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CJP to Hold Aug 5 Meeting on Future Course After NEET Protests

Core members of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) will hold a meeting in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar on August 5 to discuss their future agenda, sources in the outfit said on Sunday. The meeting will take place at CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke's residence, they said. According to sources, activists and volunteers of the CJP were told to spend some time with their families after their month-long agitation against the NEET paper leak at Jantar Mantar in Delhi last month. The CJP's core members were also told to talk to volunteers and students and come to the meeting with their thoughts and suggestions, they said. The outfit will hold a press conference after their meeting on August 5 and announce decisions regarding the future course of action, sources said. Meanwhile, Dipke met students, locals and visitors from the neighbouring district at his residence, and celebrated 'Friendship Day' with the children.

Pakistan Hindu Group Launches Campaign for Minority Rights Protection

NEW DELHI
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A Hindu rights organisation in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has announced to launch an outreach campaign to urge the provincial government to ensure implementation of constitutional guarantees for the protection of the minorities. Prominent minority rights activist Haroon Sarab Dayal, unanimously elected as the president of the All



Balmik Hindu Community Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (ABHCKP) on Saturday, also said the community continued to face challenges related to legal protection and equal opportunities and called

the government to ensure minority protection mechanisms. Dayal, 55, serves as a member of the Pakistan Hindu Temple Management Committee under the federal Ministry of Religious Affairs. The ABHCKP, a more than a decade old body, held a provincial consultative meeting on Saturday in Kohat district and discussed the challenges facing the Balmik Hindu community in the prov-

ince and also a future roadmap for its welfare and constitutional rights. The meeting brought together representatives from across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, including community elders (Sarpanshs), local presidents of Balmik Sabhas, Hindu priests and religious scholars, lawyers, social activists, government officials, educationists, teachers, businesspersons and youth representatives.

PM Talks Of Forgiving Students; Govt Owes Them Justice: Rahul

NEW DELHI
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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Sunday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi speaks of "forgiving" students, but it is the government that owes the students truth, justice and an apology. Gandhi made the remarks in an Instagram post as he shared a video of his interaction with the families of Gopika, Roshini and Vetri



Anandan, who committed suicide following the NEET paper leak and cancellation, during his visit to Tamil Nadu on Saturday. The leader of opposition

in the Lok Sabha said, "During my visit to Tamil Nadu, I met the families of Gopika, Roshini and Vetri Anandan, three young medical aspirants whose lives were lost following the NEET paper leak and the cancellation of the examination. Each family was left with the same painful question: why should honest, hard-working students pay the price for a dishonest system?" A leaked paper led

to a cancelled examination, a forced NEET re-exam and unbearable pressure on young minds, Gandhi said. Behind every statistic is a child with a dream and a family now living with an irreplaceable loss, he said. "I listened to their pain. Our fight is for an education system where hard work is respected, examinations are fair and no student is pushed to the

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Now, BJP cadres take to extortion in West Bengal

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Barely three months after forming its first government in West Bengal, the BJP is confronting a problem it had promised to eliminate — tolajabi, or extortion. The issue, long associated with the previous Trinamul Congress regime, has now become a source of embarrassment for the ruling party, with senior BJP leaders pub-



licly warning their own colleagues against falling into the same trap. On Sunday, state panchayat minister Dilip Ghosh said some party leaders had become "addicted to a new honey"

after alleged extortionists shifted allegiance from the TMC to the BJP. He said the practice would not disappear overnight and added that police had been instructed to act against those involved. Ghosh also warned party workers not to forget why voters had brought the BJP to power. His remarks came a day after state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya admitted

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Trump Holds Off Iran Strikes on Pledge a Hormuz Deal Is Close

WASHINGTON
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US President Donald Trump said he has held off on launching new strikes against Iran after being informed that Tehran and regional powers are working towards an agreement that could reopen the Strait of Hormuz. Trump said he had agreed to cancel the planned attack, "subject to being able to rapidly make a DEAL," according to a post on Truth So-



cial. "Get to work, everybody, and get it DONE." He said the US was asked "to hold off any attack in that the perimeters of a deal has been agreed to," adding that the under-

standing would include the "Immediate, Complete, and Total OPENING OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT, and an end to Iran's nuclear threat." The development follows days of escalating tensions during which Trump had warned of striking the Islamic Republic "very hard" as the conflict entered its sixth month. There was no indication from Iranian officials or state media that an agreement was imminent.

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Hyderabad Police Deploy AI Tech at Bonalu Festival, Nab 13 Suspects



HYDERABAD
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The city police for the first time deployed an artificial intelligence (AI)-based crowd management system at the Secunderabad Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu festival. The system via facial recognition helped police detain 13 suspects, including those harassing women. In one instance, the Secunderabad zonal IT team spotted a suspect attempting to rob a devotee, and relayed the information to a She Teams personnel in plainclothes. The suspect was promptly apprehended. The system would be deployed at similar events and would also be linked to drones, city police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said. "We can prevent crime, identify, arrest and prosecute the culprits. We

are waiting for the government's approval." Earlier in the day, Sajjanar along with senior officials examined the working of the system set up at the Mahankali police station, watching the proceedings on three large monitors. "The technology is remarkable," Sajjanar said. The facial recognition aspect will be used to identify suspects, DCP, traffic, Avinash Kumar told Decan Chronicle. It will also predict situations based on the number of devotees entering and exiting the temple as well as people waiting in queues and can be used in emerging crowd control scenarios. The software is used in the advanced countries. The system can be monitored from main command control centre, said Sayed Amjad Hussain, CEO and founder of BYC AI, said.

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Panel Calls for Overhaul of India's Energy Data Systems

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An expert committee has flagged gaps in India's energy data systems and recommended a comprehensive overhaul to support policymaking on climate action and energy security. The expert committee on energy statistics, chaired by IIT-Delhi director Dr Rangan Banerjee, has proposed transforming fragmented datasets into an integrated, internationally aligned information system. In a report released by the ministry of statistics and programme im-



plementation (Mospi), the panel called for a shift from periodic publications to a real-time, harmonised framework for evidence-based decision-making and climate reporting. The committee identified key data gaps across sectors. Biofuels, estimated by UN agencies to account for 31-34 per cent

of total energy use, remain largely untracked in official statistics. Electric vehicle (EV) sales have risen from about 50,000 units in 2016 to over 2.3 million in 2025. Current electricity demand from electric vehicles is estimated to be 20.07 TWh a year, or about 1.1 per cent of total generation. Citing NITI Aayog projections, the report noted that EV-related power demand could rise to between 100 and 640 TWh by 2030, but said systematic tracking remains absent. The panel also pointed to gaps in data on imported coal, which accounts for

around 20 per cent of consumption but lacks sector-wise end-use details, and on captive and off-grid power use, which remains under-captured. To address these issues, the committee recommended adopting international standards of the International Energy Agency (IEA) and the United Nations Statistics Division, and designating Mospi as the coordinating agency. It proposed creation of annual state and Union Territory-level energy databases, noting that about 70 per cent of renewable energy potential is concentrated.

BJP Telangana Chief Touts NDA Achievements at US Meet

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao highlighted the NDA government's achievements and asserted the BJP's growing political influence in Telangana during an event in the United States.

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Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao claimed people in Telangana now saw the party as the only credible alternative, citing the election of eight MPs from the state, recent gains in MLC elections and surveys pointing to its rising influence. Rao described the BRS and Congress as “two sides of the same coin,” alleging that they had joined hands to defeat the BJP candidate in an MLC poll and that the BRS continued to back the Congress on national issues. Rao said that India commanded “immense



respect” globally and asserted that the NDA government under Prime Minister Narendra Modi was working towards a Viksit Bharat and Viksit Telangana. Rao, speaking at Baltimore at a conference organised by the American Telugu Association, also spoke at a meet-and-greet with BJP supporters, well-wishers and sympathisers there. Highlighting the Cen-

tre’s record, Rao said India is the world’s fourth-largest economy, building highways at a record pace and undertaking massive infrastructure creation that will generate large-scale employment. He recalled the evacuation of Indian students from the Russia–Ukraine conflict zone, noting India also assisted students from Pakistan and other coun-

tries, as proof of the country’s growing credibility. On energy security, he said many nations faced oil shortages and petrol rationing during the West Asia conflict, but India avoided such a crisis due to “strategic planning and farsighted leadership” under Modi. Rao added that the government’s focus is on turning youth into job creators through Start-up India, Stand-Up India and MUDRA, helping India become the second-largest startup ecosystem. He cited Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace, founded by young IITians, as an example of this new India.

Rao also pointed to rising defence exports and greater use of indigenous weapons, referencing Operation Sindoor last year. He noted that India’s airport count has more than doubled since 2014, with Warangal and Adilabad airports coming up in Telangana. He listed AIIMS, a Central Tribal University, the Zaheerabad Industrial Smart City, Kazipet rail manufacturing unit and the PM MITRA Textile Park in Warangal as key central initiatives for the state, alongside a ₹5,000 crore railway budget, redevelopment of 41 railway stations, five Vande Bharat trains and three proposed high-speed rail corridors.

