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MIN : 24.3°C
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Op Sindoor Drone Hit Pak's Kirana Hills by Accident: Ex-CDS

Former Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General Anil Chauhan (ret'd) on Tuesday revealed claimed that Kirana Hills, which houses Pakistan's nuclear assets, was inadvertently hit by an armed drone after it had run out of fuel during Operation Sindoor. He revealed that the Indian Air Force (IAF) had hit the Bholari airbase after it skipped the Skardu air base in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), the primary target, due to bad weather.

Gen. Chauhan (ret'd) said that the IAF's then-Director General of Air Operations, Air Marshal A.K. Bharti (ret'd), during his briefing on Operation Sindoor had rightly clarified that India did not target Kirana Hills. "I can give an explanation. Before those strikes, we had sent a lot of loiter munitions at Sargodha.

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H-1B Visa Fee Hike: Nasscom Says Reliance on Indian Tech Visas Reduced

IT industry body Nasscom on Tuesday said the proposed USD 103,265 increase in H-1B visa fees must be viewed in the context of the programme's original purpose of addressing skill shortages in the US, noting that Indian technology firms have already significantly reduced their reliance on such visas. In a statement, it noted that Indian companies have steadily expanded local hiring in the US over the past five years.

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Country Music Legend Dolly Parton Dies at 80 After Six-Decade Career

Dolly Parton, the country music star who rose from grinding poverty in Tennessee to become a rhinestone-studded cultural icon with hits like "Jolene" and "9 to 5," has died at 80, her family said Tuesday. Parton was more than a singer -- she wrote 3,000 songs, acted in major Hollywood films and donated millions of dollars to charities in her home state and beyond. She was also an accomplished businesswoman, with her interests spanning from her popular Dollywood theme park to cosmetics, pet apparel, baking mixes and even a truck stop.

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Revanth Seeks Policy For FTL, Buffer Lands

CM Revanth Reddy holds a review of the Musi Rejuvenation Project today

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to expedite land acquisition for the prestigious Musi Rejuvenation Project and ensure that all related processes are completed without legal complications. The Chief Minister held a detailed review meeting on the Musi project at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion on Wednesday. During the meeting, he enquired about the progress of land acquisition and instructed officials to speed up the process.

Revanth Reddy stressed the need to formulate a comprehensive policy for land pooling as part of the project. He said the policy should clearly address land acquisition involving Full Tank Level (FTL) areas, buffer zones and assigned lands. The Chief Minister cautioned officials to take all necessary precautions to prevent legal disputes and complications during the acquisition process.

He also directed officials to



invite tenders for Phase-II of the Musi Rejuvenation Project at the earliest. The Chief Minister asked municipal commissioners to give greater attention to securing low-interest loans for various project works and directed them to review the status of Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) on a weekly basis. Several other issues connected with the development of the Musi corridor and surrounding areas were also discussed during the meeting. Officials reviewed the proposed tenders for the Manchirevula Omkareshwara Swamy Temple and discussed measures to improve publicity and promote the Kothwalguda Bird Park.

The Chief Minister emphasised the importance of co-ordinated efforts among various departments and local authorities to ensure timely implementation of the project. CM Secretary Manik Raj, HMDA Commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmed, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, Malkajgiri Municipal Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, Cyberabad Commissioner Srujana, Ranga Reddy District Collector Narayana Reddy, Medchal Collector Manu Chowdary, MRDCL Managing Director E.V. Narasimha Reddy, MRDCL Joint Managing Director Gautami and other senior officials attended the review meeting.

وما أرسلناك إلا رحمة للعالمين

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

EID UL Milad

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May the peace and blessings of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ fill your life with happiness, faith and prosperity.

المَوْلَدُ النَّبَوِيُّ الشَّرِيفُ
كُلَّ عَامٍ وَأَنْتُمْ بَخِيرٌ

From
MIR QURRAM ALI
Advocate
Telangana Highcourt

جشن عید میلاد النبی ﷺ

JASHAN-E-EID MILAD UN NABI

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MUBARAK

May the blessings of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) bring peace, love, harmony and prosperity to you and your family.

Let us follow the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and work for a just, peaceful and compassionate society.

MUZAFFAR ALI
JANASENA PARTY
TELANGANA STATE
MINORITY INCHARGE

ALLAH HUM SAB PAR APNE RAHMATON, SAKOON AUR KHUSHIYAN NAZIL FARMAYE.

EID MUBARAK

صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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Celebrating the Birth of The Beloved Prophet MUHAMMAD ﷺ

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FROM:
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SIR notices: Who can skip personal hearing in Telangana?

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Not all who are served notices as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral roll will have to attend an in-person hearing in Telangana.

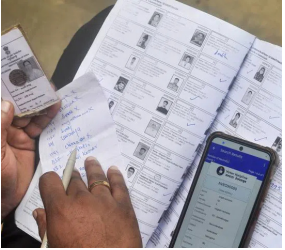
Telangana Chief Electoral Office (CEO) sources have disclosed that celebrities, VIPs, industry personalities and elderly individuals who are flagged for anomalies or unmapped in the SIR 2002 list have a provision to authorise someone within the family to represent them during the in-person hearing.

Such individuals must furnish original documents before the Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) or Assistant EROs via the authorised person during

the hearing process. The same provision has also been extended to people who are currently not residing in the State and individuals suffering from chronic health issues.

“Those seeking exemption must give an authorization letter to the ERO, who has the discretion to give exemption from personal hearing. If the ERO is not satisfied with the response and documents submitted, he/she might call for a personal hearing again,” said a senior Telangana CEO official.

The Telangana CEO identified anomalies, including mismatch of names and incorrect age between the present and last SIR, in forms submitted by 60,50,918 voters, while 32,36,659 electors could not be mapped with the SIR



2002 list.

So far, more than 2 lakh voters have been served notices, while 85 lakh notices have already been downloaded by the EROs and AEROs. These notices will be printed and distributed to the voters via the BLOs, who will take acknowledgment, along with a photo of serving notice.

Electors may submit supporting documents through the voters’ portal, the BLO app, or appear for an in-person hearing at EROs or AEROs for anomalies in their enumeration form.

In the case of SIR 2002 unmapped voters, the electors need to present themselves at the ERO or AEROs office with supporting original documents. “In addition to in-person hearings, we will be holding Grama Sabhas from August 27, where voters can rectify anomalies by submitting supporting original documents,” the senior official added.

- Total electors: 3,38,26,448
- Electors who submitted enumeration forms: 2,64,87,213
- Total No of Electors under the ASDD: 73,39,235
- Electors with anomalies: 60,50,918
- Electors with no SIR 2002 list mapping: 32,36,659
- Notices downloaded so far: 85 lakh

- Notices served so far: 2 lakh
- Top five district-wise voters with anomalies
 - Hyderabad: 6,72,678
 - Rangareddy: 5,60,201
 - Nizamabad: 3,91,453
 - Sangareddy: 3,47,682
 - Medchal-Malkajgiri: 3,34,252
- Top five district-wise unmapped voters
 - Medchal-Malkajgiri: 10,72,599
 - Rangareddy: 6,72,979
 - Hyderabad: 5,80,908
 - Sangareddy: 1,12,749
 - Karimnagar: 61,882

SIR Schedule

- Period for filing claims and objections on draft electoral roll up to September 16
- Notice phase and disposal of claims and objections up to October 15
- Final electoral roll publication: October 19

Vanamahotsavam Held Grandly at Madhavanji Health City

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The 9th Vanamahotsavam was celebrated on a grand note at Madhavanji Integrated Health City in Maheshwaram Mandal of Rangareddy district, inspired by the Telangana government’s Haritha Haram initiative. The management said the campus has been conducting the plantation programme every year since 2018, making consistent efforts to expand its green cover.

Forest Department officials attended the programme and were welcomed by Managing Director P. Tarun, CEO Dr. B. Seshadri and General Manager K. Ganesh. The plantation drive began at the campus main ground, where Shamshabad FDO R. Venkataiah planted a fruit-bearing sapling. Mankhal FRO J. Prabhakar and Deputy RO K. Rajender Reddy also



planted neem and peepal saplings. MD Tarun, CEO Dr. Seshadri, Colleges Director Hariprasad, nursing in-charge principals Swathi and Shwetha, B.Ed College Principal Hanumantha Rao, Physiotherapy in-charge Principal Dr. Manojnya and Administration In-charge Amarnath participated in the plantation drive. A large number of nursing students actively joined the programme, digging pits themselves, planting saplings and watering them. Their enthusiastic participation highlighted the importance of involving

students in environmental conservation. Speaking on the occasion, FDO Venkataiah urged every individual to plant at least 10 saplings during their lifetime. He appreciated the Health City management for conducting the plantation drive every year and suggested assigning each sapling to a student for regular care. MD Tarun said health was not limited to hospitals but also included a healthy environment. He said more than 5,000 saplings had already been planted and maintained across the campus, with a target of planting another 1,000 saplings this year. The programme concluded with students taking an environmental protection pledge. Given the potentially serious consequences of structural failures, they have appealed for prompt inspections and preventive action before any accident occurs.

