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WEATHER

MAX : 32.0°C
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Madras HC Notice to Stalin Over Rs 1 Cr Defamation Plea by Aadhav Arjuna

The Madras High Court on Friday ordered notice to former DMK president M K Stalin on a petition filed by Tamil Nadu PWD Minister Aadhav Arjuna, seeking Rs one crore as damages/compensation for making defamatory statements against him. Justice K Govindarajan Thilakavadi also ordered notice to DMK Information Technology wing and posted to September 15, further hearing of the application arising out of a suit filed by Arjuna, which also sought to restrain Stalin and DMK IT wing from publishing any similar false and defamatory statements concerning him.

In his application, the TVK leader submitted that the present suit was filed against Stalin and the DMK IT wing for publishing a false, malicious and defamatory imputation against him through the of-

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India, Kuwait Hold First Key Dialogue in Delhi to Boost Defence Ties

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India and Kuwait on Friday held a key dialogue during which the two sides agreed to bolster bilateral defence cooperation across a wide range of areas, including training, military exercises, industry, and research and development. The inaugural meeting of the India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee (JDC) was held in New Delhi. The first meeting of the JDC marked an important step towards operationalising the objectives outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Defence Cooperation be-



tween the two countries, signed during the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Kuwait in December 2024, the defence ministry said in a statement.

"Both countries agreed to further strengthen bilateral defence cooperation across a wide range of areas, including training, military exercises, military medicine, staff talks, defence industry, and re-

search and development (R&D)," it said. The meeting was co-chaired by joint secretary in the ministry, Amitabh Prasad and Brigadier General Raed Alsakran of the five-member Kuwaiti delegation. The Indian delegation comprised representatives from the three services, the Department of Defence Production, the Defence Research and Development Organisa-

tion (DRDO), Armed Forces Medical Services and the Ministry of External Affairs.

Ahead of the JDC meeting, Brigadier General Raed Alsakran laid a wreath at the National War Memorial here, and paid homage to the fallen heroes. The Kuwaiti delegation visited the DPSU Bhawan in New Delhi on the first day of their visit, where discussions were held with representatives of the Indian defence industry on potential areas of mutual cooperation. An industry interaction with the Kuwaiti delegation is also scheduled for the second day of the visit, it said.

RC Cancellation Alert For Over 20 Lakh Vehicles In Odisha

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More than 20 lakh vehicles in Odisha have come under the state transport department's scanner for prolonged non-compliance with mandatory requirements, including insurance, fitness certificates, permits,

pollution certificates and tax documents. Vehicle owners who fail to regularise their documents or respond to show-cause notices within the stipulated period could face action, including movement of their vehicles from the temporary archive to the 'Permanent Archive' category. Transport Commis-

sioner-cum-State Transport Authority chairperson Amitabh Thakur said vehicles without valid mandatory documents were being treated as non-compliant and urged owners to respond to notices within the prescribed timeframe. "If a vehicle has no permit, fitness or insurance, it falls into the

non-compliant category. Owners are being given an opportunity to respond through show-cause notices. Those who fail to submit their replies within the stipulated period could face action, with their vehicles moved from the temporary archive to the permanent archive," Thakur said.

Modi Hails Jan Dhan Yojana's Transformative Impact As Scheme Turns 12

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday hailed the transformative impact of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) over the past 12 years. The first project launched by Modi after taking over as PM, the scheme now has about 59 crore beneficiaries and has seen the transfer of about ₹53 lakh crore directly. Highlighting the government's financial inclusion programme's role in ex-



panding access to formal banking and empowering people across the country, Modi in a post on social media said, "Today, India's banking landscape tells a different story, with crores of Jan Dhan accounts, wider rural access,

greater participation by women and banking reaching the last mile."

The Prime Minister launched the PMJDY as one of his very first programmes on August 28, 2014. The scheme has since emerged as a key component of the country's financial inclusion efforts. Over the years, its expansion has sought to ensure that access to banking is not determined by a person's location or proximity to a traditional bank branch.

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3,400 SIR Forms Found at Navi Mumbai Shop, 5 BLOs Suspended

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Five Booth Level Officers were suspended after 3,400 enumeration forms related to the Special Intensive Revision of voter rolls were found at a photocopy shop in Navi Mumbai, triggering a clash between Shiv Sena (UBT) and BJP activists, police and district officials said. The Sena (UBT) workers confronted a man, who they

claimed was an office-bearer of the BJP's Youth Wing, while he was allegedly getting SIR forms photocopied at a shop in the Kharghar area, police said on Friday.

Sena (UBT) workers, meanwhile, alleged that the detained BJP youth leader managed to flee the Kharghar police station shortly after being brought in for questioning. Raigad District Collector Kishan Jawale on

Friday said a case has been registered against Suraj Patil under the Representation of the People Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The authorities took action after the forms, pertaining to voters in the Panvel Assembly constituency, were found at the shop.

Jawale visited the office of Panvel Sub-Divisional Officer Pawan Chandak after taking serious note

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Raidurg Plot Sells for Rs 269 Crore an Acre

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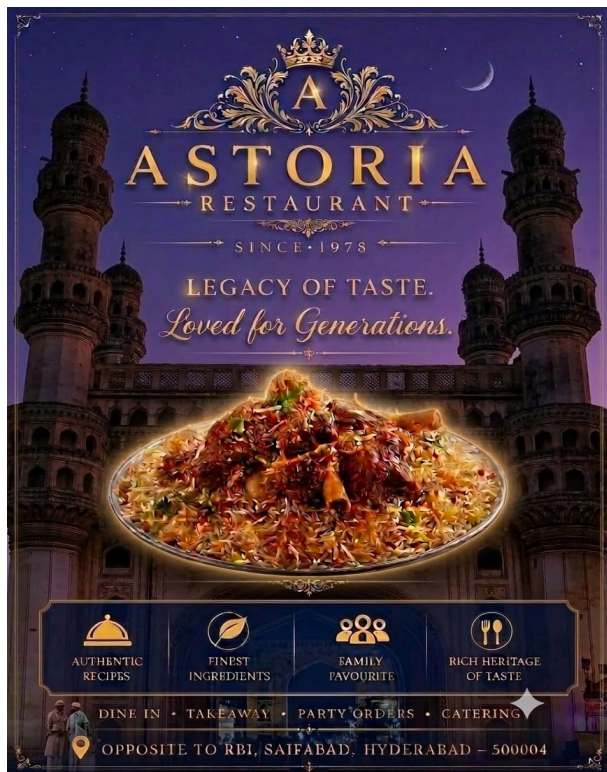
Reaffirming growing interest in Hyderabad real estate, the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) raised Rs 1,447.22 crore from the auction of a 5.38-acre plot at Raidurg on Friday, with Plot P2 fetching Rs 269 crore per acre. The auction came a week after Plot P1 was sold for Rs 1,386 crore, translating to Rs 264 crore per acre. TGIIC has received 25 per cent of the auction value of Plot P1 as the first-stage payment.

Together, the two auctions have generated Rs 2,833.22 crore from 10.63 acres, at an average realisation of Rs 266.53 crore per acre. The bid amount was 52.3 per cent more than the reserve price. Vamsiram Builders bought the land parcel in Friday's auction. TGIIC said the realisation of more than Rs 260 crore per acre in two auctions within a week reflected investor demand for land in the Raidurg corridor and confidence among developers in Hyderabad's growth prospects. The auction achieved a 52.3 per cent premium over re-

serve price, with average realisation of Rs 266.53 crore per acre.

TGIIC vice-chairman and managing director K. Shashanka said the auction on Friday reflected investor confidence in Hyderabad and Telangana and the attractiveness of Raidurg as a business and investment destination. "The exceptional realisations achieved demonstrate the strength of demand for strategically located land and the significant value that can be unlocked through transparent and competitive price discovery," he said.

Shashanka said the outcome also reflected the state government's investor-friendly policies and infrastructure development. The auctions were conducted through the MSTC e-Auction platform, with JLL serving as the exclusive transaction adviser to TGIIC for market positioning, investor engagement and competitive price discovery. TGIIC said the two auctions were part of Telangana's land monetisation efforts aimed at generating value from strategically located public assets through competitive processes.



Didi: Returning To Power In West Bengal Soon

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee predicted on Friday her return to power "soon" in West Bengal, three months after losing it to BJP in the Assembly Election. She also announced her statewide visit to reach out to the people and challenged the BJP to throw eggs, which has become a trend here after the change in power, on her. The former chief minister further accused BJP of using the Election



Commission to hijack the polls and the special intensive revision (SIR) to loot votes. She was addressing the foundation day rally of her party's student wing, Trinamul Chhatra Parishad, at Cathedral Road in the city, which attracted more crowd than that of a similar one by rebel TMC MLAs at Rani Rashmoni

Road on the same occasion.

Ms Banerjee claimed, "TMC will return to power soon. Watch out what happens next. The history of this electoral theft will be rewritten. A major political change will come. When it will unfold, everyone will have to check where they stand. One day, BJP's own people will answer to their leadership without our efforts. I am not going anywhere until this government is defeated." She added, "People repeatedly advise me to take Sanyas.

But I tell them: first show me through your conduct what renunciation means. Around 14,000 cases have been filed in these few months. I, along with Kalyan Banerjee (TMC MP), will move the Supreme Court against them. TMC will come back to power in a significant way." The TMC chief said, "My journey across the state will begin soon. If I am denied permission, I will tour walking. Let the police try to stop me. Let me see how many eggs and stones the BJP have.

Basheerbagh firing: A journalist’s memory of a day that changed T’gana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

It was a balmy afternoon on August 28, 2000, and it was supposed to be a routine assignment. It was yet another ‘Chalo Assembly’ event called by the Opposition parties, Congress, CPI and CPI(M). I believed it to be just another protest programme against the hike in power tariff in which the protestors raised slogans, possibly there would be a scuffle with the policemen and then they would be bundled into police vehicles and later let off by evening.