Bandi Sanjay questions Bonalu funds being less than Ramzan

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday, August 2, criticised the ruling Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of neglecting the conduct of the Bonalu festival. Speaking to reporters after offering prayers at the Ujjaini Mahakali Temple in Secunderabad on the occasion of the Ashada Bonalu festival, he said the Telangana government had accorded Bonalu the status of a state festival but had failed to provide adequate financial support. “The state government allocated Rs 33 crore for Ramzan celebrations, while only Rs 20 crore has been allocated for Bonalu, which is celebrated by more than 80 per cent of the state’s population. Should Hindus have to de-



pend on public donations during Congress rule to celebrate their festivals?” he asked. Bonalu is celebrated in more than 3,000 temples across the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad, he said, questioning how the funds allocated by the government could be sufficient. He claimed that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s earlier remark that “Congress means Muslims and Muslims mean Congress” reflected the party’s attitude to-

wards Hindus. The union minister said he noticed long queues of devotees standing in the hot sun during his visit to the temple and alleged that basic amenities, including drinking water, were inadequate. Describing Bonalu as a symbol of Telangana’s rich culture and traditions, Bandi Sanjay alleged that both the previous BRS government and the present Congress government had neglected its proper conduct.

Sridhar Babu
inaugurates ICSI’s
50th SIRC conference



More than 700 company secretaries from across South India gathered in Kondapur on Saturday, August 1, as Telangana’s Industries and IT Minister D Sridhar Babu inaugurated the 50th Southern India Regional Conference of Company Secretaries 2026. The event, organised by the Hyderabad Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI), was held at the Telangana Contractors Cultural Club. Addressing the gathering, Sridhar Babu credited company secretaries with playing a key role in strengthening corporate governance, driving transparency, ensuring regulatory compliance, and building investor confidence in the corporate sector. He said the Telangana government remained committed to fostering a transparent, accountable, and investor-friendly business environment.

Haj 2027: 4,508 Telangana pilgrims selected, 6,114 waitlisted

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A total of 4,508 applicants from Telangana have been selected through a digitally randomised draw of lots for Haj 1448 AH/2027, while 6,114 have been placed on the waiting list. Telangana has been allotted a quota of 5,594 pilgrims for Haj 2027, an increase of 1,302 seats compared to the previous year. The draw was conducted by the Telangana State Haj Committee on Thursday, July 30, after the extended application process concluded on July 24. The committee received 11,708 applications, including 818 under the reserved category for pilgrims aged 65 years and above and 186 applicants carried forward from the Haj 2026 waiting list. According to Telangana State Haj Committee Chairman Syed Ghulam



Afzal Biyabani Khusro Pasha, the 4,508 applicants were selected through the digital draw, while the remaining seats under the state’s quota were allotted to the reserved categories. He expressed hope that more applicants on the waiting list could be accommodated if Telangana receives an additional Haj quota. The Haj Committee of India has asked provisionally selected pilgrims to deposit an advance Haj amount of Rs 1,52,300 by August 10 to confirm their selection. The payment comprises Rs 1,50,000 as the advance Haj amount, Rs

2,000 towards miscellaneous charges and a non-refundable processing fee of Rs 300. The amount can be paid online through the Haj Committee of India website or the Haj Suvidha App using debit card, credit card or net banking. Pilgrims may also deposit the amount at designated branches of State Bank of India and Union Bank of India using the prescribed pay-in-slip. The Haj Committee of India said every application cover has been assigned a unique Bank Reference Number, which must be quoted while making the payment. Failure to deposit the amount by the deadline may result in cancellation of the allotted Haj seat. Applicants can check their selection status, generate the pay-in-slip and download the payment circular from the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) website.

PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi Extends ₹2 Lakh Financial Aid to Family of Missing Balayya

HYDERABAD
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Srirangam Venkatesh

PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi handed over ₹2 lakh in financial assistance to the family of 70-year-old Balayya, a resident of Prem Nagar Colony, Kondapur, who went missing after reportedly falling into a stormwater drain near the Vaishali Nagar Railway Underpass during heavy



rains. Accompanied by Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit Malempati, former Corporator Hameed

Patel, Deputy Commissioner Seva Islawath, and Tahsildar Mahipal Reddy, Gandhi visited the family’s

residence, offered condolences, and assured them of continued support. He said rescue teams, including Police, HYDRAA, NDRF, CMC Engineering, and Hyderabad Water Board officials, are continuing intensive search operations. Gandhi also urged citizens to remain cautious during the monsoon and avoid stepping out unless absolutely necessary.

Sridhar Babu Inaugurates ICSI’s 50th Southern India Regional Conference in Kondapur

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Telangana Industries and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu inaugurated the 50th Southern India Regional Conference of Company Secretaries 2026, organised by the Hyderabad Chapter of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) at the Telangana Contractors Cultural Club, Kondapur. Addressing over 700 company secretaries from across South India, the Minister appreciated their role in strengthening cor-



porate governance, transparency, regulatory compliance, and investor confidence. He reaffirmed the Telangana government’s commitment to building a transparent, accountable,

and investor-friendly business ecosystem to promote sustainable economic growth and attract investments. The Minister wished all participants a successful and insightful conference.

Colony Welfare Associations Organised Rallies Backing HYDRAA

Residents from colony welfare associations organised rallies on Sunday in support for HYDRAA and the government’s efforts to protect lakes and government land. The demonstrations were held in Madhuranagar, Srinivasanagar and Ameerpet on Sunday. Members of welfare associations from West Srinivasanagar, Vengalraonagar, Madhuranagar, Motinagar, Rajivnagar, Siddharthanagar, Sai Saradinagar, Jayaprakashnagar and Engineers Colony took part in the rallies and raised slogans in support of the government and HYDRAA. The residents said protecting the city’s lakes was important to reduce flooding during heavy rain, and welcomed the government’s decision to entrust HYDRAA with safeguarding water bodies and government land. They also criticised what they described as negative campaigns against HYDRAA on social media and said they had sent videos and messages expressing their support to the agency. Several residents said the flood mitigation works carried out in Ameerpet and nearby areas had helped reduce waterlogging during the recent spell of rain. They also referred to lake restoration works in different parts of the city and said these projects had improved local conditions.

Waqf Board seeks action over dargah land encroachment

HYDERABAD
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A large-scale alleged land encroachment racket on the Waqf properties of the historic Dargah Hazrat Baba Sharfuddin has come under scrutiny, with Survey No 96 in Mamidipally emerging as a major centre of unauthorised plotting and construction activity. The vast Waqf estate spread over nearly 2,132 acres in and around Mamidipally has been facing prolonged disputes over illegal occupation, unauthorised layouts and misuse of land meant for religious and charitable purposes. Among the disputed parcels, Survey No

96 has allegedly witnessed systematic encroachment, where portions of Waqf land were reportedly carved into residential plots and sold to unsuspecting buyers. According to complaints submitted to Pahadi Shareef Police, certain individuals allegedly operating as a local land mafia have been involved in identifying vacant portions of Waqf land, creating unauthorised layouts, constructing houses and marketing them among economically weaker sections. The buyers, many of whom are reportedly unaware of the ownership status of the land, are said to have

purchased the plots at comparatively cheaper rates. The alleged encroachment activity is not limited to isolated constructions but points towards an organised network involving land identification, illegal plotting, sale agreements and construction of structures without valid permissions. Officials and Waqf representatives have raised concerns that such activities could lead to further complications for residents who have invested their savings in these properties. The Telangana State Waqf Board had earlier approached the Pahadi Shareef Police Station

seeking action against illegal occupation and constructions on Survey No. 96. The complaints highlighted that the land belongs to the Dargah Waqf property and cannot be transferred or occupied without proper authorisation. Residents and local activists have demanded a detailed inquiry into the role of individuals involved in the alleged encroachments and sought identification of all unauthorised structures raised on Waqf land. They have also urged authorities to prevent further registrations and construction activity until ownership disputes are resolved.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Extends Warm Greetings on Friendship Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare and Science & Technology Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha extended warm greetings to the people of the State on the occasion of Friendship Day, highlighting the enduring value of friendship in building strong relationships and a compassionate society. In a press note released on Sunday, the Minister described friendship as one of life’s greatest blessings, founded on mutual trust, affection, respect and unwavering support. “Friendship is a beautiful gift that enriches our lives. It gives



us strength during difficult times, multiplies our happiness, and inspires us to move forward with confidence and hope,” the Minister said. He expressed the hope that every friendship would continue to flourish with joy, understanding and mutual respect, fostering stronger bonds among people across all sections of society. Damodar Raja-

narsimha also noted that genuine friendships transcend differences and promote harmony, unity and human values, making society more caring and inclusive. Conveying his heartfelt wishes, the Minister said: “On the joyous occasion of Friendship Day, I extend my warm greetings to everyone. May your bonds of friendship always remain strong, filled with happiness, affection, trust and lifelong togetherness.” The Minister wished all citizens a Happy Friendship Day, encouraging everyone to cherish and strengthen the friendships that make life meaningful.

IMD issues heavy rainfall alert for 16 Telangana districts

The spell of heavy rain in several districts across Telangana, after weeks of dry weather, is expected to continue, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Tuesday issuing a heavy rainfall alert for the next 48 hours for multiple districts in the State. The 16 districts placed under a heavy rainfall alert (64.5 mm to 115.5 mm) are Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy. Rainfall is also expected in Hyderabad, with the weather department issuing a thunderstorm, lightning and strong winds warning for Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajigiri, Rangareddy, Yadadri-Bhongir, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.