AP Retired Employees Get Easier Medical Reimbursement Route

In a significant relief to retired Andhra Pradesh Government employees and their dependents, the State Government has issued fresh orders simplifying the procedure for submission of medical reimbursement claims. According to G.O.Ms.No.109, Health, Medical and Family Welfare (I.1) Department, dated August 24, 2026, retired Government employees and their dependents have been permitted to submit their medical reimbursement claims directly through the concerned Sub-Treasury Officer (STO) instead of approaching the Drawing and Disbursing Officer (DDO) of the department where the pensioner last worked.

The Government said various employees’ associations had requested this facility, particularly for pensioners who have settled at places away from their former offices after retirement.

Under the earlier arrangement, retired employees could opt to draw medical reimbursement amounts from the district office of the department in which they had last worked. The expenditure was debited to the same Head of Account to which their salaries were debited while in service. After examining the representations, the Government decided to allow all retired Government employees and their dependents to route their medical reimbursement claims through the STO concerned.

The order comes into effect from August 24, 2026, the date of issue of the G.O. The new procedure is expected to make claim submission more convenient for pensioners, particularly those residing far from the district offices of their former departments. Andhra Pradesh treasury administration also handles services relating to pensioners, including medical reimbursement.

Water Stagnation at Mettuguda Bus Stop Troubles Commuters

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Severe water stagnation at a local bus stop near Mettuguda Metro Station in Secunderabad, on the Uppal-bound side, is causing inconvenience to passengers and raising road-safety concerns. A large quantity of water has accumulated along the roadside at the bus stopping area, leaving commuters with hardly any convenient space to stand and wait. Women, senior citizens, students and other passengers are particularly affected.

Due to the stagnant water near the kerb, buses are also unable to conveniently approach the designated stopping area. Passengers are consequently facing difficulty while boarding buses and may have to move closer to the



active traffic lane.

The situation highlights the need for immediate attention to the drainage system in the area. Commuters have appealed to GHMC and other concerned civic, traffic and transport authorities to inspect the location, identify the cause of the stagnation and take permanent corrective measures.

Residents said that

merely pumping out the water would provide only temporary relief and requested authorities to ensure proper drainage so that the problem does not recur. “A bus stop is meant for passengers to wait safely. Water stagnation should not force commuters onto a busy road,” commuters said, seeking early action.

Lalithabagh Temple Land Faces Encroachment Threat

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The historic Lalithabagh Temple property at Uppuguda is reportedly facing large-scale encroachment, raising concerns over the protection of valuable temple lands under the Endowments Department. According to complaints submitted by the temple founders to the Commissioner of Endowments, the temple originally possessed around 8.5 acres of



land. Of this, nearly 7 acres have allegedly been encroached upon, leaving only about 1.5 acres free from encroachment.

The complaints reportedly sought immediate

protection of the temple property and action against those allegedly occupying the land. However, despite repeated representations, effective action is alleged to have been delayed, raising questions over the role of the concerned authorities in safeguarding temple assets.

Temple founders and devotees have now urged the Endowments Department to conduct a comprehensive survey of the entire property,

identify the encroached portions and initiate appropriate legal measures for recovery and protection of the land.

They have also called for an inquiry into earlier complaints to determine why timely action was not taken. Devotees stressed that protecting the temple's property is important not only for religious purposes but also for preserving its historical heritage and valuable assets for future generations.

Implement SC, ST Declaration Immediately: PSS

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Praja Sanksham Association (PSS) Founder President Chokkampet Anjaneyulu demanded immediate implementation of the SC and ST Declaration announced at the Chevella ground. He urged the government to convert all promises into time-bound action plans and ensure benefits reach every eligible family.

He demanded implementation of the Ambedkar Abhayastam scheme to provide financial and social security to SC and ST families. The government should allot house sites and financial assistance for construction to homeless



families, he said. Anjaneyulu also called for strengthening the three corporations serving SC and ST communities to provide loans, training and self-employment opportunities to youth, women and unemployed persons.

He sought comprehensive infrastructure development

in tribal hamlets and than-das, including roads, drinking water, electricity, education and healthcare. He also demanded protection of SC and ST lands and speedy resolution of land disputes. Several community leaders participated in the programme.

Digital Naresh Hospitalised After Sudden Choking, Seeks Prayers for Recovery



Digital Naresh has been admitted to Virinchi Hospital, Road No. 1, Hyderabad, after experiencing a sudden episode of severe choking and breathing difficulty, according to a personal message shared by him with his students and well-wishers.

Naresh stated that he developed heavy choking suddenly and was rushed to the hospital after experiencing breathing difficulty during the night. He is currently undergoing treatment under medical supervision.

According to his message, doctors have already performed an endoscopy and advised a CT scan for further evaluation.

Naresh said his family members are with him at the hospital while he undergoes treatment. In an emotional message addressed to his students, he sought their prayers, blessings and support during his recovery. “Please pray for me. I hope to recover soon and come back to you all with full energy.

Thank you everyone for your love and support,” Naresh said. Students, friends and well-wishers are hoping for his speedy recovery and return to normal activities.

Langarhouse Lake Mosquito Menace: Cleaning Begins Amid Dengue Concerns

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The growing mosquito menace around Langarhouse Lake has raised serious concerns among residents of Langarhouse and adjoining localities, amid reports and suspected cases of dengue. The excessive growth of aquatic weeds and water hyacinth in the lake has reportedly affected the water environment and created favourable conditions for mosquito breeding.

Taking note of the situation, Contested MLA and Karwan Assembly Constituency Congress In-charge Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri has repeatedly raised the issue with the Health

Minister and the Minister in-charge, urging immediate steps to control mosquito breeding and prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases.

He has also been coordinating with GHMC Khairatabad Deputy Commissioner Jani Basha and other municipal officials, requesting urgent removal of aquatic weeds and implementation of effective vector-control measures in the affected areas.

Following the repeated representations, cleaning and weed-removal operations have now commenced at Langarhouse Lake and Shah Hatim Lake.

Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri visited Langarhouse



Lake on Tuesday and inspected the ongoing cleaning and desilting-related activities. He was accompanied by Congress Division Presidents, senior party leaders, Mahila Congress representatives and Youth Congress leaders.

During the inspection, GHMC officials informed him that the aquatic weeds and invasive vegetation obstructing the lake would be removed within five days. Officials also assured that anti-larval operations, insecticidal spraying and thermal

fogging would be carried out regularly in and around the affected areas.

The measures are aimed at reducing mosquito breeding and minimising the risk of dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases among residents.

Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri stressed that mosquito-control measures should not be limited to a one-time operation. He called for continuous surveillance of potential breeding sites, regular anti-larval treatment, fogging, sanitation drives and proper maintenance of the lake surroundings.

He further urged municipal authorities to ensure that the cleaning works are com-

pleted within the stipulated time and that regular monitoring continues even after the present operation concludes.

Residents have welcomed the commencement of cleaning activities and expressed hope that the removal of aquatic weeds, combined with sustained fogging and anti-larval measures, will help reduce the mosquito population.

Osman expressed confidence that coordinated efforts by GHMC and health authorities would provide relief to residents and help contain the threat of dengue and other vector-borne diseases in the area.

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

Musi rejuvenation project faces land acquisition hurdles in Hyderabad

The Musi rejuvenation project is facing hurdles over land acquisition, with several property owners opposing TDRs and seeking cash, flats or open plots as compensation. The government plans to acquire land from nearly 500 owners for the project's first phase.

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Despite the State government's efforts to expedite the Musi rejuvenation project, officials are facing hurdles over land acquisition, with several property owners opposing the proposed compensation options.

In the first phase, works are planned along a 21-km stretch from Osman-sagar-Himayatsagar to Babu Ghat. The government has already issued a land acquisition notification and announced the Gandhi Sarovar project at Triveni Sangamam.

The Ministry of Defence has agreed to part with 80 acres of its land at Langer Houz. Another



120 acres is proposed to be acquired for the project. Properties belonging to nearly 500 owners need to be acquired, but many are unwilling to part with their land and properties.

Strong objections have been raised against notices issued by the Revenue Department to property owners, including farmers in Gandipet, Narsingi and Golconda mandals. Many are also reluctant to accept Transferable Devel-

opment Rights (TDRs) and are demanding cash compensation instead.

Several property owners have already submitted their objections to revenue officials. Residents of Madhu Park Ridge apartments also discussed their concerns with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramka last month.

A majority of property owners are seeking ready-to-occupy residential flats as compensation. Some have

demanded cash compensation equivalent to four times the registration value. Others are seeking open plots on which they can construct three-bedroom houses.

