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Mahua Moves

Calcutta HC Against Arrest Warrant

Krishnanagar Trinamul Congress MP Mahua Moitra has moved the Calcutta High Court against the arrest warrant issued by a district court in Nadia for her alleged hate speech. Her counsel, Arka Kumar Nag, mentioned the matter before a division bench headed by Justice Debangshu Basak of the HC on Friday for an urgent hearing which is expected to come up for hearing next week. Mr Nag said, "The Krishnanagar Court directed the police to submit its execution report on August 28. Challenging the arrest warrant, we have made an appeal at the HC which has listed it for hearing on August 24." On August 19, 3rd judicial magistrate Dibyendu Das of the Krishnanagar Court issued the arrest warrant against the TMC MP for skipping her appearance before him despite repeated summons in the case.

Cambridge, London Varsity Eye Telangana After Revanth Meet

The Telangana Rising delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held separate meetings with academic teams and officials of the two universities in London on Saturday.

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The University of Cambridge and the University of London have evinced interest in collaborating with the Telangana government in academic programmes, research and incubation of entrepreneurship initiatives in Hyderabad, as the state government sought to position the city as a global knowledge and innovation hub. The Telangana Rising delegation led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held separate meetings with academic teams and officials of the two universities in London on Saturday. During his meeting with an academic team from the University of Cambridge, the Chief Minister, along with IT minister D. Sridhar Babu, CM's adviser K. Ramakrishna Rao and special chief secretary Jayesh Ranjan, presented the opportunities available for leading global institutions in Hyderabad and invited them to participate in building a top global



knowledge hub in the city. Prof. Jaideep Prabhu, Government of India-sponsored Chair of Marketing at Cambridge Judge Business School, and Prof. Venkata Serish Gandikota of Cambridge Judge Business School and co-chair of Frugal AI, expressed keen interest in partnering with Telangana. The discussions resulted in an agreement to work towards establishing a framework for collaboration covering education programmes in Hyderabad, research activities and incubation of entrepreneurship. The Chief Minister also led the Telangana delegation to Senate House for a

round-table meeting with the University of London. The university officials conveyed that the University of London was working on plans to establish a campus in Hyderabad, which would offer a wide range of educational courses and programmes from various schools and departments forming part of its academic federation. The University of London delegation included representatives of the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and other institutions. The University of London team comprised Kavitha Reddi, Ruth Kattumuri of

LSE, Paul Madden, Prof. Funmi Olonifakin, Dr Sky Zheng and Keith Harrison.

The proposed collaboration with Cambridge and the University of London is part of the state government's efforts to attract globally reputed educational and research institutions to Hyderabad and expand opportunities in higher education, research, innovation and entrepreneurship. Earlier, Revanth Reddy and Sridhar Babu visited the Ambedkar House in London, the historic residence at 10 King Henry's Road in Primrose, where Dr B.R. Ambedkar lived during 1921-22. The house is now a museum dedicated to Dr Ambedkar's ideals of constitutionalism, equality, a casteless society, freedom from oppression and the supremacy of social justice. Describing the visit as a deeply significant experience, Revanth Reddy wrote in the visitor's diary: "Visiting Dr Ambedkar House is like a pilgrimage.

Modi Urges New BJP Team to Deepen Connect With People

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the newly appointed BJP office bearers at the party headquarters in the national capital on Saturday. Following his first interaction with BJP president Nitin Nabin's new team, which came shortly after the BJP announced the launch of a month-long nationwide "Seva Sankalp Abhiyan" beginning September 17, Modi said the meeting was about discussing "new ideas and perspectives" aimed at strengthening the BJP. "Organisational meetings are all about new ideas and perspectives aimed at strengthening the party and deepening connect with the people. Great interaction with fellow party colleagues and the new organisational team," Modi posted on X. At the meeting, the Prime Minister, it is learnt, advised the new team to stay connected with the people and further strengthen the



organisation. Earlier in the day, the BJP decided to launch a month-long Seva Sankalp Abhiyan across the country from September 17 to mark the completion of Modi's 25 years in public life as the head of the government and his contributions. During the nationwide campaign, the BJP will reach out to every section of society, including youth, women and farmers, through various programmes, party general secretary Vinod Tawde said. Every year, the BJP observes a fortnight-long Seva Pakhwada across the country to mark Modi's birthday on September 17. "Modi's personality is such that he is dedicated to service at every mo-

ment," Tawde said, adding, "As he is going to complete 25 years (as the head of the government) on October 17 this year, since he first took oath as chief minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001, we decided to launch a nationwide month-long campaign, Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, keeping the significance of this 25-year milestone in mind." Interacting with the media at the BJP headquarters, Tawde said that the month-long campaign will feature various activities centred around the "spirit of service that is so integral to Modi's personality". During the Seva Sankalp campaign, the BJP workers will reach out to 14-lakh Anganwadi workers across the country and felicitate them for their contributions by organising Anganwadi Saman and Matru Saman programmes. Other events to be organised during the campaign will include "Seva Mein Mera Yogdaan" and "Rashtriya

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India to End Boarding Pass Stamping for International Travellers From Sep 1

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Passengers flying out of Indian airports will no longer be required to carry physical boarding passes for immigration clearance from September 1, officials said on Saturday. International passengers can instead produce e-boarding passes on their smartphones at immigration counters. Physical boarding passes will continue to be accepted, but immigration authorities will no longer stamp them.

The Bureau of Immigration (BOI), under the Union home ministry, issued the directive to airport authorities after finding that stamping physical boarding passes was causing inconvenience to passengers. Officials said instances of improper or incorrect stamping had also led to difficulties in reading boarding passes. The BOI subsequently decided to scrap the mandatory requirement for physical boarding passes and their stamping at immigration counters at all inter-

national airports in the country. Officials said the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) had stopped stamping boarding passes of domestic and international passengers during security checks several years ago. Separately, authorities are also conducting a pilot exercise to discontinue immigration entry and exit stamps on the passports of Indian nationals. The system is expected to be rolled out across Indian airports after completion of the pilot project.

Shah Forms Panel To Draft Gorkha Accord

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Centre on Saturday constituted a committee to finalise the details of an accord aimed at providing a "permanent political solution" to the Gorkha issue in the hill areas of West Bengal, a key promise in the BJP's Assembly election manifesto. Union home minister Amit Shah announced the decision after chairing a meeting with representatives of the Gorkha community and various political parties at Sukna in Siliguri at the



end of his visit to West Bengal. The committee will be headed by Pankaj Kumar Singh, a retired IPS officer, former deputy national security adviser and the Centre's interlocutor for Darjeeling. It has been tasked with finalising the modalities and details for drafting the proposed agreement within the framework of the Consti-

tution. The meeting was attended by Union home secretary Govind Mohan, Intelligence Bureau chief Mahesh Dixit, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari, state chief secretary Manoj Agarwal and DGP S.N. Gupta. The Gorkha delegation included Darjeeling MP Raju Bista, Rajya Sabha MP Harshvardhan Singla, state minister Bishal Lama, BJP MLAs Bharat Chettri, Sonam Lama and Noman Rai, Gorkha Janmukti Morcha leader Bimal Gurung and

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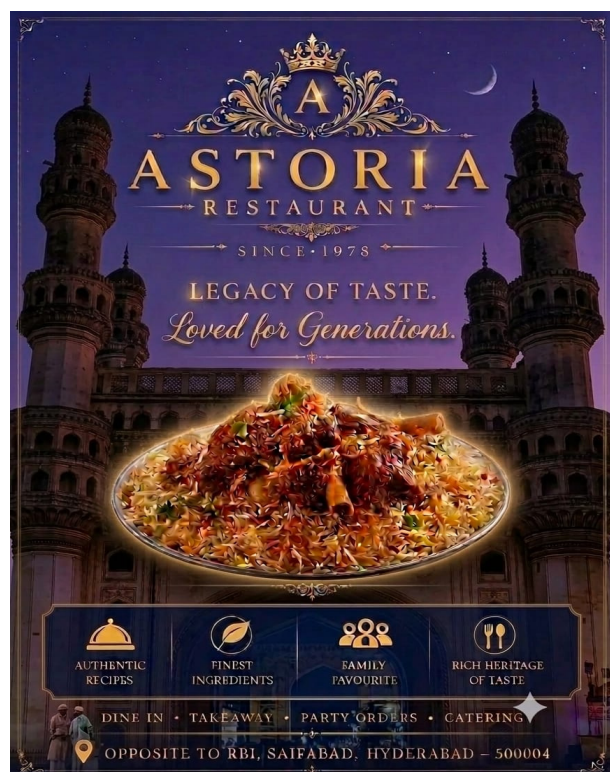
Auto Unions Call Indefinite Strike From August 23

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The autorickshaw driver unions joint action committee announced an indefinite strike across Telangana from midnight on August 23 to press for its demand that the state government fulfil its promises to autorickshaw drivers and private transport workers. The Bharatiya Private Transport Mazdoor Mahasangh (BPTMM) extended its support to the strike. Addressing the media, a JAC

member said, "The government's policies have pushed autorickshaw drivers into severe financial distress. Around 200 drivers have died by suicide in the state over the past three years." Auto JAC leader Arla Sathiredy warned that the state government would have to face serious consequences over the increasing number of suicides. He appealed to all political parties to extend their support to the strike.