But it turned out to be a milestone in history when protestors clashed with police, leading to firing in which three were killed. The Basheerbagh firing incident will remain in the annals as it charted the birth of Telangana Rashtra



Samithi (TRS) a year later, with K Chandrasekhar Rao raising a banner of revolt against the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. I parked my scooter near the police control room and by then the reporter of The Week, Stanley Theodore, joined me. We had a smoke and then chatted with the police officers on duty for some time. The protestors were near the Basheerbagh crossroads and there were several layers of police cordons, police vehicles parked across the road blocking the

way, and concertina wires and water cannons had not yet made an entry into the capital city. There were hundreds of policemen, law and order and APSP men, and women constables in good numbers.

As practically every officer on duty recognised me in those days, Stanley Theodore and I inched our way past the IT office and Nizam College Hostel and then onto the Basheerbagh crossroads, where there were several layers of policemen in riot gear. Armed policemen from the Central Police Lines

(CPL) Special Armed Reserve (SAR) and APSP men were toting their .303s, SLRs, and some of them were carrying their AK-47s too.

The crowds, mostly from the CPI and CPI(M), distinguishable by their party symbol placards, could be seen raising slogans and moving ahead from Old MLA quarters road and Nizam College road. The policemen cordoned off the area and they appeared to be determined not to let the protestors break the cordon and go towards the Assembly building.

A couple of other journalists, Ch. V.M. Krishna Rao and SNCN Acharyulu (who were with Andhra Prabha when I was with Indian Express), joined me and Stanley. Going by past experiences, I decided to be behind the police cordon and not on the

side of the agitators for the simple reason that if there was a lathicharge, there was every possibility of being thrashed by the policemen. But to be on the police side, there was every possibility of being injured when the agitators hurled stones. We decided we stood a better chance of being safe if we were on the police side.

The agitators were becoming aggressive minute by minute and we could see some policemen atop the Basheerbagh flyover too. Stanley and I could sense that there was going to be some violence and true to our understanding, stone hurling began all of a sudden. I was near a police vehicle in which the VHF set was crackling with messages from officers summoning more forces.

No Compromise on Our Share of Krishna Waters: Revanth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said that Telangana should make effective arguments before the Krishna Waters Disputes Tribunal (KWDT) -II in a manner that would ensure that the state gets its rightful share of 511 tmc ft of water of the 811 tmc ft that was allocated by the Bachawat Tribunal to the erstwhile unified Andhra Pradesh. Revanth Reddy was speaking at a meeting to review Telangana’s final preparations for its rejoinder arguments before KWDT-II. The meeting was attended by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, senior Supreme Court lawyer and counsel for Telangana C.S. Vaidhyanathan, along with senior irrigation department officials.

The Chief Minister also said that Telangana should



Endowments Minister Konda Surekha ties a rakhi to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, in Hyderabad on Friday.

present its case effectively to ensure that if AP gets to use 80 tmc ft of water to divert to its Polavaram project, then Telangana should get the 45 tmc ft of water that it can claim as the upper riparian state. In effect, Revanth Reddy said, Telangana’s case should be that it gets a total of 600 tmc ft of water as its share from Krishna river. He said the state government was

constructing projects with plans to use 600 tmc ft of Krishna water. When the lawyers explained that the case on the Brijesh Kumar tribunal award was before the Supreme Court and that the next hearing was in September, he said that the state’s arguments should be such that no injustice is done to Telangana’s share from Krishna.

Panchayat Raj Employees Turn Out in Large Numbers for Maha Dharna

Responding to the call given by the Telangana State JAC, Panchayat Raj employees from across Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district participated in large numbers in the Maha Dharna held on Thursday, demonstrating unity and solidarity in support of employees’ demands. G. Gyana Prakash Reddy, Superintendent (Administration), Zilla Praja Parishad, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, and State Council Member, actively participated in the Maha Dharna and joined fellow employees in expressing solidarity with the collective movement. The programme witnessed the participation of Paduri Srikanth Reddy, District President; Ambati Hari Shivakumar, District Secretary; G. Gyana Prakash Reddy and Kolupula Ramesh, State Council Members; J. Rambabu, 4th Class Employees’ President; and Dasari Krishna, Zilla Parishad Supervisor. Mandal Supervisors Sravan Kumar, P. Lokeshwar Reddy, P. Devender Rao, Sharath Chandra Rao and A. Srinivas Reddy also took part. District Executive Committee members, Mission Bhagiratha employees, representatives and in-charges from various mandals, along with a large number of Panchayat Raj employees, joined the protest and contributed to its successful conduct.

The strong turnout reflected the collective strength and solidarity of Panchayat Raj employees across Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, with participants stressing the importance of unity in pursuing their legitimate demands. “Employee unity is our strength; collective action strengthens our voice,” was the central spirit reflected at the Maha Dharna.

Over 400 trees felled for SCB elevated corridor in Hyderabad



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hundreds of trees which stood majestically and provided shade for decades have been felled by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) to make way for the SCB elevated corridor on Rajiv Rahadari (State Highway-1). More than 400 trees were recently felled at Bollaram for an 18-km elevated corridor being constructed by HMDA from Gymkhana Grounds to Outer Ring Road near Shamirpet in Cantonment. Tree removal is continuing along most of the

route as land acquisition proceeds and the road network from Shamirpet is widened.

“At Bollaram in Secunderabad Cantonment, the tree-felling has been carried out as part of the corridor work, clearing the alignment for the proposed elevated stretch,” the sources added.

Sources said tree transplantation and sapling planting would be carried out at a 1:4 ratio for trees cut to compensate for the loss of lush greenery. HMDA would preferably make these arrangements in vacant spaces on defence establishment premises to protect greenery.

The felled trees were moved from the premises at Bollaram in heavy trucks and lorries.

Some commuters and Bollaram residents said these trees along the stretch had provided shade and cool breezes for decades, particularly during severe summers. They said the area had become barren and lost its British-era character after HMDA chopped them off for infrastructure projects.

A city-based environmentalist said the trees had stood as ancient guardians of the roads, but were felled as engine noise replaced the decades-old rustle of leaves.

Raksha Bandhan Celebrated at Jampana Pratap’s Residence

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A warm Raksha Bandhan celebration was held at the residence of former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap in New City Colony, New Boinpally, on Friday, highlighting the enduring bond of love, affection and mutual respect.

Local women and frontline workers actively participated in the celebrations. Sisters Saroj and Sakkubai, along with Resource Per-



sons (RPs) Yada Lakshmi, Manjula and Shailaja, and several ASHA workers, gathered for the festive occasion. As part of the traditional ceremony, the women tied sacred rakhis on Jampana Pratap’s wrist

and exchanged sweets, offering prayers for his long life, happiness and prosperity. The celebration reflected the cultural significance of Raksha Bandhan and the spirit of togetherness within the community. Speaking on

the occasion, Jampana Pratap said the love and affection shared between siblings on Raksha Bandhan remains a lifelong bond. He expressed his gratitude to the women and frontline workers for their participation and appreciated their valuable contributions to families and community welfare.

The gathering concluded on a warm and festive note, strengthening the message of unity, respect and social harmony associated with Raksha Bandhan.

₹6-Lakh Soundproof Room Opens at RIMS Adilabad

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a significant step towards strengthening facilities for persons with disabilities, Adilabad District Collector Rajarshi Shah inaugurated a newly constructed soundproof room at RIMS Hospital, Adilabad, on Friday. The facility, constructed at an estimated cost of ₹6 lakh, was formally opened by the District Collector by cutting the ribbon in the presence of RIMS officials, doctors and beneficiaries. The soundproof room is expected to pro-



vide a suitable controlled environment for hearing-related assessment and services, particularly benefiting persons with hearing disabilities. Speaking on the occasion, officials highlighted the importance of creating accessible and supportive

healthcare facilities for persons with disabilities and ensuring that required services are available through government institutions. RIMS Director Jaisingh Rathod, DRDO Ravinder, APO Pension Sesharao, RIMS doctors, persons with disabilities, officials and staff members participated in the programme.

The inauguration adds another specialised facility to RIMS Adilabad and reflects efforts to improve accessible healthcare services for people requiring special support.

Pournami Celebrations Held at Shantalinga Maharaj Temple



R. Itikyal: Pournami celebrations were held with great devotion and traditional fervour at the Sri Sri Sri Shantalinga Maharaj Temple in R. Itikyal village on Friday, drawing a large number of devotees from the village.

Marking the auspicious occasion of Pournami, devotees began arriving at the temple from the morning to have darshan of Sri Sri Sri Shantalinga Maharaj and participate in the special rituals.

The temple premises were filled with a spiritual atmosphere as devotees offered prayers and chanted the name of the deity. As part of the celebrations, special pujas and Abhishekam were performed to the deity. Following the rituals, sacred Teertha Prasadam was distributed among the devotees, who received it with reverence and sought the blessings of Shantalinga Maharaj. Devotees said they consider offering prayers and receiving Teertha Prasadam on Pournami to be highly auspicious.

Special prayers were offered for peace, good health, prosperity and happiness of all families in R. Itikyal village.

The celebrations reflected the village’s continued commitment to preserving its spiritual traditions and brought together residents in an atmosphere of devotion and harmony.

Land controversies mount for Congress government in Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Since the Congress government came to power in 2023, it has faced severe criticism over acquiring farmers’ lands, auctioning government lands and making plans to utilise government properties for various purposes.

Several of the State government’s initiatives have been mired in controversy, particularly over its unilateral decisions and plans. From Lagacherla and Kancharla Gachibowli to colonies along the Musi riverbanks and the proposed Future City, the government has faced criticism over its focus on acquir-

ing and utilising large parcels of land.

Amid the controversy over the inclusion of several private properties under the prohibited 22-A list, the State government has triggered another row with its plans to utilise lands belonging to the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) and polytechnic colleges.

The government is planning to allot six acres of prime TGSRTC land at RTC Crossroads to the Housing department for the construction of Indiramma Towers. The proposal has drawn strong criticism from RTC unions.

“The government should construct houses for the poor



and needy, but that does not mean it can divert RTC lands. Previous governments allotted lands to the corporation to meet its future requirements. If these lands are diverted for other purposes, the corporation may not even have enough space to park its buses in the days to come,” said a member of the RTC

Employees Union.