The government, however, is pushing TDRs to reduce the financial burden of land acquisition. The proposal has received a mixed response, with some owners willing to accept TDRs while others are opposed to the option.

The differing demands have left officials in a quandary. While the government is pressing them to speed up the process and float tenders for the first phase, ground-level resistance over land acquisition is emerging as a major challenge.

New Bowenpally Wrestler Wins State Medal While Pursuing Engineering

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Balancing academics with elite-level sports is never easy, but a young wrestler from New Bowenpally has shown that determination and discipline can make it possible. By winning a medal at the prestigious Lala Kesari State-Level Wrestling Competition, the athlete has brought pride to the local community while also completing a demanding B.Tech degree.

The wrestler's journey on the mat began 12 years ago in New Bowenpally. Since then, the athlete has trained under veteran coach G. Sai Baba Yadav, whose guidance has played a crucial role in developing technical skills, discipline and competitive confidence.

Years of rigorous practice and dedication finally paid off at the Lala Kesari State-Level Competition. Competing against some of the state's strongest wrestlers, the New Bowenpally athlete delivered



an impressive performance and secured a coveted state-level medal.

The achievement becomes even more remarkable considering the wrestler's academic journey. The foundation was laid at St. Peter's Grammar School, where the athlete developed a strong commitment to education alongside an interest in wrestling. Later, the same determination continued through engineering studies, culminating in the successful completion of a B.Tech degree.

Managing college assignments, examinations and late-night study sessions alongside demanding wrestling practices required exceptional time management. Early-morning training, regular fit-

ness sessions and academic responsibilities became part of a disciplined routine.

The wrestler credits coach G. Sai Baba Yadav, school teachers, college professors and family members for providing constant encouragement throughout the journey. Their support helped the athlete remain focused despite the challenges of balancing two demanding paths. The state medal is therefore more than a sporting achievement. It represents 12 years of perseverance, discipline and sacrifice. From the wrestling mats of New Bowenpally to the state podium and from school classrooms to an engineering degree, the young athlete has demonstrated that sporting excellence and education can go hand in hand. With this achievement, a new chapter now begins, carrying the hopes of the local community and the ambition to reach even greater heights in wrestling.

TYJF Executive Member Jagath Krishna's Birthday Celebrated

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The birthday celebrations of Jagath Krishna, popularly known as Laddu, State Executive Member of the Telangana Youth Journalists Federation (TYJF), were held on a grand note in Sangareddy on Tuesday. The celebrations were organised under the leadership of TYJF State Working President Sheik Mahaboob. Jagath Krishna cut the birthday cake amid cheers from federation leaders and members, who extended their warm greetings and wished him



success, good health and a bright future. TYJF State Executive Member Laxman, Sangareddy District President Kamagalla Nareish, District Working President Santosh Gupta, along with other federation leaders and members, participated in the programme and conveyed their birthday wishes to Jagath Krishna.

Power Woes Grip Avushapur; Villagers Warn of Dharna if Issues Persist

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Residents and local leaders of Avushapur village, under Edulabad in Division 7 of Ghatkesar Circle, Uppal Zone of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, have demanded immediate action to resolve persistent electricity problems affecting the village. Former public representatives, leaders of various political parties, villagers and youth approached the Ghatkesar Electricity Office and submitted a representation to officials



seeking a permanent solution to the problems. Speaking on the occasion, the villagers alleged that they have been facing frequent power cuts, low voltage and repeated interruptions in electricity supply for the past several

months.

They said low voltage was affecting household electrical appliances and preventing motors from functioning properly, which in turn was disrupting the drinking water supply. The villagers demanded that the

Electricity Department increase the capacity of transformers wherever necessary and replace weak electricity poles and ageing power lines. They also sought improvement of the overall power infrastructure to ensure stable and uninterrupted electricity supply. The leaders and villagers warned that if the problems were not resolved permanently within one week, they would organise a large-scale dharna in front of the Ghatkesar Electricity Office.

Plant Today, Protect Tomorrow: Vanamahotsavam Held at Sangareddy District Central Library



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Spreading a strong message on environmental protection and the importance of increasing green cover, a Vanamahotsavam plantation programme was organised at the District Central Library in Sangareddy as part of the green initiative.

The programme was conducted under the leadership of Sangareddy District Library Organisation Chairman G. Anjaiah and Secretary M. Manoj Kumar. As part of the initiative, saplings were planted across the library premises with the participation of library staff and readers.

Speaking on the occasion, G. Anjaiah stressed that planting and protecting trees is essential to increase greenery, reduce the impact of global warming and safeguard the environment for future generations.

He said greater public awareness should be created about the importance of trees and environmental conservation. Large-scale plantation

should be taken up in available open spaces, along roadsides and in suitable forest areas, while equal importance must be given to the survival and protection of every sapling planted.

Anjaiah observed that increasing green cover contributes to ecological balance, helps moderate rising temperatures and supports a healthier environment. He called upon citizens, particularly the younger generation, to treat tree plantation and protection as a social responsibility rather than limiting such activities to special occasions.

"Planting a sapling is only the beginning; protecting it until it grows into a tree is our real responsibility," he emphasised. Library staff and readers enthusiastically participated in the plantation drive and planted saplings on the premises, making the Vanamahotsavam programme a success. The initiative concluded with a message to the public to "Plant More, Protect More and Build a Greener Sangareddy."

One Day, One Ward Programme Reviews Civic Issues in Hafeezpet and Madinaguda

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A review meeting was held at Maitri Nagar Colony Park, Hafeezpet, as part of the One Day, One Ward programme to discuss civic issues and development works in Hafeezpet and Madinaguda. PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi, along with CMC Commissioner G. Srijana, IAS, Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malempati, DC Srinivas, former corporator Jagadishwar Goud, CMC officials and Residents'



Welfare Association members, reviewed various issues raised by residents. Gandhi directed officials to give priority to pending civic problems and complete the works without delay. He sought faster action on roads,

drainage, streetlights, drinking water, CC roads and road repairs. He also requested officials to complete pending nala expansion works before the monsoon, ensure smooth water flow and develop and beautify parks with

facilities such as open gyms and amenities for children and senior citizens. Gandhi also urged residents to install rain-water harvesting pits at their homes, keep surroundings clean and separate wet and dry waste.

Sanitation staff were asked to regularly clear garbage and debris from colonies. CMC officials, engineering, town planning and water board representatives, along with local leaders and Residents' Welfare Association members, attended the programme.

SWF Workers Stage Dharna for Job Security



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

SWF and CITU leaders staged a massive dharna across Hyderabad depots, demanding an immediate reduction in increased workloads, job security for workers and implementation of previously agreed-upon demands. The protest was led by SWF Secunderabad Regional Secretary K. Geetha, Greater Hyderabad Zone Secretary G. Ravinder Reddy and CITU Secunderabad

Zone Convener M. Satyanarayana. Workers and union representatives from Jeedimetla, Hakimpeta, Kushaiguda, Raniganj, Chengicherla and Achampet depots participated in large numbers. The leaders urged authorities to address workers' grievances promptly, ensure job security and honour commitments made earlier, warning that continued inaction would intensify the agitation across the city.

Congress SC Wing Leaders Felicitated in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The All India Scheduled Caste Rights Protection Society (AISCRP Society) organised a grand felicitation ceremony at Ambedkar Bhavan in Hyderabad to honour newly appointed Congress Party Scheduled Caste (SC) Department leaders.

The event was held under the leadership of AISCRP Society President Raju Vastad and Hyderabad District Women's President Vasanthi. Congress SC Department leaders Maddela Prabhakar Rao and Kandi Subbarao were felicitated with traditional



shawls and garlands. Maddela Prabhakar Rao was honoured on his appointment as Vice Chairman of the Congress Party SC Department for Hyderabad District, while Kandi Subbarao was felicitated for being appointed Chairman of the SC Department in the Musheerabad Constituency.

AISCRP Society

members, including women's wing leaders and activists, participated in large numbers and extended their congratulations. They expressed confidence that the newly appointed leaders would work actively for the welfare and empowerment of Scheduled Caste communities and assured them of continued support.

Concrete Barricades Block Footpath Near Mettuguda Metro, Pedestrians Face Hardship

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Pedestrians are facing inconvenience and potential safety risks due to large concrete barricades occupying a substantial portion of the footpath near the Mettuguda Metro U-turn in Secunderabad. The problem was noticed near Metro Pillar C1083, where multiple heavy concrete blocks have been positioned across the pedestrian pathway. Photographs from the location show that the barricades significantly reduce the space available for people to walk.

The footpath is situated along-

side a busy road carrying regular vehicular traffic. With the pedestrian space obstructed, people may be compelled to negotiate narrow gaps or move closer to the carriageway, raising road-safety concerns.

The situation can be particularly difficult for senior citizens, women with children and persons with disabilities, who require an unobstructed and continuous walkway. Apart from the concrete barricades, the condition of the pedestrian corridor at the location also highlights the need for regular inspection and maintenance of public footpaths.