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Two Killed as Illegal Building Collapses in Gachibowli

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Two workers died and three others, including a resident of a neighbouring apartment, were injured when a seven-storey under-construction building collapsed like a pack of cards in Anjaiahnagar, Gachibowli, on Saturday afternoon. The structure was being built on a 50-sq yd plot over a nala. The victims were identified as Umesh Khare and Mopath of Madhya Pradesh, tile workers at the site. The

injured included a 25-year-old resident of Jayadarsini Residency, adjacent to the collapsed building, who was asleep when debris fell on him. He was rushed to hospital. Police registered a case against building owner Syed Sajid and contractor Khaja Moinuddin. HYDRABAD commissioner A.V. Ranganatj said Sajid reportedly owned similar illegal multi-storey buildings in the area, constructed on 50-60 sq yd plots and leased as hostels for students and IT em-



ployees. Raidurgam sub-inspector Ramaswamy said that the bodies of two workers were shifted to Osmania General Hospital for postmortem, and their families were informed.

The injured workers were shifted to a hospital for treatment and their condition was stable. The collapse damaged balconies and portions of Jayadarsini Residency and

another seven-storey illegal building nearby. Civic officials said the weak foundation and the nala beneath the site caused the collapse. The second building, also illegal, will be razed. Residents said they heard a blast-like sound and rushed out for safety. Many vacated their flats after officials prioritised evacuation of affected blocks. "Casualties would have been multiple if the incident had occurred at night," said K. Ramakanth of Anjaiahnagar.

The incident highlighted the stark contrast between Anjaiahnagar, a congested slum with rampant illegal constructions, and neighbouring Whitefields, a planned layout with gated communities. Several illegal structures in Anjaiahnagar share compound walls with Whitefields apartments, exposing the nexus between encroachers and municipal officials. Rescue teams from HYDRABAD, NDRF, SDRF, CMC, police and fire services reached the site with equipment.

We welcome a free press that holds those in power accountable, says Bhatti

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka stressed the importance of a free press that questions those in power for the survival of democracy and said governments should have the courage to accept criticism. “The media has a responsibility to question discrimination. Journalism should not merely report incidents but also question their deeper implications,” he said after formally launching the Federation of Press Clubs here on Saturday. The Federation has been established with representatives of eight Press Clubs from across the country. Bhatti Vikramarka said social media had expanded freedom of expression, but freedom



should not be mistaken for irresponsibility. With technologies such as artificial intelligence and voice cloning helping rumours and misinformation spread rapidly, the only true asset of a journalist was credibility, he said. He hoped the Federation of Press Clubs would not remain just another organisation but evolve into a strong institution that protects journalists’ safety and professional standards. “Protecting journalism

also requires protecting journalists,” Bhatti Vikramarka said. He urged the Federation to focus on the safety, dignity and welfare of journalists, particularly those working in districts and small towns. “Telangana people have a strong tradition of freely expressing their views. This spirit has influenced the State’s movements, literature and culture,” he stated. On the land allotment proposal for the Press Club of Hyderabad, the

Deputy Chief Minister said the State government was examining it and assured that it would be considered positively. Director of The Hindu Group and former Editor-in-Chief of The Hindu, N Ram welcomed the Federation and said it could emerge as an institution to protect Indian journalism. He suggested that it should document attacks on journalists and extend legal support, as a free press could not survive on constitutional and legal protection alone. Expressing concern over the weakening of conventional mainstream media, Ram said social media had created an ecosystem that allowed misinformation and false news to spread. “People’s trust cannot be taken for granted nor can it be demanded,” he said.

Ram said it was unjust to target journalists and find fault with their work. He charged that the union and some State governments were initiating criminal prosecution against journalists, while police were conducting raids, seizing electronic devices and shutting down the internet, affecting journalists’ work. “This is where collectivisation is essential. Press Clubs, Editors Guild, Working Journalists Unions and others should work together in protecting journalists,” N Ram said. He recalled how former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi was compelled to withdraw the controversial Defamation Bill in September 1988 following a united fight by newsmen across the country.

Tribal Artist Madhuri Rathod Assault Case

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A formal complaint has been submitted to Telangana State SC/ST Commission Member Jilla Shankar seeking strict legal action over an alleged assault, criminal trespass, financial cheating and social media character assassination involving tribal (Lambadi) folk artist Madhuri Rathod at Reddy Bhavan in Vemulawada, Rajanna Sircilla district. The representation was jointly submitted by K. Baburam Nayak, Founder and National President of RTISS and State Working President of the Tribal Welfare Association; Korra Lakpathi Nayak, State Tribal Welfare Association representative and SC/ST Atrocities Vigilance and Monitoring Committee member; and



Ramavath Dharmanayak, also a committee member. According to the complainants, Madhuri Rathod was staying in an RTC-allotted room at Reddy Bhavan for a song shoot when dancer Eshwar Sai’s wife Sharanya and her associates allegedly trespassed into the room, assaulted her and forcibly took her mobile phone, reportedly worth around Rs.50,000. The leaders further alleged that the incident was connected to a financial dispute involving amounts ranging from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.30 lakh. They also

alleged that abusive remarks were made against the artist and that misleading videos with obscene thumbnails were circulated on YouTube and other social media platforms, causing reputational damage and mental distress. Jilla Shankar assured the delegation that he would speak with the Rajanna Sircilla Superintendent of Police and senior officials to seek immediate FIR registration. He also assured that an Action Taken Report would be sought from the district administration.

Eco-Farm Ponds to Boost Water Security, Farmer Incomes

The Telangana Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department has issued detailed guidelines for developing Eco-Farm Ponds (EFPs) under the VB-G RAM G programme, aiming to strengthen water conservation and create sustainable livelihood opportunities for farmers through departmental convergence. The guidelines were issued through Circular No. 912/VB-G RAM G/ECO-FARM POND/SPM(SP)/2026, dated August 20, 2026. The initiative seeks to transform conventional farm ponds into integrated livelihood assets by combining water storage with plantation, horticulture, vegetable cultivation, fisheries and other allied activities. Five pond models have been proposed based on land availability, measuring 8×8, 10×10, 12×12, 15×15 and 20×20 metres. The guidelines include indicative requirements for land, plantation, fish rearing, expenditure and potential income. Annexures provide model calculations for earnings from plants, vegetables and fish culture, though actual returns may vary according to local conditions. The programme will be implemented through convergence involving Rural Development, Fisheries, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry and SERP. The Fisheries Department is expected to provide fish fingerlings and technical guidance, while Horticulture will support plantation and vegetable cultivation. Other departments will assist with eligible livelihood activities and beneficiaries. Implementation will follow phases covering beneficiary identification, technical assessment, Gram Sabha approval, sanction, construction and convergence activities. Farmers interested in the programme can approach Gram Panchayat-level officials, Field Assistants or the MPDO, as applicable. Technical specifications have also been prescribed for excavation, slopes, bunds, inlet and outlet arrangements.

Vigilance Intensifies Inspections Of Rice Mills Over CMR Fraud

Paddy cultivation is extensive in Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Bhupalpally, Warangal, Nirmal and Mancherla districts. There are many rice and parboiled rice mills in these districts.

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Vigilance officials of the Telangana state civil supplies corporation have intensified inspections of rice mills over alleged misappropriation of Custom Milled Rice (CMR) as against the paddy supplied to them by the state government. Officials are probing allegations that some rice mill owners invested money obtained through CMR misappropriation in real estate and film industry. Paddy cultivation is extensive in Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Bhupalpally, Warangal, Nirmal and Mancherla districts. There are many rice and parboiled rice mills in these districts. A vigilance officer involved in the inspections, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the properties of mill owners involved in CMR fraud, including investments in lands, could be attached to recover the amounts involved. Owners of rice mills facing CMR fraud



cases are reportedly concerned over the deployment of personnel from Greyhounds and OCTOPUS in the civil supplies department to assist with inspections and investigations. There are reports that some mill owners backed by local political leaders are considering supplying the pending CMR or paying an equivalent amount and penalty to the state government. Recently, Khanapur police have registered a case against former MLA Ajmeera Rekha Naik, owner of ARS Industries Rice Mill at Sattenapalli in Nirmal district, for alleged misappropriation of CMR rice. Officials found that paddy supplied by the state government worth ₹40.96 crore has allegedly been misappropriated by ARS

Industries. In another case, Luxettipet police issued PD Act notices under Sections 3(1) and 3(2) of the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980, to Gampa Santosh Kumar, managing partner of Ram Laxman Industries Rice Mill in Lingapur village of Danepalli mandal in Mancherla district. Santosh Kumar is facing allegations of diverting CMR worth ₹15.70 crore into the black market. Vigilance inspections found that 6,170.643 metric tonnes of paddy had allegedly been diverted. Telangana government has directed the state civil supplies corporation to take stern action against those involved in CMR misappropriation and recover the amounts involved. Officials have been asked to invoke the PD Act against mill owners involved in fraud to prevent further diversion and repetition of such offences.

Health Minister Reviews Performance of Secondary Care Hospitals

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha conducted a comprehensive review of the functioning of government hospitals under the Directorate of Secondary Health Care (DSH), with a focus on strengthening healthcare delivery and infrastructure across the State. The review meeting was held at the Indian Institute of Health and Family Welfare, Vengal Rao Nagar, Hyderabad,

and was attended by District Coordinators of Health Services (DCHS) from all districts, Health Department Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthul, and other officials. During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the medical services being provided at Community Health Centres (CHCs), Area Hospitals and District Hospitals functioning under the Directorate of Secondary Health Care. Rajanarsimha assessed the existing infrastruc-



ture and discussed measures required to further improve hospital facilities and ensure better healthcare services for patients. The Minister also reviewed the steps needed for the development and strengthening of secondary-level government hospitals, stressing the importance of improving healthcare de-

livery at the district and local levels. Officials briefed the Minister on the functioning of hospitals in their respective districts, the status of medical services, infrastructure and key requirements. The review is aimed at identifying gaps and strengthening the government’s secondary healthcare network so that people can access quality medical treatment closer to their communities without unnecessary referrals to major hospitals in Hyderabad.

