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MAX : 32.0°C
MIN : 24.3°C
RH : 84%
RAINFALL : 7.5 MM
FORECAST : LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

NEET-PG Exam Hit By Technical Glitches At Two Jaipur Centres

JAIPUR: After power disruptions marred the NEET-PG 2026 examination at two centres in Jaipur on Sunday, the conducting authority for the exam, NBEMS, has scheduled a retest on September 5. Only the affected candidates can appear for the exam next month, which will be conducted at 3 pm in Jaipur, according to a notice issued by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS).

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Nepal Floods : Death Toll Rises to 788



A drone view of the aftermath of flash flooding along the Trishuli river amidst fresh water surge warning in the Trishuli Bazaar area of Nuwakot district, Nepal.

KHATMANDU
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The total number of bodies recovered following the devastating flash floods in Nepal has reached 788 as of 3 PM on Sunday, Nepal Police announced. According to the updated data, the highest number of fatalities has been recorded in Chitwan with 264 deaths, followed by Nawalparasi

East with 194, Nawalparasi West with 120, Gorkha with 58, Nuwakot with 52, Dhading with 50, Tanahun with 37, and Rasuwa with 13. Earlier, Nepal's National Disaster Risk Reduction & Management Authority (NDRRMA) announced that as of 1 PM, 2,502 individuals remain missing as rescue operations continue across multiple affected areas.

Unidentified bodies are being stored at 21 hospitals nationwide while authorities work on identification procedures. Out of the total missing persons, NDRRMA stated that 933 are workers from regional hydropower projects, 592 are foreign nationals, and 127 are Nepali citizens travelling with foreign groups. Dozens of missing

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PM Modi receives Uzbekistan's top honour, the 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order PMO India.

PM Honoured with Uzbekistan's Oliy Darajali Do'stlik Order

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was on Sunday conferred with Uzbekistan's prestigious 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order, which he dedicated to the "enduring" bond between India and Uzbekistan. Modi is in Uzbekistan on a two-day visit to bolster ties in a range of areas including trade, clean energy and connectivity. The prime minister was conferred with the honour by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev. "Honoured to receive the 'Oliy Darajali Do'stlik' Order. I dedicate this to the enduring bond be-

tween India and Uzbekistan," Modi said in a social media post. In his remarks, Modi said, "Being honoured with Uzbekistan's highest award is a matter of great pride for me." He said the people of India are very familiar with the word used for the award - 'Dostlik'.

"There is hardly a family in India where the word 'Dostlik' is not spoken a hundred times a day. Today, you have truly brought out the essence of it. 'Dostlik' means friendship. The word itself beautifully expresses the sentiment at the heart of the relationship."

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Unity in Diversity in India's DNA: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat

NEWYORK
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Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat on Saturday (local time) highlighted that "unity in diversity" is embedded in the "DNA" of Bharat, while further underlining how the country's destiny is to make the world realise that diversity can coexist with oneness. He made the remarks while addressing the Universal Oneness



Celebration at Madison Square Garden in New York. Bhagwat said that while "pluralism" is frequently associated with the United States, "unity in diversity" defines Bharat. "I have come here from Nagpur in Bharat to share with you today's joy

and today's spirit. When we say United States of America, one word is often discussed frequently. That is pluralism. And when we say Bharat, another phrase is discussed: unity in diversity. For Bharat, this unity and this diversity, both are in their DNA," Bhagwat said. He emphasised that nations are not merely geographical entities and have a larger role to play. "Nations are not merely geographical entities. In

the design of this universe, nations have to carry out a duty. Swami Vivekananda said, 'Every nation has a message to deliver. Every nation has a mission to accomplish. Every nation has a destiny to fulfil,'" the RSS chief said. Reflecting on Bharat's role, Bhagwat said the country's destiny is to realise and repeatedly make the world realise the principle of "unity in diversity".

GHMC Deploys Drones to Combat Mosquito Breeding

HYDERABAD:

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has stepped up its efforts to control mosquito breeding in the city by deploying drones to spray larvicide at mosquito breeding sites. Drones are used to spray the waterlogged areas, stagnant water bodies, open plots, drains and other locations where mosquitoes are likely to breed. It is particularly useful in areas that are difficult or risky for workers to access manually.

Ben Gvir Proud of Worse Conditions for Palestinian Prisoners

JERUSALEM
Wakeup telangana

Israel's far-right national security minister on Sunday boasted of worsening conditions for Palestinian prisoners as he visited female inmates. Two months before elections, Itamar Ben Gvir posted a video in which a veiled woman, her face blurred out, said that prisoners had "extremely bad" conditions and "don't get any rights, and we have particular needs as women".

"We haven't bathed for three days and we haven't changed our underwear," she said, warning of the risk of disease. Ben Gvir responds approvingly as he compares the treatment to that of hostages held for up to two years by Hamas and other militants in Gaza following the October 7, 2023 attacks. "Our hostages had no shampoo and had no such conditions. I am proud that we have succeeded in reducing the terrorists' prison con-

ditions to the bare minimum. The summer camps in the prisons are over," Ben Gvir said. Ben Gvir, who earlier in his career was convicted of offences including racism, has a history of provocative actions and statements. Earlier this year, he posted a video of himself taunting foreign activists of an intercepted flotilla that tried to break the blockade of Gaza, saying "welcome to Israel" as they were forced to kneel with shackled hands.

Govt pushes 'One Nation, One Time' with IST mandate

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The government has notified the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026, mandating Indian Standard Time (IST) as the single reference for legal, administrative, commercial and other official purposes across the country. The nodal consumer affairs ministry notified the rules on August 27 but they will come into force 180 days after their publication in the official gazette, giving government

departments, businesses, and institutions time to align their systems. The move comes amid growing reliance on digital and technology-based systems — from banking and payments to telecommunications, railways, power grids and computer networks — that depend on accurate and synchronised time stamps. The ministry said inconsistencies between different time sources currently in use could affect the coordination and recording of such activities, prompting the push for a uniform

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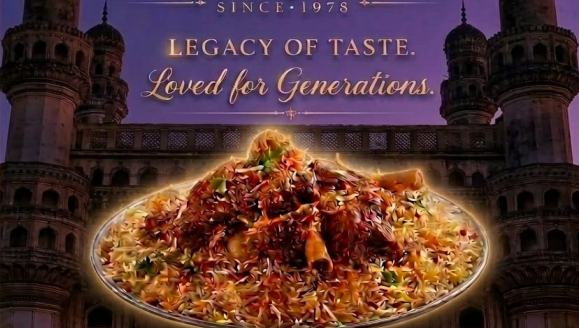
national time standard. The common time reference is expected to support accurate time-stamping of banking and digital payment transactions, coordination among railways, airports and other transport systems, reliable functioning of telecommunication and

internet networks, precise time-keeping in power systems, upkeep of government and legal records, and coordination of emergency and other time-critical services, the ministry said in a statement. A key feature of the rules is the emphasis on reducing dependence on foreign satellite-based time sources, which several critical systems currently rely on. The government is building infrastructure to disseminate accurate IST through Indian institutions

and legal metrology laboratories. The rules also enable the use of NavIC, India's indigenous satellite navigation system, along with other approved Indian timing sources, for secure and reliable time dissemination. As part of the 'One Nation, One Time' initiative, the ministry in July 2026 commissioned a White Rabbit Technology-based IST Dissemination Demonstration Network at the Regional Reference Standard Laboratory (RRSL) in Bengaluru.



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Students Can't Be Punished for Dissent: SC Judge

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Supreme Court judge Ujjal Bhuyan on Sunday said that students expressing a different point of view or asking questions cannot be threatened with punitive action, as such an approach is unconstitutional and a misuse of power. Justice Bhuyan said a university should be a place where "established positions" can be "examined and questioned" and disagreements are not met with hostility. A university

should be where the habit of thinking freely begins, and a student does not hesitate to ask difficult questions, the top court judge asserted, while underscoring that the right to question was not an act of defiance, and that "an intolerant mind" is at odds with the spirit of the Indian Constitution. The top court judge was speaking at the 13th convocation ceremony for the postgraduate students of National Law University, Delhi.

