Diamonds, one of the world’s leading jewellery retailers, has unveiled its renewed showroom at Somajiguda, reinforcing its presence in Hyderabad’s established jewellery market. The revamped outlet, themed ‘Somajiguda Grandeur than Ever – A Landmark Reimagined’, offers customers a contemporary shopping experience with an extensive portfolio across gold, diamond, platinum, gemstone and silver jewellery. The renewed showroom was inaugurated by acclaimed actor Srinidhi Shetty, Danam Nagendar, MLA of Khairatabad, along with Asher O, Managing Director – India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, and Siraj P K, Head – Retail Operations, Rest of India. The event was attended by Shareej K, Zonal Head – Hyderabad, Shanib K, Zonal Head – Rest of Telangana, Muhammed Ali Rejai A, Showroom Head – Somajiguda, management representatives, customers and distinguished



guests. Designed around changing consumer preferences, the showroom brings together traditional craftsmanship and contemporary styling across bridal, festive, traditional, modern and everyday-wear collections. It features a wide range of lightweight jewellery aimed at consumers seeking versatile designs suitable for daily use and modern occasions. The renewed outlet also caters to younger shoppers, including Gen Z consumers, with contemporary designs combining comfort, versatility and current fashion trends while retaining Malabar Gold & Diamonds’ emphasis on craftsmanship and quality.

The refreshed retail space provides customers with a wider selection and personalised service under one roof. The diverse portfolio is designed to meet the preferences of different generations and occasions, strengthening the brand’s customer-first approach in Hyderabad. As part of the reopening, customers can avail themselves of up to 25% off on value addition on gemstone and uncut jewellery until September 14, 2026. M. P. Ahammad, Chairman, Malabar Group, said Hyderabad remains an important market for the brand, with customers balancing cultural affinity for jewellery with an increasing preference for contemporary designs. He said the renewed Somaji-

guda showroom reflects the company’s commitment to enhancing retail experiences and offering relevant collections while maintaining trust, transparency and responsible business practices. The showroom will continue to uphold the brand’s Malabar Promises, including transparent pricing, detailed product disclosure, lifetime maintenance support, assured buyback, 100% HUID-hallmarked gold jewellery, certified diamonds, one-year complimentary insurance and fair-value exchange. The reopening further strengthens Malabar Gold & Diamonds’ retail footprint in Hyderabad and its focus on building lasting customer relationships

Meesho expects over 10 lakh seasonal jobs during festive season

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E-commerce marketplace Meesho expects to create over 10 lakh seasonal job opportunities across its seller and logistics ecosystem to meet the surge in demand during the upcoming festive season. The projected employment generation includes approximately 6.5 lakh jobs across its seller network and about 3.75 lakh roles across its logistics operations. “The festive season is an important period for businesses across our ecosystem to scale up and prepare for increased demand. “This year, we expect to enable over 10 lakh seasonal job opportunities. ... Nearly 1.3 lakh sellers are expected to hire seasonal workers across packaging, manufacturing, production, warehousing and inventory management, as they build inventory,

launch new products and expand their festive collections,” Meesho said in a statement on Friday. In the logistics sector, Meesho’s own logistics platform, Valmo, along with its third-party logistics (3PL) partners, will scale up capacity. The seasonal roles in this segment will span delivery, sortation, delivery centre operations and supervisory functions. “The festive season continues to create meaningful economic opportunities across the ecosystem, enabling sellers and logistics partners to grow their businesses while creating jobs across India,” Meesho said. The announcement comes as major e-commerce players in India gear up for their annual festive sales, which typically account for a significant portion of their yearly volumes.

Lumino Industries to launch Rs 700 cr IPO on Aug 27

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Lumino Industries Ltd will launch its Rs 700 crore Initial Public Offering (IPO) on August 27, with the company looking to use the fresh issue proceeds to pare debt, buy equipment and machinery, and upgrade an existing manufacturing facility. The price band has been fixed at Rs 78-82 per share, valuing the company at around Rs 2,500 crore at the higher end. The IPO comprises a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to Rs 500 crore and an Offer For Sale (OFS) of shares

aggregating up to Rs 200 crore, according to a public announcement on Friday. The bidding will close on August 31, while the anchor investor bidding will take place on August 25. Proceeds from the fresh issue will be used for payment of debt, purchase of equipment and machinery, civil works and interior development of an existing manufacturing facility; and general corporate purposes. Lumino Industries Ltd is a product-centric, integrated Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) company in India, special-