The government’s proposal to allot RTC land to the Housing department has also raised questions as it had earlier assured employees that the corporation would be merged with the government.

“Instead of fulfilling the promises made to RTC employees, the government is

eyeing the corporation’s vast land holdings,” the union member said.

Similarly, the Telangana Polytechnic Joint Action Committee has alleged that the government is attempting to divert large parcels of land owned by polytechnic colleges for commercial development under the aegis of the Young India Skills University (YISU). The committee said using these lands for commercial purposes would leave colleges without adequate space to establish laboratories, research and development centres and other infrastructure. It alleged that this was one of the objectives behind the government’s

plans to merge polytechnic colleges with YISU.

Interestingly, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, while serving as TPCC president in 2021, had strongly opposed the then BRS government’s plans to auction government lands.

Contrary to those objections, however, the Congress government has since auctioned several plots owned by the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC). Now, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) is also preparing to auction its lands, primarily to generate revenue for the government.

Asifabad police to provide free coaching to 160 job aspirants



The district SP Nitika Pant said that the police department would extend free coaching to 160 candidates to help them crack police jobs. In a statement issued here on Friday, Nitika said that the department selected the candidates by conducting an examination to provide the coaching. She informed that the candidates would undergo a 90-day-long free coaching to be commenced from August 31. She added that the aspirants would be given training in physical efficiency, written tests and other aspects of the selection process.

Dy CM Bhatti moots Singareni-Hutti JV to boost gold output

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has directed officials to examine the feasibility of establishing a joint venture between Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Hutti Gold Mines, a Karnataka government undertaking known for its expertise in gold mining. During his second-day visit to gold mining areas in Karnataka on Friday, Bhatti visited the Hutti and UT gold mines in Raichur district and reviewed the complete gold production process, from ore extraction to the production of refined gold. Officials explained that the Hutti project produces an average of 2 to 4 kg of gold every



day. Bhatti said combining the technical expertise and capabilities of Singareni and Hutti Gold Mines could help expand domestic gold production and improve operational efficiency. He directed Singareni officials to prepare a detailed action plan covering collaboration gold exploration, mining, extraction, processing and refining. The proposed plan should also focus on

adopting modern mining technologies, deploying technical experts and providing specialised training to human resources, he said. Emphasising the importance of reducing India's dependence on imported gold, Bhatti said greater domestic production would help conserve foreign exchange and contribute to economic development. A partnership between the two public sector undertakings could also promote

advanced technology, generate employment opportunities and strengthen the country's mining capabilities. Later, Bhatti reviewed progress on mineral exploration in the Devadurga Gold-Copper Block and directed officials to expedite the work. He noted that the exploration block, secured by Singareni through an auction, is located close to the Hutti Gold Mines and offers significant potential for gold exploration. He instructed officials to utilise Hutti Gold Mines' technical expertise for the Devadurga project and directed the Singareni CMD to complete arrangements at the earliest for inaugurating the company's proposed site office at Devadurga.

Kodad CI accused of manhandling man during protest over pan shop demolition

SURYAPET
Wakeup telangana

The alleged highhanded behaviour of Kodad town police against a pan shop owner and her brother at Yadavnagar on Friday drew strong criticism from various sections. Kanakamma has been running a pan shop at Yadavnagar in Kodad for the past 30 years. There are nearly 200 other roadside shops in the area. However, municipal officials demolished her shop while leaving the others untouched, according to local residents. Protesting the demolition, Kanakamma and her brother Upendra squatted on the road and sought an explanation from the municipal officials. Police personnel rushed to the spot and tried to clear them from the road. As Upendra objected to what he described as discriminatory action, Kodad CI Shiva Shankar allegedly



grabbed him by the neck and pushed him to the ground. A video of the incident, which is circulating on social media, shows the police officer pushing away family members, including women, who tried to intervene before dragging Upendra towards a police van. Upendra was subsequently bundled into the vehicle and taken to the police station. Objecting to the police action, the women sat in front of the police van in protest. The incident has also triggered allegations of political targeting. According to reports, Upendra, who contested the recent mu-

nicipal elections as a BRS councillor candidate, had shared a social media post criticising local Congress leaders. Following a complaint over the post, he was reportedly picked up from Hyderabad on Thursday and released late in the night. The following day, his sister Kanakamma's shop was demolished by municipal officials, further fuelling allegations that the action was politically motivated. The allegations have drawn criticism from different sections, with several people questioning the conduct of the police officer.

Lalitha Kumari Celebrates Brother-Sister Bond

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Sangareddy District Welfare Officer Lalitha Kumari celebrated the festival with traditional fervour by tying a Rakhi to her brother on Friday. The celebration reflected the enduring bond between siblings, built on love, affection, trust, care, mutual respect and life-long support. She conveyed heartfelt wishes for her brother's good health, happiness, prosperity and success. Raksha Bandhan symbolises more than a sacred thread. It represents cherished childhood memories, shared joys and the promise of standing together



through life's challenges. The occasion also highlighted the importance of family values, unity and togetherness. Lalitha Kumari extended warm Raksha Bandhan greetings to brothers and sisters across Sangareddy district, wishing them lasting happiness, affection and harmony.

SCCL revives Medical Board meetings after gap, employees allege lack of relief

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Medical Board meetings that started in SCCL after a gap of nearly one and a half years have failed to provide any succour to employees who seek medical invalidation or voluntary retirement due to health issues.

It is worth noting that in view of requests from employees, former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao revived the Corporate Medical Board in 2018 to handle their compassionate and dependent employment claims on



health grounds and provide jobs to their dependents.

As many as 118 Medical Board meetings were convened and nearly 13,500 candidates were given employment during the BRS regime. But after the Congress party came to power, it ignored Medical Board meetings.

After protests by employees and trade unions, the SCCL management convened Medical Board meetings in July and August, after the last meeting in March 2025. Nearly 240 employees appeared for interviews and medical evaluation, and applications of around 40 employees were approved. There have been complaints that many of the applicants who faced critical health issues were denied medical invalidation and declared fit for service. If they worked in underground mines, they

were given surface work. For instance, an employee of Mandamarri whose right leg was amputated up to the knee after a road accident, besides suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes, was declared fit for duties. Telangana Boggu Ghani Karmika Sangham (TGBKS) state chief general secretary Kapu Krishna alleged that the management is against giving dependent jobs and hence applications of a majority of the employees are being rejected.

Minister Seethakka Ties Rakhi to Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Raksha Bandhan celebrations were marked with warmth and affection as Telangana Minister Seethakka and Congress Party women leaders tied rakhis to Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha and extended festive greetings to him. According to a press note released by the Health Minister's Office, Damodar Rajanarsimha blessed Seethakka and the Congress women leaders on the occasion and wished them greater success in their public service. The Health Minister expressed hope that they would rise to greater heights while continu-

ing to serve the people with dedication and achieve many more milestones in their respective fields. Highlighting the significance of Rakhi Purnima, Rajanarsimha said the festival symbolises the deep love, affection, emotional connection and lifelong bond between brothers and sisters. He wished that the sacred bond represented by Raksha Bandhan would remain strong forever and continue to inspire mutual affection, respect and support among siblings. The celebrations reflected the traditional spirit of Raksha Bandhan and its enduring message of strengthening family bonds and relationships.

Mesrams celebrate Novang ritual at Sri Nagoba temple in Adilabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Mesram community celebrated Novang, the traditional ritual of worshipping newly harvested grains, at the historic Sri Nagoba Temple in Keslapur village of Indrevelli mandal on Friday. Mesrams from Indrevelli and neighbouring villages gathered at the temple to participate in the religious ceremony. As part of the celebrations, they offered prayers to their deities and presented Naivedyam pre-



pared from the newly harvested grain. Community members said they follow the tradition of consuming the new agricultural produce only after offering it to the deity. They ex-

plained that Novang has been observed by the community for decades as a way of expressing gratitude to nature for providing food and sustaining their livelihoods.

The ritual reflected the community's deep-rooted faith, cultural traditions and close connection with nature and agriculture. Nagoba temple seer Mesram Venkat Rao, community elders Badirao, priest Koserao, chief Dadi Rao, Chinnu Patel, and former Keslapur Sarpanch Nagath were among those who participated in the religious programme. The celebrations concluded with prayers and offerings, with devotees seeking the blessings of their deities for prosperity and well-being.

Varalakshmi Vratam Celebrated by Usha Sree Thalka

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Usha Sree Thalka, Executive Committee Member of the Apartment Welfare Association, celebrated Varalakshmi Vratam with devotion and traditional fervour on the auspicious third Friday of Shravan month. Goddess Varalakshmi was worshipped with flowers, fruits, traditional offerings and special prayers. She prayed for good health, prosperity, happiness, harmony and continued success for her family and loved ones. As part of the celebrations, pasupu, kumkum and bottu were offered to married women (Muthaiduvulu),



seeking their blessings and highlighting the values of affection, respect and togetherness. The devotional celebrations concluded on a joyful note with prayers for Goddess Varalakshmi's blessings on every family, wishing them peace, prosperity, good health and success.

‘Clean Village, Healthy Village’: Dry Day–Friday Drive Held in Jagiryal

HYDERABAD
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As part of the “Dry Day–Friday” sanitation programme, a cleanliness and disease-prevention drive was undertaken across all wards of Jagiryal Gram Panchayat in Regode mandal on Friday under the leadership of village Sarpanch Ryakala Veeramma. As part of the initiative, bleaching powder was sprinkled in different areas of the village, with special focus on maintaining sanitation and reduc-



ing conditions conducive to mosquitoes and disease-causing organisms. The programme assumes significance during the rainy season, when stagnant water can create mos-

quito-breeding grounds. Public-health guidance for Dry Day initiatives emphasizes regularly emptying and cleaning water-holding containers and preventing water stagnation to reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. Village representatives urged residents to keep their houses and surroundings clean and actively participate in sanitation activities, stressing the message “Clean Village – Healthy Village.”