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Sugar Prices Remain Firm Across India Despite Govt Measures to Check Rise

NEW DELHI
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Sugar prices remained above Rs 60 per kg in most retail markets across the country on Sunday, despite several steps taken by the government to check the price rise, according to official data. The Consumer Affairs Ministry data showed that the all-India average retail price of sugar was Rs 64.24 per kg on Sunday, up 1.77 per cent from Rs 63.12 per kg a week earlier. The current price is

30 per cent higher than a month ago and 38.63 per cent higher than the same period last year. The maximum retail price recorded was Rs 74 per kg, while the minimum was Rs 40 per kg, as on August 30. City-wise, retail sugar was selling at Rs 62 per kg in Delhi, Rs 66 per kg in Mumbai, Rs 63 per kg in Chennai and Rs 68 per kg in Ranchi. Wholesale prices also stayed firm at Rs 59.73 per kg, up 31 per cent month-on-month and 38.63 per cent year-on-

year. price was Rs 58.66 per kg a week ago. The elevated retail and wholesale prices come even as ex-mill rates have declined nearly 20 per cent following the government's decision to allow duty-free imports of 10 lakh tonnes of raw sugar. Industry sources point out that a Rs 2-3 per kg gap between ex-mill and wholesale prices, and a Rs 7-8 per kg gap between ex-mill and retail prices, is typical. Apart from opening up imports, the government has tight-

ened stockholding norms for bulk users and dealers, and had earlier banned sugar exports. The Centre has blamed mills for "jacking up" prices, insisting the country holds ample sugar stocks. This is despite production for the 2025-26 marketing year (October-September) being pegged lower at 306 lakh tonnes, down from earlier estimates of 343 lakh tonnes. Annual domestic demand is estimated at around 280-285 lakh tonnes.

Azamabad land row: Harish Rao opposes reported transfer of Oilfed property

BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao alleged that the Telangana government was attempting to hand over valuable Oilfed land in Azamabad to a private party. He demanded the proposal be scrapped and sought freehold rights for Oilfed

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government was attempting to hand over valuable Telangana Oilfed land in Azamabad to a private individual. In an open letter to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday, Harish Rao strongly opposed the reported move. He alleged that, instead of protecting public assets, the Congress government was turning government land into a source of benefit for private individuals. “The Azamabad land issue raises serious questions about the government’s intentions. The decision should be stopped and scrapped im-

mediately,” he demanded. The land in the Azamabad Industrial Area near RTC Cross Roads measures 15,984 square yards. The property has a history dating back to 1954, when it was leased to a private company to run an oil mill. The company later violated the lease conditions, following which the government cancelled the lease in 1974. The private company challenged the decision in the courts and eventually approached the Supreme Court. According to a 1987 Supreme Court judgment, the company was left with only 1,277 square yards. The remaining 15,984 square yards were taken back by the government and handed over to Oilfed



through GO No. 93 in 1991. Since then, Oilfed, now Telangana Oilfed, has remained in possession of the land for more than three decades and has been using and protecting the government property, Harish Rao said. He said there was a subsequent attempt to revive the cancelled lease through GO No. 366 in 2003. The government itself issued a show-cause notice in 2015, seeking

to know why the GO should not be withdrawn. In 2022, the High Court directed the government to take a final decision on the matter. “Despite the court orders and the government’s own records, why is the present government trying to give this valuable land to a private individual?” Harish Rao asked. He questioned the reported proposal to retain only around 1,800 square yards with Oilfed and hand over the remaining land to a private party. He claimed that the land was worth around Rs. 500 crore in the open market and questioned why the government was proposing to give it away for Rs. 87 crore. Harish Rao further said that Oilfed itself was

ready to pay Rs. 87 crore to the government and had kept the amount ready through fixed deposits to secure freehold rights. When the government-owned organisation was ready to pay the amount, he asked why the government was choosing to favour a private individual instead. “This is not just about one piece of land in Azamabad. From Kokapet and Raidurg to Kancha Gachibowli, valuable government lands are being sold or transferred in the name of auctions and allocations,” he alleged. He demanded that the government immediately stop the proposed allocation and ensure that the 15,984-square-yard property remains with Telangana Oilfed.

Revanth Reddy likely to meet AICC leadership amid cabinet expansion buzz

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After Forest Minister Konda Surekha and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is now expected to meet the AICC leadership in New Delhi to discuss a few issues, including cabinet expansion. The Chief Minister is likely to fly to New Delhi on September 3. With the State Assembly session scheduled to begin on September 7, his proposed visit has triggered speculation in Gandhi Bhavan about a possible cabinet expansion and reshuffle. Amid the controversy over allegations made by Konda Surekha’s daughter Konda Sushmitha against the Chief Minister, the Forest Minister met AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru. Within days, Bhatti Vikramarka also met the AICC chief. The TPCC Disciplinary Committee has al-



ready submitted its report on the episode involving the Forest Minister to TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud. It remains unclear whether the report has been forwarded to the AICC leadership for examination. Against this backdrop, Revanth Reddy’s tentative Delhi visit has fuelled speculation that he may discuss the Forest Minister issue with the party high command. At the same time, several MLAs have been lobbying for cabinet berths and making efforts to secure the high command’s approval. A few legislators from the erstwhile Rangareddy and Nizamabad districts have also made repeated visits to New Delhi. Apart from cabinet ex-

pansion, there is strong speculation that the high command may approve a reshuffle of a few portfolios. This has reportedly left some Ministers worried, particularly after AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal had earlier expressed displeasure over the performance of a few Ministers. There are currently two vacancies in the State cabinet. If a couple of Ministers are dropped as part of a reshuffle, the government could make way for the induction of up to four MLAs or MLCs. Meanwhile, Government Advisor K Keshava Rao is learnt to have pitched the name of his daughter and Women’s Commission Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalaxmi for a cabinet berth under the BC quota. Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas and MLC Vijayashanthi are also believed to be among the probable from the same community.

Gutha pitches for cabinet reshuffle, says change will bring fresh approach

Amid demands from some MLAs for induction into the State Cabinet, Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy on Saturday favoured a Cabinet reshuffle, saying it would bring a fresh approach to the government. “There needs to be a change in the Cabinet. There needs to be a change in the government. The existing Cabinet should be reshuffled,” Sukhender Reddy said during an informal interaction with media persons. The Council Chairman observed that it had been two-and-a-half years since the Congress government was formed and said a Cabinet reorganisation would bring a fresh approach to governance.

“Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy should have the freedom to function. No obstacles should be created for him and everyone should cooperate with him,” he said. He also expressed concern over the lack of discipline in the party and said infighting within the Congress should be curbed. “Failure to take action against those who cross the party line will harm the party,” Sukhender Reddy said. “It would have been better if State Planning Board Vice-Chairman G Chinna Reddy had not spoken so openly. If all these issues are addressed, the party can return to power,” he said, according to reports. The Council Chairman also criticised the State government on some issues. He suggested increasing the existing monthly pension of Rs 2,000 and wanted the Rythu Bharosa scheme to continue, while restricting its benefits to eligible recipients.

Telangana faces Rs 10,000 crore employee dues burden as 28,000 set to retire

The Telangana government faces a growing financial burden, with nearly Rs 10,000 crore in employee and retirement-benefit dues pending. More than 28,000 government employees are expected to retire by 2028, potentially adding nearly Rs 9,000 crore annually.

HYDERABAD
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The Congress government is facing a growing financial burden, with nearly Rs.10,000 crore in dues pending towards government employees and retirement benefits. Employees and pensioners have already taken to the streets, demanding that the government clear the pending dues. Amid these demands, the State government is set to face another financial challenge, with a large number of employees due to retire over the next three years. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has on several occasions admitted that the State government was finding it difficult to pay salaries on the first day of every month. After signing agreements with banks in June this year to extend accidental insurance coverage to employees, the Chief Minister had also pointed out that retirement benefits of



nearly Rs.1,000 crore a month were adding to the existing financial burden. Though he said the government was releasing Rs.750 crore every month towards retirement benefits, there was still a deficit of around Rs.250 crore. The situation is likely to become more challenging as more employees retire in the coming years. According to rough estimates, over 28,000 government employees are expected to retire over the next three years. By the end of 2026, around 9,700 employees are expected to retire. Another 9,400 employees are likely to attain superannuation age in 2027, while around 8,700 employees are expected to retire in 2028. At the time of retirement, the government has to pay gratuity,

pension, leave encashment and other benefits. Together, these are estimated to impose an annual financial burden of nearly Rs.9,000 crore on the State exchequer. The State government maintains that a substantial amount is being allocated in the annual budget to ensure timely payment of retirement benefits. However, employees contend that pending retirement benefits are piling up with each passing year. Of the funds allocated in the annual budget, nearly 50 per cent has already been spent on retirement benefits in the first four months of the current financial year. Adding to the pressure, the government is also due to implement the recommendations of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC). The term of the second PRC is set to expire on September 30. If a new PRC is implemented, expenditure on salaries and retirement benefits is likely to rise substantially.