Former MLA Bhupal Reddy Visits Tadkal, Enquires About Family’s Well-Being

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Former Narayankhed MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy visited Tadkal village on Saturday and met the family of a former Gram Panchayat Sarpanch, enquiring about their well-being and extending his support. Bhupal Reddy spent time with the family members and interacted with local residents, listening to their concerns and discussing issues affecting the community. Several local leaders, supporters and



well-wishers accompanied him during the visit. The former legislator has continued his grassroots outreach across the Narayankhed constituency, regularly meeting residents and families and maintaining personal contact with people. Bhupal Reddy represented the Narayankhed Assembly

constituency from 2016 to 2023. Local leaders said such personal visits strengthen the bond between public representatives and people, particularly during important moments, while offering moral support and demonstrating continued concern for the community.

Narayankhed Gets Dedicated 24/7 Emergency & Critical Care Hospital

Healthcare facilities in Narayankhed are set to receive a significant boost with the inauguration of Balaji Anuradha Hospital, which is being presented as the town’s first dedicated 24/7 Emergency and Critical Care Hospital, on Sunday, August 23. According to the invitation released by the organisers, Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha will attend the programme as the Chief Guest, while Member of Parliament Suresh Kumar Shetkar and Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patilola Sanjeeva Reddy will participate as Guests of Honour. The inauguration programme is scheduled to begin at 11:00 AM on August 23, 2026. 24/7 Emergency Care for Narayankhed The establishment of a dedicated emergency and critical-care facility is expected to strengthen access to timely medical treatment for people in Narayankhed and surrounding rural areas, particularly during medical emergencies when every minute counts. The hospital is located on Main Road, Hanuman Colony, opposite Oxygen Park, near the RTC Bus Stand, Mangalpet, Narayankhed – 502286. Public corporate records also show Anuradha Balaji Hospitals LLP registered at Hanuman Colony in Narayankhed. The programme is being organised under the leadership of Dr. K. Sridhar, MS, MCh, Managing Director, and Dr. Patilola Anurag Reddy, MD Paediatrics. Congress party senior leader Patilola Chandrashekar Reddy, Narayankhed, has invited people to attend the inauguration and make the occasion a success.

BRS demands disclosure of real reasons behind Revanth Reddy’s cancelled US tour

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The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has demanded that the Central and Telangana State governments place all details before the people regarding the denial of Political Clearance by the Centre for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s proposed visit to the United States. BRS MLC Sravan sought a clear explanation from the Union Government on the exact meaning of the

word “Inappropriate” used by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). He asked the Centre to clarify which programmes or meetings were allegedly inconsistent with the Chief Minister’s position or the stated purpose of the visit, and why objections were raised. He also questioned the lack of clarity in the official schedule regarding the people and institutions the Chief Minister was scheduled to meet in the United States from August 27 to 30.



The complete itinerary, details of meetings and the names of those who extended invitations must be made public, he demanded. Sravan said reports were circulating that Political Clearance was de-

nied because the Chief Minister was scheduled to meet Zohran Mamdani, Mayor of New York City. If that was indeed the reason, he asked why the Mayor’s name did not appear in the official schedule.

“The governments should not use Mamdani’s name as a political cover and instead disclose the actual reasons for the cancellation,” Sravan said. He also questioned why the Centre had granted permission for the Chief Minister’s US visit in 2024 but denied clearance in 2026. The Centre and the State Government must explain what objections have arisen now that did not exist earlier, he said. Dr. Sravan further demanded that Chief Min-

ister Revanth Reddy clarify whether the proposed visit was intended to attract investments to Telangana or to serve personal investment and business interests. The Union Government must explain why Political Clearance was denied, while the State Government must disclose the actual purpose and complete details of the proposed US visit to the people of Telangana, the BRS MLC demanded.

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.

Harish asks OILFED to start operation of refinery at Oil Palm Factory



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Minister T. Harish Rao has urged OILFED authorities to speed up operations at the Oil Palm Factory in Narmetta, stressing the need to ensure timely support and services for oil palm farmers. Rao made the appeal on Saturday after inspecting the factory along with Balkonda MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy.

He said the facility, which commenced operations in March 2026, had already crushed around 60,000 metric tonnes of oil palm crop, marking significant progress in supporting farmers in the region. He said the factory had benefited several farmers, particularly in Siddipet district, by providing a local facility for processing their produce. Rao attributed the expansion of oil palm cultivation in Siddipet to the Kaleshwa-

ram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), which, he said, had created favourable conditions for farmers to take up the crop. Rao also called upon OILFED officials to remain accessible to farmers visiting the factory and address their concerns promptly. He emphasised the importance of efficient operations and farmer-friendly services to ensure that cultivators receive the in-

tended benefits from the project. During his visit, Rao also raised concerns over the State government's GO No. 97, which proposes changes to the polytechnic education system by merging it with the skill university. Extending his support to polytechnic students protesting against the proposed merger in Siddipet, Rao said the move could adversely affect students pursuing technical education. He particularly expressed concern that polytechnic students could lose the existing opportunity to join B.Tech second year through lateral entry under the proposed system. Rao demanded that the government withdraw GO No. 97 and protect the academic and career opportunities currently available to polytechnic students.

BJP Chief to Protest ₹15,000 Crore Fee Dues

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Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao will stage a two-day hunger strike on August 24 and 25, demanding that the State Government immediately clear pending fee reimbursement dues of students. The protest will be held at the BJP State Office in Nampally, Hyderabad. According to BJP and BJYM campaign material, nearly ₹15,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues are pending, allegedly affecting around 14 lakh students across Telangana. The party has said the delay is placing a significant financial burden on students and creating difficulties for educational institutions dependent on timely



reimbursement payments. The proposed hunger strike is part of the BJP's intensified campaign seeking immediate government intervention on the issue. BJP and BJYM leaders have already been raising the matter through protests and public appeals, urging authorities to release the pending amounts without further delay. The party has maintained that students should not be forced to suffer because of delays in government payments. Through the two-day

agitation, Ramchander Rao is expected to press the government to address the issue and ensure that eligible students receive the financial support due to them. The BJP has also appealed to students, youth and party workers to participate in and extend support to the protest. The figures of ₹15,000 crore and 14 lakh students cited above are claims made in BJP/BJYM campaign material and have not been independently confirmed by the State Government. Protest Details: Dates: August 24–25, 2026 Venue: BJP State Office, Nampally, Hyderabad Demand: Immediate clearance of pending fee reimbursement dues.

Youth Urged to Register as Voters Before October 1

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Young Indians turning 18 are urged to enrol in the electoral rolls and secure their right to vote. The Election Commission of India allows eligible citizens to register through Form 6 on its official voter services portal. For the October 1, 2026 qualifying date, citizens born on or before October 1, 2008 may be eligible to register, subject to ECI rules. India now has four qualifying dates—January 1, April 1, July 1 and Oc-

tober 1. Applicants should keep age and residence proof ready, including a birth certificate, Aadhaar, PAN card, driving licence, Class X/XII certificate or passport. Aadhaar is not mandatory. Eligible students can register at their parents' address or hostel/mess where they ordinarily reside. The ECI portal also allows citizens to track applications, search electoral rolls and download e-EPIC cards. Register today and make your vote count.

100% Subsidy Sewing Machines for BC Women in Sangareddy; Apply by Sept 15

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In a significant initiative aimed at promoting self-employment and economic empowerment among women, the Sangareddy District Backward Classes Development Department has invited applications from eligible BC women for the distribution of automatic sewing machines on 100 per cent subsidy. In a press note, Akarapu Jagdish, District Backward Classes Development Officer, Sangareddy District, said eligible applicants can

submit their applications online through the TGOBMMS portal. The last date for submission of applications is September 15, 2026. The initiative is intended to provide livelihood opportunities to women from economically weaker BC families by enabling them to take up tailoring as a source of self-employment. Eligibility Women applying for the scheme should be between 18 and 55 years of age and fulfil the eligibility conditions prescribed by the department. Preference will be given, as per the guidelines, to eli-

gible unemployed women, widows, destitute and single women, women with disabilities, orphan women and applicants having tailoring training/experience certificates. Only one eligible woman from a family can avail the benefit. The annual family income limit has been fixed at ₹1.50 lakh for rural applicants and ₹2 lakh for urban applicants. Applicants who have already received benefits under the BC Self-Employment Scheme during 2023–24 will not be eligible for the present benefit, as stated in the press note.

Documents Required Applicants have been advised to keep the prescribed documents ready, including Aadhaar card, caste certificate, income certificate, ration card, educational qualification certificates and tailoring training/experience certificate, along with any other supporting documents required under the scheme. Eligible women should submit their applications through the TGOBMMS online portal and follow the instructions regarding submission of supporting documents to the concerned officials.

Murugesan Velu Appointed T'gana RTI Activists' Wing Chairman

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Murugesan Velu has been appointed as the Chairman of the Telangana State RTI Activists' Wing of the National Human Rights and Social Justice Commission (Regd.). The appointment orders were issued by the organisation's National President Dr. Makhtab Rai. Velu will serve in the position for one year. The organisation asked him to create awareness among youth, students, workers, employees, women and children about their rights and work towards resolving public issues. Several



people congratulated Velu on his appointment. He thanked the organisation for entrusting him with the responsibility and said he would work with dedication to protect people's rights.