Matoor Villagers Seek Govt Action to Protect Ancient Mala Poshamma Temple

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As Matoor village prepares for the Shravana Masam Bonalu celebrations on Sunday, villagers have renewed their demand for the development and protection of the ancient Mala Poshamma Temple in Motakondur Mandal. The temple, regarded as a revered village shrine for generations, holds deep religious and cultural importance for local residents. Ahead of the Bonalu festivities, the temple premises and surrounding areas were cleaned on Friday under the leadership of Uday Kumar Battipalli, with the participation of villagers and devotees.



Despite its spiritual significance, residents said the temple has remained without proper development for several years. The

villagers are particularly concerned about the absence of officially demarcated boundaries for temple land, which they fear could expose the property to alleged encroachments from adjoining agricultural lands. They have urged the Revenue Department and other concerned authorities to conduct an official survey, identify the temple land and permanently fix its boundaries. According to residents, protecting the land would prevent future disputes and pave the way for systematic development of the shrine. Another major demand is a proper approach road and access to the temple. Villagers said improved connectivity would be

especially beneficial during Bonalu and other major religious occasions when large numbers of devotees visit the shrine. The residents have appealed to Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiha to personally intervene and coordinate with the concerned departments to resolve the long-pending issues. A formal representation is also expected to be submitted through the Matoor Gram Panchayat Sarpanch and ward members. As devotees prepare to celebrate Bonalu with traditional fervour, villagers hope the festival will bring renewed government attention to protecting the ancient temple and developing basic facilities for future generations.

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 aircraft 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.

Nashik: 'Kanda Express' Of 453 Tonnes Of Onions Reaches Delhi To Reduce Prices

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The first 'Kanda Express', a dedicated railway rake carrying 453.65 tonnes of onions from Nashik in Maharashtra, reached Delhi on Friday as part of the Centre's efforts to improve onion supplies and control rising prices in the national capital and nearby cities. Consumer Affairs Secretary Nidhi Khare said the train arrived in the morning with the onion stock loaded in 21 wagons. The onions, maintained as part of the government's buffer stock, will be sold in Delhi-NCR at a subsidised price of Rs 35 per kg. A portion of the consignment will also be transported to cities including Chandigarh, Ludhiana and Jammu. The train was initially scheduled to reach Delhi on Wednesday but was delayed following protests



by some groups in Nashik. Khare said the local administration brought the situation under control, allowing the rake to eventually leave Nashik. The Centre currently maintains around 1.21 lakh tonnes of onions as buffer stock under the Price Stabilisation Fund. The government plans to use this stock to increase market availability and ease price pressures. Khare said the release of buffer onions is expected to bring down retail prices in Delhi within a week. The Kanda Express operation will also expand to other parts of the country. A rake carrying onions to

Chennai was scheduled to be loaded on Friday, followed by consignments for Madurai, Ernakulam and Guwahati. The move comes amid a sharp rise in onion prices in Delhi. According to Consumer Affairs Ministry data, the retail price of onions in the capital reached Rs 62 per kg on Thursday, an increase of about 88 per cent from Rs 33 per kg a year earlier. The all-India average retail price stood at Rs 46.58 per kg, while the average wholesale price was Rs 38.29 per kg. Despite the price increase, the government maintains that onion

availability is comfortable. Onion production for 2025-26 is estimated at 307.37 lakh tonnes, broadly matching the previous year's output of 307.67 lakh tonnes. The Kanda Express initiative was launched in 2024-25 to improve the efficiency of transporting large quantities of onions by rail. During its first year, 14 railway rakes carrying nearly 12,000 tonnes of buffer onions were dispatched to five cities. The programme has expanded substantially in 2025-26, with 86 rakes carrying around 88,000 tonnes of onions transported to 16 major cities across India. The latest Delhi consignment marks another step in the Centre's efforts to use its buffer stock and railway logistics to stabilise onion supplies and protect consumers from sudden price increases.

Nearly 60 Maharashtra Tourists Untraceable After Nepal Flood

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

Around 395 tourists from Maharashtra are stranded in Nepal following devastating floods in the country, with nearly 60 currently untraceable, officials said on Friday. Most of those reported missing are from Mumbai, Thane and Pune. Officials said 325 tourists from Maharashtra have been contacted by their relatives or government agencies and confirmed safe. Of these, 106 have already left Nepal for Nagpur. Among those currently untraceable are 60 pilgrims undertaking the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra. Another 10 people who had been contacted by officials are currently unreachable due to network disruptions, officials said. Efforts are underway to establish contact with the untrace-



able tourists amid severe communication disruptions in flood-hit areas along the Nepal-Tibet border. A senior official said the State Disaster Management Unit (DMU) of the Relief and Rehabilitation Department is collecting information from 13 tour operators, including Richa Travels, as well as from relatives of tourists seeking assistance. "We have compiled the data of 395 persons so far. This data has been shared with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA). The data of the tourists

keeps changing every hour as people continue to contact us. At times, we also receive leads from other agencies," the official said. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) said 37 pilgrims stranded at Saga in Tibet while returning from the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra have begun their journey to Kathmandu. A CMO official said the 37 pilgrims had undertaken the pilgrimage along with Pramod Kene of Jai Girnari Trust, Alibag. The pilgrims are from Thane, Pune, Alibag, Raigad and Dombivli.

Kasturirangan Report: Karnataka Rejects Centre's Western Ghats Plan

BENGALURU Wakeup telangana

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister G Parameshwara on Friday said the state government strongly condemned the Centre's "anti-people" notification seeking to implement the Kasturirangan Report. He made it clear that the report will not be implemented under any circumstances. "I wish to make it clear to the people of Karnataka that there has been no change in our stand that the report must not be implemented under any circumstances," Parameshwara, who also serves as Minister for Revenue and Sports said, in a statement. According to him, the notification issued by the Union Government declaring 1,449 villages across 10 districts in the Western Ghats as Ecologically Sensitive Areas (ESAs) has caused serious concern among lakhs of families in the State. "Keeping the interests of the people living in Malnad and the Western Ghats regions in mind, we have decided to discuss the Centre's decision and explore solutions. We



have also decided to convene a one-day special session of the Legislature for this purpose." Parameshwara noted that for centuries, the people living in Karnataka's Western Ghats have built their lives by adopting a balanced way of living in harmony with nature and respecting the environment around them. "This close relationship between people and nature is what has sustained the vitality of the Western Ghats even today. In such circumstances, attempting to displace people suddenly in the name of environmental protection is an anti-life and inhumane approach," he stated. The Deputy Chief Minister said if the central government genuinely cared about protecting the environment, it must listen to the people who have lived in the villages of the Western Ghats for generations. It

must also hold necessary consultations with the state government and arrive at a consensus-based decision acceptable to all stakeholders, he said. "We certainly cannot accept such a unilateral decision taken without taking anyone into confidence," Parameshwara said. He said that so far, Karnataka has rejected the notifications issued by the union government seeking implementation of the report six times, and has also clearly communicated its position. "Despite this, the Centre's repeated attempts to impose its stand on the people of Karnataka without listening our concerns are contrary to the principles of federalism," he said. Parameshwara recalled that on July 31, 2024, the Union Government took a unilateral decision and issued a draft notification seeking im-

plementation of the Kasturirangan Report. Subsequently, at the Cabinet meeting held on September 26, 2024, under the chairmanship of then Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, the Government of Karnataka passed a resolution opposing the Centre's notification and communicated the ground realities to the Union Government, he said. "Now, once again, the Union Government has embarked on an unjust course of action that directly affects the lives and livelihoods of the people of Karnataka," he said, adding that this is an issue that goes beyond party ideologies and political differences. He said that he firmly believes that there can be no ideology greater than the lives and livelihoods of our people. "Therefore, I am confident that leaders of the opposition will also support the decision we take in the House to prevent the implementation of this report," he said. He also expressed hope that Karnataka's Members of Parliament will put pressure on the union government and persuade it to reconsider and change its position.

Centre Committed to Special Constitutional Safeguards for Ladakh Under Article 371: Kiren Rijiju

SRINAGAR Wakeup telangana

Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju on Friday said that the Modi Government is fully committed to granting Ladakh a special constitutional provision under Article 371, ensuring stronger protections for the region's unique cultural, tribal and geographic identity. He emphasised that Union Home Minister Amit Shah has already made a formal announcement in this regard, and the Union Government is steadily advancing the process. Speaking at the Silver Jubilee Celebration of Druk



Padma Karpo School in Leh, Rijiju highlighting the government's roadmap for Ladakh's administrative and developmental transformation. He said that the ongoing restructuring—creation of seven new districts and seven elected district councils—is part of a broader effort to empower local governance, strengthen democratic participation, and bring administration

closer to the people. Rijiju said that Ladakh's aspirations have been clearly heard by the Central government, and the leadership is determined to address them with sincerity and constitutional backing. He noted that Ladakh's strategic importance, fragile ecology, and rich civilizational heritage demand a governance model that is both sensitive and robust. "The people of Ladakh have consistently voiced their desire for stronger constitutional safeguards. The Modi Government respects this sentiment. Under Article 371, Ladakh will receive special provisions that protect your culture, your land,

your traditions, and your future. Home Minister Amit Shah has already announced this commitment, and, with the blessings of Modiji, the process is moving forward with the creation of seven districts and seven district councils. This is not just administrative reform—it is empowerment." He added, "Ladakh is a region of immense pride for India. The government is working with full dedication to ensure that development reaches every village, every household, and every young mind seeking opportunity. I assure you that Ladakh's concerns are our concerns, and Ladakh's future is a national priority."

Wrigleyville Convenience Store Opens in Chicago

CHICAGO Wakeup telangana

A new chapter has begun in Chicago's vibrant Wrigleyville business community with the grand opening of the Wrigleyville Convenience Store, located near the iconic Wrigley Field. The store was inaugurated by renowned personality Ali Musqati, who attended as the chief guest, along with Ibrahim Bin Mehfooz. The opening ceremony was at-



tended by a large number of local community members, friends and well-wishers. Muhammad Habib and Faheem warmly welcomed the guests. Ali Musqati expressed his gratitude to the owners for inviting him to the occasion and offered prayers for the store's prosperity and continued success. The owners felicitated Ali Musqati and Ibrahim Bin Mehfooz by presenting them with shawls and floral bouquets, marking the memorable inauguration.