Kadiyam Srihari opposes GO 97, expresses concerns over polytechnics merger

JANGOAN
Wakeup telangana

Government Polytechnic Colleges’ students, who were up in arms against the Congress government’s efforts to merge the colleges with Young India Skill University (YISU), received support from unlikely quarters as Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari opposed GO 97. It might be noted that the government released GO 97 recently to move government polytechnics along with ITIs under the newly formed Skill,



Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives (SHAKTI) Department, linking them to the YISU under a public-private partnership (PPP) model. Students across the State opposed it. The MLA Srihari, speaking at a programme at Station Ghanpur on Saturday, urged the Congress government to revoke GO 97. He said as a former Education Minister, he wanted

polytechnic education to remain integrated with engineering education and it should not be brought under the purview of the Labour and Employment Department. The proposed move to bring polytechnic education under the Labour and Employment Department has created unnecessary apprehensions among students, who were worried that they would end up as labourers if the government proceeds with its move. Although the government’s intentions were good, the students view themselves as future engi-

neers destined for white-collar jobs, not roles associated with the labour sector. Their perspective was also valid and that was why the government should desist from merging polytechnic colleges with YISU, Srihari noted. The MLA asked chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to look into the matter and withdraw the GO 97 keeping the future of the polytechnic students. He suggested that the committee constituted by the government to address the issue should consider continuing polytechnic college.

Keshav Reddy School Student Vinay Kumar Shines with State Level 7th Rank

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Bringing pride to his school, Sunke Vinay Kumar, a student of Keshav Reddy Educational Institutions, Kandli-Sangareddy Branch, showcased his academic talent by securing an impressive 7th rank at the State level. Marking the achievement, the school Principal and teachers congratulated Vinay Kumar and felicitated him for his outstanding per-



formance. He was also presented with a certificate of appreciation in recognition of his accomplishment. The school management and teaching staff expressed happiness over the student’s achievement

and wished him continued success in his academic journey and future endeavours. They said the achievement reflected the student’s dedication and consistent efforts, along with the valuable guidance of his teachers and encouragement from his parents. The school management congratulated Vinay Kumar, his parents and teachers, expressing confidence that he would continue to excel and achieve greater milestones in the years ahead.

Organs of brain-dead Jangaon RMP save three lives



The family members of 24-year-old Kanneboina Praveen, a resident of Ganugupahad, Jangaon, who was declared brain dead by doctors, have donated his organs to needy patients under the State-run Jeevandana organ donation initiative. On August 27, Praveen, a RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner) doctor by profession, was travelling home on his two-wheeler when a wild boar suddenly crossed the road and collided with his vehicle, causing him to lose control and sustain a severe head injury. He was shifted to a private hospital in Hyderabad where he received ICU treatment. With his health not improving, the doctors declared him as brain dead on August 29. The father of the young RMP, Anjaiah made the heartfelt decision to donate his kidneys and liver, helping three patients in need. Jeevandana Telangana has extended its gratitude to the family members of Kanneboina Praveen for taking the noble decision of donating his organs to needy patients.

Rajiv Rahadhari turns accident-prone as 504 killed in one year

KARIMNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

The state highway number one, also known as Rajiv Rahadhari connecting Ramagundam and Hyderabad via Karimnagar has increasingly become a dangerous stretch, with witnessing many accidents and fatalities at regular intervals. As per information provided by the police, the 206 kms long four-lane expressway, in particular, erstwhile Karimnagar district region saw 1,816 mishaps from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 claiming

504 lives and injuring 921 persons. The alarming number of road accidents has become a cause for the motorists, who use the road to reach Hyderabad for medical emergencies, businesses, agriculture, education and other needs every day. In the latest instance, two youngsters were killed on the spot, while two others sustained injuries when a car rammed into a stationary lorry parked on the Rajiv Rahadhari at Bommakal, on the outskirts of Karimnagar city in April. A farmer received serious injuries after a speeding

RAJIV RAHADHARI AT A GLANCE

Length: 206 kms

Distance of road to Karimnagar: 95 kms

Commencement of project: 2007

Completion of the road: 2014

Total cost (Rs): 14,000 Cr

Daily traffic: 14,000 vehicles

Black spots: 41

Accidents: 1,816

Deaths: 504

Injuries: 921

RECENT ROAD MISHAPS

2026

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have been identified by the officials across the stretch, reflecting the possibility of mishaps. Major share of the dangerous spots are situated in Peddapalli district alone. Degree College, Collectorate, Kunram cross road, a road over bridge leading to Manthani are registering accidents regularly. Experts further alleged that negligence of the officials in enforcement of road safety norms was resulting in the mishaps. They cite that no vigilance has been kept on over speeding of vehicles.

“The maximum permitted speed is 80 kms per hour. However, vehicles zoom at 120 km per hour due to lack of vigil by the officials,” an expert said. Meanwhile, recommendations made by an Assembly House Committee in 2013-which flagged design flaws and irregularities in the project, remain unimplemented. Bhanu Prasad, the chairman of the committee, constituted on the alleged irregularities in the Rajiv Rahadhari works, had remarked that works of the infrastructure were not executed as per norms of NHAI.

11th Century Inscription Found at Siddheshwara Temple

Researchers at Ibrahimpatnam identified an inscription lying on the premises of the Siddheshwara Temple at Nandivanaparti in Yacharam mandal, Rangareddy district as belonging to the 11th century common era (CE). The inscription, now referred to as the Nandivanaparti Siddheshwara Temple Inscription, was deciphered by Dr Pavan Kumar, professor at the government degree college, Ibrahimpatnam, with assistance from Sriramoju Haragopal, president of the Kotha Telangana Charitra Brundam. The inscription slab was visible on one side, but when the pillar was turned over, the beginning portion on the other side was found. At the top of the inscription were half-sculptures of the Moon, Sun, Nandi, a Shiva Linga, a sword under a cow, and elephants.

KBR Park flyovers to consume 20,000 metric tonnes of steel under H-CITI project

Seven steel flyovers planned around KBR Park under the H-CITI project are estimated to require 20,000 metric tonnes of steel. GHMC is exploring bulk procurement as excavation work progresses, with construction of the flyovers.

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The steel flyovers that are to come up around KBR Park under the Hyderabad City Innovative and Transformative Infrastructure (H-CITI) project are expected to have steel consumption in huge quantities. As part of the H-CITI project to ease the traffic around the busy circle around the national park, the authorities have come up the proposal of seven flyovers and two underpasses. The works on these components have already commenced with huge pits dug up and the police coming up with one-way traffic movement to facilitate the construction expected to be completed in two years. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation



(GHMC) would be ordering the steel in bulk quantities to build the flyovers around KBR Park and estimates have suggested the steel consumption for seven steel flyovers to be a whopping 20,000 metric tonnes. According to the GHMC officials, estimates were being worked out and enquiries with steel manufacturers who can supply such huge bulk were under consideration. Given the large quantities needed, the manufacturers

would require advance orders. The steel flyovers coming up here include a four-lane, first-level steel flyover from Jubilee Hills Check Post on Road No 45, taking off near Jubilee Hills Metro station and dropping at Mangat Rai Jewellers, a three-lane steel flyover from KBR Park entrance to Mugdha Junction on Jubilee Hills Road No 36, near Sagar Society traffic junction. The other flyovers are a two-lane flyover running

from Indo-American Cancer Hospital junction towards Maharaja Agrasen Island junction, and a two-lane unidirectional flyover connecting Film Nagar with Maharaja Agrasen Bhavan, carrying one-way traffic. Also coming up are a two-lane unidirectional flyover from Road No 45 in Jubilee Hills, near Mayuri Food Court, to the Indian Petrol Pump and another two-lane unidirectional flyover from Jubilee Hills Check Post towards Durgam Cheruvu. According to the officials, the excavation works were on for the flyovers and underpasses and with the traffic movement around the park showing signs of stabilising, the works would be taken up accordingly and completed as per the schedule.