Local commuters have urged the GHMC, Traffic Police, Hyderabad Metro and other concerned road authorities to jointly inspect the location and ascertain why the barricades have been placed on the footpath.

They have requested that unnecessary obstacles be removed or suitably repositioned without compromising any traffic-management requirement.

Citizens stressed that footpaths are an essential part of urban road-safety infrastructure and should remain accessible for pedestrians. "Footpaths are for pedestrians — a clear walkway is essential for safer roads."



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.

Parliamentary Panel Asks NGT to Use Powers More Proactively on Environment

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A parliamentary standing committee has urged the National Green Tribunal (NGT) to make more proactive use of its suo motu powers to address critical environmental concerns, including air pollution, illegal sand mining, river pollution and the large-scale felling of trees for highway construction. The recommendations were made by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Law and Personnel in its report titled 'Review of Functioning of Tribunal System in the Country'. The report was tabled in both Houses of Parliament earlier this month. The committee called on the NGT to independently take up pressing environmental matters such as severe air pollution in Delhi and across the Indo-Gangetic



plain, illegal sand mining along riverbanks, pollution of rivers, and the destruction of indigenous roadside plantations for infrastructure projects. It also highlighted concerns over unregulated high-rise construction in metropolitan cities, ecological and pollution-related risks in northeastern states, and environmentally sensitive mining activities. The panel said greater use of suo motu jurisdiction would allow the tribunal to intervene more quickly in matters that pose serious risks to the environment and public

health. The committee also stressed the need for stronger monitoring of compliance with NGT orders. It recommended regular action-taken reports by the tribunal and the Environment Ministry to assess whether directions issued by the green panel are being implemented effectively. It further suggested more effective use of joint committees, clear fixing of responsibility among concerned authorities and stronger mechanisms to ensure timely implementation of NGT orders. According to the panel, merely issuing

directions is not sufficient unless there is a robust system to monitor their execution. Established in 2010, the NGT is a specialised judicial body dealing with matters concerning environmental protection, conservation of forests and natural resources. It was created to provide effective and speedy disposal of environmental cases. The committee recognised the tribunal's important role in delivering timely environmental justice, reducing the burden on higher courts and improving access to justice through simplified procedures, technology and time-bound disposal of cases. It said strengthening the NGT's proactive role and ensuring strict compliance with its orders would further enhance its effectiveness in tackling India's growing environmental challenges.

Odisha Earmarks Rs 311 Crore To Strengthen Cancer Care Across State

ODISHA Wakeup telangana

The Odisha government has earmarked Rs 311 crore to strengthen cancer care infrastructure across the state, with a focus on early detection, expanded treatment facilities and affordable access. To cancer services, Health and Family Welfare Minister Mukesh Mahaling said on Tuesday. Addressing the FICCI 'OncoPharma 2026' Roundtable, Mahaling said daycare chemotherapy centres have been established in all 32 districts, enabling cancer patients to receive treatment closer to their homes. More than 35,000 chemotherapy cycles have so far been administered through these centres, he said. The minister said the government has also introduced 91 specialised cancer care packages

under state health schemes to reduce the financial burden on patients and their families. Highlighting the importance of prevention and early diagnosis, Mahaling said Odisha is participating in the national HPV vaccination programme targeting young girls. The state's 'Sustha Nari, Sasakta Parivar' initiative has screened more than 1.5 crore women for breast, cervical and oral cancers, he said. Mahaling called for greater participation of the private sector in expanding advanced cancer screening and diagnostic services, particularly in rural and remote areas. He urged industries and technology startups to collaborate with the government to improve access to cancer care in underserved regions. The minister also appealed to major corporate houses

in Odisha to use their corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds to adopt districts and support the deployment of mobile cancer screening vans. FICCI Odisha State Council chairman Jagannath P Nayak stressed the need for equitable access to cancer treatment, sustainable financing and timely diagnosis. He said coordinated efforts among the government, healthcare professionals, industry and patient advocacy organisations were essential to reducing the financial, emotional and social burden of cancer on families. Director of Medical Education and Training (DMET) Dr Durga Madhab Satpathy and Drug Controller Mamina Patnaik were also present at the roundtable and shared their views on strengthening cancer care and access to medicines.

Israel Threats to Expel Gazans Over Kite-Flying 'Outrageous': UN

GAZA Wakeup telangana

The United Nations has strongly criticised Israel's threat to expel residents from areas in Gaza where kites, drones and balloons are launched towards Israel, describing the warning as "outrageous" and part of a broader pattern of unacceptable rhetoric by Israeli leaders. UN rights office spokeswoman Ravina Shamdasani told reporters in Geneva on Tuesday that the threat of expulsion linked to children flying kites was deeply concerning. "I hope we can all agree that this is outrageous," she said, referring specifically to the threat to remove people from areas associated with the launches. Israel on Sunday warned Hamas that it would intensify military operations in Gaza if launches of kites, drones and balloons towards Israeli territory continued. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defence Minister Israel Katz said the Israeli military would target those responsible and evacuate civilians from areas from which such objects were launched. The warning followed a recent increase in inci-



dents along the Gaza border. Israeli media reported that four kites were discovered near communities close to the border on Saturday, while another was intercepted by the Israeli military on Sunday. Around 10 such objects have reportedly been recovered in recent days. The incidents have revived memories of incendiary kites and balloons launched from Gaza during previous periods of conflict. Those launches caused fires in agricultural areas in southern Israel. Israeli military assessments reportedly indicate that Hamas may have been behind the latest launches, although the objects found recently did not carry explosives. Israeli officials have also suggested that the launches could have been intended to test Israel's re-

sponse. Hamas has denied responsibility for the launches. Bassem Naim, a member of the group's political bureau, said the kites were launched by children in Gaza who were seeking to experience a sense of normal childhood amid the destruction around them. Hamas separately accused Israel of using the kite launches as a justification for military action. The group said Israeli airstrikes in central Gaza on Sunday killed three people, according to Gaza's civil defence rescue service. The UN rights office said Israel's latest warning was part of a wider pattern of statements by senior Israeli officials. Shamdasani said the UN continued to observe what she described as "unacceptable

rhetoric" from the highest levels of Israeli authorities, arguing that some statements demonstrated disregard for international human rights and humanitarian law. She further warned that rhetoric advocating or encouraging violence could amount to conduct associated with atrocity crimes. The UN's criticism comes amid continued tensions between Israel and Hamas, with civilians in Gaza remaining caught between military operations and retaliatory actions. The dispute over kites, drones and balloons has therefore become another flashpoint in the already volatile situation, raising concerns over the potential impact of any Israeli decision to evacuate civilians from areas linked to the launches. The United Nations has repeatedly stressed that civilians must be protected under international humanitarian law and that military responses should distinguish between combatants and civilian populations. The latest warning from Israeli leaders, and the UN's strong response, have intensified international scrutiny of the situation in Gaza.

Dhar Observes Half-Day Bandh Over Designated Namaz Site Near Bhojshala Complex

BHOPAL Wakeup telangana

The half-day bandh, called by the Hindu bodies to protest against the site designated for Friday namaz adjoining the Bhojshala complex in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district on Tuesday, passed off peacefully. Although shops and other commercial establishments in Dhar remained shut, essential services were kept out of the purview of the bandh call. The right-wing body, Sakal Hindu Samaj, took out a motorcycle rally in the town to highlight their demand for giving the devotees exclusive access



to the Vagdevi temple inside the 11th century Bhojshala shrine-Kamal Maula Mosque complex, while exhorting the shop owners to shut their business to express solidarity with their cause. The organization later submitted a memorandum to Dhar district collector Rajiv Ranjan Meena demanding full compliance of the court order relating to the Bhojshala complex by giving the devotees ex-

clusive access to the Vagdevi temple to worship. The body alleged that the district administration was not implementing the court directions concerning arrangements for Friday prayers by the Muslims near the disputed complex. The Hindu organizations alleged that the supreme court had asked the state government to provide space near the Bhojshala complex for Friday namaz but claimed that the local administration was facilitating Friday prayers at Survey number 12, adjoining the complex. The arrangement was denying unrestricted access to Bhojshala site in violation

of the court verdict which hurt the Hindu sentiments, the body said. The district collector however said that the administration would act in accordance with the court verdict. In its order in May this year, the Madhya Pradesh high court held that the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)-protected Bhojshala complex was a temple dedicated to Goddess Vagdevi. The Muslims however challenged the verdict in the supreme court. The apex court in an interim order on July 14 directed the state to provide an open space adjacent to the Bhojshala complex for Friday namaz.