Anjaiah Nagar Building Collapse: Arekapudi Gandhi Inspects Site

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

An illegally constructed seven-storey building located near a nala in Anjaiah Nagar Colony under Kondapur Division collapsed suddenly, leaving two people dead and causing partial damage to nearby structures. PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi visited the site along with CMC Commissioner G. Srujana, HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, Zonal Commissioner



Mayank Singh, DCP Ritiraj, Tahsildar Mahipal Reddy, CCP Venkanna and officials from NDRF, HYDRAA, Town Planning and other departments. Gan-

dhi expressed deep concern over the incident and directed officials to speed up rescue and relief operations. He called for strict legal action against

those responsible for the unauthorised construction and urged officials to remain vigilant, verify building permissions and prevent illegal constructions. He said the collapse was reportedly linked to the unauthorised construction on a small plot, which also damaged neighbouring structures. Gandhi expressed condolences to the families of the two deceased and assured them of government support.

Bahujan Movement Future Discussed in Hyderabad

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A special discussion on the "Future of Bahujan Movement" will be held in Hyderabad on Sunday, August 23, focusing on the ideals of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and Manyawar Kanshi Ram. Sri B.S. Gautam, IRS (VRS), Lucknow, described by organisers as a colleague of Kanshi Ram, will be the key speaker. The discussion will examine Kanshi Ram's organisational approach, political vision and efforts to build

an independent Bahujan movement. The programme will also address contemporary challenges concerning the organisation, representation and political direction of Bahujan communities. The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM at 105, Surya-lok Complex, Gun-foundry, Abids, Hyderabad. Sri K.K. Raja and Dr Ch. Balakrishna have invited Ambedkarites, Bahujan activists, intellectuals and social-justice supporters to attend.

Anjaiah Nagar Incident: Malla Reddy Demands Action Against Officials

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BRS Serilingampally constituency vice-president Muddela Malla Reddy has demanded immediate departmental action against CMC Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner Balakrishna, holding officials responsible for the Anjaiah Nagar incident in which innocent lives were lost. Malla Reddy alleged that despite repeated complaints, no effective action was taken against illegal constructions. He demanded the immediate suspension of Deputy Commissioner Balakrishna, Town Planning ACP, TPS Santosh and other responsible officials.



He urged the government to stop unauthorised construction works immediately and conduct a thorough inquiry into the incident. Malla Reddy also demanded ₹1 crore compensation for each deceased victim's family, double-bedroom houses for economically weaker families and government jobs for eligible dependents to help the affected families rebuild their lives.

Free Skill Training at RSETI Bhongir from Sept 7

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The Canara Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (RSETI), Bhongir, has invited eligible rural youth of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district to enrol in free skill-development training programmes in Mushroom Cultivation and CCTV Camera Installation along with Fire Alarm and Smoke Detector systems, according to a press note released by the institute. The Mushroom Cultivation Training will be conducted from September 7

to September 19, 2026, for 12 days. The programme is aimed at providing practical skills to rural youth interested in mushroom cultivation as a potential self-employment and income-generating activity. The second programme covering Installation of CCTV Cameras, Fire Alarms and Smoke Detectors will be held from September 20, 2026, for 13 days. Participants will be provided skill-oriented training intended to improve their prospects for self-employment and liveli-

hood opportunities. The training programmes are being offered completely free of cost, and meal arrangements will also be provided to the trainees during the programme. Candidates coming to the RSETI office/training centre should bring Xerox copies of their Aadhaar Card, Ration Card and 10th Class certificate/memo for the admission process. Interested candidates are advised to contact the institute at the earliest for registration, eligibility requirements, availability of seats and other details.

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Ammakunta in Matoor village of Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, witnessed lively fishing activity as fishermen entered the water body with nets and brought ashore a sizeable catch of freshwater fish on Saturday. The fishing operation presented a striking rural scene, with fishermen wading through the water and spreading long nets across the kunta. After the nets were gradually pulled in, fish of dif-

ferent sizes were brought to the shore, drawing the attention of local residents. Photographs from the spot show fishermen working together inside Ammakunta, while the harvested fish were later gathered on the bank. Several comparatively large fish were among the catch. Village Water Bodies Support Rural Livelihoods Local tanks and kuntas have traditionally played an important role in Telangana's rural economy. Apart from storing water, such



water bodies can support fisheries and provide livelihood opportunities to fishing communities when properly maintained and stocked. The Telangana Fisheries

Department maintains programmes and reporting systems related to fish-seed stocking in water bodies across the State, highlighting the role of inland fisheries in rural

areas. The activity at Ammakunta once again brought attention to the connection between village water resources, fisheries and rural livelihoods.

EAM S. Jaishankar To Visit Russia; Will Meet Foreign Minister Lavrov

External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar will be on a two-day visit to Moscow for talks with his Russian interlocutors on a range of issues, including bilateral trade and investment ties. During his visit, Dr Jaishankar, along with Russian first Deputy Prime Minister Mr Denis Manturov, will co-chair a meeting of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC). The EAM will also meet Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and exchange perspectives on regional and global issues, according to an official statement from MEA. The visit comes as India and Russia continue efforts to deepen bilateral cooperation across a range of sectors. Earlier this week, a meeting of the Working Group on Planning of the Russia-India Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military-Technical Cooperation was held in New Delhi, where the two sides discussed measures to expand co-operation between the armed forces of the two countries.

Pakistan Terror Shifts Base From PoK To Punjab, Terror Camps Coming Up Near Gujarat

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Amid irreparable mistrust between people of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir and the Pakistani government, its spy agency Inter State Intelligence (ISI) is now trying to replace traditional Kashmiris involved in terror factories with those from Punjab and other areas. Having lost both its sympathisers and operatives in PoK due to the ongoing protests in the region, the ISI backed terror groups Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) have now shifted their terror camps in other areas of Pakistan, particularly in Punjab region. Besides, Islamabad, Karachi, Lahore are also areas where a spike in the recruitment and outreach activities of LeT and JeM have been noted. A sudden increase in recruitment activities has also been noticed in the districts situated near Gujarat border where the groups



are trying for rapid expansion which indicates that the next round of terror wave may come from the Western side. Both JeM and LeT are making several masjids for radicalisation in these areas. The ISI is trying to train LeT (Punjabi faction) with co-ordinated multi-pronged infiltration, high-mobility underground logistics, and complex urban assault frameworks. These are the modern operational methodologies popularised by Hamas. Increasing its training programmes in other parts of Pakistan after losing out space in PoK, LeT organized more than ten seven days swimming camps in the last 40 days across Pakistan Punjab. In August Lashkar organised

Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence training of LeT Women Wing in their Markaz Quba in Islamabad where the terror group's IT cell head and senior commanders took the training sessions. Indian securities agencies expected a surge in "Catfish" accounts in the coming days. Catfish accounts are fake profiles used on social media or dating apps by people adopting a false identity to trick others into emotional or financial relationships. Lashkar deputy Saifullah Kasuri was seen having meetings with many managing directors and CEOs of south Punjab based companies for terror funding. Everything happened under the full patronage of the Pakistani government as visuals showed senior commanders of LeT are being provided Circuit House for their stay by ISI in South Punjab. Interestingly, the LeT and Pakistan Army direct links are out as Abdul Qadir, a

former senior Pakistan army officer is now holding a key LeT linked position in Chakwal, Punjab. Security agencies have credible inputs indicating Qadir maintained close ties with United Nations designated terrorist Hafiz Saeed during his military tenure to carry out multiple terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir. Meanwhile, JeM has rebuilt its headquarters in Bahawalpur, called Markaz Subhan Allah, which is active again. This place was hit by Indian missiles during Operation Sindoor last year. JeM has also started water training of terror recruits in Karachi. Nasr Javed, LeT's senior commander with a long operational history, has been made incharge of Markaz Jihad-e-Aqsa in Lower Dir of Khyber Pakhtunwa in Pakistan to oversee Daura-e-Aam (a 21-day beginner's training) and Daura-e-Khaas (a three-month intensive training) for the newly recruited fidayees.

Akhilesh Yadav Says SP Won't Break Alliances, Targets BJP Over Policies

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Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday said his party would not break alliances, asserting that the fight is against the BJP as he accused the ruling party of pursuing policies benefiting big business groups. Addressing reporters at the party headquarters here, Yadav said, "The Samajwadi Party never breaks alliances. When the Samajwadi Party agrees to move forward with others, it stands by them, and we have always honoured our commitments." He said the party's objective is to form a government committed to social justice based on socialist ideology and solidarity with the 'PDA' -- 'pichhda' (backward classes), Dalit and 'alp-sankhyak' (minorities). "They are scared of the



PDA, that is why they are trying to misrepresent the PDA. The greater the suffering, the stronger the PDA will become," Yadav said. On inflation, the Samajwadi Party (SP) chief said essential commodities have become expensive, particularly with festivals approaching. "Everything is becoming expensive today. Diesel, petrol, everything," he said, adding that the government should explain why sugar prices were rising. Questioning the use of sugarcane for ethanol production, he said, "They are mixing ethanol in petrol for profit, and also hiking sugar prices to maximise their gains.

The question is: whose pocket is this money going into?" The former Uttar Pradesh chief minister also questioned the government's claim of rising per capita income, saying around 15 crore people are still being provided subsidised rations. "What is the per capita income of these 15 crore people?" He further alleged that primary education in Uttar Pradesh was being deliberately weakened and recalled initiatives undertaken by his government to improve infrastructure and teaching standards in primary schools. Yadav said children from disadvantaged communities form a large proportion of students in government primary schools, asserting that when SP assumes power, it would improve such schools and ensure provision of nutritious meals for children.