Kishan Reddy, Vishweshwar Reddy Inspect Rs 27 Crore Vikarabad Railway Station Works

VIKARABAD Wakeup telangana

BJP Chevella MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy and Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy inspected the ongoing modernisation works at Vikarabad Railway Station, being developed at an estimated cost of Rs 27 crore. The leaders reviewed the progress of the project and assessed the facilities being created as part of the station's redevelopment. During the inspection, Kishan Reddy and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy interacted with railway officials and took stock of the various works underway. They instructed the officials to ensure that the project is completed within the stipulated time-frame while maintaining high standards of construction and quality.



Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Kishan Reddy said that railway infrastructure was being strengthened across Telangana as part of efforts to provide passengers with better facilities and improve connectivity. He stated that 42 railway stations across the state are being developed simultaneously under the ongoing railway modernisation programme. Kishan Reddy said the Vikarabad railway station redevelopment project, taken up with an investment of Rs 27 crore, would significantly improve passenger amenities. The project includes the construction of two escalators and two lifts to provide easier access between platforms and other areas of the station. In addition, a canteen and facilities for persons with disabilities are being developed, along with several other modern passenger amenities. The improvements are aimed at making the station more convenient, accessible and passenger-friendly. The Union Minister said enhanced railway connectivity and modern infrastructure would play an important role in the overall development of Vikarabad. He emphasised the need for timely execution of the works so that residents and railway passengers could benefit from the upgraded facilities at the earliest.

15 Evacuated, 6 Cars Gutted in Midnight Cellar Fire at Filmnagar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Fifteen residents were safely evacuated after a major fire broke out in the cellar of a residential apartment building at HUDA Enclave, Journalist Colony, in Filmnagar late on Saturday night. Six cars parked in the cellar were completely gutted in the blaze. Upon receiving the alert, fire tenders were promptly dispatched to the scene, including a multipurpose water tender from Punjagutta, alongside water bowsters from Annapurma and Jubilee Hills fire stations. Firefighters immediately entered the smoke-filled building, conducted a sweep, and safely evacuated 15 residents



stranded inside, preventing any loss of life. The firefighting teams brought the blaze under control and extinguished it completely, Hyderabad District Fire Officer (DFO) T. Venkanna said. No casualties or injuries were reported, the official confirmed, adding that the prompt response and coordinated efforts of the rescue teams averted a potential tragedy.

Majlis Ansarullah Hyderabad Annual Ijtema Concludes with Faith, Service

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Elders Auxiliary Organisation (Majlis Ansarullah) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, District Hyderabad, successfully concluded its Annual Ijtema, bringing together more than 200 members for a day of spiritual learning, fellowship and community engagement. The programme began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by the Ansarullah pledge and opening remarks by office bearers. Participants



attended addresses and interactive sessions highlighting faith, moral values, service to humanity, unity and the responsibilities of elders in society. The Ijtema also featured academic competitions, discussions and activities designed to enhance religious knowledge, discipline, teamwork and leadership. Prizes were distributed to participants who excelled in various competitions. A special prayer session was conducted for peace, prosperity and harmony in India and across the world. The concluding session emphasized living according to Islamic

teachings, serving humanity selflessly and contributing positively to society. Organizers expressed gratitude to participants, volunteers and guests for their cooperation in making the event successful. They reaffirmed Majlis Ansarullah Hyderabad's commitment to promoting peace, righteousness, brotherhood and community service. The gathering concluded with silent prayer, with members renewing their resolve to uphold faith, compassion and service to humanity.

GHMC Commissioner Inspects Moosarambagh Bridge, Nalgonda Flyover Works



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GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, IAS, along with the Chief Engineer, Assistant Commissioner (Sanitation) and other GHMC officials, inspected the ongoing infrastructure works at the Moosarambagh Bridge and Nalgonda Flyover. During the inspection, the Commissioner reviewed the progress and directed officials to ensure all necessary arrangements are in place for the inauguration of the Moosarambagh Bridge, where construction works have already been completed. At the Nalgonda Flyover, Karnan instructed officials to expedite the remaining works. He directed them to complete the A4 up-ramp by Sunday and finish the A3-side ramp towards Champapet within the next two to three days. The main structure of the flyover has already been completed. The Nalgonda Flyover is expected to significantly improve traffic movement in several busy areas of Hyderabad once it becomes fully operational. The project is aimed at reducing congestion and providing smoother connectivity for commuters travelling through Chanchalguda, Saidabad, Santosh Nagar, IS Sadan, Owaisi Hospital, Kanchan Bagh, Champapet and Sagar Road. The Commissioner emphasized timely completion of the pending works and instructed officials to maintain quality standards while ensuring that the projects are made accessible to the public at the earliest.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Reviews Live NEET-PG Monitoring

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha on Sunday visited the NEET-PG Live Monitoring Unit established at the TCS office in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, and reviewed the ongoing examination process across the State. The Minister observed the real-time monitoring system and assessed the conduct of the NEET-PG examination at various centres in Telangana. Officials briefed him on the arrangements and informed him that the examination was proceeding smoothly, peacefully and without major disruptions. Rajanarsimha reviewed the live feeds from examination centres and took stock of the monitoring mechanism put in place to ensure orderly conduct of the examination. The system allows officials to closely observe activities at centres and coordinate promptly if any issue arises. The Minister also interacted with officials stationed at the monitoring unit and reviewed the



overall situation while the examination continued across Telangana. The live monitoring arrangements are aimed at strengthening supervision, maintaining transparency and ensuring that candidates can appear for the examination in a secure and well-managed environment. The Minister's visit highlighted the Health Department's focus on effective coordination and continuous supervision to ensure the NEET-PG examination is conducted smoothly across all centres in the State.

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Banjara Hills Traffic PS Bids Farewell to SI Tuljaram

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A grand farewell ceremony was held at the Banjara Hills Traffic Police Station to honour Sub-Inspector Tuljaram on his retirement. The ceremony was led by Banjara Hills Traffic Police Station SHO Sri Sunil, along with Additional Inspector Sri Swamy. Both officers praised SI Tuljaram for his dedicated years of public service, professionalism and commitment to maintaining law and order. Station staff and fellow Sub-Inspectors gathered to felicitate the retiring officer and express their appreciation for his valuable contributions. The colleagues recalled his sincere service and dedication during his tenure. They wished SI Tuljaram a peaceful, healthy and fulfilling post-retirement life. The gathering concluded on a warm and respectful note, marking the end of his distinguished police service.



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Bowenpally Water Crisis Set to End with ₹45 Lakh Pipeline Project

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Bowenpally residents may soon get relief from a decade-long drinking water crisis as MLA Sri Ganesh launched ₹45 lakh pipeline expansion works across several Secunderabad Cantonment colonies. The project will upgrade the ageing, low-capacity network with larger pipelines to improve water pressure and ensure better household supply. The works will benefit ICRISAT, BHEL, Madhupal, Arihant, Sanjeevaiah, Kiran Enclave, Jawahar



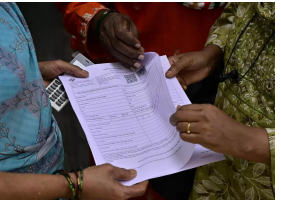
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SIR: BLOs Strike Hit Progress In Distribution Of 'Notices'

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A strike by booth level officers (BLOs) in some constituencies by BLOs over 'non-payment' of honorarium has hit the ongoing 'claims and objections' phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll. A majority of BLOs across Kukatpally, Secunderabad Cantonment and adjoining areas have suspended work for the past few days. The primary grievance reportedly is the prolonged delay in the disbursement of their due honorariums. "We did not even get the amount for the work of the caste census. What is the use doing this work now," said a woman BJP from Kukatpally. "We will not work till we get the amount." In Telangana, every BLO covers 930 voters on average. The Hyderabad district has about 4,000 BLOs. According to locals, owing to the strike, notices for verification hearings, including those set for August 26 and 28, and subsequent dates were never served to the affected voters. "The electoral registration Officer (ERO) for Kukatpally Assembly constituency is unavailable and remains absent from the office. Subordinate election officials and administrative staff express complete inability to take policy or corrective decisions," said G. Raghavender, Congress Medchal-Malkajiri district vice-president. "Representations of del-



egations from local political party leaders, resident associations, and affected voters are being turned away without any resolution or written acknowledgement," he said. Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Narayanan Sriganesh has held multiple meetings with BLOs to oversee and accelerate the SIR exercise. During an all-party meeting of EROs, the MLA requested election officials to immediately release pending salary payments and dues owed to the BLOs engaged in election-related duties. Following com-

plaints landing at CEO's office, poll officials have asked the BLOs to strictly adhere to the norms. Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarsan Reddy, at a video-conference on Saturday, asked officials to ensure that every elector on the list was served notice and an acknowledgement obtained. He said the seven-day notice period should be strictly maintained. "BLOs should remind the electors about the hearing date, time and place at least two days in advance," the official directed.