Dharani Irregularities: Government Orders SET Probe Led by Charu Sinha

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The state government's decision to order yet another probe into irregularities in the Dharani land records portal during the previous BRS regime has raised questions over the delay in fixing responsibility, despite a forensic audit reportedly flagging more than 10,000 suspicious transactions. Officials from the police, revenue and information technology departments are part of the Special Enquiry Team (SET) constituted to investigate the Dharani irregularities and will be headed by senior IPS officer Charu Sinha, ADGP (CID) and Director-General, ACB. The Telangana Cabinet ordered the fresh probe at its July 17 meeting. No official orders have so far been issued so far specifying the timeframe for completing the inquiry, raising questions over the seriousness of the



government in pursuing the matter. The timing of the latest probe has also raised eyebrows as the forensic audit ordered earlier by the Congress government has identified over 10,000 suspicious transactions and submitted its latest report recently. Despite the findings, no action has been taken against any revenue official, BRS leader or agency. After coming to power, the Congress took nearly one-and-a-half years to replace Dharani with the Bhu Bharati portal in

April 2025. The government also took nearly a year to order a probe. The forensic audit of Dharani transactions was ordered in December 2024 and entrusted to the Kerala Security Audit and Assurance Centre (KSAAC) in 2025. The audit began in May 2025, initially covering the Sircilla and Siddipet Assembly constituencies. The agency submitted its first report in November 2025, following which the audit was extended to the entire state in December. Its latest report was sub-

mitted in early July. The key question now is whether the latest SET probe will lead to concrete action against those responsible or become another addition to the series of inquiries into the Dharani controversy. In an informal chat with media in Secretariat on Saturday, revenue minister Srinivas Reddy said the SET would conduct a fast-track probe into illegal mutations, transfers of government land and misuse of the Dharani portal. He asserted that those responsible for illegally occupying government or assigned lands would be brought to justice. Srinivas Reddy said the investigation would cover the entire process, beginning with the Dharani tender and extending to Bhu Bharati. A forensic audit alone could not fully expose the irregularities, he said, making a comprehensive investigation by the SET essential, he said.

Mahender Reddy Inspires RGUKT Basar Freshers

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Director General of Police (DGP) and former Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) Chairman Dr. Mahender Reddy urged students to build self-confidence, maintain discipline and strengthen communication skills to achieve success while addressing the PUC-I Orientation Programme at RGUKT-Tripplite IT Basar on Saturday. Speaking as the chief guest, Dr. Mahender Reddy encouraged newly admitted students to dream big and pursue their goals with determination, hard work and proper planning. He said students from rural backgrounds possess immense talent and, with the right guidance and dedication, can excel in any field. He stressed that continuous learning, punctuality, a positive attitude and strong moral values are



essential for success. Advising students to go beyond textbook learning, he emphasized the importance of improving communication skills, language proficiency and subject knowledge to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving world. He also highlighted curiosity, critical thinking, leadership qualities and effective use of technology as vital attributes for future success. Recalling his own student journey, Dr. Mahender Reddy said perseverance and commitment had helped him overcome challenges and achieve professional excellence. Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan, who

presided over the programme, welcomed the students and said the orientation was designed to build self-confidence, leadership qualities and life skills among freshers. He noted that interactions with eminent personalities would inspire students to achieve academic and professional excellence. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from students, faculty members, deans, university officials and administrative staff. The event was coordinated by PUC-I Orientation Programme Coordinator Dr. Gujjari Shankar.

Police Issue BNSS Notice to BJYM Leader; Appearance Sought in Investigation

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A notice issued under Section 35(3) of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) to a Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) leader has become a topic of discussion in political circles in Hyderabad. According to the notice, issued by the Saroornagar Police Station on August 1, 2026, the recipient has been directed to appear before the Investigating Officer on August 4, 2026, in connection with an investigation into a registered case. The notice asks the individual to cooperate with the investigation, produce relevant documents if required, and comply with the directions of the investigating authorities. The document also outlines the legal obligations of the person receiving the notice, including appearing before the police as directed, not tampering with evidence, cooperating with the investigation, and not leaving the jurisdiction without per-



mission where applicable. The notice was reportedly issued to Chintakayala Jhansi, identified in the document as a BJYM leader. Following the circulation of the notice on social media, messages expressing confidence and support for the leader were also shared by party supporters. As of now, there has

been no official statement from the police elaborating on the allegations or the progress of the investigation, and no response from the concerned BJYM leader was immediately available. Further developments are awaited as the investigation proceeds. Saroornagar Police Serve BNSS Notice to BJYM Leader; Investigation Continues

Mudiraj Sangham Organises Grand Peddamma Thalli Bonalu Festivities

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Shanti Nagar Mudiraj Sangham in Zaheerabad celebrated the Peddamma Thalli Bonalu Festival with great religious devotion, traditional fervour, and enthusiastic public participation on Sunday. As per the report of Ekkelly Srinivas Zaheerabad says Devotees offered Bonam to the goddess, seeking her blessings for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of their families. The celebrations witnessed vibrant cultural performances, traditional folk rituals, and a colourful procession through the locality, creating a festive atmosphere. A large number of devotees, community elders, women, and youth participated in the event with devotion. Zaheerabad Constituency Mudiraj



Chairman P. Shankar attended the programme as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, he said that Bonalu is a symbol of Telangana's rich cultural heritage and spiritual traditions, and such festivals strengthen social harmony and unity among communities. He appreciated the organisers for conducting the festival in a grand and disciplined manner.

Friendship More Valuable Than Wealth: Jampana Pratap

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap said friendship is the greatest treasure in life, stressing that genuine friends remain together through both success and adversity. Speaking at a Friendship Day celebration at the New Bowenpally Playground in Secunderabad on Sunday, he said a loyal friend is far more valuable than material wealth. The event witnessed enthusi-



astic participation from local residents, who greeted Pratap, exchanged Friendship Day wishes and tied friendship bands. Addressing the gathering, he urged people to cherish meaningful relationships and strengthen the spirit of unity and mutual sup-

port in society. Several prominent local residents, including Sai Baba Yadav, Karan Singh, Suresh, Vasu Goud, Madhu, Sudhakar and Yadagiri, attended the celebrations, making the event a vibrant community gathering.

Media Spotlight Prompts Swift Action: Drainage Manhole Repair Works Begin at Tarnaka

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Prompt action by the concerned civic authorities has brought relief to residents of Shirdi Sai Nagar-Gokul Nagar, Tarnaka, after repair works on a damaged drainage manhole and sunken CC road were initiated following media coverage of the issue. The damaged drainage manhole, located opposite Capol Bone Setting Centre, had turned into a major safety hazard for motorists and pedestrians. The caved-in portion of the road made vehicle movement difficult, raising fears of accidents and causing inconvenience to local residents on a daily basis. After the issue was highlighted through Wakeup Telangana and social media platforms, officials of the concerned department responded promptly and deployed workers to begin restoration of the damaged manhole and road surface. Residents welcomed the swift response, expressing hope that the repair works would be completed at the earliest and that the road would be restored to safe conditions for commuters. Apartment Executive Committee Member Ms. Usha Sree Thalka expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the concerned department officials for responding quickly to the



public grievance. She also conveyed special thanks to Wakeup Telangana Daily Newspaper for consistently highlighting public issues and acting as a bridge between citizens and government departments. She noted that the newspaper's timely coverage played a vital role in drawing the attention of the authorities, leading to the immediate commencement of repair works. "We sincerely thank the concerned department officials for their prompt response. We are equally grateful to Wakeup Telangana Daily Newspaper for bringing public problems to light and helping ensure timely resolution by the authorities. Such responsible journalism strengthens public trust and serves the community effectively," she said. Local residents appreciated the coordination between the media and civic authorities, stating that the quick response reflects responsive governance and demonstrates how responsible journalism can contribute to solving public issues efficiently.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Reviews Development, Health Measures in Andole

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha on Saturday reviewed development works, welfare programmes, and public health preparedness in the Andole Assembly constituency during a meeting in Sangareddy. He directed officials to expedite land identification for key government infrastructure projects, including a Government Law College, Tahsildar Offices, Police Stations, MPDO Offices, and Primary Health Centres (PHCs), to ensure their early execution.



The Minister also instructed Revenue officials to speed up the disposal of applications under the Bhu Bharati programme so that eligible beneficiaries receive services without delay. Reviewing the health sit-

uation, Rajanarsimha directed Health Department officials to intensify fever surveillance, strengthen seasonal disease prevention measures, maintain sanitation in government hospitals, and ensure uninterrupted availability of

essential medicines. He stressed the need for heightened vigilance during the monsoon and asked officials to respond swiftly to public health concerns. Reaffirming the State Government's commitment to balanced development, the Minister said efforts are focused on strengthening infrastructure, improving administrative services, and enhancing healthcare facilities across the Andole constituency. Senior Revenue and Health Department officials attended the review meeting.

Friendship Day Celebrated with Faith: Sunke Sangameshwar, Family Offer Prayers at Ganapathi Temple

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Marking the occasion of Friendship Day with devotion and family values, Sunke Sangameshwar, a well-known Social Media Warrior from R. Itikyall Village, Regode Mandal, Medak District, visited a Sri Ganapathi Temple along with his wife, Smt. Meenakshi, lovely son, Master Bharath, and close friends seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha. The family participated in special prayers, praying for peace, prosperity, happiness, and success for all. The temple visit reflected the beautiful blend of faith, family bonding, friendship, and service to society,



making the celebration truly memorable. Speaking on the occasion, Sunke Sangameshwar said: "Visiting Lord Ganesha with my wife, son, and dear friends on this sacred occasion has been a deeply spiritual experience. We sincerely prayed to Vighnaharta Vinayaka to remove obstacles from everyone's lives. Moments filled with devotion, friendship, family love, and the

spirit of service become cherished memories forever. May Lord Ganesha bless every family with happiness, peace, prosperity, good health, and success." He added that Friendship Day is not only about celebrating friendships but also about strengthening relationships through faith, unity, compassion, and positive values, inspiring the younger generation to contribute meaningfully to society. The devotees concluded the visit by offering prayers for communal harmony, good health, and a bright future, making the Friendship Day celebration a perfect blend of spirituality, family togetherness, and lasting friendship.