Rahul Gandhi Says Women Belong to Themselves, Rejects Manusmriti's View

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Senior Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Saturday spoke about gender equality, women's safety, patriarchy and equal opportunities for women during an interaction with students at the 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme in Pune. Mr. Gandhi said women should not be defined only through their relationships with men as daughters, wives or mothers, stressing that every woman has an identity of her own. "Women should be independent and stand for themselves and believe in themselves. You do not belong to anybody except yourself," Mr. Gandhi said while addressing the female students. The Congress leader discussed issues ranging from violence and sexual harassment to women's participation in the workforce, access to education and ownership of property. He also questioned the patriarchal mindset that gives greater importance to the education and opportunities of

sons than daughters. During the programme, female students shared their personal experiences and concerns with Mr. Gandhi. Suchitra Pagi, who hails from Palghar district and is pursuing a master's degree in economics in Pune, spoke about the difficulties faced by women while travelling on public transport. She said the situation was particularly worrying when girls faced harassment on buses but were reluctant to speak out against such incidents. Tejaswani, a postgraduate student in fashion who has four sisters, said she was working while pursuing her studies and used a bicycle to travel in Pune. She also raised concerns over the lack of support available to women in cases of sexual violence. Other students, including Maitri, Pragya Kumar Gawande, Sheikh Amana

Osama and Nisha, raised issues concerning women's education, safety, public transport and equal opportunities. Ms. Gawande, a second-year BSc student of Cyber and Digital Science, said she works as a receptionist to meet her travel expenses. She called for fair and equal opportunities for women to learn and become self-reliant. Ms. Osama, a second-year BA student from Bhiwandi, said girls in several families were still denied adequate educational opportunities. She stressed the need to make public transport safer, particularly when buses are overcrowded. Nisha, a tribal student, raised issues concerning the education and welfare of tribal students. She spoke about the difficulties faced by students living in Ashram schools and hostels, particularly when educational institutions are located far from their homes. Mr. Gandhi also discussed women's safety, saying women face violence, disrespect and control in various forms. He questioned the social attitudes that restrict their freedom. He spoke about the under-reporting of

crimes against women, including rape and molestation, and emphasised the need to ensure that women can speak freely and participate equally in public life. Bhojpuri folk singer Neha Singh Rathod, who also participated in the interaction, spoke about the challenges faced by women who speak out in public life and questioned the incumbent government. She said women often face character assassination when they raise their voices. The discussions also touched upon the persistence of patriarchal attitudes and the need to challenge the mindset associated with the Manusmriti and the oppression of women. Mr. Gandhi urged women to assert themselves and fight for their space in society. "Smash the patriarchy" was among the messages highlighted during the interaction. Concluding the programme, Mr. Gandhi urged women to be vocal about their rights and aspirations, telling them: "Be loud, be proud and fight for your space in society."

Former CM Vijayan Says His Hands Are Clean, Denies Hawala Dealings

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Former Keralam chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Saturday said his hands and those of his daughter T Veena and other family members were clean and asserted that none of them had engaged in any hawala dealings. Reacting to the Enforcement Directorate's money laundering probe against Veena, Vijayan said she had cooperated with the investigation and would continue to provide all information sought by the agency.

"Neither I, my daughter nor any member of my family has done any hawala dealings. I am fully convinced about that. These hands are clean and will remain clean," Vijayan said. He strongly defended Veena, saying several issues were being raised only because she was his daughter. "Veena is not the owner of a lot of property. The amount of money being talked about is also not huge," he said at a press conference here. Vijayan also questioned what he termed as unusual actions by the ED in the

case, pointing out that the agency normally puts out information on its website rather than issuing press releases. "In this case, a press release was issued. In the press release, it mentioned my name as P Vijayan. It also says former chief minister. Why was it necessary to say that?" he asked. He alleged that certain media organisations were publishing reports against him without evidence and questioned the basis of a report that money received by Veena was transferred to the account

of her husband and former state minister Mohammed Riyas. "On what evidence was the news that Veena transferred the money to Mohammed Riyas' account published? Do they think anything can be done if it is against Pinarayi Vijayan?" he asked. Vijayan said Veena had cooperated with the probe and would have no hesitation in providing information to the agency in future as well. The ED's money laundering case relates to Kerala-based mining company Cochin Minerals.

Raut Accuses Shah Of Undermining Maharashtra's Cooperative Sector

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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.....

"Modi's personality is such that he is dedicated to service at every moment," Tawde said, adding, "As he is going to complete 25 years (as the head of the government) on October 17 this year, since he first took oath as chief minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001, we decided to launch a nationwide month-long campaign, Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, keeping the significance of this 25-year milestone in mind." Interacting with the media at the BJP headquarters, Tawde said that the month-long campaign will feature various activities centred around the "spirit of service that is so integral to Modi's personality". During the Seva Sankalp campaign, the BJP workers will reach

out to 14-lakh Anganwadi workers across the country and felicitate them for their contributions by organising Anganwadi Saman and Matru Samman programmes. Other events to be organised during the campaign will include "Seva Mein Mera Yogdaan" and "Rashtriya Innovation Challenge", especially for youth. "Under the Seva Setu Abhiyan, we are going to appeal to people, especially youth, to engage in social service activities and make reels for others to get inspiration to do such work," Tawde said. He mentioned that they can make reels while undertaking social service activities, like cleanliness drives, tree plantation, connecting tuberculosis patients with the government scheme that seeks to eradicate the

disease. Asked where such people will post their reels, the BJP leader said, "We will create a platform for that." During the 15-day-long Seva Setu Abhiyan, BJP workers will organise camps across all blocks to help enrol people in various government welfare schemes, including Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi. A National Innovation Challenge will also be rolled out for youth across the country to promote innovation.

Shah Forms Panel.....

The Gorkha delegation included Darjeeling MP Raju Bista, Rajya Sabha MP Harshvardhan Singla, state minister Bishal Lama, BJP MLAs Bharat Chettri, Sonam Lama and Noman Rai, Gorkha Janmukti Morcha leader Bimal Gu-

rung and Gorkha National Liberation Front leader Mann Ghising, among others. Bista said representatives placed their views before Shah, who subsequently outlined a roadmap for resolving the issue. "Whatever be the solution, it will be within the constitutional framework of our country," he said. In a statement, the Centre said issues concerning the hill population, including demands for a distinct identity, a permanent political solution and constitutional recognition, were discussed in detail. Shah assured the representatives that a permanent political solution would be worked out soon within the framework of the Constitution. He also promised to consider other demands of the community sympathetically and provide adequate

Central funding to address pending issues. The Centre said the committee headed by Singh would finalise the details of the agreement for a permanent political solution for people of the hill areas of West Bengal.

Auto Unions Call.....

Auto JAC leader Arla Sathiredy warned that the state government would have to face serious consequences over the increasing number of suicides. He appealed to all political parties to extend their support to the strike. BPTMM national general secretary Ravishankar Alluri said the indefinite strike would continue until the government addressed the demands. He said the BPTMM would extend its complete support to the

movement undertaken by the JAC. The JAC demanded the immediate establishment of a welfare board for autorickshaw and private transport workers and disbursement of the announced annual financial assistance of Rs 12,000 to the drivers, including arrears. It also sought continuation and effective implementation of the Rs 5 lakh accident insurance scheme announced for autorickshaw drivers by the previous government. The JAC demanded a ban on app-based bike services that it termed illegal and sought action against the companies involved. It also demanded that the government launch an official app. The unions further sought revision of auto and cab meter rates in line with increases in the prices of essential commodities

CRIME

Gachibowli’s growing debris mountains expose Cyberabad’s urban waste problem

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In an otherwise gleaming urban landscape of Hyderabad’s bustling IT corridor, two growing mountains of debris stand out like an eyesore.

Accumulated over the years on the IKEA-AIG hospital stretch in Gachibowli, these rising heaps of debris coupled with all sorts of waste being dumped, pose environmental risks for the city and a challenge for the civic body.

The towering grey mountains dwarfing surrounding buildings choke the surrounding air with dust and stand as stark symbols of urban neglect while highlighting safety issues in the area.

Over the years, these piles rose from unchecked dumping of tonnes of construction and demolition debris including pulled



down walls, pillars, blocks, stone rubble, bricks, wood, metal, rusted steel, aluminum apart from iron fixtures and waste rexine and clothes.

Despite truckloads of waste getting deposited in clear violation of all civic and pollution norms, the civic administration has over the years appears to have remained oblivious. According to the locals, the dumping has been going on for more than a decade.

Additional Commissioner, Solid Waste wing in the newly formed Cy-

berabad Municipal Corporation (CMC), Venugopal Reddy told ‘Telangana Today’ that efforts have been initiated to find solution to these C&D mountain. “Last month, we have invited an expression of interest (EOI) from different firms handling the disposal of construction and demolition waste, and seven to eight firms have responded to our proposal.”

It is a challenging task to tackle these debris mountains as they are located in the heart of a busy Cyberabad that houses scores of IT and ITES companis,

MNCs and throbs with activity round-the-clock. Officials concede that it is difficult to either transport the C&D waste or have it burnt at the site. A plan has to be drawn to remove these waste massive pile-ups over a period of time, could be extending over several months, and while taking care that dust and pollution-related issues do not crop up. CMC officials said they were evaluating the issue and considering several aspects, including a study of C&D waste heaps, use of modern technology to dispose tonnes of heaps, cost, and other related issues. “By the first week next month, we will submit a detailed report to the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) for a final decision,” said Venugopal Reddy.

Sharing Aadhaar and PAN on WhatsApp can expose users to risks

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These days, sharing identity, personal or financial credentials, including Aadhaar, PAN cards and bank statements, over WhatsApp may appear to be a convenient and easy way of completing the verification process for certain services, but the practice could expose individuals to serious data security risks.