Odisha-Origin UK Millionaire Family Goes Missing in Nepal Floods

An Odisha-origin millionaire family based in the United Kingdom has reportedly gone missing in Nepal following the devastating floods that have wreaked havoc in several parts of the Himalayan nation. The missing family members have been identified as former Miss India UK Surabhi Sahu, her husband, Santosh Sahu, their 18-year-old son, Spandan, and 13-year-old daughter, Saina. According to reports, the family travelled to Nepal last week as part of a pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar. However, all communication with them has reportedly been lost following the floods, which have severely disrupted normal life and communication networks in several affected areas. The family's whereabouts remain unknown, with relatives and well-wishers anxiously awaiting information about their safety. Poor mobile connectivity and disruptions to communication networks in the flood-hit areas have reportedly made it difficult to establish contact with them.

DGCA Flagged Tecnam Safety Issues Weeks Before Kanpur Crash

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Aviation regulator DGCA had flagged safety issues concerning Tecnam aircraft over a month before a Tecnam P2006T training aircraft crashed in Kanpur on August 27, killing a trainee pilot and an instructor. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had also issued safety recommendations to flying training organisations (FTOs) concerning the Tecnam aircraft and asked them to implement them with immediate effect. According to official communications accessed and reviewed by PTI, the DGCA had at least twice since 2025 flagged concerns over Tecnam planes, primarily used in India for flying training, with FTOs. The latest communication, dated July 10, 2026, circulated safety recommendations issued



by the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) following the May 12, 2022 crash of a twin-engine Tecnam P2006T, operated by FSTC Flying School Pvt Ltd, at Bhiwani in Haryana. In the email, the regulator advised FTOs to "avoid parking Tecnam aircraft on apron/tarmac for prolonged periods during the summer season prior to commencing training flights". It also said, "Greater emphasis should be placed on training for handling emergency situations, particularly during

critical phases of flight on Tecnam aircraft." The DGCA further directed that "checklists should be revised to explicitly incorporate all Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM)-recommended actions for handling emergency situations". The communication was based on the final investigation report of the 2022 Bhiwani accident, which was available on the AAIB website, the email said. An earlier DGCA communication had sought feedback from FTOs on the operational performance of Tecnam

aircraft, a civil aviation source told PTI. A reminder was sent on August 4, 2025, with the subject: "Reminder regarding Feedback checklist for 'Operational Assessment of General Aviation (GA) Aircraft's Performance - Tecnam Aircraft.'" The reminder referred to an earlier email seeking responses through the feedback checklist, according to the source. A flying instructor, who spoke to PTI on condition of anonymity, said several instructors had faced difficulties. "Diamond and Cessna aircraft, which have traditionally been flown for a long time, have good reliability, maintenance and airworthiness. Tecnam aircraft are becoming more popular because of their affordability, but there is a flying risk associated with them," the instructor said.

Iran's Khamenei Urges Gulf Rulers In Written Message To Confront 'Real Enemy'

TEHRAN
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Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei has urged Muslim countries, particularly Gulf nations, to unite against what he described as their "real enemy," warning that divisions among Muslims serve the interests of their adversaries. In a message posted on his Telegram account to mark Islamic Unity Week, which commemorates the birth anniversary of Prophet Muhammad, Khamenei called for greater unity, cooperation and mutual defence among Muslim nations. He said those who create divisions among Muslims, whether knowingly or unknowingly, ultimately help Islam's enemies. Khamenei also pointed to the situation in Palestine, asking whether Palestinians would have been left "so helpless" if Muslim countries had remained united. His remarks come amid continuing tensions between Iran, Israel and the United States, as well as growing friction between Tehran and several Gulf states. Addressing Gulf Arab rulers specifically, Khamenei questioned whether "rogues without identity" would have dared to covet their lands and resources if the



peoples and governments of the Gulf had been united under the banner of Islam. Since Iran's 1979 Islamic Revolution, Gulf Arab monarchies have regarded Tehran's revolutionary ideology, anti-monarchic rhetoric and expanding regional influence as potential threats to their political systems. Relations have remained tense despite periodic diplomatic efforts to improve ties. The latest message also comes against the backdrop of the ongoing conflict involving Iran, Israel and the United States. Iranian attacks have targeted U.S. military facilities and other infrastructure in Gulf countries, further highlighting the strained relations between Tehran and its regional neighbours.

Israel's Killing of Palestinian Children and Teens Surges in West Bank

The killing of Palestinian children and teenagers by Israel has become increasingly common since the start of the war in Gaza.

RAMALLAH
Wakeup telangana

Alia al-Hallaq's son Mohammed was nine when he was killed by an Israeli army bullet last October, but the Palestinian homemaker still speaks of herself as a mother of five, not four. "I still haven't accepted the idea of the loss. I often sit in the courtyard of the house and look at Mohammed's grave below, and I cry while making sure that my children don't see me," she told AFP. She said Mohammed was killed after running away from soldiers patrolling their village of Al-Rihiya, in the south of the occupied West Bank. Hallaq's uncle, also named Mohammed Hallaq, told AFP that his nephew was killed by a stray bullet during a confrontation between the army patrol and a group of older youths. The bullet travelled through Mohammed's abdomen, according to emergency services. "Mohammed's killing was the end," his mother said. The Israeli military, contacted by AFP for



comment on Mohammed's death, said at the time that soldiers opened fire during an altercation while deployed in Al-Rihaya. "Soldiers responded with fire toward the suspects in the rock-hurling. Hits were identified," it said, using language it generally employs to say troops shot and hit someone. The killing of Palestinian children and teenagers by Israel has become increasingly common since the start of the war in Gaza. B'Tselem, an Israeli rights group, reported 235 children and teenagers killed by Israeli forces in the West Bank since October 7, 2023 -- when Hamas launched a massive attack on Israel from the Gaza

Strip -- through June 2026, including five killed by Israeli settlers. The Palestinian Authority's Colonisation and Wall Resistance Commission, a Palestinian government institution, reported 250 such deaths over the same time period. In the 17 years between 2005 and 2021, an average of roughly one Palestinian child or teenager was killed by Israeli forces every month, according to B'Tselem, a frequent but much lower rate. For the period since the October 7 attack, the average using B'Tselem figures is around seven killed per month. AFP spoke to 12 women who lost children since October 7, 2023. Al-

though the details of each case differ, all spoke of family life stopped in its tracks and a lack of accountability. Last year, of the 54 Palestinian children or teenagers killed according to B'Tselem, the youngest was just two years old, while the majority were aged between 14 and 17. Teenagers are often killed when Israeli forces engage with Palestinian youths throwing rocks, whom they routinely label terrorists, and shoot them. The Israeli military commander for the West Bank, Major General Avi Bluth, said in early 2026 that the army had killed 42 Palestinians for throwing stones in 2025, not specifying how many were minors. In several other cases, usually involving younger children such as Mohammed, witnesses said the army had fired indiscriminately at Palestinians and killed children who were present. One such casualty was seven-month-old Sam Abu Hail, shot in the face by Israeli troops in the West Bank city of Hebron in June 2026.