Delhi Police Book X Handles Over Anti-Modi Posts

The Delhi Police on Wednesday intensified its crackdown on social media activity linked to the anti-exam paper leak protests by registering an FIR against several X (formerly Twitter) handles for allegedly posting "derogatory, malicious and defamatory" content targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The FIR was registered by the Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of the Special Cell under Sections 351(3) (criminal intimidation), 353(2) (circulating false information or rumours) and 356(2) (defamation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Police also issued notices to X directing the platform to remove or disable access to the identified posts within three hours, preserve all electronic records related to the accounts and furnish subscriber details, including names, addresses, contact information, email IDs and login/logout records. Officials said the investigation was underway and further action would depend on the digital evidence received from the platform.

Randeep Hooda Joins Assam Flood Relief Efforts

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Amid a slight improvement in Assam’s flood situation, Bollywood actor Randeep Hooda has reached the flood-ravaged Sivasagar district in Upper Assam to join on-ground relief efforts, standing in solidarity with thousands of affected families. According to the latest bulletin from the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), the number of people affected by the floods has come down to about 1.78 lakh (1,78,837) across seven districts — Golaghat, Sivasagar, Charaideo, Bajali, Dhemaji, Sonitpur and Jorhat — affecting 349 villages. The death toll remains unchanged at 82, with no fresh fatalities reported in the past 24 hours. Charaideo continues to be the worst-hit district, with more than 75,000 people



affected, followed by Sivasagar with nearly 59,000. Around 44 relief camps are sheltering approximately 15,000 displaced people, while 17 relief distribution centres are assisting several thousand more. More than 15,000 hectares of cropland remain submerged, and significant livestock losses have been reported. Some rivers, including the Dikhow at Sivasagar and the Dhansiri at Numaligarh in Golaghat, continue to flow above the danger level. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma

is also touring the worst-hit areas to review relief operations and oversee damage assessment. The Centre has sanctioned more than Rs 370 crore under the State Disaster Response Fund. Meanwhile, to express his solidarity with the ongoing relief efforts, actor Randeep Hooda arrived in flood-hit Sivasagar on Saturday and actively participated in relief work organised by the humanitarian organisation Global Sikhs in Sivasagar and neighbouring areas. He distributed essential supplies, including ra-

tions, food and other daily necessities, to displaced families, particularly those taking shelter at Sivasagar railway station. Mr Hooda also served langar (community kitchen meals) and later visited Gurudwara Sahib in Sivasagar, where he offered prayers for the well-being of the flood-affected people. He told reporters, “This is the Sivasagar railway station, and many affected families have come here from the surrounding areas. So we make the food, bring it to them, and have been doing this every day for the last seven days. Humanity is above everything else. I have been working with the same team, Global Sikhs, for many years, and the groundwork they lay is amazing. I would urge everybody to contribute in whichever way they can to help people, not just here, but wherever there is a problem.

Akhilesh Yadav Says BJP Stands for Corruption, Oppression and Sin

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SP president Akhilesh Yadav on Sunday said that the BJP stands for 'bhrasht' (corrupt), 'julum' (oppression) and 'paap' (sin), and asserted that all major problems in Uttar Pradesh would end only after it is voted out of power. Addressing a press conference at the party's state headquarters here, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister alleged that the BJP is synonymous with corruption and injustice. "B' stands for bhrasht, 'J' for julm and 'P' for paap. All the corrupt, oppressive and sinful people are in the BJP," he said. Yadav alleged that several expressways built during the BJP government's tenure, including the Lucknow-Kanpur, Bundelkhand and Purvanchal expressways, had become "vic-

tims of corruption". He also claimed that land mafias linked to the ruling party have encroached upon important ponds across the state. "There is only one crisis in Uttar Pradesh and that is the BJP. Once the BJP goes, all crises will end," he said. The SP chief also questioned the BJP over the recent use of force against protesting youths at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi. He alleged that while the government claimed ignorance about who ordered the baton-charge, the police personnel who carried it out knew whose directions they were acting on. Yadav also cautioned government officials against acting unfairly at the be-

hest of the ruling party, saying that the BJP would not stand by them if they faced legal or administrative action in the future. Taking a swipe at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his recent Instagram reels, Yadav said it was unfortunate that the BJP had "engaged even the prime minister in making reels". "When we watch those reels on Instagram, it is painful to see the kind of content being produced," he remarked. Responding to a question, Yadav said that the BJP should explain allegations that all stolen "Ram dhan" was reaching the party. Referring to legal action initiated against opposition leaders over a recent satirical performance in Parliament premises related to an alleged donation theft issue, Yadav questioned why no case had been registered

SC to Hear Pleas on Alleged Police Excesses During NEET Protest

Top court may consider forming an SIT to probe claims of police brutality and violence during nationwide student protests.

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The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a batch of pleas alleging police brutality during the recent protests against irregularities in exams and the NEET paper leaks. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana will be hearing the pleas in which the court had indicated that it might constitute an SIT headed by a former Supreme Court judge for a probe into the allegations made by protestors, pellet gun victims and to ascertain whether the attacks on policemen were carried out by students or some "miscreants".

On July 28, the top court had restrained states from taking any coercive action against protesters and directed them to release those under 18 on the condition that none should have any criminal antecedents. The top court had observed that a fair



and independent probe in the matter was required and whosever committed excesses, took law into their hands should be taken to task. It had directed, "All states are hereby instructed to release children under the age of 18, who have been reported to be arrested or detained in connection with the ongoing protests and who do not possess any criminal antecedents." The top court had said if necessary, these children shall be released upon the execution of a simple bond by themselves or their family members, especially if such a requirement is insisted upon for surety. It had taken

note of allegations such as the use of pellet guns, lathis embedded with nails, rubber bullets and electric batons on protestors resulting in severe life threatening injuries to several students and young women. The top court had directed that Delhi government and other states may proceed with the investigation of the FIRs registered but no coercive measures shall be taken against the protesting students. "Such protection, nonetheless, shall not be extended to the persons with criminal antecedents," it had clarified. Noting that the bench is mulling an independent, a

transparent and thorough probe into all allegations by a task force, the bench had said a probe is also required to ascertain the attacks on policemen and whether they were by students or some "miscreants". "Be that as it may, the allegations made by the petitioners, prima facie, establish a compelling case for an independent and impartial investigation into the incidents of violence. Such an investigation will adequately address the allegations presented by the family members of the police personnel, as well as the issues raised by the Solicitor General of India," it had said. While posting the matter for further hearing, the top court had said in the interest of justice an opportunity was given to the Centre and the states concerned to place their versions on record before it considers constituting an independent committee or a Special Investigation Team (SIT).

Pothole-Ridden Road Claims Bus Conductor's Life, Several Injured in Bengal

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The conductor of a bus was killed and several passengers were injured after the vehicle overturned while trying to avoid a collision with a milk van in West Bengal's South 24 Parganas district on Sunday, police said. The accident took place on Ramganga Road near Mandirbazar area when the bus was travelling from Dholahat to



Lakshmikantapur this morning. Locals said the accident took place when the bus swerved to one side to avoid a collision

with the milk van on a dilapidated stretch of the road and overturned, a police officer said. The conductor died on

the spot, while several passengers sustained injuries, and were being treated at a nearby hospital, he said. The accident disrupted traffic on the road for some time before police removed the overturned bus and restored vehicular movement. Locals and bus operators demanded immediate repair of the dilapidated road, alleging that the poor road condition was responsible for the mishap.

NSA Charges Against Assam Tribal Activist Draws Congress Criticism

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The Congress on Sunday slammed the Assam government over indigenous rights activist Pranab Doley being detained under the National Security Act, alleging that the use of the NSA against him was part of a growing pattern of BJP governments "weaponising" extraordinary laws to silence dissent. The opposition

party also said this is a "blatant misuse" of preventive detention laws and "overreach" by the state. Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that on July 30, the Assam Government invoked the National Se-

curity Act (NSA) against land rights activist Doley, just a day after the district court granted him bail. "This is a blatant misuse of preventive detention laws and overreach by the state," Ramesh said on X. Doley has been arrested for supporting villagers who protested against a proposed five-star resort near the Kaziranga National Park that the Assam chief minister had backed, he said. Since 2022, indigenous

residents of Golaghat have protested and even petitioned the Gauhati High Court against the project, arguing the land was forcibly acquired from them, Ramesh said. While granting him bail on July 29, the sessions court had observed that "where ecological preservation intersects with indigenous survival, criminal law cannot be used to suppress legitimate local anxieties", Ramesh said.

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He said the campaign represented a collective resolve involving individuals, families, society and the nation. From Sunday, a 100-week nationwide public participation drive will be held, with activities every Sunday focusing on art, culture, sports, meditation, spirituality and community service to spread awareness against substance abuse. "The coming 100 Sundays will mark 100 strong steps towards a drug-free India," he said. Modi said addiction not only harms an individual but also devastates families by shattering the hopes and dreams of parents and siblings. He urged families not to hide addiction out of fear of social stigma, but to communicate openly

with affected members and seek medical and professional help. Highlighting the government's anti-drug measures, the Prime Minister said strict action was being taken against drug traffickers, with arrests increasing significantly and narcotics worth thousands of crores of rupees seized across the country. The 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' aims to inspire young people to remain drug-free and become ambassadors of positive social change in their communities through a 100-week nationwide awareness campaign.