38 Booked For Alleged Molestation During Ranchi Protest

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A case was filed against 38 people for allegedly molesting a member of the JPSC-JSSC Reforms Manch during the August 21 protest in Ranchi, police said on Tuesday. The case was lodged on Monday after the woman, accompanied by Leader of Opposition Babulal Marandi of the BJP, lodged a complaint at the Kotwali



police station, they said. "Eight people were named in the FIR along with 30 unnamed per-

sons. They have been booked on charges of molestation, besides other sections of the BNS," Kotwali police station officer-in-charge Sanoj Choudhary told PTI. The incident happened during a procession over recruitment examination irregularities near Albert Ekka Chowk. "We held a peaceful procession and were attempting to burn effigies of Chief Minister Soren and Congress

leader Rahul Gandhi. Around eight known and over 30 unknown persons assaulted and molested me," the victim said. Marandi said the cowardly attack by "JMM goons" on students, who were democratically raising their voice, is highly condemnable. "BJP stands firmly with the students and will support their struggle at every level," he said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Op Sindoor Drone.....

And Kirana Hills, is 10 km north of Sargodha," Gen. Chaihan said at a talk. 'Operation Sindoor and its Aftermath', at the Vivekananda Centre here. "So the loitering mission is looking for radars which are in and around Sargodha, and it has a lifetime, which means it will loiter for about two hours and once it does not find a target, it comes down and hits somewhere. It must have come and hit one of those hills. So that could be one of the reasons as to what people asked, because Pakistani media also showed some kind of images in which there was smoke coming out from Kirana Hills," he said. On the IAF strike at Bholari, the former CDS said: "Once the Pakistanis

had picked up the phone and said they wanted to talk at about 10 am. The Air Chief asked me whether he should strike Sargodha, I said, Go ahead... I said, could you please identify two more targets, so one of the targets he identified was Skardu. We gave a yes, but after some time, the weather was bad over it and they had to change over to Bholari" He said that one of the couple of principles which "we thought in the escalation matrix which we laid for ourselves was that the last strike or the winning note will always be delivered by us and not by the Pakistanis." "If I had to list out a couple of reasons for India's victory, I would say that we had better situational awareness, better battlefield transparency because we are

better networked. And Army, Navy, and Air Force, this situation was available to us in one manner for all of us. So, we were able to make better decisions... Second thing I could attribute to victory was, I think, clear political direction, which gave us a free hand to plan operations," he added. H-1B Visa Fee..... "The H-1B visa programme has long served an important purpose in addressing short-term skill gaps in the US. It is also important to recognise that, over the past 5 years, the number of H-1B employees of Indian technology companies operating has reduced significantly, as companies have steadily expanded local hiring," Nasscom said. A proposed increase

in visa fees must, therefore, it said, be viewed in the context of the programme's original purpose of enabling access to temporary skills where there is a shortage in the US. The industry body further pointed out that the Indian technology sector has invested more than USD 1.1 billion to strengthen the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) pipeline in the US. This initiative involves partnerships with over 130 universities and colleges, impacting 2.9 million students and upskilling more than 255,000 employees. The US on Monday proposed an additional fee of USD 103,265 for all H-1B visa cap-subject applications, including those filed by applicants eligible for the advanced degree exemption. The US Congress currently

limits the H-1B visa programme to 65,000 visas a year under the regular cap. An additional 20,000 visas are available for foreign workers who have obtained a master's degree or higher from a US institution. This is commonly known as the "master's cap". Country Music..... She was also an accomplished businesswoman, with her interests spanning from her popular Dollywood theme park to cosmetics, pet apparel, baking mixes and even a truck stop. "Dolly has lived in the light and is in the arms of Jesus," her nephew Bryan Seaver said in a video announcing her death on social media. He said the multiple award-winning artist -- known for her

glittering style, curvy figure and larger-than-life blonde wigs -- had "opened doors for generations of singers, songwriters, musicians, and dreamers from every walk of life." The family did not give a cause of death, but Parton had spoken about her recent ill health. Her husband Carl Dean died last year. A small private funeral service will be held, her representative told People magazine, encouraging fans to leave messages on her website. Tributes quickly poured in for Parton, who won 10 Grammys and 13 Academy of Country Music (ACM) awards during her long career. "May her legacy live on through her songs, the lives she touched, and the countless artists she inspired.

CRIME

NDSA Submits Medigadda Probe Report to HC; Recommends Rehabilitation Before Operations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) informed the Telangana High Court that it had completed the task entrusted to it of examining the causes of distress at the Medigadda barrage and submitting a report, which also included recommendations for rehabilitation of the structure before opening it for operations.

The NDSA also submitted that on the request of state government about specific safety concerns of the Medigadda barrage and associated structures, a technical oversight committee had been constituted by the department of water resources, under the chairmanship of a member (technical) of the NDSA to oversee the rehabilitation works, if and when such works were taken up by Telangana.

The committee comprised members from the Central Water Commission (CWC), Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune and Central Soil and Materials Research Station (CSMRS) of Delhi.

The NDSA stated that the State Dam Safety Organisation (SDSO) was responsible for issuing instructions to the owner of a specified dam regarding safety and remedial measures. The NDSA filed the affidavit in a pending writ petition concerning the utilisation of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS). The petition was filed by S. Sharath, who urged the High Court to direct the NDSA to undertake a comprehensive technical inspection of the barrages and associated infrastructure and submit a reasoned technical report on their structural and operational safety, including



whether any part of the project was capable of safe restricted utilisation. The NDSA denied the allegations of the petitioner that that due to non-discharge of duties by the authority, farmers were facing hardships in getting water from the KLIS and its components. The NDSA submitted that the petitioner's contentions relating to agricultural hardship were matters of policy and lay in the domain of the state government. NDSA report attributed the distress at the Medigadda barrage to a combination of deficiencies in planning, design, construction quality and operation and maintenance. It recommended

that the structure be rehabilitated before being put back into operation and called for urgent examination of the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, citing their similar design and construction features. The affidavit said interim measures were prescribed for the three barrages. In the case of Medigadda, the committee recommended that the gates of Block-7 be kept fully open before the monsoon to minimise hydraulic forces. It also recommended removal of the damaged gates adjacent to Pier No. 20 wherever necessary. Similar measures were suggested for the Annaram and Sundilla barrages. The NDSA also stated that the rehabilitation process of the KLIS barrages was subject to "rigorous, multi-layered technical scrutiny" covering investigations throughout the execution of the rehabilitation

Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Sumathi Inaugurates CCTV Cameras in Keesara

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malkajgiri Police Commissioner Sumathi inaugurated CCTV cameras installed under the "Naa Suraksha – Safe City 2.0" initiative in Keesara as part of measures to strengthen surveillance, crime prevention and public safety. Addressing the programme, the Police Commissioner highlighted the role of CCTV surveillance in preventing crime, tracing offenders and improving



security in residential colonies and other important locations. She called for continued co-operation from residents and community representatives in strengthening

ing the CCTV network. BJP district executive member and advocate Boda Srinivas Rao participated in the programme.

On the occasion, he felicitated Police Commissioner Sumathi with a shawl and appreciated the police department's initiatives aimed at enhancing public security. Senior police officials, personnel, local representatives, colony members and others participated in the programme.

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.

Traffic Advisory For Milad-un-nabi Procession

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The traffic police had imposed restrictions for motorists on Wednesday to facilitate the Milad-un-Nabi procession to mark the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed. Traffic diversions will be implemented on the procession routes from 10 am to 11 pm in the Charminar zone. The main procession will be taken out from Falaknuma to Volta Hotel via Charminar and return from Yahya Pasha Dargah. The procession from Falaknuma will pass

from Macca Masjid to Haj House, Nampally, and from Pattar Pattarghatti to Alijah Kotla. Traffic will be either stopped or diverted at the following places/routes on need basis from 10 am to 11 pm on Wednesday at Falaknuma, Enginenowli, Nagulchinta crossroads, Himmatpura junction, Haribowli, Panch Mohalla, Charminar, Gulzar Houz, Pattarghatti, Madina junction, Delhi Gate, Nayapul, Darulshifa, Purani Haveli, Mir Alam Mandi, Afzalgunj T-junction, Mozazzamjahi Market junction.

Extend Validity of 2023 Media Accreditation Cards Till Sept 15: HC to Govt

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to extend the validity of accreditation cards issued in the year 2023, held by eligible working journalists, till September 15, while making it clear that no interim relief could be granted to new applicants or those who do not presently possess accreditation cards. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin was hearing a batch of petitions challenging the state's revised

accreditation eligibility criteria. The petitions were filed separately by the Hi-Tech Print and Electronic Media Association, Telangana Urdu Working Journalists Federation and Creative India Broadcasting Private Limited, challenging the government order issued last year prescribing eligibility criteria for media accreditation. Counsel for the petitioners raised objections on the distinction made in the accreditation norms between cable and satellite channels. Special government counsel S. Rahul Reddy, appearing for the state.

