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Modi May Visit Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit two Central Asian countries towards the end of the month, beginning with Uzbekistan and proceeding to Kyrgyzstan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit. According to reports, Modi is likely to visit Uzbekistan on August 28 before travelling to the Kyrgyz capital, Bishkek, for the SCO Summit scheduled for August 31 and September 1. New Delhi has, however, not officially announced the visit or its dates.

Uzbek Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov visited New Delhi earlier this month and held talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar. During the meeting, Dr Jaishankar said bilateral relations had expanded into diverse fields, including construction, digital technology, energy, health and education.

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Revanth Calls On Diaspora To Champion 'Telangana Rising'

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to return today, talk on permission row

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy invited the Telugu diaspora in the United Kingdom to become strong proponents and ambassadors of Telangana Rising. He urged them to actively promote the 'Telangana Rising' goals across the globe. He also said that he would speak about all issues related to the Centre's denial of permission to him to visit the US once he returned to Hyderabad on Monday. Revanth Reddy along with industries and IT minister D. Sridhar Babu addressed the Telugu community diaspora in London on Sunday. Discussing Telangana's development and its future progress, Revanth Reddy emphasised that the diaspora should also become partners in the state's development.

They urged the attendees to serve as effective ambassadors for the state by vigorously promoting the 'Telangana Rising' objectives at the global level.



During his visit to the United Kingdom, Revanth Reddy secured preliminary agreements for academic collaborations with institutions like the University of Cambridge and Imperial College, London while showcasing the state's progress in London.

Following the denial of political clearance for a planned trip to the United States, Revanth Reddy is scheduled a return to Hyderabad early on Monday. "I have concluded all my meetings and scheduled events in London and I am grateful for the overwhelming support that I

have received in the past three days. In a few hours, I will be taking a flight back home to Hyderabad instead of proceeding to Boston as per original schedule, after the MEA (Central Govt) denied permission for my USA tour for 'political reasons'. I will speak about all the related issues once I return to Hyderabad," the Chief Minister posted on X. Separately, the Chief Minister thanked AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge and other party leaders for supporting him after the Centre denied him permission to travel to the US.

Reddy, in a post on 'X', said: "My deepest gratitude for the strong support from our leader and Congress party national president, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge ji @kharge on the issue of the Centre denying me permission to travel to the USA. I am very thankful to my party, all the leaders and people across the country who supported in this issue in national interest."

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"Revanth Reddy had planned to undertake a 10-day visit to the UK and the US, the visit primarily focusing on discussions with renowned institutes of higher education including Harvard University and MIT to tie up with the Telangana government. Following the denial of permission, he decided to return to Hyderabad from London while directing a delegation of officials who accompanied him to proceed with the US leg of the trip.

PM Modi Hails Space Startups, Highlights India's Cost Advantage

NEW DELHI
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged Indian space startups to build the country into a global hub capable of attracting professionals, entrepreneurs and investment from across the world, saying India's talent, cost advantage and appetite for risk could help it rapidly expand its footprint in the sector. According to a transcript of Modi's interaction with the chief executives and founders of 20 space startups, released on Sunday, the Prime Minister said India should create an environment in which professionals across the world see the country as a preferred destination for pursuing careers in space technology.

During the interaction on Friday, one of the executives told Modi that the opening of the space sector to private participation had encouraged Indians working in the US and Europe to consider returning home. "We need to connect with many people who went abroad and are now returning. I believe we should create an aura where people worldwide feel that if they want to



make a career, they should go to India," Modi said.

He said the country's emerging space companies could become a magnet for global talent. People looking to work in the sector should be encouraged to associate themselves with Indian startups and space organisations, he added. Modi said breakthroughs in any field draw global attention towards those leading the change and that Indian startups now had an opportunity to establish themselves at the forefront of space innovation.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of policy stability in encouraging entrepreneurs to take risks. He said the government's approach was to ensure consistency in its decisions so that entrepreneurs remained confident that they would continue to receive institutional backing even when ventures encoun-

tered difficulties. Referring to India's cost advantage and availability of skilled manpower, Modi said the country was well placed to scale up quickly. "Our people naturally have a higher risk-taking capacity. Because of these factors, we can establish our place very rapidly," he said.

Startup executives, meanwhile, outlined ambitious expansion plans for India's private space industry. They said rocket manufacturing capacity was being scaled up with the aim of conducting one launch a month by mid-2027, followed eventually by weekly and multiple daily launches.

They also told Modi that investor confidence in the sector had risen following successful private-sector launches and that Indian companies were increasingly securing business from overseas clients.

One executive said the company had secured eight launch contracts, most of them from international customers, within a month of a launch. The executives also spoke about plans over the next 18 months to establish a global network of ground stations.

Doval-Wang Dialogue, Xi Visit in Focus

NEW DELHI
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National Security Adviser Ajit Doval is scheduled to visit Beijing on Monday for talks on the boundary issue with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, even as New Delhi hopes Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit India for the BRICS Summit next month. Doval and Wang, the designated Special Representatives (SRs) for the India-China boundary talks, are scheduled to hold the 25th round of SR talks on Tuesday, according to news agency reports from Beijing. The

SR mechanism was established in 2003 to comprehensively address the long-running boundary dispute between India and China along their 3,488-km border. Doval and Wang last held a bilateral meeting two months ago on the sidelines of the BRICS NSAs Meeting in New Delhi.

The two sides reviewed developments in bilateral relations and noted progress towards the gradual normalisation of ties. New Delhi had said Doval underlined that stable, predictable and constructive bilateral relations would contribute to building

trust and better understanding between the two countries. The discussions were described as constructive and forward-looking. Although the SR talks over the past two decades have not resolved the boundary dispute, officials on both sides regard the mechanism as important for preventing tensions along the border. Ahead of the Beijing talks, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar on Saturday reiterated that peace and tranquillity along the border were prerequisites for good relations with China.

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Rahul Turns 'Real-Life Batman' In Delhi Posters

NEW DELHI
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Posters portraying Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi as the "real-life Batman" have appeared near the Congress headquarters and elsewhere in central Delhi. The posters show Gandhi alongside the fictional superhero and describe him as "The Silent Guardian" and "A Watchful Protector". Another line reads: "LoP Rahul Gandhi — The Real Life Batman." Delhi Pradesh Youth Congress chief Akshay Lakra put up the posters near the entrance



to the Congress headquarters, Indira Bhawan, on Kotla Road and near the Indian Youth Congress office on Raisina Road. The publicity follows a playful exchange during Gandhi's recent "Ask Me Anything" session on Instagram, when a participant asked whether he was Batman. Gandhi replied: "Let's just say that

no one has ever seen me and Batman in the same room together." The comment quickly gained attention on social media. Gandhi had announced the Instagram session as an outreach initiative aimed at Generation Z and invited followers to question him. The interaction included serious political queries as well as casual and humorous questions.

The posters build on that exchange and reflect the Congress' efforts to use social media and youth-oriented messaging to

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Rajnath: India Can Be Global Shipbuilding Hub

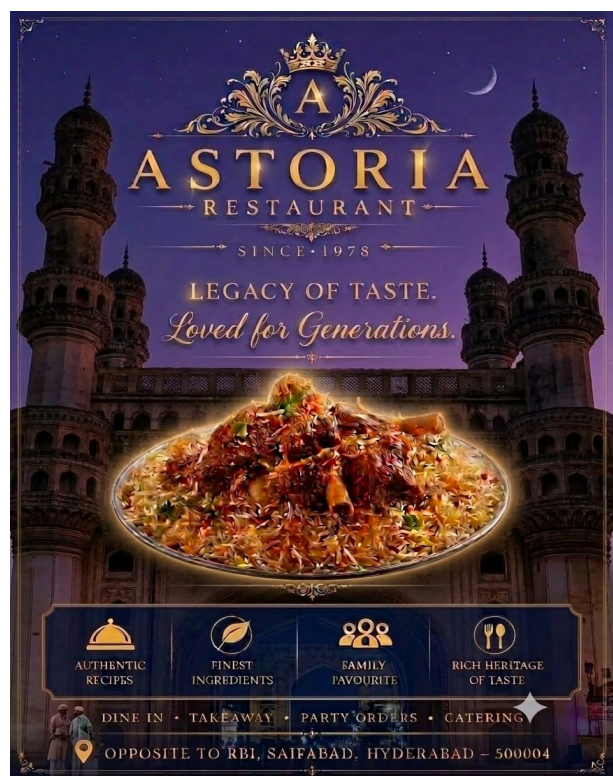
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Defence minister Rajnath Singh asserted on Sunday India's potentiality to become a global shipbuilding hub. He underlined the scope in view of a recent drop in shipbuilding capacity in many western countries. Mr Singh was speaking at Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) after performing 'Bhumi Pujan' of five brownfield projects worth around ₹3,500 crores of investments in West Ben-

gal in presence of chief minister Suvenudh Adhikari.

The defence minister said, "The demand for all types of vessels has been growing. Our navy is also expanding and so are the challenges in maritime defence. Many nations such as the UK once expanded their empires with maritime power. But their shipbuilding capacities decreased in recent years. There is a gap in global shipbuilding capacity.

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IRGC says Trump's economic war against Iran admission of military defeat

TEHRAN
Wakeup telangana

The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) says the United States' latest economic pressure campaign against Iran amounts to an implicit admission of failure on the military front. Speaking to reporters on Sunday, IRGC spokesman Brigadier General Hossein Mohebbi reacted to recent statements by US President Donald Trump about launching what he called the "most crushing economic operation" against

Iran.

"The US president says that he ordered an economic war and launched the most severe economic campaign against Iran. This amounts to an implicit admission of the enemy's humiliating defeat in the military arena," he said.