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He said the practice would not disappear overnight and added that police had been instructed to act against those involved. Ghosh also

warned party workers not to forget why voters had brought the BJP to power. His remarks came a day after state BJP president Samik Bhattacharya admitted that extortion had not been fully eradicated. Speaking at an event in Rajarhat, Bhattacharya said the government had been in office for only two months and could not claim to have solved every problem. He acknowledged that some people remained accustomed to earning easy money through syndicates. The two statements suggest that the BJP is aware of the problem. The bigger question is whether it can clean up the system before the "new honey" becomes an old habit. Assam Flood..... Iran's semi-official Fars news

agency described Trump's statement as a "repeated retreat from threats." Regional diplomatic efforts intensified, with Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman urging restraint, according to reports. The Saudi state news agency said he emphasised the need for dialogue to de-escalate tensions during talks with Trump. Israel, which joined the US in launching the war but was not part of the June truce arrangement with Iran, is monitoring the situation. Israeli cabinet member Zev Elkin said there was "some kind of vector toward an agreement between Iran and Oman," referring to talks held last month on reopening the Strait. Elkin, however, expressed caution: "We'll all wait to see if this vector really does become a full agree-

ment, and whether it will be implemented and where it's all leading." Trump met Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu at the White House last week, where they discussed options for continuing the campaign. The Strait of Hormuz has remained effectively closed by Iran amid the conflict, disrupting global oil flows and causing volatility in energy markets. Brent crude settled above \$90 a barrel last week, up from below \$72 at the start of July. PM Talks Of..... "I listened to their pain. Our fight is for an education system where hard work is respected, examinations are fair and no student is pushed to the edge because institutions failed them," the former Con-

gress chief said. "The Prime Minister speaks of 'forgiving' students. After listening to these parents, my conviction is even stronger: India's students need no forgiveness. The government owes them truth, justice and an apology," Gandhi asserted. In the video, Gandhi is seen interacting with the families of the students who committed suicide. In Mamallapuram, interacting with the relatives of those who took the extreme step vis-a-vis NEET, Gandhi said, "Nothing is more painful than seeing a parent grieve their child. "Behind every young life lost is a family carrying pain that will never leave them and serious questions about a broken education system. Leaked papers. Cancelled exams.

CRIME

No Impact of Supreme Court Green Permit Verdict on Telangana Projects

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The Telangana government on Wednesday got a huge relief on the Palamuru Ranga Reddy Lift Irrigation Scheme project and the Seethamma Sagar project as the Supreme Court has exempted the ongoing projects from its judgment that quashed a mechanism devised by the Central government to issue environmental clearances. A three-judge Supreme Court bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant, Justice Joy-malya Bagchi, and Justice Vipul M. Pancholi ruled that the 2021 Office Memorandum was legally unsustainable as it sought to alter the statutory environmental clearance framework established under the Environment



(Protection) Act, 1986 and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, through an executive order. The court, however, made it clear that environmental clearances already issued under both the 2017 Notification and the 2021 Office Memorandum will continue to remain valid, unless they are individually challenged and set aside in accordance with law. If this

exemption was granted, some irrigation projects in Telangana, including Palamuru and Seethamma Sagar projects, could have suffered serious setbacks over the issue of environmental clearances. “Environmental compliance is a mandatory statutory requirement and not a procedural formality capable of being regularised through executive instructions,” the court said. The Supreme Court, however,

also made it clear that any project in the future can be taken up and work started only after it receives all required environmental clearances before commencement. The Bench held that prior environmental clearance under the 2006 Notification is mandatory for projects falling within its ambit and cannot be replaced by a perpetual mechanism permitting retrospective approvals through an administrative office memorandum. The Bench held that the memorandum fundamentally altered the nature of environmental scrutiny envisaged under the 2006 Notification by allowing projects to seek approval after construction had already begun or operations had commenced.

Bonalu Duty Continues



Secunderabad Task Force personnel remain on duty during Mahankali Bonalu bandobast on Sunday.

8-Foot Python Halts Traffic in Gachibowli Amid Heavy Rains

Traffic came to a brief standstill in Gachibowli on Friday night after an eight-foot-long python was spotted crossing a busy road, drawing the attention of commuters and on-lookers. Motorists slowed down as the snake calmly crossed the road before disappearing into nearby vegetation. Several people stopped to record videos, leading to temporary traffic congestion. Wildlife experts believe the recent heavy rains may have forced the python out of its natural habitat in search of dry ground. Fortunately, no injuries or damage were reported, and the reptile safely moved into a nearby green area.

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

A 19-year-old youth allegedly died by suicide at his residence in BJR Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Kapra, on Sunday night. According to the police, the deceased, Lingala Ganesh, was alone at home after his parents had gone to their native village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, while his siblings were staying at a relative's house. When Ganesh did not respond to phone calls during the night, the family assumed he was asleep. On Monday morning, the victim's father, Lingala Ramulu, was informed by his elder son that Ganesh had allegedly hanged himself.

Khammam man attempts suicide over delayed govt job notifications

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A young man seeking employment tried to die by suicide by consuming rat poison in Telangana's Khammam district on Saturday, August 1. Gaddam Venu Kumar hails from New Lakshmi-puram village in Mudigonda, which falls under Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka's Madhira Assembly constituency.

Before consuming the poison, he wrote a three-page note blaming the government's failure to issue timely recruitment notifications as the reason for his attempted suicide. The letter states that the delay has deprived him and several like him of valuable years. “For the past six years, I have been preparing for state-level Group examinations. In 2018 (when the Bharat Rashtira Samithi was in power), the

government released a job calendar and announced Group-I recruitments, but the vacancies were never filled. Instead, it was halted with assurances that jobs would be filled later,” the letter reads. The letter reads that during the 2023 Telangana Election campaign, the Congress party had promised to issue timely notifications if voted to power. But this was also not fulfilled.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Book 333 Drunk Driving Cases in Weekend Special Drive

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The Cyberabad Traffic Police (CTP) booked 333 drunk driving cases during a special weekend enforcement drive. Of the offenders, 269 were two-wheeler riders, 11 three-wheeler drivers, 51 four-wheeler drivers, and 2 heavy vehicle drivers. Police said 262 offenders had BAC levels between 36–200 mg/100 ml, 50



recorded 201–300 mg/100 ml, and 21 had BAC levels between 301–550 mg/100 ml. All offenders will be pro-

duced before the court. Police warned that anyone causing a fatal accident while driving under the influence of al-

cohol will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years' imprisonment along with a fine. During the week (July 27–August 1), courts disposed of 232 drunk driving cases, awarding fine and jail to 3 offenders, fine and community service to 6, and fine only to 223 offenders.

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

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

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

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



Zigly Marks Happy Pets Day

Zigly Pet Care Celebrates International Happy Pets Day in Secunderabad, Expands Focus on Proactive Pet Healthcare

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Zigly Pet Care, India's first omnichannel pet care brand, celebrated the third edition of International Happy Pets Day (IHPD) at its Begumpet Pet Care Centre in Secunderabad on Sunday, reaffirming its commitment to making quality veterinary care more accessible while promoting proactive pet healthcare across the country.

Held on the theme "Life is Simply, Undeniably Better Together," the event coincided with Friendship Day and was organised simultaneously across 35 Zigly Pet Care Centres in more than 15 cities, bringing together over 2,500 pets and 3,500 pet parents for a day of celebration, awareness and community engagement.

The event featured com-



plementary health check-ups, wellness consultations, and the launch of Pet First Aid Kits, aimed at encouraging pet owners to adopt preventive healthcare practices. At the Secunderabad centre, veterinarians also conducted a Pet First Aid Workshop, where participants learned essential emergency care techniques for their pets.

Speaking on the occasion, Saurabh Jain, CEO

of Zigly Pet Care, said International Happy Pets Day celebrates the unconditional bond between pets and their families while placing greater emphasis on proactive healthcare. He said the company is expanding its veterinary ecosystem through upgraded 24x7 facilities, dedicated veterinary services and the introduction of Pet First Aid Kits to ensure pet parents have access to quality

care whenever required. The celebrations also included interactive activities such as the Snuffle Mat Challenge, Best Trick Showdown, Pet Bingo, caricature sessions and themed photo booths, giving pet parents and their companions an opportunity to create lasting memories.

The event concluded with the Zigly Pet Care Awards, recognising inspiring stories from the

pet community, followed by a gathering of pet parents, veterinarians, creators and animal lovers. Adding a social impact dimension to the celebrations, 100 per cent of the ticket sale proceeds, amounting to ₹6 lakh, were donated to the Zigly Foundation. The funds will support anti-rabies vaccination drives, deworming programmes, reflective collar distribution, rescue initiatives and adoption efforts for community dogs.

Through International Happy Pets Day, Zigly Pet Care continues to strengthen its vision of building an integrated pet healthcare ecosystem by combining veterinary services, preventive care, education and community participation, while making high-quality pet healthcare increasingly accessible across India.

ICC Hosts Defence MSME Manufacturers Forum in Hyderabad

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Reinforcing India's push towards self-reliance in defence manufacturing, the Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) on Monday organised the second edition of the Defence MSME Manufacturers Forum (DMMF) at Taj Deccan, Hyderabad, bringing together senior government officials, defence PSUs, OEMs, industry leaders, startups and MSMEs.