Harshita Gaur Recalls Allu Arjun's Praise for Mirzapur

Actress Harshita Gaur has recalled a memorable interaction with Telugu superstar Allu Arjun during her journey with the popular crime series Mirzapur. In an exclusive interview with IANS, the actress revealed that she met Allu Arjun several years ago and was pleasantly surprised when he praised the show. Speaking about the overwhelming response she has received for Mirzapur, Harshita said fan reactions continue to pour in. She then recalled her meeting with Allu Arjun, saying she had not expected the actor to speak so highly about the series. "A long time ago, I happened to meet Mr. Allu Arjun. He praised this show so much. I wasn't expecting that," Harshita said. The actress added that Allu Arjun's reaction gave her a valuable perspective and



remained a memorable moment for her. She said his appreciation of the series was particularly special because she had not anticipated such a response. Harshita Gaur portrayed Dimpy Pandit in Mirzapur, a role that brought her widespread recognition and became one of the most identifiable performances of her career. While the popularity of Dimpy has helped establish her strongly among audiences, the actress

admitted that the character has also overshadowed some of her other work. "Yes, it has overshadowed them. Dimpi has become so big. Unless something else comes along, I don't have any problem with it. I am happy," she said. Looking back at her career, Harshita said she has experienced considerable personal and professional growth despite having worked comparatively less over the years. She cred-

ited her experiences and opportunities to collaborate with talented people for shaping her as an actor. "A lot. Although I have worked comparatively less, I feel that my personal growth and growth as an actor have increased tremendously over the years," she said. Harshita is now preparing for the release of Mirzapur: The Movie, directed by Gurmeet Singh and written by Puneet Krishna. The film features Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyenndu, Jitendra Kumar and Ravi Kishan in key roles. Based on the hit 2018 streaming series, the crime thriller is scheduled to release in theatres on September 4, 2026. The film is expected to take the popular Mirzapur story and its much-loved characters to the big screen.

Rajinikanth's Jailer 2 drops first single 'Ala Bolelo'



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The makers of director Nelson Dilipkumar's eagerly awaited action entertainer 'Jailer 2', featuring Superstar Rajinikanth in the lead, on Friday released the first single from the film 'Ala Bolelo', much to the delight of fans and film buffs. Sun Pictures, which is producing the film, took to its social media timelines to share the link the lyrical video of the first single. It wrote, "Ala bolelo, Jilla bolelo, Jithala bolelo, Jinthakka bolelo! #Ala-Bolelo fever begins, Lyric Video is out now! #Jailer2." The song is a foot tapping number that has been set to tune by music director Anirudh. Interestingly, Anirudh him-

self delivers the song, the lyrics of which have been penned by director Arunraja Kamaraj. But more than the music or the lyrics, it is the outstanding choreography of Jani Master which garners attention and takes centre stage. The graceful dance performance of actress Shamna Kasim, whose moves seem to be in perfect synchronisation with the moves of the accompanying dancers, is a treat to watch. The dance performance accompanying the song is likely to win as much appreciation as the song itself. It may be recalled that only a day ago, actress Shamna Kasim had said that she was overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude at having been a part of director

Nelson Dilipkumar's 'Jailer 2'. Taking to her Instagram page to pen a post of gratitude, the actress had said, "I am truly overwhelmed with happiness and gratitude to be a part of the prestigious film Jailer 2!" She went on to add, "My heartfelt thanks to Superstar Rajinikanth Sir, Nelson Dilipkumar Sir, Anirudh Ravichander Sir, Jani Master, and the entire Jailer 2 team for giving me this incredible opportunity. I thank God for turning this unforgettable dream into reality. Feeling truly honoured, grateful, and blessed! #Jailer2 #Superstar-Rajinikanth #Nelson-Dilipkumar #Anirudh #sunpictures." For the unaware, the film is slated to hit screens worldwide on October 15 this year.

Suhas Preetham Mylari Wins Telangana's Second Gold at Junior Nationals

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Telangana swimming star Suhas Preetham Mylari delivered a brilliant performance at the 52nd Junior National Aquatic Championship 2026, winning the gold medal in the Men's 50m Backstroke and securing Telangana's second gold medal at the championship. Suhas clocked an impressive 26.95 seconds to finish first in the final. Karnataka's Aryan Abhijit Patil secured silver with a timing of 27.54 seconds, while Aman Abhijit Sunagan, also from Karnataka, claimed bronze in 27.57 seconds. The victory marks another significant achievement for Suhas, who has been steadily emerging as one of Telangana's promising young swimmers. His performance at the national championship reflects his consistency, competitive ability and growing stature in Indian junior swimming.