He added that the US would have no need to resort to economic warfare if it had achieved victory on the military front. The IRGC spokesman noted that such pressure against Iran is nothing new, saying the enemies have



waged an economic war and imposed sanctions on all major sectors for 47 years.

"We have repeatedly announced that we have scenarios in place for any hostile action by the enemy. One of the enemy's hostile actions is economic measures and warfare," Mohebbi said. "We have scenarios to counter the adverse ef-

fects of the enemy's war, and we can easily establish economic relations with countries. There is no concern regarding the economic situation," he added.

He noted that Tehran has economic interaction with other countries despite sanctions and emphasized that the results of such efforts would become evident in the near future. According to the IRGC spokesman, Iran's armed forces have succeeded in dealing heavy blows to the enemy during the 40-day and 12-day wars in

June 2025 and late February. Iran targeted at least 30 to 40 enemy warships inside the Persian Gulf before the 40-day imposed war, and the enemy has now retreated to a distance of 400 kilometers from the Persian Gulf waters, he said. He reiterated that Washington had deployed extensive military resources to control the Strait of Hormuz, but ultimately failed.

On Wednesday, Trump announced what he called the "most crushing economic operation" against Iran, claiming that Tehran

would face "economic warfare and isolation on an unprecedented scale." He also threatened sanctions against any country that does business with Iran. The threat comes as his war on Iran, launched alongside the Israeli regime on February 28, has failed to reach any of its objectives. In a post on his X account on Thursday, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned the United States that intensifying "failed" policies against Iran will only lead to further setbacks.

Harish Rao warns of Assembly disruption, siege Secretariat over 22A list

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS deputy floor leader T Harish Rao on Sunday warned that the party would stall the Assembly and lay siege to the Secretariat if the government failed to immediately withdraw private properties from the 22A prohibited list. He questioned the indifference of Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi to the suffering of Telangana people, as Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy pursued real estate interests. He vowed that the BRS would raise the issue during the upcoming Assembly session and stall it, if the government fails to remove genuine private properties from the



22A list. Press Club of India president Sangeeta Pisharody, Caravan Editor Anant Nath, Federation of Press Clubs representative Gautam Lahiri, Press Club of Hyderabad president Vijay Kumar Reddy and others also spoke on the occasion. “If necessary, we will lay siege to the Secretariat. The BRS is ready for any form of struggle,” he declared. Addressing a meeting organised by the BRS in support of residents of

Tirumala Meadows, Lakshmi Ganapathi and Hemanagar colonies in Boduppal on Sunday, Harish Rao said registered houses and patta lands were being included in the prohibited list to facilitate collection of 30 per cent commissions. He said middle-class families had borrowed money and saved for years to build houses, but were now unable to sell or mortgage them. Citing a resident’s account, he said a woman

had been denied a bank loan to fund her children’s higher education because her house was entered in the 22A list. The BRS deputy leader stated that the government was reviving provisions of the Urban Land Ceiling Act that had been repealed in 1998 and 2008 and using them to place patta lands under the prohibited category. Referring to the Revenue Minister’s apology, he demanded that the government remove the affected properties from the list without insisting on applications and take complete responsibility instead of blaming officials. Harish Rao also alleged that the government had placed around 40 lakh acres across Telangana under the prohibited list, citing claims about large tracts in Yadadri Bhongir

district and properties in Hyderabad. He questioned why people should approach government offices or submit applications to rectify an error committed by the government. He questioned why the government was not initiating inquiries against officials responsible for such a disastrous decision, while ordering CID and vigilance probes into smaller issues involving opposition leaders. Harish Rao also alleged that the government had removed the 22A prohibited list from the online Bhu Bharati registration portal, apart from blocking Hyderabad list to people. He questioned the government’s motive behind the blocking of the list and demanded that the complete list be restored in the public domain.

Ponguleti Must Apologise to Nizamabad People: Bigala

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former MLA Ganesh Bigala alleged that the Congress government had deceived the people of Nizamabad by rebranding 396 double-bedroom houses as Indiramma houses. He said the Congress had promised 1,500 Indiramma houses for Nizamabad Urban but constructed only around 300. According to Bigala, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy merely distributed allotment certificates at an auditorium without delivering on the larger promise. Bigala said Ponguleti, in the presence of former Speaker Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, criticised the previous BRS government for failing to construct houses. He contrasted this with the 11,000 double-bedroom houses built in Banswada during KCR’s



tenure. He alleged that the growing political understanding between the Congress and BJP in Nizamabad had been exposed. Bigala also criticised the BJP district president for staging a protest with a small gathering while BRS leaders were allegedly being placed under house arrest. He demanded that the BRS be given the same opportunity to conduct protests. On the 22-A land classification issue, Bigala claimed that the entire State was facing widespread concern and al-

leged that the system had become a tool for extortion. He further alleged that there was a lack of coordination between the Chief Minister, ministers and MLAs. Bigala accused Congress ministers and MLAs of large-scale corruption, alleging that some were being identified by alleged commission percentages rather than their names. He demanded that Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy apologise to the people of Nizamabad for allegedly presenting BRS-built houses as Indiramma houses.

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.

Kavitha Promises Official Teej Festival, Social Justice

Kavitha Promises Official Teej Festival, Three-Day Holiday, and Social Justice for Banjara Community Under Telangana Rakshana Sena

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Rakshana Sena leader Kalvakuntla Kavitha said that if her party comes to power, the Teej festival would be celebrated officially across Telangana, with a three-day holiday provided as desired by women of the Banjara community. Addressing the Banjara community at Singareni Colony in Hyderabad, Kavitha said women play a crucial role in preserving Banjara traditions and cultural identity. She said their observance of the nine-day fast, traditional attire and even sleeping on the floor during the festival reflected their deep commitment to protecting their heritage. Kavitha appealed to the Banjara community to continue preserving its traditions and passing them on to future generations. She said that without traditional practices and attire, the cultural identity of the



community could gradually disappear. Speaking about the conditions in Singareni Colony, Kavitha alleged that there had been virtually no development or significant improvement in the lives of residents over the past 30 years. She said the continuing problems highlighted the need for a major change in the social and political system. Kavitha recalled that her organisation had conducted a massive public meeting in Hyderabad on August 6 to initiate efforts aimed at bringing about broader social change. She said

the Telangana Rakshana Sena was committed to fighting for social justice and ensuring equal opportunities and justice for every section of society. She stressed that social justice should go hand in hand with the preservation of the cultural traditions of different communities. Kavitha said the Telangana Rakshana Sena shared a strong bond with the Banjara community and would continue to strengthen that relationship. Kavitha also praised the people who attended the programme despite heavy rain, describing their presence as a reflection of their courage, unity and determination. She concluded by asserting that a socially just Telangana could be achieved only through the Telangana Rakshana Sena and urged the Banjara community to remain united in protecting its culture and pursuing social justice.

Health Minister Visits Injured Retired Teacher Veerayya

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha visited retired teacher Veerayya at Choutakur Mandal headquarters in the Andole Assembly constituency and enquired about his health condition. Veerayya, who is recovering from injuries, was personally visited by the Minister at his residence. Rajanarsimha interacted with him and his family members, enquired about the treatment being provided and wished him a speedy and



complete recovery. During the interaction, Veerayya’s son Pradeep, who is serving as a Deputy Tahsildar at the Municipality Mandal

Tahsildar Office, briefed the Minister about his father’s health condition, treatment and recovery. The Minister

spent some time with Veerayya and encouraged him during his recovery. He also spoke with the family members and enquired about their requirements related to the treatment. Several local leaders and well-wishers accompanied Damodar Rajanarsimha during the visit and conveyed their wishes to Veerayya for an early recovery. The Minister’s visit and personal interaction with the retired teacher and his family drew the attention of local residents and supporters present on the occasion.

Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Statue Unveiled at Radhika Crossroads

HYDERABAD
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A statue of legendary Hyderabad Kotwal and noted social reformer Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy was ceremonially unveiled at Radhika Crossroads in Hyderabad on August 22, 2026, marking his birth anniversary. Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy formally unveiled the statue and paid floral tributes to Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy. The programme was attended by community representatives,



organisers and several prominent personalities. Harinath Reddy of Scantech Infra, who was associated with the statue works as contractor, participated in the programme along with other dignitaries and paid floral tributes. Speaking on the occasion, MLA

Bandari Lakshma Reddy recalled the remarkable contribution of Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy to Hyderabad and Telangana society. He said his commitment to public service, education and social welfare continues to inspire future generations.

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, 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. Patilolla Anurag Reddy, MD Paediatrics. Congress party senior leader Patilolla Chandrashekar Reddy, Narayankhed, has invited people to attend the inauguration and make the occasion a success.

Astronaut Urges Planet-First Approach on National Space Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Group Captain and astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla on National Space Day emphasised the urgent need to protect and preserve Earth’s natural resources, cautioning that space exploration should never become a necessity because humanity failed to safeguard its home planet. Addressing participants at the third edition of the “Cyclotron, Pedal for the Planet” at Rashtrapati

Nilayam in Bolaram on Sunday, Gp Capt. Shukla said a person’s sense of identity begins with their home, expands to their city and country, and ultimately extends to the planet when humans venture into space. “Space exploration is required in many ways, but it should not become a necessity as we could not protect the planet Earth,” he said, highlighting the importance of responsible environmental choices and conservation of natural



resources. Gp Capt. Shukla congratulated the nearly 600 cyclists who participated in the event and appreciated the President’s office for organising citizen engagement pro-

grammes focused on social and environmental causes. He said initiatives that encourage people to adopt sustainable habits can play an important role in creating greater awareness about environmental

protection. The 16.2-km cyclotron was organised by Rashtrapati Nilayam in collaboration with the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) and cycling groups from Hyderabad. The ride began at Rashtrapati Nilayam, proceeded towards Suchitra Circle and returned to the venue. Cycling groups, defence personnel, schoolchildren and members of local communities participated in the event. The programme sought

to promote cycling as a way of life while spreading awareness about environmental conservation, sustainability and healthy living. Maj. Gen. Rahul Dev Sharma, General Officer Commanding, 54 Infantry Division, and Gp Capt. Shukla flagged off the adult and child cyclists. An environmental pledge was also administered to the participants, encouraging them to protect nature and adopt healthier lifestyles.