'Make Same Statement in India': D Raja on Bhagwat's Hindu-Muslim Unity Remarks

NEW DELHI
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CPI General Secretary D Raja on Sunday reacted to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat's remarks in the US on Hindu-Muslim unity, saying that if Bhagwat was "honest and truthful", he should repeat the same statement in India. Reacting to Bhagwat's remarks made at the 'One World One Humanity' event in New York, Raja said that making such a statement abroad was different from making it on Indian soil. "If he is honest and truthful, he should come back and make the same statement here. Going to



America and making a statement is one thing, but making the same statement on our soil would make a difference. Let him make the same statement here, and we will see," Raja said. Bhagwat, while addressing the event on Saturday, had said that a person who believes there should be no Muslims in India cannot remain a Hindu. He

also said that Hinduism teaches that all paths lead to the same goal and that every human being has dignity. He said, "If any Hindu thinks that there should be no Muslim in Bharat, he will not remain Hindu. If you want to call yourself Hindu, you must believe that all paths are leading to the same goal and that every human has dignity. There is no difference between human beings..." Meanwhile, CPI MP, P Sandosh, alleged that Bhagwat's remarks were a tactic to divert attention from questions about the RSS's ideology. "These are all tactics of the RSS

Chief to divert attention. What is the real intention of the RSS? Why was this organisation started way back in 1925? This is the question," Sandosh said. Questioning the RSS's ideology, Sandosh asked whether the organisation accepted secularism and the Constitution of India. "Do they accept secularism as an ideology, as a way of life? Are they in a position to accept India's Constitution rather than Manusmriti? These are all million-dollar questions. So, when there are straightforward questions, the answer should be straightforward," he said.

India Fails to Fully Escape the Ravages of Trump's Policies: Ex-envoy Dogra

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India is not dependent on the US for financial dole-outs or strategic protection but still has not been able to shield itself fully from the "ravages" of Donald Trump's policies, former diplomat Rajiv Dogra writes in his new book. In "How Nations Fail and the Unmaking of America's World", Dogra, who was India's Ambassador to Italy, takes a critical



look at how civilisations, empires and nations collapsed. He says the US was never India's best friend. "Globally too, it has long been used to bulldozing its way through bluster, bullying and boast. But Trump's carnage regularly tests even these limits,"

Dogra writes in the book, published by Rupa. According to the career diplomat, countries that depend on the US for one reason or the other have chosen to submit to Trump's demands. "But India is neither an ally nor a foe. It is not dependent on the US for financial dole-outs or strategic protection. Still, it has not been able to shield itself fully from the ravages of Trump's policies," he writes, adding, "Sadly, it

will find little comfort elsewhere." Europe, he says, itself is on shaky grounds, wondering whether it has enough soldiers and the minimum number of modern arms to put up an effective resistance against a Russian invasion. And Russia is "happily engaged with China, Iran and North Korea, so it and its partners will not come to India's aid in case of need in a conflict situation".

FROM FRONT PAGE

PM Honoured.....

Modi said receiving the award was not his personal honour but an honour for 1.4 billion Indians. "On behalf of all Indians, I sincerely thank the people of Uzbekistan, the government, and my dear friend, the President. I accept this highest honour with utmost humility and dedicate it to the centuries-old friendship between our two countries and our shared heritage," he said. Earlier, Modi held talks with Mirziyoyev, following which India and Uzbekistan decided to elevate their ties to a comprehensive strategic partnership. The prime minister is scheduled to travel to Kyrgyzstan from Tashkent to participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit on August 31-

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Nepal Floods.....:

.NDRRMA stated that 933 are workers from regional hydropower projects, 592 are foreign nationals, and 127 are Nepali citizens travelling with foreign groups. Dozens of missing reports also include personnel from the Nepal Police, Nepal Army, Armed Police Force, Customs Office, and Immigration Office. Authorities report 239 injured individuals are currently receiving care or have been discharged, supported by six surgical medical teams deployed to the disaster zone. Nearly 20,000 security personnel have been deployed, leading to 8,730 total rescues by ground forces. Air crews have conducted 363 helicopter flights, air-

lifting 3,081 people, including 236 foreigners, and rescuing 279 individuals directly from a flooded hydropower tunnel over recent days. NDRRMA further stated that the Government of Nepal has disbursed emergency cash support, including NPR 10 million each to Rasuwa and Nuwakot, NPR 5 million to Dhading, and NPR 67.5 million to 15 local governments. Relief operations have dispatched 50 transport vehicles alongside eight helicopter flights carrying food, communication units, and emergency supplies to isolated communities such as Uttargaya and Dhunche. Fuel reserves are also being actively managed to sustain continuous air and land operations. Relief materials are being dispatched from Kathmandu

to flood-affected areas. Kathmandu on Saturday praised India's assistance, with Nepal's Finance Minister Swarnim Wagle describing the Indian government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi as "exceptionally generous" and saying New Delhi had indicated it would provide generous assistance for reconstruction. Students Can't Be..... "When students express a different point of view, when students ask questions, they cannot be threatened with punitive action. That is unconstitutional. That is a misuse of power and office," said Justice Bhuyan. "It's (university) a place where individuals encounter ideas that may be different from their own, where established positions

can be examined and questioned, and where disagreements can take place through reason rather than hostility. If we want a democratic society that respects liberty and difference, that culture has to begin from the universities," he added. In his convocation address, Justice Bhuyan said the Indian Constitution recognises that a free society will witness different opinions and beliefs, and that participation in public life will be meaningful only when there is space for dissent. He stated that tolerance is a "constitutional value", and being the land of Buddha and Gandhi, India has no place for an "intolerant mind", which is a form of violence. NEET-PG Exam..... The NEET-PG 2026 examination,

meanwhile, was successfully conducted in other centres of the country. Over 2.6 lakh candidates across 1,111 centres took the exam, officials said. At the two iON Digital Zone centres in Sitapura, Jaipur, the examination could not be completed due to an internal power failure, which was attributed to the examination conducting agency's technological partner, TCS Ltd, in an NBEMS notice. The affected centres were iON Digital Zone iDZ Sitapura (TC Nos. 41682 and 41683). The NBEMS has also called an immediate meeting to decide the course of action against the technological partner and the agency responsible for ensuring adequate infrastructure at the examination centres, officials stated.

CRIME

Meerpet Police Seize 26 Bikes, Gas Cylinders in Cordon and Search Operation

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As part of intensified preventive policing measures to maintain public order, prevent crime and curb anti-social activities, Meerpet Police conducted a Cordon and Search Operation in Lenin Nagar and surrounding areas under the jurisdiction of Meerpet Police Station on August 29. During the operation, police teams carried out extensive searches and verification of persons, vehicles and suspicious premises in the locality. The exercise was aimed at identifying habitual offenders, checking suspicious movements, preventing illegal activities and strengthening



the safety and security of residents. According to police officials, four rowdy-sheeters and three suspects were identified during the operation. They were subjected to verification and necessary enquiries as part of the preventive measures undertaken by the police. Police also seized 26 two-wheelers and one auto-rickshaw during the operation. The vehicles were taken into custody for verification

and further necessary action. In addition, police seized two domestic LPG cylinders, gutka and other tobacco products worth approximately Rs 4,000, and 2.7 litres of liquor. Officials said the seizures were made during searches conducted in the targeted areas. A police official said the operation was conducted to strengthen law and order, identify individuals involved in or suspected of anti-social activities, and prevent the occurrence of crimes in the locality. The cordon and search operation also enabled police personnel to verify residents and suspicious individuals and gather information rel-

evant to maintaining public safety. Officials said such preventive checks are an important part of policing efforts, particularly in areas where authorities seek to monitor habitual offenders and deter unlawful activities. Meerpet Police stated that similar cordon and search operations would continue at regular intervals across areas under their jurisdiction. The department said the measures are intended to prevent crime, curb illegal activities and ensure a secure environment for residents. Further details regarding the verification process and action taken against those found violating the law are awaited.