FROM FRONT PAGE

3,400 SIR.....

Jawale visited the office of Panvel Sub-Divisional Officer Pawan Chandak after taking serious note of the matter. The five BLOs were suspended pending disciplinary proceedings, he said. The matter came to light after complaints were received that SIR applications were being photocopied at a shop in Sector 19, and that Patil was allegedly in unauthorised possession of the forms. Following the complaint, the Electoral Registration Officer deputed Assistant Electoral Registration Officers to the photocopy centre. During the inspection, they found that Patil had brought 3,400 applications to the shop. The scrutiny showed that the forms belonged to 11 polling sta-

tions. A majority of the applications were from five polling stations, while single copies were found from six other polling stations. Shiv Sena (UBT) office-bearer Balesh Bhojane questioned how SIR forms filled out by ordinary voters reached private individuals and alleged that BJP youth wing functionaries were connected with the incident. However, Panvel Municipal Corporation Mayor and BJP leader Nitin Patil claimed that party workers had no connection with the matter. Opposition NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar said suspension of the BLOs was not enough and alleged that the incident exposed the manner in which the SIR process was being conducted. "We have been saying that the BJP is using this process to

ensure its poll victory and this incident proves us right," he said. Pawar alleged he had sought a response from the Election Commission over the incident, but the authorities had passed the responsibility to the Election Commission of India.

Modi Hails Jan.....

As the world's largest financial inclusion initiative, the PMJDY continues to redefine access to banking for all Indians. The PMJDY ensures that every unbanked adult has access to a basic bank account with no minimum balance requirement and no maintenance charges. Each account comes with a free RuPay debit card, offering an accident insurance cover of ₹2 lakhs, encouraging digital transactions and

financial security. Account holders are also eligible for an overdraft facility of up to `10,000, providing a safety net during emergencies. "Unprecedented scale and transformative outcomes! Jan Dhan Yojana has had an unparalleled impact," Modi wrote on X, referring to a post by MyGovIndia, the government of India's innovative citizen engagement platform. According to MyGovIndia, the number of Jan Dhan accounts has increased to around 59 crores in 2026, bringing most of into the formal financial system and enabling greater participation in the formal economy. "A bank account is more than a number. It is a financial identity. From 14.7-crore Jan Dhan accounts in 2015 to 59 crores in

2026, India has expanded formal banking access at an unprecedented scale, bringing millions into the financial system and enabling greater participation in the formal economy," MyGovIndia said in a series of social media posts.

Madras HC Notice.....

DMK Information Technology Wing on the social media platform 'X', bearing the handle @DMKIT-wing, on June 8, 2026. The said publication has caused incalculable and grievous injury to the reputation, dignity, credibility and the public standing of the plaintiff. Arjuna submitted that the impugned publication was not an isolated or unauthorised act of a mere social media functionary but was published pursuant to the plan, di-

rections, instructions and approval of Stalin, who exercises control, supervision and overarching authority over the affairs of the party, including its IT wing. Stalin was therefore responsible for, and accountable in respect of, the publication and dissemination of the impugned post, and the DMK IT wing was directly responsible as the official operator and manager of the said X account through which the impugned post was published, he added. He submitted that impugned statement was wholly false, fabricated, malicious and devoid of any factual basis whatsoever. An individual referred to in the Enforcement Directorate proceedings was not a relative, much less a close relative, of the plaintiff.

CRIME

Shadow Politics Hinder GHMC Action on Illegal Constructions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A serious governance concern has emerged in the Monda Market and Regimental Bazar areas under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), where several alleged unauthorised constructions are reportedly progressing despite the presence of municipal officials responsible for enforcement.

GHMC Deputy Commissioner Daku Nayak has been appreciated by local residents and civic groups for taking a proactive approach towards civic issues. However, sources allege that enforcement at the town-planning level is being hampered by political interference and the



influence of local power-brokers.

According to ground-level reports, newly appointed officials, including the Assistant City Planner (ACP) and Section Officer, are facing difficulties in carrying out statutory duties. Sources claim that whenever officials attempt to issue no-

tices or initiate action against alleged building violations, influential intermediaries intervene, allegedly providing protection to violators.

The situation has reportedly resulted in growing concerns among residents over unchecked construction activity and potential revenue losses to the municipal corporation. A field assessment has identified at least five locations where alleged violations are reportedly under way. These include a large unauthorised construction at Parkli Basti near Gokul Lodge, commercial construction beside Ashok Mutton Shop, and another alleged violation in the lane opposite the shop.

Other reported sites in-

clude a high-rise construction near Brahma Lodge, allegedly in violation of zoning regulations, and structural expansion near the Santoshi Mata Temple.

Residents are now seeking stronger intervention from senior GHMC authorities and demanding that all alleged violations be independently inspected. They have also called for statutory notices and enforcement action wherever violations are established.

The allegations, if verified, raise questions about the effectiveness of municipal enforcement and the need to protect officials carrying out their legal responsibilities without political pressure.

Bike Theft Suspects from Miyapur Caught by Locals in Vikarabad

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh



Two suspected bike thieves from Miyapur, Hyderabad, were reportedly caught by locals while trying to escape after allegedly stealing two bikes in Vikarabad. According to locals, the suspects were fleeing towards the Mominpet road on the stolen bikes when some residents became

suspicious and chased them. After pursuing them for some distance, locals caught both men and handed them over to Vikarabad Police. During preliminary questioning, the suspects reportedly told

police that five persons had come to Vikarabad from Miyapur and that they also had contacts with another person in Vikarabad.

The two suspects are currently in police custody. Police are investigating whether they were involved in earlier bike thefts or other crimes and whether more people were part of the alleged theft network.

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.

SCR Nabs 13,964 Ticketless Travellers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

South Central Railway (SCR) booked 13,964 passengers travelling without tickets or travelling irregularly during a three-day special ticket-checking drive conducted from Monday ahead of the long festival holiday period.

According to a release, SCR collected `1.28 crore during the drive. This apart, the drive helped detect 1,189 passengers carrying unbooked luggage. The staff also found 37 passengers littering rail-

way premises and collected `6,400 in penalties. Five unauthorised hawkers were penalised `10,000, while seven passengers found smoking on railway premises were penalised `14,000.

During the drive, ticket-checking staff interacted with passengers and sensitised them to fire hazards associated with smoking on trains and railway premises.

Passengers were also urged to refrain from littering and maintain cleanliness at railway stations and on trains.

Man Dies by Suicide Over Financial Problems

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A 56-year-old man died by suicide at Mosangi in Gurrampode mandal on Thursday, reportedly after becoming distressed over debts incurred for the marriages of his three daughters. Kashimalla Venkataiah was shifted to the Government General Hospital in Nalgonda following the incident on August 24 and died while undergoing treat-

ment on Thursday. According to his family members, Venkataiah had borrowed around ₹50 lakh over the past three years to meet the marriage expenses of his three daughters. Unable to repay the debts, he reportedly went into depression and took the extreme step.

Based on a complaint by his wife Jayamma, Gurrampode police registered a case and began an investigation.

2 People Booked for Posting Obscene Deepfake Videos Targeting Congress Leaders

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The Cyber Crime Police here has registered a case against two 'X' account holders for allegedly posting obscene deepfake videos targeting top Congress leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi, an official said on Friday. Telangana Congress party MLC Venkat Balmoor, in a police complaint, stated that the X posts contain vulgar deepfake videos targeting Congress MPs

Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi and former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi.

The posts were allegedly shared from accounts identified as Bharat Matrix (@xBharat) and Bhaskar Shastri (@Bhajos1S97051). The complainant further stated that

videos allegedly circulated through those X handles were contributing to the spread of misinformation and inflammatory content. He sought an investigation to examine the contents of the deepfake videos and their dissemination. Based on the complaint, the case has been registered at the Cyber Crime Police Station under relevant sections of the IT Act and BNS on August 27, and further investigation is underway, a police official said.

Indian Youth Congress

National President Uday Bhanu Chib said that targeting women leaders and the family of a martyr represents the lowest level of politics. "These obscene deepfake videos-which target sitting MPs, senior leaders, and Sonia Gandhi will not be tolerated. The time has come to teach these fake accounts a stern lesson. We will unmask every face hiding behind these handles. These individuals have crossed the line; now, they must face the law," a statement from IYC said.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

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

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Loan Controversy--Subash Chandra says Mukesh Ambani tried to takeover Zee

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Zee Group founder Subhash Chandra on Friday accused Reliance Industries Chairman Mukesh Ambani and his media network over alleged fake news reporting on him over the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) proceedings. In a video message aired on Zee News, Chandra who is also the Essel Group chairman, said that Ambani made attempts to “capture” Zee and is running a fake news campaign against him. The case refers to the NCLT order approving a repayment plan for Zee Group founder under which creditors will receive a total of just Rs 6.5 crore against admitted claims of Rs 22,006.57 crore. The plan translates into a recovery of only

about 0.03 per cent of the admitted claims and a haircut of around 99.97 per cent for creditors. He said the reported portrayal of the personal-insolvency proceedings had failed to reflect the distinction between personal guarantees and the actual borrowing by group entities. Rubbishing media coverage surrounding a Rs 22,000-crore debt figure, Chandra said the matter relates to personal guarantees he had provided to certain lenders. He said some lenders had already been repaid but still filed claims before the tribunal. According to him the actual amount is Rs 3,900 crore. Of this, approximately Rs 620 crore in claims linked to borrowing entities had already been repaid, while a settlement offer of roughly Rs 1,100 crore remained pending before certain lenders. Chandra said that



despite reaching out directly to the Reliance Chairman, inaccurate reporting by his network regarding the NCLT matter has continued. The Essel Group chairman said he was placing his side before the public after, according to him, a false narrative was circulated around the NCLT proceedings and the widely discussed Rs 22,000-crore figure. Chandra said he called Ambani, but there was no response. He even stated that he sent a letter to Ambani regarding the alleged fake reports on his channels. Chandra then made a di-

rect appeal to Mukesh, asking him to intervene and stop what he called a campaign against him and the group. “But Mukesh ‘ji’, please stop the wrong propaganda against me personally and my Group. Zee is a Group company. I do not own anything in that. In fact, I do not own anything now after implementing this NCLT order,” Chandra said. He cited extensive repayment undertaken by the Essel group since its 2019 financial stress. He urged the banking system and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to appoint an independent auditor to review the group's borrowings, defaults, and repayments. “Rs 45,000 crore was the debt on us, on our family and on our group... We have repaid Rs 43,000 crore out of Rs 45,000 crore by selling all our assets, as I said in the

press statement yesterday and this morning as well.” Chandra said only two accounts remained and asserted that the institutions involved held sufficient assets and would not suffer any loss. “The banks and institutions involved have sufficient assets with them. They will not suffer any loss,” he said. Chandra said he had nothing left to lose after the repayment process, but would continue to defend himself and the Essel Group if the alleged misinformation campaign persisted. “You are troubling a person like Dr Chandra, who has nothing left now? ... I have nothing left to lose,” he said. “(On the other hand,) you have a lot to lose. I request you once again with folded hands... Please stop your people from doing all this,” added Dr Chandra.