Telangana auto-rickshaw drivers on strike from Sunday midnight

Auto-rickshaw drivers across Telangana will go on strike from Sundy midnight, demanding implementation of welfare promises made by the ruling Congress, ahead of the last Assembly elections. Thousands of drivers would take out a protest march from Sundarayya Vignana Kendram to RTC Cross Roads on Monday. He also called for burning effigies of the government at district headquarters.

Speaking to the media after a meeting of various auto workers' unions at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday, Auto Workers JAC chairman and BRTU Auto Workers union president Vemula Maraiah said the Congress government failed to fulfil any of its promises to auto drivers in nearly three years in power, including setting up a welfare board and providing Rs 12,000 annually. He said the Rs 5 lakh accident insurance provided under the previous BRS government

BRS to launch campaign against Congress's 1,000-day betrayal

HYDERABAD
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Marking 1,000 days of the Congress government in power, the BRS announced a major week-long Statewide campaign from September 2 to highlight the Congress government's failures and betrayal of the people.

The party working president KT Rama Rao called on the cadre to take the unfulfilled promises and public issues to every village through various formats and programmes.

During a teleconference with senior leaders, elected representatives and the State executive committee on Sunday, Rama Rao gave detailed instructions to the party leaders to organise innovative programmes from September 2. The campaign will focus not only on the Congress' election

promises but also on its administrative failures, corruption, irregularities, and problems faced by different sections of the State.

He reminded them that the Congress came to power by making 420 promises, 13 declarations and six guarantees, with a promise to implement them within 100 days.

However, he pointed out that it had failed to fulfil even a single major promise after 1,000 days.

The BRS working president asked the party cadre to distribute "Baaki Cards" (Debt Cards) to remind people about the financial benefits promised by the Congress to various sections, which were

not delivered.

"The Congress betrayed every section of the State. It is time that we remind people about its promises and failures in implementation along with pending benefits owed to each section including farmers, agricultural labourers, elderly people, women, students and youth," he remarked.

Rama Rao particularly called for campaigns at colleges over the alleged non-payment of more than Rs 12,000 crore in fee reimbursement dues. He said the issue was affecting students and their parents. He also asked the party to highlight the Congress government's failure to provide jobs and fulfil commitments to the youth.

"The BRS has been fighting on issues of students, youth and the unemployed. We must reach out

to larger sections of the people once again, to initiate a wider discussion on the ruling Congress over its failed promises," he added. The BRS will separately engage auto drivers, women, farmers, tribals, Dalits, BCs, government employees and retired employees, with programmes aimed at highlighting their specific grievances.

Rama Rao stressed that the campaign should cover the government's overall performance during the 1,000 days rather than remain confined to unfulfilled promises. The party leaders should explain the gap between the Congress' assurances and its ground reality, he said.

He wanted them to explain the numerous challenges faced by people due to failed policies and atrocities of the Congress government.

Jagadish Reddy Slams Govt Over Water Crisis

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former minister G. Jagadish Reddy alleged that the Congress-led Telangana government and the BJP have jointly orchestrated a "drama and betrayal" over irrigation water, claiming the Centre's observations on the Sundilla and Annaram barrages have exposed their political strategy.

Jagadish Reddy said the government ignored repeated demands from BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao to operate the Kannepalli pump house independently of the Medigadda barrage. He alleged that water was being deliberately withheld from farmers despite sufficient availability in the Krishna and Godavari basins.

He accused Andhra Pradesh of illegally drawing around 140 TMC through the Pothireddy-



padu outlet and said Telangana could have benefited from available water in Nagarjuna Sagar.

According to him, irrigation was provided to the Sagar Left Canal even when the reservoir stood at lower levels during the previous BRS government.

Jagadish Reddy further alleged that the government was reluctant to release water because of the financial burden of electricity, fertilisers and crop procurement. He demanded immediate release of water to Sagar Left Canal-dependent farmers, particularly those

in the Devarakonda region. He said switching on the Kannepalli pumps could have helped fill Mallanna Sagar, Konda Pochamma and Ranganayaka Sagar reservoirs, and urged the government to reconsider its policy.

The former minister also alleged growing differences within the Congress and criticised ministers over their handling of irrigation and farmer issues. He said KCR and KTR would formulate a strategy to counter what he described as the government's betrayal.

Rambabu Elected Sangareddy District Convener of MJA

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Rambabu has been newly elected as the Sangareddy District Convener of the Mudiraj Journalists Association, drawing warm congratulations and best wishes from journalists, community members and well-wishers.

Following his election, supporters expressed confidence that Rambabu would work towards strengthening unity among Mudiraj journalists in Sangareddy district and take an active role in addressing issues concern-

ing their professional welfare, rights and representation. Well-wishers hoped that under his leadership, the association would become a stronger platform for journalists and encourage greater coordination and mutual support among media professionals across the district.

Congratulating Rambabu on his new responsibility, journalists wished him a successful tenure and expressed hope that he would work inclusively for the welfare, dignity and professional interests .

Bonala Jatara Celebrations Held With Devotional Fervour in Annanagar

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Devotional fervour and community spirit marked the Sravanamasa Bonala Jatara celebrations at Annanagar Chowrasta in the Third Ward of the Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, along with former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, participated as chief guests and performed special pujas at several temples, seeking divine blessings for the welfare and prosperity of the constituency.



The celebrations were held at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple, Peddamma Temple, Renuka Yellamma Temple and Beerappa Temple. Traditional rituals and elaborate offerings were performed amid Vedic chants, devotional music

and rhythmic drumbeats associated with the auspicious Bonalu festivities.

Former PCC Secretary Rajesh Yadav, Temple Jatara Committee members Annanagar Murali, Srinivas Mudiraju and Nagaraju, Ward President Mahesh, Aditya Yadav

and Balaraju were among those who attended the celebrations. Temple Jatara Committee members coordinated the arrangements and ensured that devotees could participate in the festivities smoothly.

A large number of residents and devotees gathered at the temples, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The celebrations highlighted the deep-rooted religious traditions and strong community participation associated with Sravanamasa Bonalu in the Cantonment area.

Miyapur Janachaitanya Colony Hosts Van Mahotsav



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A Van Mahotsav programme was organised by the CMC UBD Department at Janachaitanya Colony, Miyapur.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi participated as chief guest and planted saplings along with CMC Additional Commissioner UBD Subhadra Devi, DC Srinivas and former corporator Uppalapati Srikanth.

Gandhi appreciated the colony residents for setting an example and urged everyone to make tree plantation a social responsibility.

He stressed that planting and protecting trees is essential for human survival, oxygen

supply, biodiversity and a healthier urban environment. He encouraged residents to plant suitable native and valuable species such as Maredu, Velaga, Jammi, Rudraksha, Sandalwood and Red Sanders, and to ensure that the saplings are properly maintained.

Gandhi also called for identifying vacant spaces and suitable areas along roads for plantation and urged residents, including children, women, youth and senior citizens, to actively participate in protecting the greenery.

UBD managers, Janachaitanya Colony Association members, residents and students of Ignite College participated in the programme.

Series of Unresolved Incidents Raises Security Concerns

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A series of incidents reported in Mator village of Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, has triggered growing concern among residents, who are seeking greater clarity on investigations and stronger measures to safeguard public and private property.

According to local residents, the village has witnessed theft of electricity cables, burglaries at houses and other theft-related incidents in the past.



Villagers allege that despite some incidents being brought to the notice of the concerned authorities, they have not received adequate information about the progress or outcome of investigations. Adding to

these concerns, a motorcycle parked inside the premises of a residence near Durgamma Temple was found completely burnt under suspicious circumstances earlier this month.

The intensity of the blaze reportedly damaged a nearby tamarind tree as well. At the time, residents demanded examination of available CCTV footage to determine whether the fire was accidental or the result of a deliberate act.

Villagers say they are still seeking clarity regarding the identity of the motorcycle

owner, the circumstances surrounding the fire and what action, if any, followed the incident.

Substation Foundation Plaque Damage Adds to Concern

The latest issue relates to the foundation plaque of the proposed 33/11 KV electricity substation at Mator. The foundation ceremony was held on January 20, 2026, in the presence of Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Aler MLA and Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah, public representatives and officials.

Pargi's Ravi Sagar Offers Prayers at Karmanghat Hanuman Temple

HYDERABAD
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Ravi Sagar of Pargi visited the Karmanghat Hanuman Temple in Hyderabad on Sunday and offered special prayers to Lord Hanuman.

During his visit, Ravi Sagar had darshan of the presiding deity and sought divine blessings. Speaking on the occasion, he said visiting the temple and offering prayers brought him immense spiritual peace and renewed energy.

Ravi Sagar prayed for the health, happiness, peace and prosperity of the people, and wished for the overall welfare and development of



society. He said places of worship strengthen faith and inspire people to move forward with courage, discipline and a spirit of service.

After completing the darshan, Ravi Sagar expressed happiness over the opportunity to seek the blessings of Lord Hanuman on Sunday.

"May Lord Hanuman bless everyone with strength, good health and prosperity," he said.

Hyderabad Shooter Mohammed Ashraf Ganyani Wins Two Medals

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Hyderabad-based businessman and competitive shooter Mohammed Ashraf Ganyani won Silver and Bronze medals in the 300M Rifle Prone Big Bore events held at the OCTOPUS Shooting Range, Ibrahimpatnam, from August 18 to 21, 2026.