People seeking loans are often asked by bank ex-

ecutives or finance agents to send PAN cards, bank statements, KYC and other documents to personal WhatsApp numbers. Similarly, hotels may seek Aadhaar details through WhatsApp during check-in, while property brokers frequently ask prospective customers to share identification and financial documents on their personal numbers. Once a document is sent through WhatsApp, the recipient may download and store it on a phone, computer or

other device. It could also become part of the device’s backup ecosystem. Police authorities caution that users should not share such sensitive information merely because the process appears quick and convenient. “Even if the recipient has no fraudulent intentions, the information could be exposed if their device, account or cloud storage is compromised in a cyber attack,” said a senior Cybercrime official.

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.

Chandanagar SI, Constable Arrested for Demanding ₹75,000 Bribe



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The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested a Sub-Inspector and Constable attached to Chandanagar Police Station on Saturday, August 22, for allegedly demanding and accepting a ₹75,000 bribe. The accused were identified as SI Bandela

Balraj and Constable B. Raghavendra. According to the ACB, they demanded the bribe to file a chargesheet in an ongoing criminal case. The SI had allegedly already received ₹20,000, while the constable received ₹10,000 in cash. Both accused were produced before the ACB Court and sent to judicial remand.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

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

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

Cyberabad SHE Teams Conduct 109 Decoy Operations

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Cyberabad SHE Teams conducted 109 decoy operations from August 15 to 21, 2026, catching 18 persons for indecent acts in public places. Seventeen petty cases were booked and counselling conducted. The teams also received 25 complaints from women, with three petty cases registered. The Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) rescued two victims and apprehended four accused in two PITA cases. In a JJ Act case, two boys were rescued and two accused arrested. Counselling centres also helped 32 families resolve marital disputes. SHE Teams



and AHTU conducted awareness programmes across Cyberabad, reaching around 4,974 people, covering human trafficking, child rights, eve-teasing, cyber frauds, stalking, child marriage and emergency helplines 181, 1098, 112 and 1930. Cyberabad Police, along with

SCSC, also conducted a safety and cyber-awareness programme at The Shri Ram Academy, Gowlidoddi, encouraging students to promote personal safety, cyber security, civic responsibility and community welfare.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre’s latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn’t. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it’s less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government’s operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That’s not just a posting — it’s a signal. It tells you who’s in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn’t an iso-

lated reshuffle; it’s part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There’s a logic to it. Governments don’t run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let’s not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There’s also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don’t always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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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.



French Montana Headlines Royal Stag BoomBox Season 4 Finale in Hyderabad

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Seagram’s Royal Stag BoomBox Season 4 concluded its four-city tour with a spectacular finale at Gachibowli Stadium, Hyderabad, bringing together global hip-hop, Bollywood music, gaming, art and contemporary culture. The event featured American rapper French Montana in his India debut, alongside popular performers LV Revanth, Nikhita Gandhi, DJ Sahil Gulati and gaming creator Payal Dhare.

The stadium turned into a vibrant entertainment arena, with immersive art installations, interactive experiences, curated food zones and gaming activities adding to the musical celebrations. The evening opened with a live gam-



ing face-off between Payal Dhare and a fan, followed by DJ Sahil Gulati’s energetic set. Playback singer Nikhita Gandhi then took the stage, entertaining the Hyderabad audience with her popular Bollywood numbers and contemporary sound. LV Revanth followed with

an energetic performance, connecting with fans through his versatile musical repertoire. The highlight of the night was French Montana, who made his India debut at the Royal Stag BoomBox finale. The global hip-hop star performed his signature tracks and international

anthems, generating a high-energy response from thousands of fans and bringing Season 4 to a memorable close. Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said Royal Stag BoomBox has evolved beyond a music festival into a cultural platform representing the energy of contemporary India. She highlighted the event’s blend of Bollywood melodies, hip-hop, gaming, art and immersive experiences as an expression of the brand’s ‘Living It Large’ philosophy. Nikhita Gandhi said performing in Hyderabad was special as she could connect with her Telugu-speaking fans, while LV Revanth described the event as an exciting platform that brings diverse sounds

and experiences together. French Montana praised the enthusiasm of the Hyderabad audience and said India’s passionate music fans made his participation in the finale a memorable experience. DJ Sahil Gulati said the event successfully combined sound and spectacle, while Payal Dhare welcomed the integration of live gaming with music, calling it an exciting new direction for entertainment. With Hyderabad marking the final stop, Royal Stag BoomBox Season 4 successfully brought together music, gaming, art and cultural expression across its four-city journey, reinforcing its identity as a platform designed to engage the evolving interests of Generation Large.

Interfaith Seminar Highlights Role of Women in Society

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The Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Secunderabad, organised an interfaith seminar on “Role of Women in Society” at Andhra Christian Theological College on Friday. The programme was led by Mrs. Zubaida Kaleem, President, Ladies’ Auxiliary, and Mrs. Afroz Banu, Vice President. Around 60 participants attended the two-hour programme, which aimed to promote interfaith harmony, mutual understanding and respect while exploring Christian and Muslim perspectives on women’s dignity, rights and responsibilities. Speaking from the Christian perspective, Ms. P. Usharani highlighted the importance and status of women in the light of Biblical



teachings and underlined their valuable contribution to society. Representing the Muslim perspective, Mrs. Sameera Rizwan spoke on “Women in Islam,” explaining women’s rights, responsibilities and dignity according to the Holy Quran and Hadith. She highlighted the spiritual and social equality emphasised in Islamic teachings. The seminar provided participants from both faiths an opportunity to exchange views and deepen their understand-

ing of religious teachings concerning women. The programme concluded in an atmosphere of fellowship and mutual respect. Organisers thanked the speakers and participants for contributing to the event’s success. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, founded in 1889 under Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, promotes the message “Love for All, Hatred for None” and advocates peace, equality, justice and service to humanity worldwide.

Telangana United Christian Synod Elects New 23-Member Executive Body

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The Telangana United Christian’s Synod (TUCS) has officially announced its newly elected 23-member executive body for a two-year term from August 21, 2026, to August 20, 2028. The Telangana United Christian & Pastors Association (TUCPA) extended its support and best wishes to the newly elected members.

The oath-taking and appointment ceremony was held at MB Church, Malakpet, Hyderabad, under the leadership of newly appointed TUCS President Bishop Mulkakala Bhasker. The new executive body reflects diversity and inclusion, with representatives from various Christian denominations, including eight Bishops and five women. All 23 elected members received their



formal appointment letters and took an oath to uphold their responsibilities and serve the community with ded-

ication. The leadership pledged to focus on pending community issues, welfare initiatives and public service

while working for the well-being of people irrespective of caste, creed or religion. The key office-bearers include Bishop Mulkakala Bhasker as President, Goneh Solomon Raj as General Secretary, C. Benoni Richard as Treasurer, Mrs. Sheba’Joy as Women’s In-charge and Mr. Isaac Karunakar as Youth In-charge. The event was attended and supported by several prominent Chris-

tian community leaders, including Chief Advisor Bishop MS Dayanand, Bishop Bhasker Reddy, and Bishop and Mrs. Debora Snehala-tha. The newly elected executive body expressed its commitment to strengthening unity among Christian communities, addressing social concerns and advancing welfare activities across Telangana during its two-year tenure.

Mumbai Intellectuals Honor Injured Student Leaders at Global Warfare Panel



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Rashtra Seva Dal (RSD) Mumbai organized a panel discussion titled “America-Israel War on Iran: Global Impact, Consequences on India” at G.P. Municipal School, Lohar Chawl, focusing on the geo-political crisis and its implications for India. Keynote speaker Feroz Mithiborwala of the Hum Bharat Ke Log initiative criticized Israeli Zionism and military aggression, while describing Iran’s resistance as an important counterweight to unchecked military dominance. Speakers also discussed the potential impact of prolonged Middle East conflict on India’s econ-

omy, energy security and overseas workforce. The event also honored Mumbai-based Chhatra Bharati student leaders Deepti Shelar and Leslie D’Souza, who organizers said were injured during a July 20 protest at Delhi’s Jantar Mantar. The activists were presented bouquets and mementos featuring Savitribai Phule and Fatima Sheikh as symbols of courage and resistance. RSD President Raja Khandalkar, writer Ashalata Kamble, Gautam Sangle, Dr. Salim Khan, Aamir Qazi, Indrjeet Mohite and Moolnivas Malaji attended the programme, which concluded with a call to defend democratic dissent and oppose authoritarianism.

FESA 2026 Calls for Proactive Fire Safety in Telangana Pharma Sector

FESA 2026 Urges Telangana Pharma Sector to Adopt Zero-Accident Approach, Advanced Fire Safety, AI-Based Monitoring and Stronger Process Safety to Prevent Major Disasters and Losses.