Cyberabad Traffic Police Catch 182 Drunk-Driving Offenders in Weekend Drive

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Cyberabad Traffic Police conducted a special weekend drunk-and-drive checking drive and caught 182 motorists for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol. Of the offenders, 154 were two-wheeler riders, seven were three-wheeler drivers, 20 were car drivers and one was driving a heavy vehicle. Based on blood alcohol concentration (BAC), 149 offenders recorded 36–200 mg/100 ml, 25



recorded 201–300 mg/100 ml, and eight recorded 301–550 mg/100 ml. All the offenders will be produced before the court for further action. Police warned that drunk driving is a serious offence. If an intoxicated driver causes a fatal acci-

dent, police said the person can face action under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which provides for imprisonment of up to 10 years and a fine. Meanwhile, 308 drunk-and-drive cases were disposed of by courts between August 24 and 29. Of these, 301 persons were fined, seven were given a fine along with social service, while none received both fine and imprisonment. Cyberabad Traffic Police appealed to motorists not to drive after consuming alcohol and to prioritise road safety.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

A 43-year-old woman died in a tragic lift accident at an apartment in Annapurna Enclave, Chandanagar, under the Chandanagar Police Station limits on Tuesday. According to police, Anasuya, a resident of Nallagandla SC Colony, had visited her relative's residence at Chatwaz Mansion Apartment along with her husband, Dhadi Srinivas. As the couple entered the lift, Anasuya was reportedly still stepping inside when the lift suddenly moved upward before the doors had completely closed, trapping her between the lift and the entrance. Apartment residents rushed to the spot after hearing cries for help and managed to stop the lift before rescuing her. She was immediately shifted to a private hospital.

MBBS Student Dies by Suicide Ahead of NEET-PG Entrance Test

HYDERABAD
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A 26-year-old MBBS student allegedly died by suicide at a private hostel in Hyderabad on Saturday. The deceased was identified as Yashashwini, daughter of businessman Bandi Ram Mohan Reddy and a resident of Reddy Nagar in Kurnool district. She had been staying at a private hostel near RTC X Roads for the past six months and was preparing for the NEET-PG examination. According to reports, Yashashwini spoke to her

father over the phone at around 8.30 am on Saturday. However, when he tried to contact her after 9.30 am, she was reportedly unreachable. He immediately informed the hostel authorities, who went to check on her and found her dead. Yashashwini's father was reportedly inconsolable and said that she had been under stress for the past few days. He said he noticed a change in her behaviour after speaking with her on Friday and immediately travelled to Hyderabad. Further details are awaited.

Man Dies by Suicide Over Financial Problems

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

ment on Thursday. According to his family members, Venkataiah had borrowed around ₹50 lakh over the past three years to meet the marriage expenses of his three daughters. Unable to repay the debts, he reportedly went into depression and took the extreme step. Based on a complaint by his wife Jayamma, Gurrampode police registered a case and began an investigation.

Two Minors, Two Pan Shop Owners Held For Illegal Sale, Purchase of Tobacco Products

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Eagle Force team caught two minors red-handed and arrested two pan shop owners, both partners, who were illegally selling cigarettes and tobacco to minors in Old Bowenpally on Sunday. In the last two weeks, surveillance on two of the accused -- Yusuf Uddin Goury, 65, and MD Rehan Ali, 19, was increased and the arrests were made after identifying that tobacco and cigarettes were being sold illegally at Nimra Pan Mahal in Gowri Nagar, Sandeep Shandilya, director



TG-EAGLE –Force said. Eagle teams were sent 22 times in mufti and on all the occasions, tobacco and cigarettes were found to be sold at Nimra Pan Mahal. The two minors were taken into custody when they were found purchasing cigarettes and the entire incident was recorded on video as evidence,

Sandeep said. Cigarettes and tobacco products, including Marlboro, American, Classic, Gold Flake, Charms Flake and other brands, were seized from the kiosk. The seized products are estimated to cost around Rs 60,000, he said. The arrested have been handed over to Bowenpally police. Cases were registered under Section 6 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA), 2003 and Section 77 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015) against purchasers and sellers.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done. The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an iso-

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

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



India exports nearly 1 million barrels of petrol to Russia amid refinery crisis

India has emerged as a key petrol supplier to Russia, shipping nearly one million barrels over two months as Ukrainian drone attacks disrupted Russian refineries. The fuel shortage has forced Moscow to increase imports, with Indian refiners helping bridge the domestic supply gap

NEW DELHI
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India has emerged as a key exporter of petrol to Russia, with shipments touching nearly 1 million barrels over the past two months as widespread Ukrainian drone attacks have crippled the country’s refineries, forcing Moscow to take recourse to imports to meet domestic demand, according to a report by ship-tracking data and energy analytics firm Vortexa.

Russia’s seaborne gasoline imports surged to a record 470,000 tonnes in August, with long queues of cars at local filling stations reflecting the shortage of fuel amid the shutdown in refineries due to Ukraine’s drone



attacks deep into Russian territory. The report states that Russia’s domestic fuel production dropped by as much as 70 per cent. This has also forced Russia to ban exports of petrol and diesel to tackle the acute shortage.

Vortexa said as many as 32 attacks were carried out on Russian refineries during July and August, averaging roughly one every two days. Indian refiners were among important sup-

pliers along with Turkey and Morocco to help Russia meet the shortfall in domestic production of fuels. Trade sources said much of India’s supply came from Nayara Energy’s refinery at Vadinar on the Gujarat coast, in which Russian oil major Rosneft has a share.

As global refining capacity faces uncertainty, India is expanding its position as the world’s third-largest refiner, with capacity rising from 272

MMTPA towards 300 MMTPA, Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri said earlier this month.

Meanwhile, India has diversified its sources for the import of crude oil to 41 countries compared with 27 earlier, following the breakout of the Iran war and closure of the Strait of Hormuz, through which 20 per cent of the world’s oil and gas exports transits during normal times.

India’s crude imports from Russia have shot up in recent months due to the choking of the Strait of Hormuz amid the Middle East conflict. During July Russia accounted for more than half of the country’s total oil imports, displacing UAE and Saudi Arabia

as the largest supplier of crude to India. India’s imports of crude oil from Russia are expected to be around 2.1 million barrels per day (mbpd) in August, down sharply from the record levels of around 2.6 mbpd seen in July and June this year, fresh data from shipping intelligence and research firm Kpler shows.

Despite the decline in August, Russia remains India’s largest supplier, accounting for more than 40 per cent of the import. Russia is followed by the United Arab Emirates (UAE) at 611,000 barrels per day (or 611 kbpd), Saudi Arabia at 385 kbpd, Venezuela at 383 kbpd, Nigeria at 129 kbpd, and Brazil at 120 kbpd.

Prashant Pammar Bridges India-Africa with PR and AI Dialogue

New-Age Skills, Global Connections and Career Lessons Take Centre Stage

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

What happens when an Indian creator brings an African communications professional into a cross-border conversation? The result is a meaningful exchange that goes beyond geography, traditional public relations and conventional career advice.

TEDx speaker, LinkedIn creator and community builder Prashant Pammar recently hosted Maria Egunjobi, a strategic communications and marketing professional and ForbesBLK member, for a discussion on PR, artificial intelligence, technical skills and the future of work.

ForbesBLK is a Forbes community connecting Black professionals, entrepreneurs, leaders and creators through networking, professional development and career opportunities.

The conversation explored how PR is changing in the digital age.



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Professionals are increasingly expected to understand AI, automation, digital platforms and data while also developing creativity, communication and strategic thinking.

A key message for young professionals was simple: a degree is only the beginning.

Career growth today requires continuous learning, practical experience,

networking and adaptability. Professionals must demonstrate their value through relevant skills, innovative ideas and real-world results.

The India-Africa dialogue also highlighted the importance of building professional connections across borders.

By bringing an African perspective to an Indian audience, Pammar created an opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences. The key takeaway is clear: education may open the door, but skills, relationships and adaptability determine how far you go.

Top 10 Indian firms lose Rs 1.13 lakh crore in market value in a week

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The combined market capitalisation of seven of India’s 10 most-valued companies declined by around ₹1.13 lakh crore last week, reflecting the weak trend across the broader equity market. Bharti Airtel and Reliance Industries were the biggest laggards during the period. The benchmark Sensex declined 276.32 points, or 0.35 per cent, last week, while the Nifty fell 76.35 points, or 0.31 per

cent, amid cautious investor sentiment and selling pressure in several heavyweight stocks. Bharti Airtel recorded the steepest erosion in market value among the top 10 companies.