Held under the theme "Make in India for the World: Empower MSMEs for India's Defence & Aerospace Future," the forum focused on strengthening MSME participation in India's defence and aerospace supply chain while promoting collaboration among industry, academia, research institutions and government.

Chief Guest Krishna Aditya, IAS, Special Secretary, Department of Industries & Commerce,



Government of Telangana, inaugurated the event. Senior officials including Cmde P.R. Hari (Retd.), Praveen P.A., Nikhil Chakravarthy J., Dr. S.V.S. Narayana Murty and Dr. Rajeev Singh addressed the gathering.

ICC released its report, "MSMEs – A Force Multiplier for India's Defence Ecosystem, Edition 2," and announced the Southern Region Defence Chair during the inaugural session.

Speakers highlighted India's rapid defence growth, with production reaching ₹1.78 lakh crore and exports touching ₹38,000 crore in 2025-26, underlining the increasing role of MSMEs in the country's defence ecosystem.

The forum also featured

B2B and B2G meetings, enabling direct interaction between MSMEs, defence companies, PSUs and government agencies to explore business opportunities and partnerships.

Industry leaders from Apollo Microsystems, Skyroot Aerospace, Bharat Dynamics Limited, L&T Precision Engineering, GalaxEye Space, Centum Electronics, Magtorq, triOSpace Security Solutions and other leading organisations participated.

The event reaffirmed the commitment of industry and government to accelerate indigenous technology development, empower MSMEs and position Telangana as a leading defence and aerospace manufacturing hub.

Petrol, diesel sales soar on weak monsoon; LPG demand shifts

HYDERABAD
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India's fuel consumption recorded robust growth in July, with petrol and diesel sales witnessing a sharp increase as below-normal monsoon rainfall boosted demand from farmers and motorists. According to preliminary industry data released by the country's three state-owned oil marketing companies—Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL), and Hindustan Petroleum Corpo-

ration Limited (HPCL)—the demand for transport fuels remained strong despite a slight month-on-month decline.

Petrol sales rose 9.7 per cent year-on-year to 3.45 million tonnes in July, compared to 3.14 million tonnes during the same month last year. The sales were also 15.1 per cent higher than July 2024 and 36.1 per cent above the volume recorded in July 2023, reflecting steady growth in vehicle usage and economic activity.

However, compared to June 2026, petrol con-

sumption declined 1.1 per cent from 3.48 million tonnes, mainly due to the end of the peak summer holiday travel season.

Diesel, the country's most widely consumed fuel and a key barometer of economic activity, registered even stronger growth. Sales increased 10.7 per cent year-on-year to 7.12 million tonnes in July from 6.43 million tonnes in the corresponding month last year. The July volume was 11.5 per cent higher than July 2024 and 12.7 per cent above July 2023 consumption. On a



monthly basis, however, diesel sales fell 9.2 per cent from 7.85 million tonnes recorded in June.

Industry officials attributed the surge in diesel demand to the delayed onset of the southwest monsoon. With rainfall remaining below normal during the crucial sowing

season, farmers increasingly relied on diesel-powered irrigation pumps to water their crops. Diesel consumption also remained strong due to its extensive use in freight transportation, agricultural machinery and commercial vehicles across the country.

Typically, fuel demand moderates during the monsoon as improved rainfall reduces the need for irrigation and slows vehicular movement. This year, however, the late arrival of monsoon rains extended irrigation

requirements, resulting in higher diesel consumption. The month-on-month decline in both petrol and diesel sales was largely seasonal, as June usually witnesses increased travel during school and college vacations.

Meanwhile, aviation turbine fuel (ATF) sales posted moderate growth. Consumption rose 2.9 per cent to 659,900 tonnes in July, up from the corresponding period last year. However, ATF demand declined 4.6 per cent compared to June, reflecting a slight reduction in air

travel after the holiday season.

Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) sales, however, continued to remain under pressure. LPG consumption dropped 17.4 per cent to 2.37 million tonnes during July, remaining 13.3 per cent lower than July 2024 and slightly below July 2023 levels. Industry officials said the decline was largely due to a shift by industrial and commercial consumers to piped natural gas (PNG) following supply disruptions caused by the West Asia crisis. Although restric-

tions on LPG usage by hotels and restaurants were lifted recently, many commercial establishments have continued using PNG, keeping LPG demand lower than previous years.

Overall, the July fuel sales data indicates resilient economic activity, with delayed monsoon conditions significantly boosting diesel demand while commercial fuel consumption patterns continue to evolve due to changing energy preferences.

India emerges as world's second-fastest growing solar energy market

NEW DELHI
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India's installed solar power capacity has surged by a massive 50-fold from a mere 3 GW in 2014 to scale the 162.15 GW mark till June 30, 2026, marking the dawn of a new era in renewable energy, according to a factsheet issued by the government on Sunday.

The country added 37 GW of solar capacity in 2025, surpassing the United States in annual additions to emerge as the world's second-largest solar growth market, it said.

One of the most significant developments in the solar sector has been the decline in power tariffs over the past decade. This was driven by bidding through the e-Reverse Auction mechanism, where developers compete to supply electricity at the lowest tariff. As more developers participated, the tariffs declined from around Rs 18 per unit in 2010 to a record-low of Rs 2.44 per unit.

The decline in tariffs has made solar power increasingly affordable. As a result, India has emerged as one of the world's lowest-cost solar power markets. In 2025, the Levelised

Cost of Electricity (LCOE) from utility-scale solar PV stood at \$35 per MWh, well below the global average of \$44 per MWh.

India's solar sector has received a major boost with the approval of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) on July 31, 2026. The scheme aims to support 5,000 MW of Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) projects with co-located Energy Storage Systems (ESS). The ESS with a minimum storage capacity of two hours (10,000 MWh) will further help states manage peak demand. By utilising existing reservoirs and industrial ponds, the scheme will reduce pressure on scarce land resources. It will also improve grid reliability through integrated energy storage.

With an outlay of Rs 5,070 crore, the scheme will be implemented from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.

Large solar projects in India contribute 118.79 GW of installed capacity. Some of the large solar projects include the Bhadla Solar Park (Rajasthan), Pavagada Solar Park (Karnataka), and Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Park (Madhya Pradesh).

Vayu Brings Regional Indian Cuisine to Hyderabad Rooftops

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad's culinary landscape has welcomed a new rooftop dining destination with the launch of Vayu, a resto-bar that combines regional Indian cuisine, inventive cocktails and a vibrant social atmosphere. Located atop the Hyderabad Marriott Hotel & Convention Centre, Vayu is designed as a contemporary rooftop venue that celebrates India's diverse culinary traditions while catering to the city's growing community of experience-driven diners.

Named after the Sanskrit word for "wind," Vayu draws inspiration from the idea of wind as India's earliest traveller, carrying flavours, cultures and traditions across the country's varied landscapes. The concept reflects this journey by offering dishes and beverages influenced by different regions of India, creating a dining experience that blends nostalgia with modern presentation.

The menu showcases specialties from five distinct



regional cuisines. Signature offerings include Gongura Mamsam from Andhra Pradesh, Kunda-pur Ghee Roast from coastal Karnataka, Meen Pollichattu from Kerala, Kolhapuri Mutton Sukka from Maharashtra and the iconic Butter Chicken from Old Delhi. Smaller plates add further diversity with dishes such as Shrimp Pickle with Masala Brioche, Chicken Wings Vepudu, Steamed Kalimpong Momos and Jeedipappu Pakoda, reflecting flavours from across the country.

Complementing the food is an innovative cocktail menu titled The Paper Plane's Logbook, inspired

by imaginary journeys across India. Each cocktail incorporates regional ingredients and stories, offering guests a taste of different parts of the country. Signature drinks include Crimson Wind, featuring gongura with tequila and salted agave; Kokum Cloud, blending gin, kokum and passion-fruit; and Firestorm Ember, made with ginger-infused tequila and fermented chilli agave.

The rooftop venue has been designed to accommodate a variety of social occasions, from after-work gatherings to weekend celebrations. With contemporary architecture, stylish interiors, inti-

mate seating areas, communal tables and a lively bar, the space transforms from a relaxed daytime setting into an energetic nightlife destination.

Speaking about the launch, Amardeep Singh, Multi Property General Manager, Hyderabad Marriott Hotel & Convention Centre and Courtyard by Marriott Hyderabad, said the concept was created to reflect Hyderabad's evolving social and dining culture.

He said the focus was on combining a strong cocktail programme with authentic regional Indian flavours to create a destination where guests can spend an entire evening enjoying food, drinks and conversation.

By bringing together India's rich culinary heritage, creative mixology and an engaging rooftop ambience, Vayu aims to establish itself as one of Hyderabad's newest lifestyle destinations, offering diners an experience that extends beyond the meal while celebrating the city's cosmopolitan character.

British brewer Lion brewery co re-enters India after six decades

NEW DELHI
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British brewer Lion brewery co has re-entered the Indian market after an absence of more than six decades, launching its premium beer portfolio in Delhi as it seeks to tap the country's fast-growing premium beer segment.

The company has partnered with Copperdrop Spirits as its exclusive importer and distributor in India, with plans to expand distribution to Haryana and Uttar Pradesh in the next phase.

The brewer, which was founded in London in 1836, said it has historical links with India and was among the early producers and exporters of India Pale Ale (IPA), a beer style originally developed for export to the country during the British era.

"India is not just a new market for us, it's part of Lion brewery co's story," said Will Julius, Managing Director of Lion brewery co.