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The Fire and Security Association of India (FSAI), Hyderabad Chapter, in association with the Council of EHS Professionals (CEP), organised FESA 2026 – Fire, Electrical, Security and Automation for Pharma, bringing together industry leaders, safety professionals, fire experts, technology providers and policymakers to address critical safety challenges in Telangana’s pharmaceutical sector. Director of Telangana Fire Services G V Narayana Rao stressed that the State’s globally important pharmaceutical industry must adopt a zero-accident approach, supported by strict regulatory compliance, process safety and advanced fire and life-safety infrastructure. He called for a shift from reactive firefighting to proactive prevention through risk



assessments, process-safety audits, structural protection and integrated safety systems. Experts highlighted the complex risks associated with pharmaceutical manufacturing, including flammable solvents, combustible powders, hazardous chemicals, high-temperature processes, reactors, dryers, pressure equipment and electrical systems. Electrical sources were identified as accounting for around 50% of pharmaceutical fire losses, underlining the need for preventive maintenance

and continuous monitoring. Director of Factories Y. Mohan Babu said fire safety must begin with hazard identification covering processing, maintenance, storage and chemical handling. He emphasised hazard communication, onsite emergency planning and regular safety audits, while stressing that safety is both a statutory and moral responsibility. Telangana Life Sciences CEO Sarvesh Singh urged companies to move beyond conventional fire drills and

CCTV-based security by adopting AI, deep technology and predictive analytics. He also called for a broader safety framework covering physical, digital, chemical, biological and infrastructure risks. The seminar also highlighted Telangana Fire Services data indicating 102 major fire incidents in pharmaceutical units over approximately a decade, resulting in property losses exceeding ₹100 crore. The Sigachi Industries incident at Pashamylaram, which claimed 46 lives and injured 25 people, further underscored the dangers of combustible dust and inadequate process safety. FESA 2026 advocated a six-pillar approach: prevent hazards, detect early, suppress effectively, contain fire and explosions, respond through trained teams, and recover through business continuity and disaster recovery.

Borosil, METRO Wholesale Host ‘Swaad Ka Safar’ Finale in Hyderabad



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Borosil, in partnership with METRO Wholesale, hosted the finale of its ‘Swaad Ka Safar’ cooking competition at Kukatpally, bringing together home cooks, food enthusiasts and customers for an engaging culinary experience. Three shortlisted participants competed in a live cook-off, showcasing their creativity, cooking skills and flavours before celebrity chef Harpal Singh Sokhi. After tasting and evaluating their dishes, Chef Harpal crowned C. Vanamala Vardhan as the winner. The event also featured interactive activities, including the popular

‘Namak Shamak Challenge’, inspired by Chef Harpal’s signature catchphrase. Customers participated in fun culinary activities and had opportunities to win Borosil hampers. Chef Harpal praised the finalists for their passion and creativity, highlighting the importance of bringing individuality to cooking. Borosil VP-Marketing Barnali Shankar said the initiative strengthened consumer engagement by showcasing the brand’s cookware through real-life cooking experiences. The collaboration with METRO Wholesale further offered customers an opportunity to explore Borosil’s kitchen solutions in an interactive setting.

Hotel Issues Rejoinder to Allegations by Former Employee



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The hotel has strongly denied allegations made by former employee Korapu Lavanya, stating that she joined the company only in December 2025 and began working in the Chairman’s office in July 2026. The management said ₹1 lakh was found missing from the Chairman’s office and alleged that Lavanya reacted aggressively when questioned about it. According to the hotel, she later created a disturbance in the lobby, called the police and allegedly refused to return important office keys. The

management further alleged that she demanded ₹30 lakh and described the demand as blackmail. The hotel rejected all allegations against its Chairman and senior management, asserting that the Chairman has maintained an unblemished record during his 52-year career. It also said the hotel has a POSH Committee headed by a senior female manager and that no complaint was submitted to the committee. The management termed the allegations baseless and said it would take appropriate steps to protect its reputation.

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.

Payal Rajput Turns Heads in Ashwini Reddy's Latest Couture Creation

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Actress Payal Rajput stole the spotlight at a private SIIMA nomination party in Hyderabad, making a glamorous fashion statement in a striking creation from designer Ashwini Reddy's latest Cocktail Couture collection. Known for her confident screen presence and distinctive style, the RX 100 fame actress brought effortless glamour to the exclusive celebration. She opted for a sophisticated ensemble featuring a contemporary silhouette and statement detailing, reflecting Ashwini Reddy's signature approach to modern couture. The ensemble combined elegance with a touch of drama, creating a polished evening look that perfectly suited the occasion. Payal's confident styling and poised presence further enhanced the designer's craftsmanship, making the outfit one of the memorable fashion moments of the evening. Speaking about the collaboration, designer Ashwini Reddy said, "Payal carries herself with such confidence and natural glamour, making her a wonderful muse for this collection. I wanted the look to feel contemporary, elegant and glamorous while allowing her personality to shine through. Seeing her bring the creation to life was truly special." Ashwini Reddy's latest Cocktail Couture collection focuses on contemporary luxury, bringing together refined silhouettes, intricate statement detailing and a sophisticated evening aesthetic. The collection reflects the designer's vision of creating glamorous



pieces that remain modern, elegant and expressive. Payal Rajput's appearance at the private SIIMA celebration gave the latest collection an added dose of star appeal. Her confident styling and natural charisma complemented the couture creation, resulting in a fashion statement that seamlessly blended celebrity glamour with contemporary design. The collaboration also highlighted Hyderabad's growing prominence as a meeting point for the fashion and entertainment industries. With high-profile celebrations increasingly becoming platforms for designers and celebrities to showcase distinctive styles, Payal Rajput and Ashwini Reddy's latest appearance added another glamorous chapter to the city's evolving fashion scene.

Liam Scott eyes Australia return after gaining international cricket experience

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Having experienced the feeling of being in international cricket during Australia's white-ball tour of Bangladesh earlier this year, rising all-rounder Liam Scott said he believes he is good enough to play for the national team across all three formats in future and is eager to get into the set-up again. Scott made his ODI debut in Dhaka, where he picked two wickets, after having a stellar 2025/26 domestic season, where he was named the Sheffield Shield player of the year with 496 runs and 23 wickets, while also amassing 310 runs in the Big Bash League for Adelaide Strikers. "I think now I've had that taste. I just want to get back there and try and play as much cricket as I can for Australia. For me (there's) little elements of keep getting better against spin, opportunities to score... trying to score 360 and a bit of power-hitting stuff as well. "Those sort of things I've



tried to add to my game a little bit. Just being in different conditions, I think hopefully when I get the opportunity or if I get the opportunity to go back and play in those conditions, I feel as though I'm well-equipped and can adapt a bit quicker than probably what I did when I was over there," Scott was quoted as saying by cricket.com.au on Friday. Following a brief county cricket stint with Gloucestershire, Scott, who bats right-handed and bowls medium pace, said he has been making technical tweaks to refine his overall game. "Bowling-wise (it's) just little technical stuff that has allowed me

to maybe pick up a little bit of pace. In saying that, I feel like what I've got is good enough, so if I get that opportunity again, I'm looking forward to making the most of it," he added. With Australia entering a packed 12-month schedule comprising a minimum of 20 Tests alongside several white-ball series, Scott feels national selection opportunities can open up anytime for him. "There's a few guys that are getting a tad older rather than getting younger, so there's probably going to be change and opportunities at some stage. There's a lot of Test cricket and in saying that, there's a lot of other cricket as well. One-day cricket (and) T20 cricket, so there's no doubt there'll be opportunities in some space." "As a player and as cricketer, it's a pretty brutal game and you can't get too far ahead of yourself because as soon as you do that, something slips and you're back on the drawing board.

Sri Lanka seek batting improvement and 20 wickets to level series against India

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Sri Lanka captain Dhananajaya de Silva has called on his fast bowlers to raise their game and bolster the side's confidence as the hosts aim to replicate India's template from Galle to square the series when the second game begins at the SSC Ground on Sunday. Sri Lanka suffered a 165-run loss in Galle and are eyeing a turnaround to get crucial 12 World Test Championship (WTC) points. "It's about putting runs on the board. That's what India did (at Galle). For the first two days they batted and got 460 runs. We are trying to improve and get some runs and take 20 wickets. "We are one down and disappointed. Here we need to play well from the outset. Even though we are short on experience, we have a lot of talent. A lot of players have performed well in



the Test and 'A' team. The pitch is quite dry and will be good for batting in the first two days. In terms of combination, we will have the same – two seamers and two spinners," de Silva said in the pre-match press conference. Quizzed on squad changes for the second Test, a debut for opener Kamil Mishara is on the cards, apart from a potential shuffle in the pace bowling department. "He scored a hundred in a T20 last week; if you followed him in the last few

months, he has scored well. We are also looking at a left-arm pacer, maybe Vishwa Fernando," de Silva revealed. A recurring point of concern for Sri Lanka has been the lack of high-pace options and outright match-winning spells from their seamers on home soil. De Silva admitted the current squad remains limited in options beyond Lahiru Kumara and lead seamer Asitha Fernando. "Even with Lahiru Kumara, we have tried

very hard to get him to play injury-free. At the moment, given our resources, Lahiru Kumara is the best match to partner Asitha. Asitha's line and length are perfect, and Lahiru Kumara has the pace. With the resources we have now, these are the best players. "I'd also like for there to be two or three bowlers who can bowl at more than 140kph, but unfortunately we only have one bowler like that (in the Test set-up). For now I haven't been given a huge plan

about who we could bring into the Test set-up. I'm hoping we will produce more cricketers like that in future." He further emphasised that deploying two fast bowlers remains central to his ideal Test playing eleven. "Every match we've played under me, we've had two pace bowlers, whereas in the past, we would only bowl one. I believe pacers have a role to play in Sri Lanka. If your fast bowlers can get wickets here, they can get wickets anywhere. That's something we have to learn quickly. "Foreign pace bowlers have taken five wickets in Galle, for instance, but recently, none of our seamers have done that at Galle or SSC. Our fast bowlers lack that confidence. If they can raise their game a little bit – (by) a few percent – we can move forward better as a team," he concluded.