Ganyani secured Silver at the Deccan Elite Open Big Bore Grand Prix with a score of 273/300 and



Bronze at the Telangana State Shooting Championship, also scoring 273/300.

Organised by the Telangana Rifle Association, the four-day championship featured three major competitions and attracted

shooters from various States, districts and institutions. Telangana Rifle Association President Amit Sanghi congratulated the athletes for their dedication and sportsmanship.

Ganyani said consistent training and discipline helped him achieve the medals. Balancing business with shooting, he aims to continue training and achieve greater success at the National level while bringing pride to Telangana and India..

90% of Medical Treatments to Be Available at District Level: Health Minister

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Health, Medical and Family Welfare Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha said the State Government is working towards making nearly 90 per cent of medical treatments available at the district level, reducing the need for patients to travel long distances to Hyderabad and other major cities for healthcare.

The Minister made the remarks while inaugurating the newly established Balaji Anuradha Super Speciality Hospital at Narayankhed town in Sangareddy

district during his visit to the Narayankhed Assembly constituency.

The hospital was inaugurated by Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha along with Member of Parliament Suresh Shetkar and Narayankhed MLA Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the Telangana Government is giving high priority to the development of both the education and healthcare sectors. He said government hospitals, public healthcare institutions and medical services are being strengthened so that nearly 90 per cent of



healthcare requirements can be addressed within the respective districts.

The Minister also observed that public confidence in government hospitals is increasing, with more people utilising the medical services being provided through the public healthcare system.

After the inauguration, Damodar Rajanarsimha inspected various departments and facilities in the newly established super speciality hospital. He appreciated the hospital management for setting up modern healthcare facilities keeping in view the medical needs of

people in Narayankhed and surrounding areas.

The new hospital is expected to improve access to specialised medical services for residents of Narayankhed and nearby rural areas.

Sangareddy District Collector Prateek Jain, District SP Paritosh Pankaj, Narayankhed Sub-Collector Harini, hospital management representatives Dr. Patlolla Anurag Reddy and Dr. K. Sridhar, along with local public representatives, doctors, hospital staff and others participated in the programme.

CBI Books Former DGCA Official, Aviation Firms

The CBI has registered a case against a former Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) official and several aviation-related companies for allegedly abusing his official position, extending undue favours to select flying training organisations and facilitating suspicious air-craft transactions. The FIR alleged that the probe uncovered a “systematic network of corporate entities” controlled and managed by the immediate and extended family of Captain Anil Gill, then director of flying training at the DGCA. Bluethroat Aero Global Pvt. Ltd was incorporated in 2016 with Gill’s mother and maternal aunt as directors, while his cousin and sister-in-law joined the company later, the FIR said. Two other companies, Sabres Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Sandhills Aviation IFSC Pvt. Ltd, were also allegedly incorporated with Gill’s relatives as directors. The case was registered on Friday against Gill, Bluethroat Aero Global, Redbird Aviation Academy Pvt. Ltd, Sabres Corporate Solutions and Sandhills Aviation IFSC, besides unidentified public servants and private individuals.

Gopalpur Industrial Park Emerges As Eastern India’s Green Industrial Hub

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited’s (TSSEZL) Gopalpur Industrial Park (GIP) in Odisha’s Ganjam district is emerging as a major green industrial hub in eastern India, with a cumulative investment pipeline of over Rs 65,400 crore across clean energy, advanced manufacturing and other sectors. The Park’s green energy credentials received a further boost with the signing of a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Odisha government, Japan’s IHI Corporation, ACME Group and TSSEZL for a proposed 0.4 million tonne per annum (MTPA) Green Ammonia Plant and a jetty-less floating terminal. The project is expected to create around 3,400 employment opportunities and strengthen



Odisha’s clean energy ecosystem. “Our vision of transcending Gopalpur Industrial Park as a globally competitive industrial destination is coming true,” said Manikanta Naik, Managing Director, TSSEZL. He said the Odisha government-supported infrastructure for power and water supply had helped accelerate the Park’s development. The renewable energy manufacturing ecosystem is also set to expand with Tata Steel Special Economic Zone Limited and Tata Power Renewable Energy Lim-

ited (TPREL) executing a binding land transfer agreement for TPREL’s proposed Rs 10,000-crore investment. The project will manufacture solar ingots and wafers, supporting India’s clean energy transition. GIP was recently honoured with the ‘Smart Industrial Park’ award by Maritime Gateway for excellence in industrial infrastructure and innovation at the Smart Logistics Summit & Awards 2026 in Bhubaneswar. The Park has attracted major domestic and global investors in

green hydrogen, renewable energy equipment, specialty chemicals, tyres, mineral processing and food processing. Investors include Avaada GreenH2, Ocior Energy, Hygenco, Saatvik Solar Industries, World Green Energy, Superform Chemistries, SRF, Deepak Mining Solutions, ATC Tires, Tata Steel and Tata Consumer Products. Acme, Avaada GreenH2 and Hygenco have opted for the Special Economic Zone, while several other investors have chosen the Domestic Tariff Area. Spread over nearly 2,970 acres, GIP is being developed as an integrated, plug-and-play industrial ecosystem. It offers internal road networks, power and water supply, drainage, environmental clearances and multimodal connectivity, including access to Gopalpur Port through a dedicated utility corridor.

Centre Retains Security Funding Cover For 38 Former Naxal-Hit Districts

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Union home ministry will continue providing security-related assistance to 38 “Legacy and Thrust” districts across nine states to prevent the resurgence of Left-Wing Extremism (LWE), although the government has declared that no district in the country is now categorised as LWE-affected. The 38 districts have a history of Maoist violence and will remain covered under the Security Related Expenditure (SRE) scheme to consolidate security gains and prevent extremist groups from regrouping. Chhattisgarh has the highest number of Legacy and Thrust districts at 13, followed by Odisha with nine and Bihar and Jharkhand with four each. Bhadradi-Kothagudem and Mulugu in Telangana and

Alluri Sitharama Raju in Andhra Pradesh have also been included. The 13 districts in Chhattisgarh are Bastar, Bijapur, Kanker, Narayanpur, Dhamtari, Kabirdham, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Kondagaon, Rajnandgaon, Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki, Gariaband, Sukma and Dantewada. The nine Odisha districts are Boudh, Sundargarh, including the Rourkela police district, Kalahandi, Koraput, Malkangiri, Nabarangpur, Nuapada, Rayagada and Kandhamal. Aurangabad, Gaya, Jamui and Lakhisarai in Bihar and West Singhbhum, Bokaro, Chatra and Latehar in Jharkhand will also remain covered. The other districts are Balaghat and Mandla in Madhya Pradesh, Gadchiroli and Gondia in Maharashtra and Jhargram in West Bengal. West Singhbhum, which

was previously classified as the country’s only District of Concern, was recently moved to the Legacy and Thrust category. With this revision, the Centre now has no district listed as either LWE-affected or a District of Concern. In his Independence Day address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said armed Naxalism had been curbed but warned against what he called “dimagi Naxals”, or people influenced by Maoist ideology. Sources said the 38 districts would continue to receive assistance because they had suffered Maoist violence for several years. Continued surveillance, security measures and development interventions were necessary to prevent extremist groups from regrouping, they said.

India’s BRICS Outreach Boosts South Asian Regional Cooperation

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana



India’s decision to invite Bangladesh and Nepal to the outreach session of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi next month carries significance beyond the multilateral forum, offering an opportunity to strengthen engagement across South Asia and potentially reset bilateral relations among the three neighbouring countries. The participation of the Bangladeshi and Nepalese premiers is expected to provide a platform for greater collective engagement with the Global South while reinforcing discussions on economic development, regional connectivity and cooperation on shared challenges. The outreach also comes at a time when international relations are facing growing instability and uncertainty. According to a report published by India Narrative, the global order is witnessing what it describes as an era of “global un-order”, marked by increasing coercion, retaliation and weakening adherence to shared inter-

national rules. Against this backdrop, emerging powers are being called upon to play a greater role in promoting peace, dialogue and cooperation. India, which is hosting the BRICS summit, has consistently advocated stronger multilateral cooperation. Its approach is reflected in the summit theme, “Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”, which places emphasis on sustainable growth, resilience and collective action. The invitations to Bangladesh and Nepal are also linked to the wider regional framework. BRICS has a practice of inviting representatives of regional groupings to its summits. Bangladesh currently chairs the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), while Nepal is also a member of the regional grouping. The outreach session

could therefore serve as an important platform for discussions on regional connectivity, economic growth and cooperation among developing countries. The move also assumes importance in the context of changing political circumstances in Bangladesh and Nepal. The India Narrative report noted that both countries currently present new diplomatic challenges for New Delhi. Nepal has elected a relatively young political party to power under a new leadership, while Bangladesh has undergone major political changes that have altered the traditional dynamics of India-Bangladesh relations. Against this backdrop, India’s outreach could provide an opportunity to rebuild confidence and establish a fresh framework for bilateral engagement. There has also been speculation that External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar could visit Nepal to formally invite the Nepalese Prime Minister to the BRICS Summit. Nepal’s participation would give the Himalayan nation an opportunity to engage more closely with

the Global South initiative while maintaining its traditional balanced foreign policy approach involving both India and China. For Bangladesh, participation in the summit could similarly provide an avenue for renewed dialogue with New Delhi and greater involvement in discussions concerning regional economic development. The summit, therefore, is likely to be significant not only for BRICS but also for South Asia. India, Bangladesh and Nepal share deep historical, cultural and economic links, while their relationships have also experienced periods of tension and uncertainty. With the global environment becoming increasingly complex, the three neighbours face a shared responsibility to manage differences carefully, strengthen regional cooperation and contribute collectively to the broader Global South agenda. The New Delhi summit could consequently mark an important step towards opening a new chapter in South Asian cooperation and creating greater opportunities.