Gachibowli Police Rescue Two Missing Children Within Four Hours

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Wakeup telangana

Gachibowli Police, under Serilimgampally Zone, rescued two children aged below four years within four hours of receiving a complaint about their alleged kidnapping. According to police, the children—Pramila Murmu, 4, and Sangeeta Hemaram, 3½—were playing at a labour camp in Kondapur on August 24 when a 45-year-old man, Chaku Soren, who was staying at the same camp, allegedly took them away. Following the complaint, Gachibowli Police registered a case and formed special teams to trace the children. Alerts were sent to var-



ious police stations, railway authorities and transit points, including Ghatkesar. Through technical investigation and coordinated efforts, police traced the accused near Ghatkesar Railway Station and rescued both children safely. They were brought to Gachibowli Police Station and subsequently handed over to their parents/guardians as per procedure. Police said the accused is a native

of West Bengal and his criminal antecedents are being verified. His alleged disclosures regarding previous criminal activities are also being investigated. Gachibowli Police urged labour camp managements, contractors and security agencies to maintain proper records of workers and visitors, verify identities, install CCTV cameras and remain alert, particularly during night and early morning hours. Police also advised camp authorities to immediately inform the police if any child goes missing or if anyone is found attempting to leave the premises with a child under suspicious circumstances.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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

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

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Flying From Hyderabad To Become Cheaper From Sept

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Passengers departing from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport in Hyderabad will pay significantly lower User Development Fees (UDF) from September 1, following a decision by the Airports Economic Regulatory Authority (AERA). The regulator has fixed the UDF at Rs 515 for domestic passengers and Rs 1,030 for international passengers for the 2026-2031 tariff period. The revised tariff will remain effective from September 1, 2026, through March 31, 2031. AERA said the charges were determined under its incremental Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) framework, which

links airport cost recovery to the actual completion, commissioning and use of identified high-value capital expenditure projects. The new domestic UDF of Rs 515 is substantially below the existing Rs 750 being charged at Hyderabad airport and is also lower than the Rs 580 proposed by airport operator GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited (GHIAL). Similarly, the international UDF has been reduced to Rs 1,030 from the existing Rs 1,500 and is below the Rs 1,150 proposed by GHIAL. AERA has also rationalised landing charges for the five-year period. Domestic flights will attract a landing charge of Rs 435 per metric tonne,

while international flights will be charged Rs 630 per metric tonne. In another significant move, the regulator has approved a Variable Tariff Plan (VTP) for Hyderabad airport. The mechanism will provide landing-charge incentives to airlines that meet prescribed qualifying conditions. According to AERA, the scheme is intended to encourage airlines to expand their networks, introduce new routes and increase passenger traffic while keeping airport charges transparent, non-discriminatory and cost-reflective. For the fourth control period from 2026 to 2031, AERA considered a baseline Aggregate Revenue Requirement of Rs

11,683.49 crore, equivalent to Rs 9,308.20 crore in present value terms. This is considerably lower than the Rs 27,851 crore, or Rs 20,025 crore in present value terms, sought by GHIAL. The regulator said the approved ARR translates into a baseline yield per passenger of Rs 426.39. This amount has been appropriately distributed among landing and parking charges, UDF and other aeronautical charges. AERA said its approach aims to balance the financial requirements of airport operations and infrastructure development with the interests of passengers and airlines. The incremental ARR framework also ensures that recovery of ex-

penditure is linked to the actual delivery and commissioning of major projects rather than being imposed upfront on airport users. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport is operated by GHIAL and serves as a major aviation hub for Hyderabad and the wider region. The latest decision follows AERA's recent reduction of passenger fees at Bengaluru International Airport, where the UDF was fixed at Rs 300 for domestic passengers and Rs 997 for international passengers for the five-year control period ending March 2031. The revised Hyderabad charges will also come into force from September 1.

India Markets Hold Firm as Earnings and Domestic Flows

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India's equity markets remained resilient in July despite renewed geopolitical tensions, elevated crude prices and a sharp divergence across global markets, according to PL Asset Management's latest PMS Monthly Newsletter. The Strait of Hormuz disruption and renewed Iran-related tensions kept Brent crude in the \$80-\$120 range, while global markets saw a broad reversal of the AI and semiconductor-led rally. The Hang Seng gained 13.13%, but the KOSPI, Nasdaq 100 and Nikkei 225 declined sharply. In contrast, the Nifty 50 rose 2.17% to close at 24,383.60. Domestic institutional investors continued their buying streak for the 37th consecutive month, providing a strong cushion

against foreign selling. Foreign investors also showed early signs of returning, with renewed buying in financial stocks and record inflows into index-eligible government securities. India's earnings outlook strengthened significantly. Median EPS growth for listed companies accelerated to 24% year-on-year in Q1 FY27, compared with 6% in the previous quarter. Sales, operating profits and net earnings all improved, indicating broader-based growth. Macroeconomic indicators also remained supportive. Industrial production grew 7.3% in June, bank credit expanded 17.7% in July and GST collections increased 15.4%. The Nifty's forward P/E stood at around 18.6x, below its historical average, suggesting val-

uations remain relatively manageable despite India's premium over several emerging markets. PL Asset Management believes India is moving from a phase of relative defensive strength toward earnings-led market performance. Siddharth Vora, Head of Quant Investment Strategies and Fund Manager, said improving earnings, domestic flows and emerging foreign investor interest are creating a stronger market setup. The firm remains constructive on Indian equities, particularly domestic consumption, financials, industrials and select mid- and small-cap companies. However, crude prices, currency movements, the Hormuz situation and the sustainability of earnings growth remain key risks.

ICAI Hosts 4th ITEC Training Programme for 25 Partner Nations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), through its Global Trade & Services Committee, has commenced the 4th Edition of the ITEC Professional Training Programme under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. The 13-day programme, being held from August

24 to September 5 at the ICAI Centre of Excellence in Hyderabad, is themed "Building Future-Ready Accounting and Audit Professionals through Digital Transformation." It provides more than 75 hours of training on accounting, auditing, digital transformation, emerging technologies, international financial reporting and sustainability. The inaugural session was addressed by CA. Sanjib Sanghi, Chairman, Global Trade &



Services Committee, ICAI, and CA. Jay Chhaira, Central Council Member, ICAI. The programme brings together 38 participants

from 25 ITEC partner countries, including Bhutan, Botswana, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Maldives, Mauritius, Morocco, Nigeria,

Palestine, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia. The initiative aims to strengthen professional capabilities, promote knowledge-sharing and enhance international cooperation in accounting, auditing and financial services. Participants will learn from experienced professionals and experts while gaining practical insights into emerging global trends. Through the ITEC framework, ICAI is con-

tributing to India's broader efforts in international capacity building and professional development. The programme also seeks to strengthen professional networks and encourage long-term cooperation among participating countries. The 4th Edition of the ITEC Professional Training Programme will conclude on September 5, 2026, at the ICAI Centre of Excellence, Hyderabad.

Suchirindia Supports Divyangjan in AP



VIJAYAWADA
Wakeup telangana

As part of Suchirindia Group's 21st Anniversary celebrations, Chairman Lion Dr. Kiron, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Bulgaria, visited Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society at Hanuman Junction in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh. Dr. Kiron interacted with the Divyangjan supported by the organisation and donated essential mobility and physiotherapy equipment, including a Cerebral Palsy Chair and Recliner Wheel Chair. Asha Jyothi Handicapped Welfare Society provides

care, shelter and support to around 75 children with multiple disabilities. Appreciating the organisation's dedicated efforts, Dr. Kiron reaffirmed Suchirindia Group's commitment to the welfare and empowerment of persons with disabilities. He said supporting Divyangjan was not merely a responsibility but a commitment towards creating a compassionate and inclusive society. He expressed happiness over contributing essential equipment and supporting the organisation's continued service to special children.

Indian Economy Resilient Amid Global Headwinds Says RBI Bulletin

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Amidst global headwinds, the domestic economy demonstrated notable resilience, characterised by buoyant domestic demand, and rising manufacturing and services activity. "The global economic outlook continues to be shaped by geopolitical frictions in West Asia and fresh tariffs by the US. Despite these risks to global trade and the growth-inflation matrix, India's robust macroeconomic fundamentals continue to provide cushion to the domestic economy," said the RBI economists in an article "State of the Economy" published in the August Bulletin. The RBI article said that the momentum of Q1:2026-27 continued in July with most of the high-frequency indicators reflecting sustained manufacturing and services activity, and double digit expansion in merchandise exports and imports. The recovery in southwest monsoon in July helped in kharif sowing reaching closer to normal acreage. While headline CPI inflation rose fractionally, reflecting food inflation; core inflation remained stable. Liquidity con-

ditions eased, supporting credit growth and ongoing investment activity. On the US Section 301 tariffs that imposed an additional 10 per cent tariff on India, the article said India's major export commodities to the US, such as smartphones, petroleum products and pharmaceuticals, remain outside its purview. "India is likely to be less affected than some of the Asian economies in the US market, such as China, Vietnam and Thailand," it said. It also said foreign direct investment (FDI) flows improved in June 2026 from the previous month, supported by higher gross inflows. Singapore, the Netherlands, the US, and Canada accounted for around 74 per cent of the total equity inflows. Manufacturing received the highest share of equity inflows, followed by electricity generation, computer, and communication services. The outward FDI continued to register a downward trend for the last two months. About 65 per cent of the outward FDI flows were directed to Singapore, the UAE, and the US. In July, foreign portfolio investors turned net buyers in equity segment, reversing.