Illegal Constructions Thrive as Officials Turn Blind Eye

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Municipal corporations in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area have failed to curb illegal constructions, with Anjainahgar in Gachibowli standing out as a glaring example. Saturday’s collapse of a seven-storey building that killed two workers is only the tip of the iceberg — dozens of similar structures, over five storeys high and built on 50–60 sq yd plots, exist in the locality. Despite notices being served, construction continued unchecked, exposing the nexus between politicians, builders and officials. This negligence has endangered not only those living in illegal hostels but also residents of approved apartments. A 25-year-old man from Jayadarsini Residency was injured when debris from the collapsed building fell on him. Residents of Whitefields, a planned layout adjoining Anjaiahnagar, said excavation for such illegal structures was damaging their homes. Excavation is banned during monsoon, yet it was carried out at the collapsed site.

Hyderabad Gears Up for Central Milad Juloos on August 26

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The Central Milad Juloos Committee Hyderabad held a review meeting with senior police officials seeking cooperation and smooth arrangements for the Central Milad Juloos, scheduled to be taken out on August 26 (12 Rabi-ul-Awwal) after Zuhr prayers from the historic Makkah Masjid. A delegation led by Juloos Convener Moulana Hafiz Muzaffar Hussain Khan Banda Nawazi met Telangana DGP C V Anand at Lakdi-ka-Pul and Hyderabad Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar at the Command and Control Centre in Banjara Hills. The delegation requested necessary arrangements for the procession and per-



mission for Milad decorations across Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana. The committee pointed out that smaller processions from various parts of Hyderabad and neighbouring areas traditionally join the central Juloos. It urged police authorities to avoid unnecessary restrictions on decorations and processions at district headquarters and towns across the State. DGP C V Anand assured the delegation that instructions would be issued to all Police Commissioners and District Superintendents

through video conferencing to facilitate arrangements in consultation with local organisers. Police Commissioner V C Sajjanar extended Milad greetings and appreciated the Central Milad Juloos Committee’s efforts to promote peace and brotherhood. He said the procession has generally remained peaceful but warned that a small section of youth indulging in bike and auto-rickshaw stunts could bring disrepute to the event. Strict action would be taken against vehicles with removed silencers, triple riding and underage driving, he

said. Additional Commissioner Law and Order Tafseer Iqbal said special attention would be given to maintaining discipline based on previous experiences. Additional Commissioner Traffic Joel Davis assured that traffic arrangements would be made in co-ordination with the committee. The committee said the Juloos is conducted with love and reverence for Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and appealed to youth to maintain discipline and uphold the event’s peaceful character. DCPs Kiran Khare, Raghavendra Reddy, Rahul Hegde and Srinivas, along with other senior officials, attended the meeting. The committee thanked the Telangana Police leadership for extending cooperation and support.

Liverpool Officials Meet CM Revanth in London, Explore Partnership With TG

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Liverpool City Development and Liverpool Football Club said on Saturday that they would explore a strategic partnership with the Telangana government, with the proposed collaboration focusing on life sciences, technology, sports and the creative economy. The proposed partnership is expected to open up opportunities for collaboration, investment and knowledge exchange between Liverpool and Telangana across the identified sectors. A delegation from Liverpool is scheduled to visit Hyderabad in October to take forward the discussions and formally establish the partnership. Susan Finnegan and Nuala Gallagher from Liverpool City Development, along with representatives of Liverpool Football Club, met Chief



Minister A. Revanth Reddy in London on Saturday and expressed keen interest in establishing a strategic partnership with the Telangana government. Meanwhile, K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Minister’s adviser and ex-officio special chief secretary, CMO, who is part of the delegation to the UK, visited Imperial College London on Saturday. During his meeting with Amanda Wolthuisen, vice-president for strategic engagement and chief of staff to the president, and Rosanna Gillespie, senior international relations manager (South Asia and Australasia), Ramak-

rishna Rao presented the strengths of Telangana and outlined the opportunities for collaboration between Telangana and the prestigious institution. Wolthuisen expressed interest in exploring several opportunities, including the possibility of offering short-term and executive education programmes in Hyderabad, besides collaborative partnerships in research and exchange programmes. Rao invited the Imperial College representatives to Hyderabad for the Invest Telangana Global Summit, scheduled to be held on December 7, 8 and 9.

BRS announces support to govt employees’ protest

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Expressing concern over the hardships faced by government employees, the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has extended support to their protest and pledged to stand with them in their struggle. Former Minister V Srinivas Goud said lakhs of employees had believed the Congress party’s promises and worked hard for its victory. However, the Congress government had betrayed them after coming to power, he alleged. Addressing a press conference here on Saturday, Goud said, “We



will not tolerate any harassment or trouble caused to the employees under any circumstances.” He alleged that EHS contributions had been deducted from employees’ salaries for the past three months. However, employees were being turned away from hospitals as the EHS scheme was not functioning. He said the government should take

responsibility if any retired employee died due to the lack of access to healthcare. “Why isn’t EHS working in hospitals when the government has been forcibly collecting EHS contributions from employees for three months?” Goud asked. He said PRC revisions and DA payments had a high number of pending cases during the Congress government’s tenure. Similarly, 4.9 lakh outsourcing employees had been deceived after the government promised to establish a dedicated corporation for them, he alleged.

Telangana BJP hits back at Congress over Revanth Reddy’s US visit clearance

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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 organisa-

tions, 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.



A 45-year-old woman was reunited with her family after she was found wandering into houses in Attapur on Saturday, August 22. Locals found Chandrakala roaming near Shivarampally Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) and informed the police. Upon contacting her family, her son, B Sai Kiran, reached the Attapur Police Station, where she had been taken to safety. Chandrakala is a resident of Hyderguda.

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Konda Surekha urges TPCC to act against leaders targeting her family

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A day after some Congress MLAs accused Forest Minister Konda Surekha and her family of damaging the party’s reputation through their comments, the Minister urged the TPCC Disciplinary Committee to initiate action against them. The Minister expressed anguish over the fact that several Congress MLAs and leaders continued to target her and her family members with humiliating remarks despite her submitted an explanation to the committee’s notice. She wrote a letter to Committee Chairman Mallu Ravi on Saturday. “People orchestrating this matter from behind the scenes should be identified and strict disciplinary

action should be taken against them,” Konda Surekha demanded. The Minister also wanted the committee to examine whether attempts were being made to influence its independent decision-making process. She alleged that public criticism, statements about her political future and demands for action were being made while the party’s disciplinary inquiry was still underway. “I have the utmost respect for party discipline. At the same time, it is concerning that party leadership remains silent while a senior BC woman leader is subjected to collective attacks involving harsh language,” Konda Surekha said. She added that the party leadership should scrutinise the motives of those appearing.

Sagara Sangham Invites Applications for ‘Pratibha Puraskar’

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The Telangana Sagara Sangham State Committee, Hyderabad, has invited applications from meritorious students belonging to the Sagara community for its Pratibha Puraskar Awards for the 2025–26 academic year. The initiative seeks to recognise and encourage talented students who have demonstrated excellence in academics, as well as eligible achievers in sports, music and dance. The felicitation programme will be conducted on September 16, 2026, from 10 am at Parimala Bharathi Function Hall in Hyderabad. The organisers said the awards are intended to motivate



young members of the community to pursue higher education and achieve excellence in various fields. Students pursuing SSC, Intermediate, medical, engineering, pharmacy, law, postgraduate and other professional courses can apply, subject to the eligibility criteria specified in the notification. Eligible candidates are required to submit the prescribed documents along with their applications. The documents include marks memos or educational certificates, caste

certificate, Aadhaar card, postal address, mobile number and a recent passport-size photograph. Applicants have been advised to ensure that all required documents are enclosed and submitted before the deadline. The last date for submitting applications is September 2, 2026. Students who meet the eligibility requirements have been urged to make use of the opportunity and submit their applications within the stipulated time. Telangana Sagara Sangham State President Upari Shekar Sagar, State General Secretary Gourav Satish Sagar and State Treasurer Maddha Govind Kumaraswamy Sagar appealed to eligible students to participate in the programme.

Secunderabad Cantonment Parks Set for Major Green Makeover

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Secunderabad Cantonment is set for a major green transformation, with 15 parks across various wards to be comprehensively developed under the initiative of local MLA Sri Ganesh. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap announced the plans after a joint inspection by HMDA and Urban Forest Department officials. The team surveyed the sites, recorded measurements and assessed existing conditions. The revamped parks will feature dedicated walking tracks, open-air gyms, children’s play areas, improved landscaping, tree cover and seating facilities. Pratap directed officials to consider local requirements and the needs of people across age groups while preparing designs. He said MLA Sri Ganesh is committed to creating a “New Cantonment” through comprehensive development. Officials are working to incorporate ground realities into planning and avoid delays during execution. Development works are expected to begin shortly, with efforts to complete the projects within stipulated timelines and make the parks accessible to residents at the earliest.

The state government on Saturday adopted the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Telecommunications (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, superseding its 2021 RoW orders and barring municipalities and local

bodies from levying property tax, cess or other duties on telecom networks installed on, over or under any property. The ITE&C department’s GO Ms. No. 3 said the move would ensure uniform implementation of the Central law, enable time-bound digital processing of Right of Way

(RoW) applications and protect underground telecom infrastructure. Under the new orders, all departments, local bodies, corporations and public sector units must nominate nodal officers and onboard them on the Union department of telecom (DoT) Telecom e-Services portal within 30

days, with all RoW applications to be processed exclusively through the portal. BharatNet has been notified as a special project, and public entities cannot charge any fee, rent, annuity or bank guarantee from its implementing agencies or contractors for telecom infrastructure on public

property. In a major relief to telecom operators, the government directed that telecommunication networks installed on, over or under a property shall not be treated as part of that property for any transaction, property tax, levy, cess, fees or duties. All municipalities.