Fadnavis Calls Cong ‘Directionless Party’

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday accused Congress leader and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi of having “double standards” on women’s empowerment, alleging that while Mr Gandhi speaks about women’s rights on public platforms, his party has opposed the Women’s Reservation Bill. Mr Fadnavis also launched a sharp attack on the Congress, describing it as a “directionless” party, while addressing the concluding event of the Gen-Z-focused ‘Manthan4Yuva’

campaign in Nagpur. The programme, organised by Yuva Manch, an organisation reportedly close to the BJP Yuva Morcha and ABVP, was held against the backdrop of the Congress’s ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ programme addressed by Mr Gandhi in Pune on Saturday. At the Pune event, Mr Gandhi had urged female students to “smash the prevailing patriarchy” that restricts women and prevents them from achieving their aspira-

tions. The ‘Manthan4Yuva’ campaign concluded on Sunday with an event at Reshimbag Ground, attended by thousands of young people and youth icons from various fields. Mr Fadnavis interacted with Gen-Z participants and answered questions on civic engagement, leadership and opportunities for young people. The BJP-led outreach to young voters comes amid heightened political attention to the youth following the Jantar Mantar protest over the alleged NEET paper leak and the subsequent resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

In a post on X, Mr Fadnavis said: “A sea of young faces, a roar of enthusiasm and dreams that know no limits. This energy and ambition of our youth will power our journey towards a Viksit Maharashtra and Viksit Bharat!” Speaking to reporters after the programme, Mr Fadnavis said the gathering was not the result of mobilisation. He said several events had been organised as part of the campaign over the past few days and around 1.5 lakh people had participated in them. He claimed that 20,000 to 25,000 people attended Sunday’s event at Reshimbag Ground.

Irani Asks Rahul To Back Early Rollout Of Women’s Quota

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

BJP general secretary Smriti Irani on Sunday challenged Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi to demonstrate his support for women by backing the immediate implementation of 33 per cent reservation for women in legislatures. She also asked him to arrange for the full version of Vande Mataram, including verses invoking Goddess Durga,

to be sung at the Congress headquarters. Interacting with girl students at the ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ outreach programme in Pune on Saturday, Gandhi urged them to “smash patriarchy” and criticised the “Manusmriti mindset”, saying it forces women to remain under the authority of male relatives at every stage of their lives. The former Congress president also said violence was used to prevent women from progressing and that 80 per cent of women

faced harassment. Responding to his remarks, Irani said: “Since he has invoked religion, I have a request to that prominent leader of the Congress. The verses of Vande Mataram, some of which were halted at the Congress headquarters, contain a reference to Goddess Durga.” She was referring to the row over the Congress’ decision to sing only two stanzas of Vande Mataram at party programmes, which the BJP has de-

scribed as an “insult” to the national song. The former Union minister said: “Our religious ethos of Hindus not only upholds the tenet of ‘Yatra naryastu pujiyante ramante tatra devatah’ (where women are honoured, divinity resides), but we also worship goddesses like Bhagwati, Lakshmi and Saraswati.” “We worship Goddess Durga as the embodiment of ‘Shakti’ (divine power).

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“I think we went through a particularly bad patch between the summer of 2020 and the autumn of 2024, and that was primarily an outcome of the situation in the border areas,” Jaishankar said. He said the state of the border would, to a large extent, determine the state of bilateral relations. His remarks came amid reports of increased Chinese military activity near the Arunachal Pradesh border. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Guo Jiakun had on August 12 said that the India-China border situation was “generally stable at the moment”. India and China also held the 36th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on China-India

Border Affairs earlier this month. The two sides agreed to maintain communication through diplomatic and military channels and jointly uphold peace and tranquillity in the border areas, according to Beijing. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal had on August 11 said India viewed matters concerning the border with China with the “utmost seriousness” and stressed that maintaining peace and tranquillity along the Line of Actual Control was crucial to the overall trajectory of bilateral ties. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Xi had met in August last year on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in Tianjin.

Rahul Turns ‘Real.....’ The posters build on that exchange

and reflect the Congress’ efforts to use social media and youth-oriented messaging to strengthen Gandhi’s outreach among younger voters. Sharing photographs of the posters, Congress Rajya Sabha member Pawan Khera said: “Not all heroes wear capes — some wear a white T-shirt.” BJP spokesperson Nalin Kohli responded: “I don’t know how appropriate it is for his party to portray him as a cartoon character from a comic series.”

Rajnath: India Can.....

There is a gap in global shipbuilding capacity. This is a golden opportunity for India.” Elaborating the reasons behind the global changes in ship production, he explained, “One reason is it takes

around five years to build a ship. By the time you complete the construction, the technology used in its various systems and weapons becomes outdated. We have our new generation of engineers and IT experts. We can become a world-class ship design hub and can export designs also. In production, we have our workforce which other nations are losing. If we modernise our manufacturing capacity, India will become the world’s biggest maritime hub.” Mr Singh then pointed out, “We can also become a hub of ship repair, maintenance and overhaul in the Indian Ocean region. GRSE should focus itself on these lines. The projects we started today are a step towards the global market.” Among the five projects, three be-

long to GRSE which has signed lease agreements with Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata for two small shipyards on either bank of river Hooghly, Raichak in South 24 Parganas and Shalimar in Howrah to enhance its capabilities in warship building and refit apart from the construction and repair of small and medium-sized commercial vessels.

Modi May Visit

He said the two countries wanted to extend cooperation to mining and increase bilateral trade, which was nearing \$1 billion. The Bishkek summit assumes significance as the SCO is primarily regarded as a Central Asian grouping. Its 10 members are India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakh-

stan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran and Belarus. Chinese President Xi Jinping is also expected to attend the summit, potentially providing an opportunity for a bilateral meeting with Modi on the sidelines. There has, however, been no official announcement of such a meeting. India will host the BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12 and 13. New Delhi is hoping that Xi will attend it, a visit that could further indicate an improvement in India-China relations. Modi is also expected to come face-to-face with Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in Bishkek. Relations between the two nuclear-armed neighbours remain strained, and no bilateral meeting is expected on the sidelines.

CRIME

Toxic Pre-release Event Mishap Leaves Two Students Injured

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A sound box setup collapsed during the pre-release event of actor Yash's much-awaited film Toxic at Malla Reddy University in Dhulapally, causing serious injuries to two students. The incident created panic among the audience as the event was underway and Yash was addressing the gathering on stage.

According to reports, two students sustained injuries after the sound equipment collapsed. One of the female students reportedly lost consciousness following the incident. She was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital, where she was taken for medical treatment. The condition of the injured students was not immediately known.



The incident occurred while Yash was delivering his speech at the promotional event. On noticing the commotion, the actor reportedly paused his address and instructed the security personnel to immediately check the situation. He also asked them to ensure that the affected students were safe and received necessary assistance.

The event had drawn a

large gathering of students and fans who had assembled to catch a glimpse of the actor and celebrate the upcoming film. The collapse of the sound box setup briefly disrupted the proceedings and raised concerns over safety arrangements at the venue.

Toxic features Yash in the lead role, with Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Tara Sutaria and Rukmini Vasanth

appearing in key roles. The film is written and directed by Geetu Mohandas and is jointly produced by Venkat K. Narayana and Yash under KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations.

The project was shot simultaneously in Kannada and English and is scheduled for release in Hindi, Telugu, Tamil and Malayalam. The film has generated considerable interest among audiences, particularly due to its ensemble cast and Yash's presence in the lead.

Toxic is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on August 26, 2026. The incident at the pre-release event, meanwhile, has highlighted the importance of ensuring adequate safety measures and secure arrangements at large public gatherings.

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.

Gachibowli Building Collapse: CMC Suspends Town Planning Officer

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Srirangam Venkatesh

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has suspended U. Santosh Kumar, Town Planning Building Officer (TPBO), Circle 50, Madhapur, following the collapse of an unauthorised G+6 building with a penthouse in Anjaiah Nagar, Gachibowli.

The CMC said the officer failed to stop the unauthorised construction, which allegedly resulted in loss of life and posed a threat

to public safety. Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated, and he will remain under suspension until their conclusion.

The CMC has also requested Raidurgam Police to register a criminal case against Farheen Siddiq and Mohammed Sajid, alleging that they constructed the building without required permissions and failed to maintain prescribed setbacks. The corporation said notices had already been issued to the owners on June 17, 2026, regarding the unauthorised construction.

The seven-storey structure collapsed on August 22, killing two migrant workers from Madhya Pradesh, identified as Mahtab and Umesh. The collapse also damaged a neighbouring apartment complex. HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath inspected the site and said the structure was reportedly built on a nala on around 60 square yards. He directed officials to launch a special drive to identify similar unauthorised structures in Anjaiah Nagar.

Gachibowli Building Collapse: Accused Taken Into Custody

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Police took Mohammed Sajid into custody on Sunday in connection with the collapse of an alleged illegal under-construction building at Anjaiah Nagar, Gachibowli. Police registered a criminal case against Sajid for allegedly constructing the unauthorised structure. A contractor has also been named as an accused. The building was reportedly being constructed on a 50-square-yard plot over a nala, raising concerns

over building violations and safety norms. Two migrant construction workers from Madhya Pradesh, Umesh Khare and Mopath, died in the incident. Three others were injured, including a 25-year-old resident of a neighbouring apartment who was asleep when debris fell on him. Authorities are continuing further investigation into the building collapse.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

late into the night before leaving unnoticed. His family filed a missing complaint at 7.30 am, and police later found his body. No suicide note was recovered.