Lion brewery co is targeting the premium segment of the Indian beer market, which is growing at an annual rate of more than 40 per cent, driven by rising urban disposable incomes, a shift towards milder and

craft beers, and a surge in the number of microbreweries.

"To bring Lion back after more than half a century, and to do so at a time when the premium beer segment is growing so rapidly in India, is incredibly exciting," he added. The company has entered the Indian market with its Island Lager and Pale Ale, which are currently available in 330 ml bottles in Delhi. According to Lion brewery co, more formats are expected to be introduced.

Lion brewery co's entry into India has been enabled through its partnership with Copperdrop Spirits. The company, which was restored by a group of friends in 2018, said Copperdrop Spirits is promoted by the founder of premium beer brand Bad Monkey Beer.

"We see strong potential for premium international craft brands in India. Lion brewery co combines heritage, authenticity and quality, all of which strongly resonate with today's Indian consumer," said Rohan Khare of Copperdrop Spirits. India's beer market is undergoing significant premiumisation, with the overall market estimated.

‘KJQ’ makers unveil Yukthi Thareja’s character ‘Bhargavi’ ahead of August 7 release

The makers of the upcoming Telugu period crime drama ‘KJQ’ (King, Jackie, Queen) have unveiled actress Yukthi Thareja’s character from the much-awaited film, creating excitement among fans and movie enthusiasts. The production house SLV Cinemas revealed that Yukthi will be seen portraying the role of Bhargavi, the ‘Queen’ of the film.

SLV Cinemas shared a special video clip introducing the actress and her character on social media platforms. The production banner announced, “Meet ‘Bhargavi’ as the Queen of #KJQ in 6 days. Grand release worldwide on August 7th.” The character reveal has further increased curiosity around the film, which is gearing up for a grand theatrical release.

The excitement surrounding KJQ has been steadily growing following the release of its trailer a few days ago. The trailer opens with a powerful voiceover that introduces the three key characters through symbolic comparisons with personalities representing contrasting shades of human nature. The narration explores how circumstances can shape individuals, turning them into a ruthless force, a visionary figure, or an ordinary person.

The trailer offers glimpses of an



intense storyline filled with power struggles, ego clashes, friendship, and revenge. It showcases the journey of two close friends whose relationship takes a dramatic turn, leading them into a fierce conflict. The performances of Deekshith Shetty, Shashi Odela, and Yukthi Thareja appear to be central to the emotional and dramatic depth of the narrative.

Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the banner of SLV Cinemas, KJQ is a period crime drama set in the backdrop of the 1990s. The film explores the darker shades of human emo-

tions while presenting a gripping story of ambition, loyalty, and betrayal.

Deekshith Shetty, who has impressed audiences with his performances in films like ‘Dasara’ and ‘The Girlfriend’, plays the lead role in the movie. He is joined by debutant Shashi Odela and actress Yukthi Thareja, who appear in significant roles.

The film holds special significance as it marks the final directorial venture of late filmmaker KK, who passed away last year. The makers are planning to present KJQ as a heartfelt tribute to his creative vision, passion, and dedication towards cinema.

On the technical front, the film features cinematography by Nagesh Banell, while Poornachandra Tejaswi has composed the background score. The technical crew also includes editor Shravan Kantikaneni and production designer Srikanth Ramishetty, who have contributed to creating the film’s period setting and visual appeal.

With its intriguing storyline, strong performances, and emotional connection to the late director’s legacy, KJQ is expected to be one of the notable Telugu releases this season. The film is scheduled to hit theatres worldwide on August 7.

Mumbai police trace Sweden VPN in Aamir Khan threat probe

MUMBAI
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As per the latest update in the Aamir Khan threat case, police sources revealed that a Sweden-based VPN was allegedly used to send the viral threatening audio message received by the actor.

Police authorities are now examining the digital trail to trace the person behind the message. According to sources, the threatening audio message was allegedly linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. In the clip, a person claiming to be Arzu Bishnoi allegedly made remarks against Aamir Khan and accused him of promoting “love jihad,” claiming it was against Indian culture and Sanatan Dharma. The audio message further contained a threat to “teach Aamir Khan a lesson.”

Police have not registered an FIR in the case so far. Sources said that officials are working to identify the person responsible for sending the message. As part of the investigation, police officials reportedly traced the initial IP address to Sweden. However, authorities suspect that the actual location may have been concealed as

the message was allegedly sent using a VPN and Tor browser.

The use of such tools can make it difficult to identify the original source of an online activity, and investigators are now analyzing available digital evidence to trace the sender.

On July 18, Aamir Khan allegedly received a threat from individuals claiming links to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang through a purported social media post. The alleged threats were issued by people identified as Arzu Bishnoi and Tyson Bishnoi. The purported post allegedly accused Aamir of promoting “love jihad,” with the claim seemingly linked to his recent marriage.

An excerpt from the post read, “I, Aarzoo Bishnoi and Tyson Bishnoi (Lawrence Bishnoi Group), want to say that people like Aamir Khan are pro-

moting what is being called ‘Love Jihad’ in our country, which is against our culture. We will not tolerate this man, and he will soon be made to face the consequences. This is against Sanatan Dharma and against the nation. We promise our brothers, sisters, and fellow citizens that whoever promotes such disgraceful acts will be dealt with in our own way. Those who are encouraging this in the name of stardom will be silenced.”

According to sources, police became aware of the alleged threat through a Facebook post and a voice note. Aamir Khan recently tied the knot with his longtime partner Gauri Spratt in a private registered marriage ceremony held at his Mumbai residence on July 5. The wedding marked the 61-year-old actor’s third marriage.

Telangana Clinches Overall Title at National Karate Championship



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana emerged as the Overall Champion at the 15th Shotokan National Karate Championship-2026 held in Bengaluru, with students of GVR Karate Academy delivering a dominant performance by winning 38 gold medals and 10 silver medals across Kata and Kumite events. Representing Telangana, 24 karate athletes from the academy showcased exceptional skill and consistency, helping the state secure the coveted overall championship trophy.

The trophy was presented to Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, Director of GVR Karate Academy, by championship organiser Munir

Pasha and ODRIO Karate Chief Rajasekharan during the prize distribution ceremony. The academy won 15 gold and 9 silver medals in Kata, while its athletes bagged 23 gold and one silver medal in Kumite, underlining Telangana's dominance at the national-level competition. Among the standout performers were G. Amrutha Reddy and G. Gana Santhoshini Reddy, who secured double gold medals in both Kata and Kumite in their respective categories.

Other double-gold winners included Anagha, Mahima Vishal Patel, Gautami, Akshini, Sivani, Mouktika, Makadiya Shreya, Bollam Chinmayi Priya, Olakunti John Preetham, M. Akash Chauhan, Aarav,

and Saharsh. Several athletes also combined gold and silver medal finishes, including Dwaita, Sritha, Zunaira, G. Avigna Venkat Reddy, Lakshmi Narasimha, Vansh, Prithviraj Pinjara, Lakakula Anveeth Patel, and Bhargav, while Raghuram earned silver medals in both Kata and Kumite.

Congratulating the athletes, Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy, the coaching staff and parents praised the team's remarkable achievement and dedication. They expressed confidence that the academy's students would continue to excel at international competitions, bringing greater recognition to Telangana and India through their outstanding performances.

Mirabai Chanu targets elusive Asian Games medal after historic CWG gold

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Olympic silver medallist and three-time consecutive Commonwealth Games (CWG) champion Mirabai Chanu has set her sights on winning her first-ever Asian Games medal, admitting that the weight of expectations continues to grow with every success but also motivates her to work harder. Fresh from clinching her third straight Commonwealth Games gold in Glasgow 2026, Chanu said the upcoming Asian Games remains her biggest challenge because it is the only major event where she is yet to win a medal.

"An Asian Games medal will be very important for me because I have never won one before. I will give my best. There is pressure, but that pressure pushes me to perform better," Chanu said in an interaction with PTI after returning from Glasgow. The 31-year-old weightlifter said every medal comes with greater responsibility, making it increasingly difficult to maintain consistency at the highest level. "Winning



a medal brings happiness, but it also increases expectations. People expect you to keep winning, and that adds pressure. For me, every medal gives me strength to work even harder for the next one," she said. Reflecting on her career, Chanu described winning the silver medal at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow as one of the happiest moments of her sporting journey. That breakthrough performance

marked the beginning of an illustrious career, which later saw her claim Commonwealth Games gold medals in Gold Coast (2018), Birmingham (2022) and Glasgow (2026). Apart from her Commonwealth success, Chanu has won the 2017 World Championship gold, silver medals at the 2022 and 2025 World Championships, and multiple medals at the Asian and Commonwealth Championships. However,

she admitted that narrowly missing a medal at the Paris Olympics remains one of the biggest disappointments of her career. "Every athlete dreams of winning an Olympic medal. Missing out in Paris by such a small margin was heartbreaking. It was difficult to recover mentally and return to top-level competition, but I had to plan ahead, stay focused and work extremely hard," she said. Looking back at her

journey, Chanu said she gradually learned the demands of international weightlifting and embraced the responsibility of representing India on the global stage. "After winning silver in Glasgow in 2014, I realised I had greater responsibility towards Indian weightlifting. I kept learning, worked hard and received tremendous support from everyone, especially my coach Vijay Sharma sir. Whatever I have achieved is because of that support," she said. Chanu added that she would not make any major changes to her preparation for the Asian Games, stressing that remaining injury-free will be the biggest priority. "There will be no special training. I will continue with my regular routine. The most important thing is to stay injury-free before the Games," she said. She also expressed happiness at the prospect of receiving the Arjuna Award, saying it had been a childhood dream despite already being honoured with the Major Dhyani Chand Khel Ratna Award.