Cygnnet.One Launches AI GST Classification Engine

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Tax technology provider Cygnnet.One has launched an AI-powered GST Classification and Input Tax Credit (ITC) Eligibility Engine designed to automate enterprise tax compliance and validate purchase invoices at scale. The new solution combines GST-aligned rule-based logic with artificial intelligence to analyse invoice data, understand transaction context and determine ITC eligibility at the individual invoice level. It also classifies transactions for the appropriate GSTR-3B treatment and provides an explainable, audit-ready trail for every decision. Large enterprises process lakhs of purchase invoices each month across multiple GSTINs, business units and locations. Invoices arrive through ERP

systems, scanned documents, PDFs and vendor emails, often without clearly identifying critical GST indicators such as reverse charge, imports, ISD credits, mixed-use transactions and blocked credits. This creates significant manual work for tax teams and increases the risk of inconsistencies and delayed compliance reviews. Cygnnet.One’s engine addresses this challenge through a central AI processing workflow. An AI component analyses invoice descriptions and transaction context while a rule engine validates the information against GST requirements and organisational policies. The two work together to improve classification accuracy and consistency. The platform delivers three key outputs: invoice-level ITC eligibility, structured GSTR-3B data for

filing, and an audit-ready reasoning trail explaining how each classification was determined. Key capabilities include automatic identification of reverse-charge and import transactions, detection of blocked credits, structured GSTR-3B classification and transparent documentation of classification decisions. Enterprises can also retain control through policy overrides and configurable risk thresholds. According to Cygnnet.One, the launch marks another step towards AI-first tax compliance, helping organisations reduce manual review, standardise ITC decisions and strengthen audit preparedness. Cygnnet.One serves more than 1,000 enterprise customers across 40+ countries and processes over 5 billion documents annually through 200+ ERP integrations.

NBFC Body Urges RBI To Ease Revolving Credit Restrictions

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The representative body of India’s non-banking finance companies (NBFCs) has urged the Reserve Bank of India to reconsider the proposed blanket restriction on revolving credit products offered by NBFCs, according to a letter seen by Reuters. Earlier this month, RBI proposed to curb NBFCs from offering revolving loan products, unless they are autho-

rised to issue credit cards. A revolving loan is a type of credit arrangement that allows borrowers to draw down, repay and re-draw loans within a pre-determined credit limit. Small businesses typically use such facilities to buy raw materials and repay the amount after receiving payments from its customers, drawing again for the next production cycle. Under its draft guidelines, RBI said that



NBFCs should only be allowed to offer term loans. The proposal followed concerns the central bank had raised around NBFCs offering high-risk loan products

such as revolving credit lines, amid worries that borrowers may use such credit to repay existing dues, creating a cycle of debt. In a letter to the RBI on Thursday, the Finance Industry Development Council (FIDC) said that a ban on revolving credit would have unintended consequence for multiple loan products offered by NBFCs including loans to small and medium businesses and loans against securities. "The consequence of

prohibition of such product would therefore not be a marginal product realignment at NBFC end; it would be material contraction in the participation of NBFCs in India’s trade and working-capital finance market, particularly for MSMEs and borrowers who have relatively limited access to bank-based working-capital facilities," said the industry body in the letter. FIDC also urged RBI to revisit the definition of

a term loan, which mandates restoring or replenishing a sanctioned limit after repayment of principal. The industry body argued that this restriction would result in a higher interest burden and operational costs for small businesses. The industry body has asked RBI to permit restoration or replenishment of principal repaid ahead of the contractual schedule, subject to safeguards.

Students Tie Rakhis to Trees, Spread Green Message



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Raksha Bandhan celebrations were held grandly at Sri Chaitanya Medchal IPL IC and K2 Girls Campus School. As part of the celebrations, students came up with a unique initiative by tying rakhis to trees and spreading an important message on environmental protection. With the message, “Trees protect us and stand by us like brothers,” the students tied rakhis to trees and highlighted the responsibility of every individual to protect and conserve the environ-

ment. They also raised awareness through the slogan, “Protect trees – Save the environment.” AGM Ravi, Coordinator Somesh, Principals Kiran, Deans Suresh and Hemanth, IPL IC In-charge Shraavan, IPL In-charge Laxman, teachers and students participated in the programme. The school management appreciated the students for their innovative initiative and urged everyone to actively contribute towards protecting nature and preserving the environment for future generations.

IBEXLABS Opens New Cloud, Data & AI Office in Gachibowli



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The new office of IBEXLABS, a leading organisation in Cloud, Data and Artificial Intelligence technologies, was inaugurated at Mahavir Gateway in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, on Friday. Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy attended the programme as the chief guest and formally inaugurated the office by cutting the ribbon. Speaking on the occasion, Gutta Sukhender Reddy said that Artificial Intelligence, cloud computing and data technologies are developing rapidly across the world. He noted that Hyderabad has already established itself as an internationally recognised IT hub and welcomed the expansion of organisa-

tions working in advanced technology sectors. He said companies such as IBEXLABS would create new employment opportunities for young people while further strengthening Telangana’s IT ecosystem. He expressed confidence that IBEXLABS would grow significantly in the coming years and gain recognition both nationally and internationally. He conveyed his best wishes to the company’s management and employees for their future endeavours. Telangana Dairy Development Corporation Chairman Amit Reddy, IBEXLABS Chairman Sridhar Adusumilli, CEO Sriram, former Thipparthi ZPTC member Pasam Ram Reddy, and others attended the inauguration.

IPA to Highlight Advanced Diabetic Foot Care and Amputation Prevention at IPACON

IPA to Focus on Diabetic Foot Care and Amputation Prevention

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The Indian Podiatry Association (IPA) is set to host IPACON 2026, India’s largest congress dedicated to diabetic foot care and limb salvage, on August 29 and 30 at Firefox Sports and Resorts, Moinabad. The two-day national congress, hosted by the IPA Telangana Chapter, will bring together more than 400 healthcare professionals from India and abroad. The conference will focus on the theme “Redefining Diabetic Foot Care Through Prevention, Preservation and Regeneration.” More than 50 faculty members will participate in 30 scientific sessions covering advances in diabetic foot management, wound care, vascular treatment and limb preservation. Highlighting the urgent need for preventive care, Dr. David B. Alper, Member of the Board of Trustees of the American Podiatric



(L-R) Dr. Manish Kumar, National Coordinator, IPACON; Dr David B. Alper, Member Board of Trustees at American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA), USA; Dr. Sharda Rhythmsunder, Microvascular Surgeon, Trichy; Dr. A.P.S. Suri, National President, Indian Podiatry Association; Dr. KVNM Santosh Murthy, President, IPA, Telangana; Dr. Rajagouda L. Lam, State Secretary, Indian Podiatry Association - Telangana Chapter & Dr. Syed Musarrath Fareed, HOD Surgery, Shadani Group of Hospital, at a press conference to brief media about India's largest diabetic foot & limb salvage National Congress 'IPACON 2026', today at Malakpet.

Medical Association (APMA), USA, said that five diabetes- and vascular disease-related amputations occur every 20 minutes in India and the United States. He noted that up to 85% of such amputations can potentially be prevented through early detection and timely intervention. Dr. A.P.S. Suri, Founder and National President of the IPA, said the association was established in 2009 to address gaps in diabetic foot care and prevent avoidable amputations. He stressed that diabetes-related neuropathy can cause patients to miss minor injuries and wounds, which

may later develop into serious infections, gangrene and other complications. Early diagnosis, vascular assessment, wound care and timely treatment can play a crucial role in saving limbs. The scientific programme will cover diabetic foot reconstruction, revascularisation, limb-salvage protocols, regenerative wound healing, biological therapies, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, infection management, offloading, preventive podiatry, stem-cell therapy, PRP, advanced dressings and rehabilitation. Hands-on workshops will also demonstrate total con-

tact casting, debridement, wound-care techniques and vascular procedures. Dr. K.V.N.N. Santosh Murthy, State President of the IPA Telangana Chapter, said leg amputations are becoming increasingly common and emphasised that amputation is not always inevitable. Advances in vascular intervention and multidisciplinary limb-salvage treatment can help restore blood flow and preserve threatened limbs in many cases. He urged greater awareness, early diagnosis and access to specialised care, stressing the message: “Save the limb. Save the life.” The congress will also address research, evidence-based guidelines, rehabilitation, prosthetics, infection control, antimicrobial stewardship and patient-centred care, with the broader objective of reducing preventable amputations and improving the quality of life of diabetic patients.