Police said he had been under stress due to exams. The body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem and later handed over to the family. Police registered a case under missing circumstances, later altered to BNSS 194. Investigation is continuing.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

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

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



ED arrests ex-Andhra minister Nageswara Rao in APSBCL liquor tender case

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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Sunday arrested former Andhra Pradesh Minister Karumuri Nageswara Rao in connection with its money-laundering investigation into alleged irregularities in the Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation Ltd (APSBCL) liquor transportation tender case.

According to sources, Rao was arrested from Kondapur in Hyderabad, where he was allegedly staying while avoiding the agency's proceedings. His anticipatory bail pleas had earlier been rejected by the Andhra Pradesh High Court and the Supreme Court.

Following his arrest, Rao was shifted to the ED office at Basheerbagh in Hyderabad for further proceedings. The case has been registered under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) and is based on an FIR filed by the Andhra Pradesh CID following a vigilance

report. The probe pertains to alleged manipulation of liquor transportation contracts during the previous government and the alleged diversion of proceeds through subcontracting arrangements. The ED is investigating the financial transactions and the alleged role of individuals involved in the tender process.

Goyal To Lead 200-Member Business Delegation To Japan

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will lead a 200-member Indian business delegation to Japan from August 24 for a four-day visit aimed at strengthening bilateral trade and investment ties. The visit assumes significance as Japan had last year set an investment target of 10 trillion yen, around Rs 60,000 crore, in India over the next decade. According to Ficci Director General Jyoti Viz, Goyal will travel to Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka, accompanied by representatives from key sectors including

manufacturing, semi-conductors, clean energy, steel, automotive, financial services, healthcare and start-ups. In Tokyo, Goyal is scheduled to meet senior executives of leading Japanese conglomerates and industrial houses that have been long-term partners in India's economic growth. He will also participate in a round-table with Keidanren, the Japan Business Federation, which represents more than 1,500 major Japanese companies. The Tokyo programme will include dedicated sessions on semiconductors, artificial intel-



ligence, start-ups and foreign institutional investors. Goyal will also hold bilateral discussions with Japanese Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry Akazawa Ryosei. Meetings with senior Japanese government and Parliament members, as well as interactions with the Indian community, are also planned. The minister will then travel to Nagoya, a major industrial hub in central Japan, where he

will lead a business roadshow with the Central Japan Economic Federation and the Nagoya Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is expected to engage with Aichi Prefecture leaders and major investors in the automotive and steel industries. Discussions with the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), business organisations and investors will focus on creating greater opportunities for Japanese companies in India and facilitating two-way investment. The delegation will also explore cooperation in digital innovation, industrial transformation, advanced manufacturing,

AI, semiconductors and electronics. The visit will conclude in Osaka with an investors and business roadshow and meetings with leading Japanese companies in the electronics, industrial and consumer sectors. The engagements are expected to highlight investment opportunities in India's manufacturing, clean energy and consumer markets. The Commerce Ministry said the visit could provide fresh momentum to India-Japan economic relations while opening new avenues for cooperation in high-technology manufacturing and next-generation industries.

Alibaba Seeks \$10 Billion From Share Sale for AI Expansion

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Alibaba Group is seeking to raise about HK\$80 billion (\$10.2 billion) from a share sale, its latest move to compete for global leadership in artificial intelligence. The online retail giant-turned-AI player is offering 710 million shares at HK\$112.7 each, according to terms of the deal seen by Bloomberg News. That represents a discount of 3.6% to the closing price of Alibaba's American depositary receipts on Friday. The placement would be Hong Kong's biggest follow-on offering by a company on record, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. It would also be the city's biggest share sale since 2021, when technology-



investment firm Prosus NV sold \$14.7 billion in shares of China's Tencent Holdings Ltd., according to data compiled by Bloomberg. The deal comes as the Chinese company ratchets up quarterly capital spending to almost \$10 billion, aiming to safeguard its position in a fiercely competitive global AI arena. It intends to use the proceeds to invest in full-stack AI capabilities, including by expanding and enhancing its infrastructure. China's e-commerce

leader this year cemented its status as a global artificial intelligence frontrunner after its flagship Qwen offering became the world's most popular model family. Alibaba is among the biggest spenders on AI among its Chinese rivals. The company, a domestic leader in cloud computing, has been hiving off assets and deploying capital toward everything from chips and data centers to large-language model development.

Hyundai, IIT Madras Launch Cancer Aid Programme for Poor Children

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Children from economically disadvantaged families undergoing cancer treatment can now seek financial assistance under the Hyundai Hope for Cancer programme, an initiative of the Hyundai Motor India Foundation (HMIF) in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M). The programme has launched an online nomination facility to help identify eligible paediatric

cancer patients and connect them with financial support through its Cancer Care Fund. Treating doctors, hospitals, parents, caregivers, non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and social organisations can nominate children who require assistance for cancer treatment. Under the new facility, applications can be submitted through the programme's online portal. Treating physicians can nominate eligible patients by providing the required medical records along



with the patient nomination form. The submitted applications will subsequently undergo scrutiny and review based on the programme's prescribed eligibility criteria and documentation requirements. Prof. S. Mahalingam of

the Department of Biotechnology at IIT-M, who is spearheading the initiative, said the programme was aimed at reaching families across India who may not be aware that financial assistance is available for paediatric cancer treatment. The initiative seeks to bridge an important gap faced by families from economically weaker sections, for whom the cost of prolonged cancer treatment can become a major financial burden. By enabling doctors, hospitals and community organisa-

tions to nominate eligible children, the programme is expected to improve awareness and make it easier for deserving families to access support. Eligible paediatric cancer patients will receive treatment assistance subject to the programme's eligibility conditions, submission of the necessary medical documents and completion of the review process. The assistance is intended to support children whose families may otherwise struggle to meet the expenses associated with cancer care.

The launch of the online nomination system is expected to widen the programme's reach and encourage healthcare institutions and social organisations to identify deserving children and refer them for consideration. The initiative underscores the importance of collaborative efforts between industry, academia and the healthcare community in supporting children battling cancer and easing the financial pressures faced by their families.

Coles Website, App Crash After Viral Alcohol Pricing Glitch

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The Coles website and app are back online after crashing for several hours on Saturday as thousands of shoppers rushed to take advantage of a viral pricing glitch on alcoholic drinks. The disruption came after an Australian Reddit account highlighted unusually steep discounts on 24-packs of premixed alcoholic beverages available through Coles' Liquorland subsidiary. The account, operated by the team behind price-tracking website CW Scanner, spotted packs of Jack Daniel's & Cola being sold for just \$27, despite the products normally retailing for around \$130. The price represented a discount of nearly 80 per cent. "Found this. I'm assuming it's a mistake?!" the Reddit user wrote while sharing details of the deal. "Go get it before it runs out (or they notice) I guess." The post quickly went viral, attracting about 184,000 views by midday. Other Reddit users then began reporting similar discounts on premixed drinks and beer, sharing screenshots of their orders and encouraging others to take advantage of the unusually low prices. The sudden surge in traffic appeared to over-

whelm Coles' online platforms, with customers reporting difficulties accessing both the website and app. The outage lasted for several hours on Saturday before the services were restored. The incident sparked a frenzy among bargain hunters, with shoppers attempting to place orders before the apparent pricing errors were corrected or products sold out. It remains unclear how many orders placed at the discounted prices will be fulfilled. Retailers typically reserve the right to cancel orders when products are incorrectly priced, depending on their terms and conditions. The pricing issue also prompted widespread discussion online about whether the discounts were genuine promotions or an error in Coles' digital pricing system. Coles has not publicly confirmed the cause of the pricing glitch or provided details on how it will handle orders placed during the period. The company is expected to review the affected prices and transactions. The episode highlights how quickly pricing errors can spread online, with social media and bargain-hunting communities capable of sending thousands of shoppers to a retailer within a matter of hours.

Volkswagen Chief Warns Company's Situation 'More Than Critical'

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Volkswagen CEO Oliver Blume has warned that the German carmaker is in a "more than critical" situation as it faces intense global competition, rising costs and declining demand. He said Volkswagen and Germany's wider automobile industry are experiencing the "biggest upheaval in their history", driven largely by global market pressures and growing competition from Chinese manufacturers. Blume is set to meet employees at Volkswagen's headquarters in Wolfsburg and at plants in Zwickau and Emden to explain the company's cost-cutting plans. Volkswagen is considering major job reductions and restructuring measures, although Blume stressed that no final decision has been made on closing any factories. However, he said the company currently sees no clear path to profitability in the 2030s for its plants in Emden, Hannover, Zwickau and Neckarsulm. Volkswagen is also deal-

ing with an estimated overcapacity of around 500,000 vehicles annually in Europe. Blume described plant closures as the "last and most expensive solution", saying the company is examining alternative industrial uses for affected sites. He pointed to advanced discussions with defence companies regarding possible use of Volkswagen's Osnabrueck facility for other industrial purposes. The company has already announced plans to cut around 50,000 jobs, with agreements reportedly reached with 37,000 employees. Blume urged workers to support the restructuring programme, arguing that unity across the company would be essential for Volkswagen's future. The cost-cutting proposals have faced opposition from employee representatives and unions. IG Metall chief Christiane Benner strongly criticised management, saying workers had already accepted significant and painful concessions and warning that the union would resist.