GPACTS 2026 to Unite 400 Pharma Leaders in Hyderabad for Digital Transformation

GPACTS 2026 to Bring 400 Pharma Leaders to Hyderabad for AI, Compliance and Digital Manufacturing Summit

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The Global Pharma AI, Compliance & Technology Summit (GPACTS) 2026 will convene around 350-400 senior pharmaceutical industry leaders at the Novotel Hyderabad Convention Centre (HICC) on September 3, bringing together decision-makers from technology, manufacturing, quality, compliance, data and cybersecurity. Powered by Honeywell, the flagship summit will focus on the growing intersection of artificial intelligence, connected manufacturing, regulatory compliance and digital transformation in the pharmaceutical sector. Senior representatives from Alkem Laboratories, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, Wockhardt, Granules India and Biological E are among the confirmed participants. The summit comes as pharmaceutical companies rapidly adopt AI, connected operations and data-driven manufacturing while facing heightened requirements for validation, data integrity, cy-



bersecurity and regulatory compliance. Discussions will examine how companies can accelerate digital transformation while maintaining robust controls in regulated environments. Unlike general technology conferences, GPACTS is designed specifically around pharmaceutical operations. Sessions will cover responsible AI and governance, data protection, manufacturing cybersecurity, digital batch processes, manufacturing execution systems, laboratory software, connected quality systems and digital twins. Confirmed speakers include Dr. Ajaz Hussain, former FDA Director; Ramanarayana Parhi, Vice

President and CIO, Alkem Laboratories; Rajesh T, Digital Transformation Head, Dr. Reddy's Laboratories; AVPS Chakravarty, Chairman, FOPE; Dr. Sridhar Reddy, Honorary Secretary, IPA; Sarvesh Singh, CEO, Telangana Life Sciences; Dr. Deepa Pangaonkar, Vice President - Quality IT, Wockhardt; Karthick Raja, CIO, Granules India; and Praveen Kumar Baheti, Vice President - IT, Biological E. The Hyderabad edition is powered by Honeywell, with support from Thermo Fisher Scientific, Rockwell Automation and Nividous Software, strengthening the summit's focus on automation, manufacturing intelligence, laboratory

systems and enterprise transformation. GPACTS Director Shipra Singh said the summit aims to bring technology, manufacturing, quality and compliance leaders together to address the operational and regulatory challenges surrounding AI and digital transformation. The Hyderabad event follows successful GPACTS editions in Mumbai and Ahmedabad, which together attracted 228 delegates and 32 speakers, with over 80 per cent representing pharma end-user organisations. GPACTS Director Ravindra Warang said the Hyderabad edition would build on that response by providing implementation-focused discussions on AI, cybersecurity, compliance and manufacturing systems. The summit is targeted at senior professionals across pharmaceutical manufacturing, IT, digital transformation, quality, compliance, data, automation and cybersecurity. For programme and registration details, visit GPACTS.com.

Kotak BizLabs Season 3 to Support 100+ Startups Nationwide

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Kotak Mahindra Bank has announced Season 3 of the Kotak BizLabs Accelerator Programme, its flagship CSR initiative for early-revenue-stage startups. Running from August 2026 to October 2027, the programme will support more than 100 startups across India through mentorship, ecosystem access and catalytic funding. The new season brings together five incubation partners: IIM Calcutta Innovation Park, CIIE Initiatives (IIMA Ventures), NSRCEL at IIM Bangalore, T-Hub and FITT at IIT Delhi. The partnership with IIM Calcutta Innovation



Park will expand the programme's reach across eastern and north-eastern India. Since its launch, Kotak BizLabs has received over 4,500 applications, accelerated more than 125 ventures and awarded grants to over 100 startups. Season 3 will focus on Agritech, Climate Tech, Fintech, Healthtech, Edtech, Clean Energy, Sustainability, Waste Management and Sustainable Manufacturing, with a special emphasis on deep-tech. Applications are open to DPIIT-recognised startups.

Tributes Pour In for Dolly Parton

The United States united in grief Tuesday following the death of country music icon Dolly Parton at the age of 80, with celebrities, business leaders and politicians from across the political spectrum paying tribute to a woman whose influence extended far beyond music. Parton, celebrated for her distinctive voice, songwriting, acting and philanthropy, was widely regarded as one of the rare entertainers admired across cultural and political divides. Her death prompted an outpouring of tributes highlighting not only her extraordinary career but also her generosity, warmth and commitment to helping others. Rocker Jack White, who famously covered Parton's hit "Jolene," described her passing as deserving "instant sainthood." Country star Reba McEntire praised Parton for her music, love and generosity, saying there would "never ever be another" like her. Kacey Musgraves also mourned the loss, writing that the world suddenly felt "a lot less sparkly." Other entertainers echoed the sentiment, describing Parton as a unique cultural figure whose kindness matched her



immense talent. President Donald Trump called Parton's death a "true loss for millions of people" and praised her as one of the greatest country singers ever. He also announced that flags would be lowered across the United States for a week in her honor. New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani described Parton as an "extraordinary person" and an "irreplaceable champion of the working class," while Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer called her a "true legend and force for good." Tributes from Hol-

lywood were equally emotional. Julia Roberts, Parton's co-star in Steel Magnolias, described her as a "magical and joyous human" and said the loss had dimmed the sun. Actor Colman Domingo remembered Parton as a light who taught people that success could be combined with kindness. Jamie Lee Curtis said the advice not to meet one's heroes did not apply to Parton. Seth MacFarlane, who worked with her on The Orville, said her kindness, generosity and authenticity were exactly what people hoped they would be. Kelly Clarkson called Parton "a gift," praising her ability to make everyone feel welcomed and valued. Singer Sheryl Crow said her death had created "a hole in the universe," while opera star Renee Fleming described her as irreplaceable and praised her philanthropy. Business leaders also remembered Parton's wider impact. Amazon founder Jeff Bezos said she spent her life demonstrating what it meant to lead with love. Apple CEO Tim Cook praised her as a brilliant songwriter, cultural icon and dedicated philanthropist who encouraged reading and learning among millions of children. Parton's legacy therefore reaches well beyond her chart-topping songs and celebrated screen appearances. Through her music, films, charitable work and literacy initiatives, she built a lasting connection with generations of people. As tributes poured in from around the world, one message remained consistent: Dolly Parton was not simply a country music legend, but a cultural icon whose generosity, authenticity and joy touched lives across generations.

Bhakti Beats Aarya To Emerge LFC Champion

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Maharashtra's Bhakti Jayesh emerged victorious at the Legacy Fighting Championship (LFC-2), a high-intensity Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) tournament held at the Katedan GHMC Sports Complex in Hyderabad. Bhakti defeated Madhya Pradesh's Aarya Choudhary 30-27 in a closely contested final bout to clinch the championship title. The title clash attracted a capacity crowd, with spectators creating an energetic and vibrant atmosphere throughout the contest. Both fighters displayed strong technique, endurance and determination, matching each other for much of the bout. However, Bhakti gradually gained the upper hand and maintained her advantage to secure a decisive 30-27 victory. Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari attended the championship as the chief guest and presented the prize to the winner. Addressing the gathering, Srihari emphasised that sporting success should not be measured only by



victories and titles. "Winning is not the only measure of success in sports; discipline, determination, perseverance and the fighting spirit are equally important," he said. Sports Authority of Telangana chairman K. Shivasena Reddy was also present at the event. He interacted with the participating fighters before witnessing the championship bouts and encouraged the athletes taking part in the competition. The second edition of Legacy Fighting Championship featured a series of highly competitive MMA bouts, bringing together 22 international fighters. The tournament provided a platform for athletes to demonstrate their skills, physical strength, tactical ability

and fighting spirit before an enthusiastic Hyderabad audience. The event also witnessed the participation of several prominent personalities from the sporting and public spheres. Rajendranagar MLA Prakash Goud, National Mixed Martial Arts Association joint secretary Sheikh Khalid and Alpha Global CEO Tayaba Sultana were among those present. The championship highlighted the growing popularity of Mixed Martial Arts in Telangana and provided an opportunity for international fighters to compete before a large audience. The successful staging of LFC-2 at the Katedan GHMC Sports Complex further added to Hyderabad's reputation as a venue for major sporting events.