Inorbit Mall Cyberabad Hosts 'Baithak' Music Evening

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Inorbit Mall Cyberabad is expanding the shopping experience by bringing culture, entertainment and community engagement under one roof. As part of its August line-up, the mall will host ‘Baithak – A Live Music Evening’ on August 29, offering visitors an intimate and soulful musical experience. Inspired by the traditional charm of Baithak gatherings, the event will create a relaxed setting where audiences can connect closely with performers while enjoying live melodies. The even-

ing is designed to provide visitors with an opportunity to unwind, reconnect and enjoy music in a warm atmosphere. Through initiatives such as Baithak, Inorbit Mall Cyberabad continues to position itself as more than a shopping and dining destination. By combining music, cultural experiences and entertainment, the mall aims to create memorable moments and meaningful connections for visitors..

A Thread on the Wrist, a Lifetime in the Heart: Raksha Bandhan Celebrates the Unbreakable Sibling Bond

Raksha Bandhan: Some relationships need constant words to survive. The bond between a brother and sister often needs none. A small fight may separate them for a few hours, but a lifetime of shared memories keeps bringing them back together.

On the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan, also celebrated as Rakhi Purnima, families across the country celebrate one of life's most cherished relationships—the bond between siblings. Raksha Bandhan is traditionally associated with a sister tying a sacred Rakhi around her brother's wrist, expressing affection and prayers for his well-being, while the brother reciprocates with love, support and a commitment to stand by her.

They Fight Together... and Fight for Each Other
The brother-sister relationship is beautifully contradictory, a family bond.

They quarrel over the smallest things. They tease each other without mercy. They compete, complain, laugh, cry and sometimes refuse to speak to each other.

But the moment an outsider hurts one of them, those differences disappear.

The sibling who was an opponent a minute ago suddenly becomes the strongest supporter.

From fighting over food, television remotes and personal belongings in childhood to sharing responsibilities, worries and family decisions as adults, these everyday experiences often become the memories siblings treasure most.

Contemporary Raksha Bandhan



reflections similarly highlight teasing, disagreements, trust and silent support as defining features of strong sibling relationships.

More Than Blood—A Lifetime of Sharing and Caring
A brother may not always say, "I care about you."
A sister may not always say, "I need you."

Yet care is often visible in the little things—checking whether the other reached home safely, sharing happiness first, standing together during difficult times, protecting each other's secrets and celebrating each other's success.

As the years pass, homes may change, careers may take siblings to different places and responsibilities may increase. But childhood memories remain a bridge connecting them.

Distance can separate two homes; it cannot easily separate two hearts raised under the same roof.

Rakhi Is Small, but the Promise Is Lifelong
The Rakhi tied around a wrist may remain only for a few days, but what it represents can last a lifetime: love, trust, respect, responsibility and mutual protection.

The spirit of the festival has also grown beyond the idea that only a brother protects a sister. In today's families, brothers support sisters and sisters support brothers—emotionally, personally and professionally. Protection becomes mutual; so do respect and responsibility.

The President of India's 2026 Raksha Bandhan message likewise described the festival as symbolising warmth, respect and mutual responsibility among siblings and families.

The Beautiful Truth of Siblings
They fight with each other.
They laugh with each other.
They cry for each other.
They hide each other's secrets.
They celebrate each other's victories.

And when trouble knocks at the door—they stand together.
That is the beauty of a sibling bond.

This Rakhi Purnima, the sacred thread carries a message far greater than a ritual:
"We may fight a thousand times... but when you need me, I will stand beside you every single time."

Happy Raksha Bandhan — celebrating the bond that begins with blood, grows through memories and lives forever through love.

Social Media Fumes Over 'Toxic' Replacing 'Irumudi'



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Social media has erupted with memes, reels and comments against producer-distributor Dil Raju, after Ravi Teja's Irumudi, which was reportedly recording sensational collections, was abruptly removed from several theatres to make way for Yash's Telugu-dubbed film Toxic.

Irumudi had reportedly earned Rs 52 crore of Rs 83 crore gross, and was projected to touch the Rs 200-crore mark in the near future.

"In a theatre in Mahbubnagar, audiences raised slogans and forced the management to screen Irumudi instead of Toxic," says producer-distributor Natti Kumar. Nearly 250

theatres across the two Telugu states were allocated to Toxic at the expense of Irumudi, he claimed and expressed the view that the decision was "unfair." According to him, around 30 theatres restored Irumudi by late evening, while another 100-plus theatres are expected to bring the film back in the next couple of days on the back of the dip in Toxic collections.

Distributor-exhibitor Sirish Reddy, Dil Raju's brother, also faced criticism over Toxic ticket price hikes. An earlier video of Sirish assuring audiences in Telangana that he would not increase ticket prices even if the government permitted the hike has gone viral on internet. With around

Rs 80 crore reportedly at stake for Toxic, Dil Raju, who acquired the Telugu dubbing rights, opted for enhanced ticket prices in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

"The film had a good opening, collecting around Rs 22 crore on Day One. But it is likely to drop by around 50 percent on Day Two and may continue to decline, as the film has received more negative than positive comments. We have to see how it performs in the coming days," says Natti Kumar.

Meanwhile, there are reports that KVN Productions and Yash may compensate Telugu distributors for their losses if Toxic fails to reach the agreed-upon target of Rs 80 crore.

"That would amount to substantial relief,"

Rashid Wins Telangana Open Golf to End 7-Year Wait for Title

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Veteran golfer Rashid Khan ended a seven-year wait for victory with a closing five-under 67 that handed him the Telangana Open title here on Friday.

The 35-year-old Delhi golfer (66-67-65-67) finished at 23-under 265 to secure his 15th professional title. The three-stroke win at the Vooty Golf County was his 11th victory on the DP World PGTI. He collected Rs 15 lakh and moved up to sixth on the PGTI Order of Merit, taking his season earnings to `44,95,509.

Delhi's Honey Baisoya (72-65-66-65) produced the best final-round score among the leading contenders, making nine birdies and two bogeys in a seven-under 65. He finished runner-up at 20-under 268. Baisoya, winner of the World Players Championship in February, earned `10 lakh for his runner-up finish.

He now occupies third place in the season ranking



ings with total earnings of `51,72,092. Gurugram's Veer Ahlawat (68-68-68-65) also closed with a 65 to share third place at 19-under 269 with overnight leader Angad Cheema (70-61-65-73).

Rashid's previous PGTI victory came at the Players Championship in 2019. After enduring a difficult seven-year spell, the two-time Asian Tour winner and three-time PGTI Order of Merit champion described his return to the winner's circle as an emotional moment.

"I can't describe how I'm feeling right now. It has been seven years since my last win, and I struggled a lot with my game during that

period. I went through many ups and downs, but I also learned a great deal. Once you come through a phase like that, you understand what you need to do," said Rashid.

Rashid began the final round two shots behind Cheema and endured an inauspicious start with bogeys on the opening two holes. He responded emphatically, making three consecutive birdies from the third through the fifth before another birdie on the eighth put him in control. Cheema, meanwhile, made three bogeys on the front nine. The momentum shift allowed Rashid to take a three-shot advantage into the turn.

PARIS
Wakeup telangana

Transfer negotiations between Liverpool and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) over a potential move for France winger Bradley Barcola to Anfield are reportedly progressing well, with a source close to the talks describing the discussions as being "on the right track."

Barcola has reportedly already agreed personal terms with Liverpool, according to several media reports, while the two clubs are believed to have reached an agreement over a transfer fee that could rise to €140 million (£120 million, \$163 million). If completed at that figure, the deal would become one of the biggest transfers in Liverpool's history.

The proposed move would make Barcola Liverpool's second-most expensive signing, behind Alexander Isak. It would also set a new record for the highest transfer



fee ever paid for a player from Ligue 1. The 23-year-old winger has yet to feature for PSG this season amid growing speculation over his future.

Liverpool have been looking to strengthen their wide attacking options following the departure of club great Mohamed Salah at the end of last season. The Reds have already added Spanish winger Victor Munoz from Osasuna during the cur-

rent transfer window, but Barcola would represent a considerably bigger investment. A move for Barcola would also be a major statement from Liverpool's new manager, Andoni Iraola.

The France international has emerged as one of European football's highly rated attacking players and could add pace, creativity and goal-scoring ability to Liverpool's forward line. Barcola played an

important role in France's run to the semi-finals of the recent World Cup, scoring three goals during the tournament. Although he has not always been an automatic starter at PSG, he has faced intense competition from established stars including Ousmane Dembele, Khvicha Kvaratskhelia and Desire Doue.

Despite that competition, Barcola has remained an important player for the Parisian club. Since joining PSG from Lyon in 2023, he has helped the club win back-to-back Champions League titles, along with three Ligue 1 championships and two French Cups.

He has scored 39 goals in 152 appearances for PSG across competitions. Liverpool are seeking a strong response after a disappointing campaign last season. Their Premier League title defence ended with a fifth-placed finish, a result that ultimately led

to the departure of manager Arne Slot. The Reds began the new campaign with a dramatic 2-2 draw against Newcastle in their opening league fixture last weekend.

PSG, meanwhile, have also been active in the transfer market under Luis Enrique. The French champions have moved on several notable players, including Goncalo Ramos, Randal Kolo Muani and Lee Kang-in, while strengthening their squad with additions such as Maghnes Akliouche, Ferran Torres and Lucas Digne.

With negotiations reportedly advancing and personal terms said to be agreed, Barcola's potential move to Liverpool could become one of the headline transfers of the summer window.

However, the deal still needs to be formally completed before the France winger can be confirmed as a Liverpool player.

Adopt Data-Led, Unit-Specific Policing to Tackle Rising Crime: DGP C.V. Anand

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Director-General of Police C.V. Anand directed officers to adopt a data-led, unit-specific approach to policing, with greater emphasis on field-level action, professional standards and timely decision-making, against the backdrop of Telangana recording a steady increase in registered cases, from 2,65,377 during July 2023-June 2024 to 2,84,363 during July 2025-June 2026. Addressing the half-yearly crime review meeting with senior officers of all units here on Friday, Anand directed all zonal DIGs and multi-sone IGs to examine inspection notes and instructed officers to take immediate action on issues identified during district tours and police station inspections.