Suhas has been undergoing training at Gachibowli Stadium under the Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG). He is being coached by Ayush Yadav, Swim Coach, Sports Authority of Telangana, whose guidance and training have contributed to the swimmer's continued development. The gold medal also highlights the progress being made in high-performance swimming in Telangana and the efforts of athletes, coaches and support teams working to

strengthen the state's presence at national-level competitions. The Sports Authority of Telangana and Telangana Swimming Association congratulated Suhas Preetham Mylari, Coach Ayush Yadav and the entire support team on the outstanding achievement. The result is expected to further boost Suhas's confidence as he continues his journey in competitive swimming and aims for greater success at national and international levels.

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

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India's hopes of reaching the semi-finals of the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026 suffered a major setback after defending champions Netherlands defeated them 2-0 in their opening second-stage Pool E match at the Wagener Stadium in Amstelveen on Friday. Yibbi Jansen and Frederique Matla scored for the Netherlands, who dominated large periods of the contest and confirmed their place in the semi-finals with the victory. The result lifted the Dutch to six points, while India remained on one point, carried forward from their first-stage draw against China. The Netherlands needed just 81 seconds to take the lead. Their aggressive full-court press earned an early penalty corner, which Jansen converted with a powerful strike past



goalkeeper Bichu Devi. The hosts continued to threaten, but Bichu produced several fine saves to keep India within touching distance. India gradually settled into the game and created their first circle entry in the ninth minute. Salima Tete registered India's first shot soon after, but her effort sailed over the post. The Netherlands came close to doubling their advantage when

another penalty-corner effort struck the post. Savita took over in goal at the beginning of the second quarter and made several important interventions. India earned their first penalty corner in the 19th minute, but Deepika's flick was blocked. Navneet Kaur also came close, sending an effort narrowly over the crossbar. The Netherlands intensified their pressure

after the interval. India defended strongly, with Salima making an excellent block from a penalty corner. However, the Dutch finally doubled their advantage in the 38th minute when Matla's penalty-corner effort found its way through the Indian defence to make it 2-0. India pushed forward in the final quarter but struggled to break through the Dutch defence. Navneet came

closest to scoring in the 59th minute, only for goalkeeper Anne Veenendaal to make a brave save. The Netherlands comfortably held on to secure victory. India must now beat Australia in their final Pool E match and hope the Netherlands defeat China to keep their semi-final hopes alive. China currently have two points, while Australia and India have one point each.

R Upender Reddy assumes charge as MD of Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited

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R Upender Reddy assumed charge as the new managing director of Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL) on Friday. Later, R Upender Reddy held a review meeting with senior officials and officers of HGCL and reviewed ongoing activities, projects and key issues concerning the functioning of the organisation. He directed officials to ensure effective implementation and timely completion of the projects entrusted to HGCL. He also visited various project sites and inspected ongoing works, emphasising quality, timely execution and effective coordination among the concerned agencies to ensure speedy progress of the infrastructure works.

TIMS Sanathnagar OP Services Begin, Inpatient Care to Start Soon

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Out-patient (OP) services at the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Sanathnagar, have commenced, providing residents of neighbouring localities with easier access to medical care. OP registrations are being accepted daily from 8 am to noon, while doctors are attending to registered patients until 2 pm. However, in-patient (IP) and emergency services have not yet commenced as works and preparatory procedures are still underway at the facility. According to a highly placed source, in-patient services are likely to begin in another two weeks. The opening of TIMS Sanathnagar has brought considerable relief to residents who previously had to travel to major government hospitals such as Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) and Osmania General Hospital



for medical consultations. "Earlier, I used to go to the NIMS or Osmania Hospital. With the opening of TIMS, it is convenient for us to come here and get ourselves checked," a patient said, highlighting the benefit of having a major healthcare facility closer to residential areas. Another patient from Bharatnagar said doctors at the hospital were providing good services and appreciated the facility's accessibility. Residents said the hospital would significantly reduce the need to travel long distances for routine medical consultations. However, some patients were reportedly unaware of the OP registration timings. A patient who arrived from Kukatpally along with friends had to return after learning that tokens were being issued only until noon. Patients suggested that clearer communication regarding registration timings would help avoid inconvenience, particularly for those travelling from distant areas. While the infrastructure and other arrangements for starting in-patient services are reportedly in place, the operation theatres are currently undergoing sanitation and sterilisation procedures. The process is being carried out before the theatres are opened for surgeries and other procedures. The source said the operation theatres would have to record three consecutive negative reports confirming the absence of germs before they could be put into use. The sterilisation process was initiated after the hospital's inauguration, considering the large gathering and