IOA seeks verification of Telangana Olympic Association electoral process

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Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president and legendary athlete Dr P.T. Usha has urged the Telangana government to take "urgent attention and necessary action at the earliest" on the verification of the electoral college and electoral process of the Telangana Olympic Association (TOA). In a letter dated August 17, 2026, addressed to the Special Chief Secretary of the Telangana government dealing with Sports, Dr Usha underlined the significance of the issue, particularly as Telangana is scheduled to host the prestigious Khelo India Games in December. She also referred to her earlier communication on the matter dated June 6, 2026. Dr Usha said the issue required immediate attention as it had a direct bearing on good governance, stakeholder confidence and the interests of sports-



persons. She requested the State government to initiate necessary action at the earliest, keeping in view the larger objectives of the Khelo India Games and the development of sports in Telangana. In her earlier communication, the IOA chief stated that the national body had received several representations, complaints, reports, objections and counter-representations from stakeholders regarding the governance and electoral processes of the Telangana Olym-

pic Association. The issues raised, according to Dr Usha, primarily concern the composition of the electoral college, verification of constituent units, maintenance of membership records, eligibility of representatives and participation of affiliated associations in the electoral process. She noted that the persistence of these disputes had led to competing claims and adversely affected confidence among stakeholders within Telangana's sporting ecosystem. However, Dr Usha clarified that the IOA was not seeking to interfere with the autonomy, administration or management of the Telangana Olympic Association. She emphasised that the IOA remains committed to respecting the autonomy of State Olympic Associations. At the same time, she said the interests of athletes, affiliated associations and the wider sporting community would be best served by an organisation that is transparent, credible, inclusive and capable of securing the confidence of all stakeholders. The IOA, she said, was of the considered view that verification of membership and related electoral processes would help strengthen good governance, institutional stability and the welfare of athletes in Telangana. Accordingly, the IOA sought the assistance of the Telangana government and invited it to extend facilitative support, in accordance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the Rules framed under it, for verification of the electoral college. Dr Usha further said that, if the State government considered it necessary, it could facilitate an independent, transparent and credible electoral process for the Telangana Olympic Association. The IOA president also appealed to all stakeholders to maintain institutional decorum, act in good faith and extend full cooperation to the process. She stressed that a transparent and democratic governance structure would be in the larger interest of sports persons and sports development in Telangana. With the Khelo India Games scheduled to be held in the State in December, the IOA's renewed communication has brought the TOA's electoral and governance issues into sharper focus.

Hyderabad illuminated for Milad-un-Nabi celebrations



A spectacular view of the historic Macca Masjid illuminated on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi celebrations in Hyderabad.



A spectacular view of the historic Charminar illuminated on the occasion of Milad-un-Nabi celebrations in Hyderabad.

GO 97 – Harish Sets Sept 7 Deadline for Withdrawal, Warns of Secretariat Siege

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Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Tuesday demanded that the government withdraw GO No. 97 that proposes to merge polytechnics with the Skills University, and warned that if this demand is not met by September 7, the BRS would lead a siege of the Secretariat with, he said, one lakh polytechnic students. Addressing protesting students at the Government Polytechnic

College in Masab Tank, Harish Rao, a former student of the college, said, “Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is putting the future of nearly one lakh polytechnic students at risk. The government is trying to merge government polytechnic colleges with ITIs and hand them over to the proposed Skill University. This is completely unacceptable.” He alleged that the proposed Skill University was to be a public-private partnership, and

said that there was concern that government polytechnic colleges could be brought under private control. “There are 113 polytechnic colleges in Telangana, of which 59 are government colleges. The government is now attempting to bring these institutions under the Skill University framework. This is not an issue concerning one college. It is a question concerning the future of an entire generation,” he said.

Kishan Reddy Slams CM Revanth Reddy US Trip Charge

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Union minister G. Kishan Reddy dismissed Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s allegations over the cancellation of his US trip as “meaningless”, while BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao termed the charges against the Centre “improper”. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Reddy said chief ministers finalise foreign tours only after securing clearances. “Revanth Reddy had planned to go to London and then

proceed to the US. The MEA clearly told him his proposed tour was not commensurate with his stature and hence clearances were not granted,” he said. Reddy said foreign tour guidelines have been in place since Independence. “In 2005, when Congress was in power, Narendra Modi was not granted permission to visit the US. This January, we permitted Revanth Reddy to visit Harvard Business School,” he said, adding that a chief minister should behave respon-



sibly. He also questioned reports that Revanth had attempted to meet New York mayor Zohran Mamdani, known for anti-India comments. The Union minister said Revanth should first explain the status of his promises on education. “You promised 15% of

the budget to education, scooters for students and Vidya Bharosa cards. What is the status?” he asked. “Revanth Reddy has made it a habit to indulge in empty rhetoric. There is no development under his rule, only corruption,” he said. He added that Revanth was resorting to gimmicks to divert attention from failures. “By September 2, Revanth Reddy will complete 1,000 days in office. He should tell the people what he has done for Telangana in these 1,000 days,” Reddy outlined his

initiatives for Singareni’s development, including securing new coal blocks such as Naini (Odisha) for Yadadri power plant, Tadicherla-2, PKOC-2 and Koyagudem Block-3 in Bhadrachalam district. He said Singareni was facing financial difficulties and resorting to overdrafts for salaries, and demanded the state government immediately release ₹55,000 crore dues. Meanwhile, BJP state president N. Ramchander Rao rejected Revanth’s allegation of politics behind denial of visa.



Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Tuesday concluded his fast vowing to continue the party's struggle for the release of pending dues of students' tuition fee reimbursement by the Congress government. BJP MP K Laxman offered lemon juice to Rao, marking the end of the fast.

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El Nino Push: Telangana Power Demand Hits Record 17,000 MW

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Telangana is witnessing an unprecedented surge in power demand this monsoon, with peak load crossing 17,000 MW in mid-August—the highest ever recorded for the state during the season. On August 14, demand touched 17,085 MW, a jump of over 5,000 MW compared to the same day last year. Two days earlier, it stood at 15,835 MW. The spike is driven by deficient rainfall and heavy reliance on borewell irrigation, with nearly 400 mandals facing drought-like conditions due to an 18–20 per cent rainfall deficit linked to El Niño. Farmers have turned to pump sets and borewells to irrigate kharif crops, pushing agricultural load to an estimated 6,500–7,000 MW

daily between August and November. Households, industries and the IT sector are also adding to the strain amid higher temperatures and increased use of cooling appliances. Reservoir levels remain low despite July rains, curtailing hydro generation. In the first 15 days of August, hydel contributed just 199 million units out of 4,359 million units consumed, forcing greater reliance on thermal and external purchases. To meet demand, the state is maximising thermal generation and ramping up solar output during daylight hours. The remaining gap, especially during evening and night peaks, is being bridged through short-term purchases on national power exchanges. Telangana is reportedly paying around ₹10 per

Governor Appreciates EAGLE For Preventing Drug Abuse

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Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Tuesday appreciated Telangana government’s EAGLE initiative and efforts of police in preventing drug abuse. He welcomed the establishment of anti-drug committees and Prahari Clubs in educational institutions to create awareness among students in this regard. The Governor participated as chief guest at an Anti-Drug Awareness programme at the Bhooma Reddy Convention Centre as part of the Nasha Mukti Bharat Abhiyaan. Speaking on the occasion, he asked young people to stay away from

narcotic substances and channel their energy towards education, sports, skill development, innovation, and nation-building. Shiv Pratap Shukla said combating drug abuse requires not only stringent legal action but also sustained efforts to create awareness, build confidence among young people, and empower them to make informed choices. He recalled administering a pledge for a drug-free life at an event held at LB Stadium in Hyderabad on June 19 in the presence of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and members of the state cabinet as part of the Nasha Mukti Bharat Jan Andolan. "The energy, talent, and

dreams of our youth are the greatest assets of the nation. Under no circumstances should they become victims of drugs," the Governor told the students. Recalling Swami Vivekananda’s call to “Arise, awake and stop not until the goal is reached,” he urged young people to draw inspiration and develop strong determination and self-discipline. Shiv Pratap Shukla attended a farmer inter-action programme organised by the National Turmeric Board (NTB) in Nizamabad. Further, he launched the “Sunahari Mitti Abhiyan” and a market linkage programme.

CMC Demolishes 17 Illegal Structures; 54 More Flagged

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) on Tuesday demolished 17 unauthorised under-construction structures across its three zones and identified 54 more for further action, as it stepped up checks on buildings that added extra floors beyond the permitted height of seven metres on plots up to 75 square yards. In a statement, the corporation said seven demolitions were carried out in Serilingampally, two in Kukatpally and eight in the Quthbullapur zone. Enforcement teams also served 11 notices. The 54 structures were identified through MyCURE, Prajavani complaints and field-level inspections. The civic body said daily inspections and enforcement would continue across all three zones. CMC commissioner G. Srijana said the focus was on buildings where actual construction did not match the approved plan. “Buildings under construction that violate norms will be taken up for immediate action. In the case of completed buildings, notices will be issued and further action taken,” she told.