He asked officers to identify emerging crime trends in advance and formulate specific action plans wherever required. Senior IPS officers Mahesh Bhagwat, Shikha Goel, Charu Sinha, Sandeep Shandilya, police commissioners, district superintendents of police were present at the meeting. Anand also called for strict adherence to time-

lines while updating data on digital policing portals. The CCTNS data update rate, which was earlier 70-80 per cent, had now reached 96 per cent. The DGP called for a special focus on narcotics and a hawkish approach towards organised crime. He asked senior officers to continuously reorient priorities according to the crime profile of their respective units and

remain closely connected with the field. Officials focused on technology-driven policing, with presentations on AI-based policing applications, CCTNS, TG-COP, Hawkeye and other digital platforms. The meeting also examined the implementation of the new criminal laws and ICJS, cybercrime initiatives, EAGLE and the functioning and workload

of the FSL. Junior IPS officers presented policing innovations and technology-driven initiatives aimed at improving operational efficiency and public service delivery. The meeting also discussed financial and budgetary matters, housing projects, infrastructure requirements, operational issues and the rehabilitation of surrendered Maoists. Anand emphasised that effective policing required strong basic policing practices, timely analysis of data, technology-driven interventions and sustained supervision. He said unit-level accountability, timely decisions and focused field action would be crucial to strengthening crime prevention and improving the overall effectiveness of the Telangana Police.

Half of Telangana Suffering From Deficit Rains

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The erratic monsoon appears to have put nearly half of all the mandals in the state under the spotlight, with 290 of the 621 mandals reported to have received deficit rain so far. In addition, another 256 mandals, though falling in the official meteorological ‘normal’ rainfall category, have net deficits ranging between 19 and 1 per cent of the amount of rainfall they should have received in a normal year as on August 28. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) describes ‘normal’ category as ranging between plus 19 and minus-19 per cent. While four mandals are in the large deficit category, 71 have received excess rainfall. With respect to the districts, 16 have been listed as falling into the deficit

category, an equal number have made it to the normal group of which 10 have net deficits, with only district of Kamareddy receiving excess rainfall so far. That this year’s El Nino is hitting the state hard during the ongoing monsoon season can be seen the Directorate of Economics and Statistics’ data, which shows that Telangana received a cumulative rain of 469.4 mm against the normal of 551.6 mm between June 1 and August 28, leaving the state with an overall deficit of 15 per cent of the norm. The uneven distribution of rain, however, appears to have not deterred farmers from going ahead with agriculture operations with 11,95,5375 acres planted as on August 27, compared to 11,70,9156 acres planted as on the same date last year. Paddy retained its top

spot as the single largest crop planted this season with 50,92,817 acres, followed by cotton with 48,21,503 acres. Incidentally, cotton, a largely rainfed crop, exceeded the acreage of 45,21,192 acres last year, while the land under paddy declined from 59,05,675 acres planted as on August 27. The hopes of a monsoon revival after the late July rainfall that extended into the first week of August, appear to have driven planting of crops despite the uneven distribution of the rain. For instance, Adilabad, which has the largest crop area this season so far with 5,88,032 acres, has 14 of its 21 mandals in the deficit category, with seven in the normal category though these seven mandals in reality have deficits ranging from -4 to -18 per cent.

AIMIM Expels MLC Mirza Rahmath Baig with Immediate Effect

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In a sudden political development, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Saturday expelled its Member of the Legislative Council (MLC), Mirza Rahmath Baig, from the party with immediate effect. The party leadership has also directed him to immediately step down from his legislative post



by submitting his resignation to the Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Council. The decision was communicated through an official party release issued by AIMIM Joint Secre-

tary S.A. Hussain Anwar. "Mirza Rahmath Baig has been expelled from AIMIM with immediate effect. He must immediately submit his resignation to the Chairman of the Legislative Council," the party announced in its statement. Baig was elected to the Telangana Legislative Council under the Hyderabad Local Authorities constituency in 2023.

BRAOU Launches ‘AI for Teachers’ Course to Train Government Educators

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Dr B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU) started an ‘AI for Teachers’ course to train government school teachers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani said the initiative was part of the university’s efforts to use technology to make education more accessible. He said the University Grants Commission had permitted BRAOU to offer

courses through digital and online modes, allowing the university to expand beyond its traditional distance-education model. Speaking at the university’s 45th Foundation Day programme, Prof. Chakrapani said BRAOU was established to make higher education accessible to people who could not pursue conventional education. The university was now adopting online learning, AI and other technologies while

continuing to focus on accessibility and quality. The move was discussed during a special lecture on “BRAOU and the Promise of Democratised Education”, delivered by Dr B. Shadrach, director of the Commonwealth Educational Media Centre for Asia (CEMCA), New Delhi. Dr Shadrach said AI-based and asynchronous learning could make education more flexible for people balancing studies with

work and family responsibilities. “Today, asynchronous digital learning enables students to learn according to their time, pace, language and individual needs,” he said, pointing to farmers, homemakers and working professionals as potential beneficiaries. He also spoke about BRAOU’s use of BRAOU TV, Hi-BRAOU Digital Radio, iBooks and its DigiLibrary, allowing students

to access learning across different devices and online or offline. BRAOU academic director Prof. G. Pushpa Chakrapani said the university would continue adapting its academic policies to changing student needs while focusing on social justice and inclusive education. The Vice Chancellor also announced that a foreign languages training centre would soon be opened at BRAOU.

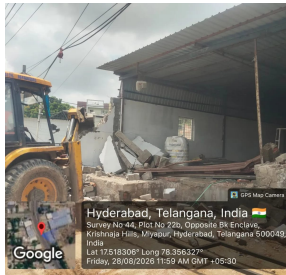


On the occasion of Raksha Bandhan, Telangana Chief Minister Anumula Revanth Reddy was warmly presented with a silver Rakhi by Karwan Constituency Congress Women President Mamidi Madhavi, the beloved daughter of the Sabjimandi Gangaputra community, symbolising affection, respect and the enduring bond of brotherhood.

CMC Cracks Down on Illegal Constructions, Demolishes 14 Buildings

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Enforcement action against unauthorised constructions continued across the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) limits on Friday. Town Planning and Enforcement teams conducted field inspections across three zones and identified 22 illegal structures. Officials demolished 14 buildings found to be in violation of rules and issued notices to two more structures. The remaining six cases are under investigation for further dem-



olition and enforcement action as per the prescribed procedure. CMC Commissioner directed Town Planning and Enforcement teams to maintain continuous field-level monitoring and identify unauthorised constructions at an early stage. CMC officials said strict action will continue against illegal constructions as per the applicable rules.

Rakesh Jaiswal Celebrates Raksha Bandhan with Brahma Kumaris

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Jambagh Corporator Rakesh Jaiswal celebrated the auspicious festival of Raksha Bandhan with the Brahma Kumaris at the Brahma Kumaris Centre in Tuljaguda, Jambagh Division. On the occasion, Brahma Kumari sisters tied the sacred Rakhi to Rakesh Jaiswal, symbolising the timeless bond of love, affection, trust and protection. The celebration reflected the spiritual significance of Raksha Bandhan and the importance of maintaining strong relationships based on mutual



respect and care. Rakesh Jaiswal expressed his gratitude to the Brahma Kumari sisters and sought their blessings for peace, prosperity and happiness. He said the festival was a beautiful reminder of the values of love, harmony and togetherness. Gayatri Didi and Hemlata Didi, along with Jitendhar Agarwal, Rajesh Agarwal

and several residents of Jambagh Division, participated in the programme and extended their warm wishes on the occasion. The gathering concluded in a warm and devotional atmosphere, with participants cherishing the spirit of Raksha Bandhan and the enduring bonds it represents.

Family Members Allowed to Respond to SIR Notices

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Pertaining to Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 notices, if an elector is a senior citizen, specially-abled, overseas elector or is ill, the person’s family member can submit documents and appear before Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs). The condition is that the representative must be above 18 years. The Hyderabad District Election Authority received these instructions from the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), which apply across the state. On Friday, the CEO directed all collectors and district election officers (DEOs), including the GHMC commissioner, to issue necessary instructions to EROs and AEROs. According to the orders, election authorities should allow any adult family member of senior citizens, PwDs, sick or overseas electors to appear in person and submit required documents for disposal of notices issued to them. EROs and AEROs should also explain the procedure followed in issuing and disposing of notices during weekly meetings with political parties. The instructions were issued as per Election Commission of India (ECI) directions.

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NEET-PG Candidates Advised to Avoid Hyderabad Marathon Routes on Sunday

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Cyberabad traffic police advised NEET-PG entrance examination candidates to plan their journeys in advance and avoid marathon routes on Sunday to ensure timely arrival at their respective examination centres. Police advised candidates to choose alternative routes and leave well in advance

to avoid congestion and reach examination centres on time. The advisory was issued in view of the 15th Edition of the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2026, scheduled on August 30 from 5 am to 11.30 am. The marathon will pass through several important stretches in the Cyberabad commissionerate limits. NEET-PG candidates have specifically been advised to avoid the affected

stretches, including Cable Bridge-ITC Kohenur-My Home Abhra-IKEA Mindspace Rotary-NCB Junction-Gachibowli Flyover-Indiranagar-IIIT Junction-Gachibowli Stadium-HCU 2nd Gate, and the NAC Main Gate-Metal Charminar-Tech Mahindra-Lemon Tree Hotel-Raidurg Metro Station-IKEA Underpass. The main marathon route will cover Cable Bridge,

ITC Kohenur, Knowledge City Gate No. 8, My Home Abhra, C Gate Junction, IKEA, Mindspace Rotary, Transco, NCB/Biodiversity Junction, Pista House, South India Shopping Mall, Gachibowli flyover, Indiranagar and IIIT Junction. It will then proceed towards Gachibowli Stadium, enter the University of Hyderabad campus through Gate No. 2, exit

through the same gate and return towards Gachibowli stadium through Gate No. 2. The 10K run will start from Gitex in Madhapur and pass through NAC Main Gate, Khanamet Junction, Metal Charminar Junction, Tech Mahindra, Leamon Tree Hotel, Raidurg Metro Station and IKEA Underpass before merging with the main marathon route.