Apple Cuts Jobs in Siri, Vision Pro Immersive Video and Gaming Teams

Altogether, the cuts affect more than 200 people, with about 100 positions eliminated from the Vision Pro organization and another 100 from the Siri and software teams

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Apple is cutting jobs across teams responsible for the Siri digital assistant and the Vision Pro headset, part of an effort to focus on new devices and artificial intelligence. Apple is also laying off employees in its Intelligent Systems Experience, a team within its software engineering organization responsible for some of the AI features on its devices, according to people with knowledge of the matter. As part of the changes, the company is largely shutting down a Vision Pro team focused on gaming for the headset and reducing the size of a unit responsible for producing the device's immersive video content, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the personnel moves haven't been announced. Altogether, the cuts affect more than 200 people, with about 100 positions eliminated from the Vision Pro organization and

another 100 from the Siri and software teams. In a statement, Apple acknowledged that it was realigning some teams "to evolve our business to deliver the best experiences for our users." "While we will create new roles as part of this change, it will also impact a limited number of existing roles," the company said. "We are grateful to these team members for their contributions, and we are committed to supporting them throughout their transition, including opportunities to apply for other roles at Apple." The Siri reshuffling is

tied to an upcoming AI-infused version of the assistant, which is built on a new technical architecture. That shift requires a change in the necessary expertise, prompting the company to eliminate a small number of existing roles, reallocate resources and create new positions supporting the updated Siri. The changes to the Intelligent Systems Experience team reflect an effort to reorganize work on AI-powered capabilities. As more groups bring AI functions to apps, features and services, Apple is realigning teams to match priorities

and accelerate development. The restructuring will eliminate some existing positions while creating new roles. The Vision Pro changes were described to employees as an effort to realign priorities based on how customers are using the device and to better direct resources toward other future products. Immersive video has been a key selling point for the Vision Pro since its launch. But producing each 3D video requires multiple crews of Apple employees and contractors, and an episode in an immersive video series can cost several million dollars to film. Those expenses have strained the business given the limited number of active Vision Pro users. The Vision Pro was seen as a groundbreaking product when it launched in February 2024, but the cumbersome nature of the headset and its now-\$3,699 price have made it a hard sell. Apple isn't abandoning immersive video entirely.



TJRA Team Attended the wedding ceremony of Mohammed Abdul Khadeen's daughter with Mohammed Abdul Majeed (Nadeem) at Premiere Palace, Hyderabad

Taapsee Pannu's Cryptic 'Hence Proved' Post Draws Attention Amid Kangana

Actress Taapsee Pannu on Sunday appeared to respond indirectly to actress and BJP MP Kangana Ranaut after the latter accused her of mocking her upbringing and called her a “sasti copy”. Taapsee shared a brief but cryptic message on social media, writing, “Hence proved.” Although she did not mention Kangana by name, the post came shortly after the two actresses were involved in a fresh war of words.

The controversy began on Saturday when Kangana took to Instagram and criticised an unnamed actress for allegedly questioning her upbringing and making remarks about her parents. While she did not identify Taapsee directly, Kangana's reference to a “sasti copy” was widely interpreted as being directed at her. Kangana wrote that the actress had crossed all limits by allegedly ridiculing her upbringing and parents. She defended her family background and said she



had never brought anyone's parents into an argument. She further questioned why the actress would target her parents and accused her of trying to malign her family and background. Kangana also claimed that people from difficult or modest backgrounds often questioned her upbringing and family. She said she had consciously chosen to start her career from scratch despite coming from a distinguished Rajput zamindar family and being raised by educated parents.

However, Kangana later deleted the Instagram post, leaving the controversy to simmer on social media. On Sunday, Taapsee appeared to address the episode without directly naming Kangana. Her two-word response, “Hence proved,” quickly attracted attention, with social media users linking it to the ongoing exchange between the actresses. The latest episode comes days after Taapsee spoke about her equation with Kangana during a media interaction. Taapsee re-

vealed that she had never met Kangana personally but said her opinion about the actress was based on her upbringing, the way she speaks and how she perceives things. Taapsee added that people could observe the manner in which both actresses spoke and form their own conclusions about their respective backgrounds. The rivalry between the two actresses dates back several years. In 2019, Kangana and Taapsee became involved in a public war of words, which intensified after Kangana's sister Rangoli Chandel described Taapsee as a “sasti copy” of Kangana on social media. Since then, the two actresses have occasionally exchanged indirect remarks, keeping their long-running public feud alive. Taapsee's latest cryptic post has once again triggered speculation over whether the actress was responding directly to Kangana's now-deleted remarks.:::

Teja Sajja celebrates birthday with announcement of Zombie Reddy Nxt Lvl

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Actor Teja Sajja, who will be next seen in the upcoming film ‘Zombie Reddy Nxt Lvl’, has said that the film franchise has rewarded him with the freedom to take chances and trust the audience. The film is a sequel to ‘Zombie Reddy’, and the makers announced the sequel on the occasion of the actor's birthday on Sunday. Talking about the film, Teja Sajja said, “For me, the most rewarding part of this journey has been the freedom to take chances and trust the audience to come along. Zombie Reddy was one such leap, and the way people embraced that world and my character gave us the confidence to dream much bigger. ‘Zombie Reddy Nxt Lvl’ is that dream taken several steps further. The scale, the action and the world we have created are far more ambitious this time, and I'm excited to see how audiences respond to it”. “As I celebrate another birthday, I couldn't have asked for a better gift than returning to a franchise that means so much to me. We've raised the stakes, brought in an incredible team and pushed ourselves to create something truly entertaining. I'm looking forward to stepping back into the zombie-verse and making this next chapter an experience worth celebrating”, he added. Following the huge success of the original, the franchise is now set to return with a second chapter that promises to take its scale, action and zombie mayhem to the next level. The film is a zombie action-comedy, and also stars Real Star Upendra. It also marks the



South Indian cinema debut of Shanaya Kapoor. This spectacle is directed by Suparn S. Varma, who is known for ‘The Family Man 2’, ‘Rana Naidu’, and ‘Haq’, and is created by Prasanth Varma. Director Suparn S. Varma said, “Every society creates monsters to process its deepest, collective anxieties. Zombies have always been the ultimate figments of our catastrophisation—they reflect our fear of losing control, of the breakdown of order. The plan with Zombie Reddy Nxt Lvl was to attempt the unprecedented. Having spent years crafting grounded, hyper-realistic political and emotional friction in projects, transitioning into this unapologetically chaotic sandbox is such a thrill. A huge shout out to the foundational brilliance that Prasanth Varma created. We hope to take that to the next level for a visceral cinematic experience”. Produced on a massive scale by TG Vishwa Prasad and Krithi Prasad, the screenplay is penned by Hussain Dalal, Prasanth Varma, and Suparn S. Varma. The film is set to release globally in Hindi, Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Nepali, Japanese and Malayalam.

Telangana Swimmers Shine at Junior National Aquatic Championship



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Telangana swimmers delivered an impressive performance at the 52nd Junior National Aquatic Championship 2026, being held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, from August 18 to 23. Telangana's Nithya Sagi clinched the gold medal in the Women's 200m Backstroke, clocking an impressive 2:24.59. She finished ahead of Karnataka's Priyanshi Misra, who recorded 2:29.13, while Meenakshi Menon of Karnataka secured third place with a timing of 2:31.99. In the Men's 200m Backstroke, Telangana's Suhas Preetham Mylari secured

the bronze medal with a timing of 2:06.62. Karnataka's Vedanta Venkata Madhira won gold, while Mongam Theerdhu Samadev of SSCB claimed silver with a timing of 2:06.45. The double-medal performance highlighted Telangana's growing strength in junior swimming and showcased the



talent emerging from the State's aquatic sports programme. The Sports Authority of Telangana and the Telangana Swimming Association congratulated Nithya Sagi and Suhas Preetham Mylari on their outstanding performances. They also appreciated the coaches, officials, trainers and support staff whose efforts contributed to the swimmers' success. The achievements at the national championship are expected to provide further encouragement to Telangana's young swimmers as they continue to compete at higher levels and aim for greater success in national and international aquatic events.

Peak Precision Shooting Academy Inaugurated at Boduppall

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Peak Precision Shooting Academy was inaugurated at Boduppall with the objective of promoting shooting sports and providing professional training to aspiring shooters. The academy was established by Meesala Shailendra, an NSNIS Certified Shooting Coach and Technical Official – Para Shooting. It will provide systematic coaching to beginners and experienced shooters, focusing on technique, discipline, concentration and competitive performance. Dr. P. Bhuvaneshwari, National Gold Medalist in Rifle Shooting, was the Chief Guest at the inauguration. Her presence inspired young athletes and shooting enthusiasts. Speaking on the occasion, Coach Shailendra said the academy is committed to developing shooting talent through



structured training and proper technical guidance. The academy will help athletes prepare for state, national and other competitive-level events. Beginners will be trained in the fundamentals of shooting, while experienced shooters will receive

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advanced coaching to improve their skills and performance. The academy's motto is “MASTER YOUR FOCUS | SHARPEN YOUR AIM.” It is expected to create new opportunities for shooting enthusiasts in Boduppall and surrounding areas

and contribute to the growth of shooting sports in Telangana. The academy is located opposite Boduppall Depot, above Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Jewellery, Budhanagar Road No. 1, Boduppall – 500092.

Shabbir Ali honoured with national excellence award

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Former India football captain Shabbir Ali has been honoured with the Well Care India Social Welfare Foundation national excellence award here on Sunday. “This is in recognition of my

services to Telangana football in particular and Indian football in general. I am truly indebted to the organisation and I take this opportunity to continue to serve the game with the same commitment and passion,” Shabbir Ali said. “My sincere thanks to

Mr. Hamed Hussain, Medical Officer, and the entire Well Care team for this honour and recognition. Proud to serve football and contribute to society,” he said. Dr. Jawad, Chairman, Germanten Hospital, who was the chief guest, presented the memento.