KTR turns Revanth’s criminal waste barb on Rahul, demands apology

BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao has urged Rahul Gandhi to direct Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to withdraw his alleged remarks on engineering students and issue an unconditional apology, warning that silence would amount to political endorsement of the comments.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Putting Congress Lok Sabha leader Rahul Gandhi on the defensive, BRS working president KT Rama Rao BRS demanded an unconditional public apology to the country’s students, engineers and teachers over Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s remarks calling engineering students as criminal waste. He warned Rahul Gandhi that silence over the Chief Minister’s comments amounted to political endorsement. He also sought Rahul Gandhi to direct Revanth Reddy to withdraw the re-

marks and tender an unconditional apology. “The engineers building India’s digital economy... are not criminal waste, but the country’s greatest national assets,” he affirmed. In a sharply worded four-page letter, Rama Rao asked whether the remarks reflected the Congress party’s official position on students, engineers and the youth. He reminded that India’s youth were among the country’s greatest strengths and described engineers, scientists, teachers, students and entrepreneurs as contributors to the nation’s technological and economic progress. They de-



served admiration, encouragement and respect—not humiliation, he said. He argued that Rahul Gandhi bore both political and moral responsibility as the Congress leader who campaigned for the party in Telangana and personally chose Revanth Reddy as Chief Minister. The BRS working president said the Chief Minister’s remarks were not

mere political comments but an insult to lakhs of engineering students, their parents and teachers. He said a Chief Minister branding engineers as criminal waste, diminished not the engineers but the dignity of the constitutional office he held. He accused Revanth Reddy of following a pattern of disparaging students and young people. He cited the Chief Minister’s earlier comments terming the university students as a “beer and biryani batch”, dismissing student movements as the work of “thugs”, and making derogatory remarks against teachers. Reminding the history of

youth-led political movements including resistance to the Emergency and the Telangana statehood movement, Rama Rao said India’s youth repeatedly demonstrated that their self-respect cannot be insulted or ignored. He recalled the Telangana statehood movement, in which lakhs of young people fought for statehood under K Chandrashekhar Rao’s leadership. Targeting Rahul Gandhi, Rama Rao questioned the credibility of his speeches on democracy, constitutional morality and the dignity of youth if such comments went without accountability within his own party.

Residents March for JBS-Medchal Metro Corridor

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Demanding immediate implementation of the JBS-Medchal Metro corridor, residents and activists walked from Jeedimetla to the Jubilee Bus Station Metro Hub on Sunday, urging the Centre and the Telangana government to expedite Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II expansion. The march, organised by the Medchal Metro Sadhana Samithi (MMSS) and supported by The Citizens Council, highlighted the urgent need to expand Hyderabad’s Metro Rail network in view of rapid urbanisation and growing traffic congestion. Addressing participants, MMSS founder Sampath Reddy Mamidi said the movement would continue until work on the Medchal Metro corridor begins. “Our walk will



continue until the first pillar of the Medchal Metro is erected,” he said. Organisers said the JBS-Medchal corridor and the Raidurgam-Shamshabad International Airport Metro corridor are among the most critical projects to meet Hyderabad’s mobility needs. They said both corridors could serve lakhs of commuters, ease congestion, improve connectivity and support future growth. They expressed concern that while the Raidurgam-Shamshabad Airport Metro corridor has reportedly been shelved by the Telangana

government, the JBS-Medchal Metro project is still awaiting approval from the Government of India despite state recommendations. The delay, they said, has deprived commuters in North Hyderabad of a safe, efficient and environmentally sustainable transport system. The Citizens Council said Hyderabad, despite being one of India’s fastest-growing metropolitan cities and a major contributor to the national economy, has not received the Metro Rail expansion it deserves compared to several other cities.

Minor Rams Car Into Biker, Kills 1, Injures 1

HYDERABAD
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A 60-year-old man died and his 55-year-old brother was critically injured, when a 17-year-old rammed into them in a rented car near a school at Karmikanagar on Sunday morning. The brothers were on a two-wheeler heading to a church Mass when the car hit them at about 9.45 am, Madhuranager police said. The minor, driving a white car (TS09 FK 4804), lost control of the vehicle, knocked down the victims and crashed into some parked bikes and came to a halt some distance away. A

CCTV video showed the riders purportedly veering to the left on noticing the car, which swerved across the road and hit the victims. Raj Kumar was shifted to a hospital in Yousufguda, where he succumbed to injuries. His brother M. Prabhakar was taken to another hospital and remains in critical condition, according to Madhuranager station house officer H. Prabhakar. Locals rushed to rescue the brothers who were trapped under the vehicle and alerted police. “We were going towards Madhuranager when we saw the accident,” a resident, M. Sudheer told Deccan

Chronicle. “The two bike riders came under the car which came to a stop after dragging them for a distance. Along with the locals, we lifted the car and rescued the two persons. We then called the police.” One of the injured persons was found unconscious under the right rear wheel of the car. “We lifted the car and pulled him out,” Ashok Kumar, another resident, said. Police seized the car and identified the driver as a student of a college at Borabanda. His father has been informed of the incident, police said.

104th Annual Bonala Mahotsavam Elephant Lakshmi Greets Goddess



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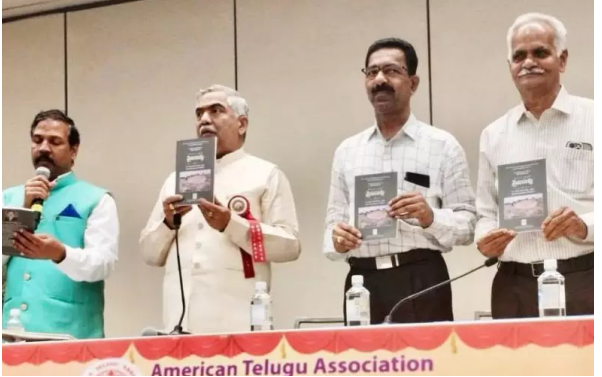
Sri Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma Mahankali Temple As part of the 104th Annual Bonala Mahotsavam, the brochure was unveiled on Sunday under the auspices of the Joint Bonala Puja Committee President Katta Lingam. The procession of Mahankali and Nalla Pochamma Temples in Sabjimandi was grand. The procession, which passed through the streets of Tappachabutra, Lodh Kshatriya Nagar, Malaimet Nataraj Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar and

other places, was given a grand welcome by people in all areas. The program was attended by the General Secretary of the Joint Bonala Puja Committee, Alle Ramkumar, Advisors Katta Rajaiiah, Senapati Chandrasekhar, Gudaboyina Sivaratnam, Jalagari Venu, Katta Sivaraj, Burra Venukumar, Katta Narsingrao, Avushetti Shyam Sundar, Gudumani Ashok Kumar, Gandla Niranjan Babu, Pyata Nanda Kishore, Dorthula Srinivas, Committee members and devotees in large numbers.

T’gana Milestones Book Launched In US

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A book titled ‘Milestones in the History of Telangana’, authored by archaeologist and Pleach India Foundation CEO Dr E. Sivanagireddy, was unveiled at the 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) conference and youth convention held at Baltimore in the US on Saturday. The book was released by Venu Nakshatram, the chair of the ATA literary wing, and Enugu Narasimha Reddy, director of the Telangana language and culture department. The publication doc-



uments archaeological and historical discoveries from Telangana, including the largest microlith from Somasila dated to 12,500 years ago, a Mesolithic hutment from Chinnamarur dated to 4000 BCE, an ivory comb from Pochampadu dated to 1000 BCE, a silver portrait coin of Si-

vasri Pulumavi from Peddabankur dated to the 2nd century CE, and a Sivalinga from Keesaragutta dated to the 4th century CE. Venu Nakshatram said the book captures discoveries in Telangana’s history and archaeology that are not part of standard textbooks.



A dental camp was organised by the Government Dental College and Hospital under the leadership of Dr. Hasan Imam Naqvi. The camp witnessed the participation of representatives from the Ministry of Social Welfare, the Director of the Disability Department, OSD to various ministries, senior Congress leader Rasheed Khan, Youth Congress President Mr. Aziz, and social activist Sudha Jain. The initiative aimed to promote oral health awareness and provide free dental checkups and consultations to the public.

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Bonalu 2026 Begins in Grand Style

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Telangana's biggest folk festival, Bonalu 2026, commenced with grand religious fervour on Sunday as thousands of devotees gathered at the historic Shri Ujjaini Mahankali Ammavari Temple in Secunderabad to offer prayers to Goddess Mahankali. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy led the state celebrations by offering the traditional Bonam and silk sarees, praying for the peace, prosperity

and well-being of Telangana. Accompanied by Ministers Konda Surekha, Ponnam Prabhakar and Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), the Chief Minister participated in special rituals amid devotional chants, colourful decorations and tight security. Senior leaders, including TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, also offered prayers. Women devotees, dressed in traditional attire, car-

ried beautifully decorated Bonam pots filled with rice cooked with milk and jaggery, adorned with neem leaves and turmeric, as offerings to the Goddess. The celebrations featured Pothuraju processions, folk performances and drum beats, reflecting Telangana's rich cultural heritage. The festivities will continue with the traditional Rangam (oracle predictions) on Monday, drawing lakhs of devotees and tourists from across the state.