heavy footfall witnessed during the event. Although the operation theatres were expected to complete the sterilisation process by Friday, officials are likely to take additional time to ensure that all required safety standards are met. The three consecutive negative reports are mandatory before surgical and other in-patient procedures can begin. Once the process is completed and the required clearances are obtained, TIMS Sanathnagar is expected to expand its services to include in-patient treatment and emergency care. For now, residents can avail themselves of OP consultations by registering between 8 am and noon, with doctors available to attend to registered patients until 2 pm. The commencement of full-fledged services is expected to further strengthen healthcare access for people living in Sanathnagar, Bharatnagar.

Revanth Reddy invites Oxford University to set up centre in Hyderabad

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has invited Oxford University to bring its executive education programmes and specialised research capabilities to Hyderabad and establish a centre in the city. As part of the Telangana Rising delegation's visit to the United Kingdom, Revanth Reddy visited the nearly 900-year-old Oxford University on Friday and held discussions with Professor Maya Tudor of the Blavatnik School of Government and Professor Faisal Devji of Balliol College. K Ramakrishna Rao, Advisor and Ex-officio Special Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister's Office, made a detailed presentation on opportunities available to foreign universities under the Centre's National Education Policy. He highlighted



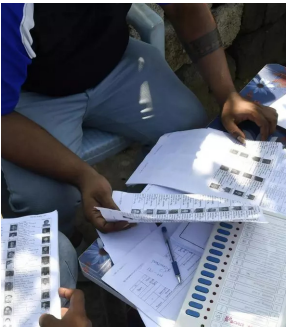
Hyderabad and Telangana's advantages as a destination for global academic institutions, including the State's growing technology, innovation and research ecosystem. The Oxford professors responded positively to the Telangana government's proposals and indicated several possible avenues for collaboration in education, research and executive learning. The delegation also invited Oxford University representatives to participate in the Telangana Rising Global Summit, scheduled to be held in Hyderabad on December 7, 8 and 9, 2026. During the visit, Revanth

Reddy also paid tribute to former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi at Somerville College, where she was an alumna. He visited her portrait, which was gifted to the college by Sonia Gandhi in 2002. Later, the Chief Minister visited the Utilita Bowl, operated by the GMR Group, along with GMR Group Corporate Chairman Kiran Kumar Grandhi. The integrated sporting facility features a golf course, other sports infrastructure and a hotel. The visit is expected to strengthen Telangana's efforts to attract global universities and build international partnerships in education, research and innovation.

Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Roll Underway ; Claims and Objections Open

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The claims and objections period for the additions and deletions to the electoral roll under the special intensive revision (SIR) process that commenced on August 17 will end on September 16. The Hyderabad District Election Authority stated that applications can be submitted to the local electoral registration officer, assistant



electoral registration officer or the booth level officer (BLO) or submitted online through the ECI voters' services portal and ECINET mobile app. Citizens can

apply for enrollment as new electors through Form 6, for addition by Overseas Indian through Form 6A, file objections/deletion requests through Form 7 and request shifting of residence, corrections, replacement of Electronic Electoral Photo Identity Card (EPIC) and PWD marking through Form 8. The final electoral roll will be published on October 19.

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The State BJP on Friday hit back at the Telangana Congress over the Centre's decision to deny political clearance for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's proposed US visit, saying there was no political motive behind it. BJP State president N Ramchander Rao asked the Congress to stop politicising the issue. Speaking to the media,

he said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) had withheld political clearance for the Chief Minister's US visit after considering the relevant factors. He maintained that there was no political intention behind the decision. Rao pointed out that the Union government had already granted permission to the Chief Minister's delegation to hold meetings related to investments and agree-



ments. He said the MEA examines several factors when Chief Ministers or ministers plan foreign visits. These include the official necessity of the visit, the background of the inviting organisation,

international protocol, diplomatic considerations, security arrangements and FCRA regulations. "During the UPA government in 2012, the Centre rejected the foreign trips of then Assam Congress Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi and then Jharkhand BJP Chief Minister Arjun Munda," Rao said. He also recalled that Congress MPs and leaders had written letters seeking to pre-

vent Narendra Modi, who was then Gujarat Chief Minister, from obtaining a US visa. Rao warned the Congress against politicising the issue. He said the Centre had not created any hurdles when Revanth Reddy travelled abroad in the past. He maintained that the latest decision was taken strictly in accordance with regulations and procedural norms.