Ganja trade persists in Hyderabad’s Mangar Basti despite repeated raids

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Despite repeated raids by the Hyderabad police, the EAGLE Force and the Prohibition and Excise department, the illegal sale of narcotic substances continues in Mangar Basti, also known as Mongar Basthi, at Afzal Sagar under Habeeb Nagar police limits. In the second week of July, nearly 1,100 police personnel in 38 teams conducted a massive pre-dawn search operation in Mangar Basti and adjoining areas, detaining several suspects and targeting those allegedly involved in illegal activities. However, sources said the drug trade continues, though its scale has declined following sustained enforcement. Several local gangs, earlier involved in petty offences such as pickpocketing, are now suspected of turning to the more lucrative trade in ganja, narcotic tablets, injections and cough syrups.

Demolition Of Adjacent Building Begins

Authorities are expected to assess the safety of other structures in the vicinity before restrictions are lifted and evacuated residents are allowed to return.

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Officials on Sunday deployed ‘Bahubali’, a heavy duty excavator, to demolish a seven-storey structure adjacent to the under-construction building that collapsed in Anjaiahnagar, Gachibowli, on Saturday. The structure, an unauthorised construction according to officials, was in danger of collapsing. The demolition also forced the evacuation of residents in a nearby apartment complex. Block B of Sterling Whitefield Apartments, located close to the building being demolished, was cordoned off and residents were asked to vacate the premises as a precaution. Saturday’s collapse had also damaged C Block of Jagadarsini Residency, located next to the collapsed building. Residents were



asked to vacate the apartment amid concerns over its safety. A structural assessment of the partially damaged Jagadarsini Residency is yet to be conducted, leaving residents worried about the condition of their homes. HYDRAA in coordination with the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) began the demolition on Sunday after using another excavator to clear the debris of the collapsed building to create a path for the ‘Bahubali’ to reach the site. With hardly any gap between the buildings, the operation was taken up with caution to prevent the structure from

falling on neighbouring buildings. However, residences of Block C of Jagadarsini Residency said they were awaiting a detailed structural assessment of their building to ascertain whether it had suffered any damage and whether it was safe for them to return. “We were asked to vacate the building immediately after the incident. We are concerned about the safety of our building and are waiting for officials to conduct a structural assessment,” said Ramakrishna, a resident of Jagadarsini Residency. Another resident, Madhusudhan Rao, said residents

were anxious as the condition of the neighbouring structures remained uncertain. “We understand that the authorities are taking precautionary measures, but we want the structural condition of our building to be assessed at the earliest. Only then will we know whether it is safe to return,” he said. The area around the collapse site continued to remain cordoned off, with police restricting the movement of residents and others. Heavy machinery and personnel were deployed for debris clearance and demolition activity. The operation has also brought the spotlight on a cluster of alleged unauthorised constructions in Anjaiahnagar. Officials said buildings had been constructed up to seven storeys on plots of around 50 square yards without the required permissions.

BJP to Stage Hunger Strike Over Fee Arrears

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Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday alleged that the Congress government had pushed the state’s education system into crisis by failing to clear fee reimbursement dues of nearly ₹12,000 crore, affecting around 20 lakh students. He announced that party leaders and activists would go ahead with a two-day hunger strike from Monday at the state office in Hyderabad, even though police denied permission. Addressing a media conference in New Delhi, Rao said the strike would be held despite restrictions. If permission was not granted on the road, it would be conducted on the party office premises. He urged the students to participate in large numbers. The BJP has intensified its campaign, al-



leging that the delay in payments was causing distress to students, parents and private institutions. Rao said colleges were struggling to pay faculty salaries and some had withheld students’ original certificates. He claimed arrears of ₹8,000 crore were left by the previous government, with the Congress adding another ₹4,000 crore. He said the government had promised to release ₹2,000 crore in advance following High Court directions but had not done so. He accused the Con-

gress of acting only after strong criticism from the court. Rao also referred to internal disputes within Congress, claiming they had weakened the party and predicted the government might not complete its full term. He accused it of functioning as a “30 per cent commission government” and alleged irregularities in handling properties under Section 22A. He said the BJP, under Legislature Party leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy, was organising protests and collectorate-level agitations across the state. He added that people were looking at the BJP as an alternative to both Congress and BRS. Rao announced the month-long Modi @ 25 Seva Sankalp Abhiyan from September 17 to October 17 to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s 25 years in public life.

Welcare India National Excellence Awards 2026 Conclude in Hyderabad

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The Welcare India National Excellence Awards 2026, organised by Welcare India Social Welfare Foundation, concluded successfully in Hyderabad on August 23 with over 300 participants. The event recognised outstanding contributions in healthcare, education, social service, women empowerment, youth development, entrepreneurship and community development. Distinguished dignitaries, healthcare professionals, educators, social workers, entrepreneurs, awardees, sponsors and media representatives attended the ceremony. The programme featured award presentations, keynote addresses and guest interactions. Founder and Director Syed Taher Hussain said the awards aim



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, Chairman, Society for Civil Legal Aids, attended the Welcare National Awards as Guest of Honour, organised in collaboration with the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Welcare and THANA at the IMA Building, Hyderabad.

to recognise meaningful work, inspire others and promote a culture of service and excellence. The organisers thanked all awardees, sponsors, jury members, volunteers and participants for their support.

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Union minister G. Kishan Reddy said the Centre’s historic decision to provide 33 per cent reservation in Parliament and Assemblies for women’s empowerment was being obstructed by the Opposition, which went against the ideals of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and Sant Ravidas. Speaking as chief guest at the

650th birth anniversary celebrations of Sant Shiromani Guru Ravidas Maharaj at Exhibition Grounds on Sunday, Reddy praised Sant Ravidas as a towering figure who worked to bring social awakening and equality through the Bhakti movement. He said the saint’s message of social equality, delivered 650 years ago, remained a guiding light like the Bhagavad Gita.



Citing Ambedkar’s life, Reddy emphasised that greatness was not determined by birth, caste or wealth, but through thought, action and so-

cial service. He said the Centre under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was governing with the spirit of Sant Ravidas’s ideals and the mantra of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas. He noted that revolutionary welfare schemes had lifted about 25 crore people out of poverty in the past 11 years. Achievements included construction of over 12

crore toilets under Swachh Bharat Mission, provision of drinking water through Har Ghar Jal, completion of 4 crore houses under PM Awas Yojana, and free rice and healthcare for crores of poor families. Reddy urged BJP cadres to reach every Dalit colony, BC basti and village to spread Sant Ravidas’s message and dedicate themselves to serving the poor.



A massive fire broke out at Mughal Nagar on the Karwan Road, engulfing plywood, glass and aluminium goods. Goods worth crores of rupees are feared to have been damaged in the blaze. Following a call from local residents, Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin immediately coordinated with Fire, Police and MRO officials and rushed to facilitate the emergency response

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Hyderabad techie held for abusive comments against corporator

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A 30-year-old software employee was arrested by Hyderabad Cyber-crime Police for allegedly posting objectionable comments targeting Khairatabad Corporator P Vijaya Reddy. According to a complaint lodged by Reddy, she had attended an inaugural function for a government school at Irrum Manzil in October last year, videos of which were shared by local Instagram channels. The accused allegedly created a fake social media handle to post

highly abusive, defamatory, and sexually explicit comments about the corporator under these videos. A case was registered under Sections 66(D) (punishment for cheating by personation by using computer resources) and 67 (punishment for publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form) of the IT Act and Sections 79 (word, sound, gesture, or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) and 238 (causing disappearance of evidence of offence) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the accused was arrested.

Autorickshaw unions call off strike as Telangana govt agrees to fare hike

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The autorickshaw unions called off their strike following the State Government’s assurance to increase the fares. A decision to this effect was taken after transport Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar along with senior officials held talks with autorickshaw union leaders on Sunday night. As autorickshaw fares have not been increased since 2012, it was agreed to increase the fares. However, the decision on new fares will be taken after seeking a report from the stakeholders, the Minister said. “On its behalf, the Government will introduce an aggregator app on the lines of Ola and Uber. It

will initiate measures to launch the app in association with the IT department,” Prabhakar said. During the meeting, the Minister said the State Government was positive towards their demands. The government would make yellow plates mandatory for two-wheelers transporting passengers through Rapido, Ola, Uber and others, he said. “There are no plans to buy electric autorickshaws through TGSRTC. It is a false campaign,” Prabhakar clarified. The Transport Minister said the Government agreed to set up the TGSRTC workers’ welfare board. To this effect, a joint meeting with representatives of the Labour department, Transport department and Autorick-

shaw unions would be held on September 1 to discuss measures, he added. “As per the promise made during the elections, we will discuss the issue of Rs. 12,000 assistance for auto workers, taking into consideration the financial situation of the State. These aspects will be discussed with in the Cabinet and a positive decision will be taken,” Prabhakar announced. The government would provide assistance of Rs 1.50 lakh for converting old diesel and petrol autos into electric autos through retrofitting within the Hyderabad CURE Area. The government had already decided to provide subsidy for purchasing new electric autos, he added.

SIR jitters grip Telangana as 92.8 lakh voters face notices

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The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has begun giving jitters to political parties in Telangana, with 92.8 lakh voters identified for notices. Parties have stepped up efforts to ensure that genuine voters are not left out. The concern is not merely administrative. Any large-scale deletion of eligible voters could alter the electoral balance in constituencies where margins are narrow. The Congress, BJP and BRS are preparing to closely monitor the exercise and assist genuine voters in responding to notices. The parties are particularly wary of losing their existing vote bases during the revision and of the possibility of the electoral scales tilting in several constituencies. The BRS had already lodged a complaint with the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer, alleging that the Booth Level Agents (BLAs) were colluding with the ruling Congress, but ignoring the issues raised by opposition parties against bogus and fraudulent votes. BRS MLC Dasoju Sravan recently stated that party cadre were being attacked and even arrested under false cases for pointing out irregularities and fraudulent voter registration in several constituencies.