Dr. RS Praveen Kumar, State General Secretary of BRS, met with students from the Masab Tank Polytechnic Hostel, listened to their grievances, and extended his support to their protest against G.O. No. 97.

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Govt Urges Farmers to Use Groundwater Sparingly

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After saying that just around seven lakh acres of agricultural land – of the 30-lakh odd acres that are under various projects — can be provided with irrigation water this Kharif crop season, the state government has now turned its focus on the groundwater reserves which, according to it, do not present a satisfactory picture. On Friday, the government directed officials of various departments, including those from agriculture and panchayat raj, to educate farmers on careful and judicious use of groundwater for the rest of the crop season. With the requirement for water expected to increase in

September and October, the two months when the monsoon is expected to fail even more than what it already has this year so far, farmers must be discouraged from using automatic starter motors for their borewell pumps and extract more water than what is required. The officials were also directed by the government to prepare daily groundwater availability status reports that could be shared with farmers. The recent rain has not really contributed to the groundwater reserves, and even water levels in reservoirs are not very encouraging, the officials were told. Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, speaking at an inter-departmental meeting on preparedness.

BRS demands cancellation of PM Ekta Mall tender, seeks CBI and CAG probe

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BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan demanded cancellation of the ongoing tender process for the proposed PM Ekta Mall in Hyderabad and sought a probe by the CBI, Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) and Lokpal into alleged irregularities in the project. He also challenged the Revanth Reddy government to a debate on the issue in the Assembly and the Council. He said BRS was ready to place all documents and evidence before the legislature. He said the Centre had already sought a comprehensive report from the State government following BRS working pres-



ident KT Rama Rao's letter regarding the project. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here on Friday, Sravan said the Congress government had altered the original project, which was proposed to promote traditional artisans, into a major real estate venture benefiting private developers. He stated that the project approved during the previous BRS government was limited to six floors with a built-up area of 2.12 lakh sq ft and an es-

timated cost of Rs 202 crore. However, Sravan said the current Congress government expanded it to twin towers of 43 floors and increased the built-up area to nearly 27 lakh sq ft without securing the required central approval. Further, he alleged that excavation costs were increased from Rs 7.78 crore to Rs 26.04 crore and questioned the work being undertaken without requisite approvals. "How could the government itself violate rules and invite tenders without required permissions from relevant agencies? Will they allow a citizen to construct even a hut without permission?" he asked.

Labour Minister Vivek Venkatswamy's remarks doubting Congress win stun students, spark debate

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Labour Minister G Vivek Venkatswamy's remarks expressing doubts over the Congress winning the next elections have left polytechnic students and politicians alike stunned and triggered a political debate. The Minister interacted with the students and staff at the Government Polytechnic College at Masab Tank on Friday. Students and staff of the college were agitating against the GO Ms No. 97 which ordered the merger of polytechnic institutions with the Shakti department. They have also been raising other issues concerning the colleges. During his conversation, the Minister tried to assure them that the State government would protect their interests. Vivek also said the State government had established a Skills University to help students upgrade their skills and improve their employment opportunities. In this context, the students sought an assurance from the Minister that investors would not back out of the university. Vivek, who was visibly taken aback by the demand, replied, "I might lose elections next time and our government might lose power. What benefit will you derive from my guarantee?" The Minister's response left the students and staff at the venue baffled and his videos are being shared on different social media platforms. However, he later attempted to allay their apprehensions over the merger with the Shakti department.



cently started introducing technical education as well," she said. Bompelly

is a secondary school teacher who teaches all subjects, especially mathematics. She had travelled to Finland as part of the government's programme. "My family is very excited about me going to Delhi," she said, adding, "Award or no award, I plan to continue doing the best I can for my stu-

dents." Bompelly was appointed on February 28, 2008, and received the State Best Teacher Award in 2025. She was also selected for an educational exposure programme to Finland and has worked as a district resource person and district child protection officer.