Its market capitalisation declined by ₹40,500.85 crore to ₹11,74,462.30 crore. Reliance Industries followed closely, losing ₹40,056.32 crore and ending the week with a market valuation of ₹17,38,119.27 crore. HDFC Bank also

witnessed a substantial decline, with its market capitalisation falling by ₹11,558.35 crore to ₹11,09,600.70 crore. Bajaj Finance saw its valuation decrease by ₹10,086.05 crore to ₹6,70,535.57 crore. The market capitalisation of Larsen & Toubro (L&T) declined by ₹6,473.45 crore to ₹5,55,987.49 crore. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) lost ₹3,162.50 crore, taking its valuation to ₹5,32,817.81 crore. Meanwhile, Hindustan Unilever

recorded a decline of ₹1,550.73 crore, with its market value settling at ₹4,72,361.83 crore. Despite the overall weakness, three companies among the top 10 managed to increase their market value.

Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) emerged as the biggest gainer, adding ₹16,643.20 crore to its market capitalisation, which reached ₹8,48,079.71 crore. ICICI Bank gained ₹4,475.28 crore, taking its valuation to ₹10,22,805.73 crore.

State Bank of India (SBI) also registered a marginal increase of ₹599.99 crore, with its market capitalisation rising to ₹9,65,568.75 crore. Despite losing significant value during the week, Reliance Industries retained its position as India’s most-valued company by market capitalisation. Bharti Airtel remained in second place, followed by HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, SBI, TCS, Bajaj Finance, L&T, LIC and Hindustan Unilever.

On the technical front,

analysts said a sustained breakout above 78,000 on the Sensex could strengthen the recovery and pave the way towards the 78,500–78,800 range. On the downside, 77,000 remains a crucial psychological support, followed by the 76,700–76,500 region. Holding above 77,000 is considered important to maintain the broader recovery structure, while a decisive break below this level could trigger renewed selling pressure.

ONGC explores drillship acquisition/JV for deepwater capacity under Samudra Manthan

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) is exploring the acquisition of deepwater drillships or formation of a joint venture to secure dedicated drilling capacity as it steps up efforts to accelerate offshore exploration to find oil and gas reserves under its Mission Samudra Manthan programme.

ONGC has issued an Expression of Interest (EOI) to engage a specialist global offshore rig-broking consultant to identify potential drillship owners or counterparties, assess assets and valuations, and support the state explorer in negotiating a possible

ownership or joint venture arrangement.

The initiative is aimed at creating dedicated, priority-access deepwater drillship capacity, according to the EOI issued by ONGC.

“ONGC is undertaking a structured capacity-creation programme to secure dedicated, priority-access deepwater drillship capacity in support of Mission Samudra Manthan. In view of the same, ONGC is exploring possibilities of ownership or JV model for Drillship acquisition,” the EOI said.

The Union Cabinet had last month approved Samudra Manthan, the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, with an outlay of Rs 84,084 crore through 2030-31.

Tim Cook’s 15-year Apple legacy: 4 trillion usd valuation, new products and AI challenge

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

When Tim Cook took over as chief executive of Apple in August 2011, following Steve Jobs’ second departure from the company amid his deteriorating health, expectations were sky-high and doubts were equally strong.

Cook was widely viewed as an operations and supply-chain expert rather than a traditional product guy like Jobs. The key question at the time was whether he could sustain Apple’s extraordinary run of innovation and growth. Fifteen years later, the numbers offer a compelling answer. Under Cook, Apple’s market capitalisation has surged from roughly \$350 billion to around \$4 trillion, while its stock has jumped nearly 25-fold.

Apple shares, which traded at about \$13 when Cook assumed the top job, have risen 2,359.2% to \$319.70 at the latest close.

Apple’s annual revenue has also grown dramatically, rising from about \$108 billion in 2011 to more than \$400 billion. The expansion has been supported by resilient iPhone demand, a rapidly growing services business



and the company’s continued global expansion.

One of Cook’s biggest achievements has been transforming Apple into a business that extends well beyond hardware. Services including the App Store, Apple Music and Apple Pay have become an increasingly important growth engine.

The services segment now generates more than \$100 billion annually and carries broader margins than Apple’s hardware business.

Cook also oversaw a major shift in Apple’s chip strategy. The company moved away from its dependence on Intel and began designing its own processors for Mac computers under the Apple Silicon platform.

The transition gave Apple greater control over performance, product development and its broader hardware-software ecosystem.

Tata Motors gains EV market share as bookings rise three-fold

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd is gaining market share in the electric vehicle (EV) segment and has seen a three-fold increase in EV bookings over the last six months, even as production capacity constraints restrict its ability to fully capitalise on strong demand, according to a senior company official.

In an interview with PTI, Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd Chief Commercial Officer Vivek Srivatsa said, “If you see the last two or three months, we are actually gaining market share every month. So, it is the other way round, and, in fact, in the last six months, the gap between us and the number two player has increased. And I would also publicly state that we have had 3x growth in bookings for EVs, and we are only restricted by our production capability.”

Tata Passenger Electric Mobility Ltd is part of the Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd group.

“I think consumers are increasingly confident

about our products, and we have the widest product range, providing EVs for all kinds of different use cases,” he said.

The company is also expecting a strong festive season, with Srivatsa saying the current momentum could make the September-December period the industry’s largest-ever quarter.

“I think the trends are very positive. You know, if you look at the first quarter, I think the industry had never before seen growth of close to 46 per cent year-on-year.

“EVs have grown even faster, with 77 per cent year-on-year growth. And if I look at the months of July and August, the momentum seems to continue, and that means the indications for the festive season are that it is going to be extremely positive, quite likely to be the largest quarter for the industry,” he said.

Srivatsa, however, acknowledged that the industry’s year-on-year growth rate could moderate from the end of September as the base effect kicks in, even though absolute sales could remain

strong.

“In terms of percentage growth, we might taper off, but actual numbers would still probably be extremely high,” he said.

The demand momentum has persisted nearly a year after the government’s GST 2.0 reforms came into effect on September 22, 2025.

Under the revised GST structure, electric vehicles continue to attract 5 per cent GST, while GST on small cars was reduced from 28 per cent to 18 per cent. The GST rate on larger cars was rationalised to 40 per cent without compensation cess.

According to Srivatsa, the impact of GST rationalisation continues to support vehicle affordability, while new launches have expanded consumer choice.

“Yeah, I think the impact of GST 2.0 is continuing even now, close to a year after it was launched. Consumers are still seeing the benefit. Added to that, I think product launches have added a lot of options for consumers. That is what is going to power the festive season,” he said.

The strong outlook

comes despite recent price increases announced by automakers, including Tata Passenger Electric Mobility.

The company is set to raise prices in September, but Srivatsa said he did not expect the move to materially affect festive-season demand, while the impact beyond the festive period would need to be monitored.

“I think price hikes have been fairly recent. We are taking a price hike in September.

I would say that the price hike should not affect the festive season, but, longer term, what happens after the festive season is something we will have to watch out for,” he said.

Srivatsa also attributed the broader demand momentum to factors beyond GST, including a growing consumer preference for alternative-fuel vehicles following the West Asia crisis and changing mobility preferences among Indian consumers.

“GST has made cars more accessible and also increased EV adoption or alternative-fuel adoption.

Adv. Fazil Khan Honoured With Bharat Kala Vaibhav Award



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Adv. Fazil Mohammed Khan, General Secretary of SIPAHE (Society for Integrated Progress and Human Empowerment), was honoured with the prestigious Bharat Kala Vaibhav Award 2026 in recognition of his continued commitment to social service and community welfare.

The award ceremony was held on August 29, 2026, at Bhaskara Auditorium, Birla Mandir, Hyderabad, as part of celebrations commemorating India’s 80th Independence anniversary. The event was organised by Dhoom Dance Studio and Pragati Foundation.

The occasion brought together eminent dignitaries, artists, social workers and other change-makers committed to promoting talent, community development and India’s rich cultural heritage.

Speaking on the honour, Adv. Fazil Mohammed Khan expressed his gratitude to the organisers for recognising his efforts in social service. He appreciated the initiative for creating a platform that celebrates artistic excellence alongside community welfare and social responsibility. He reaffirmed his commitment to empowering communities and contributing to social progress through continued service.

Lisa Ray on fitness in her 50s: ‘I celebrate listening to my body better’

Actress and model Lisa Ray has opened up about how her approach to fitness, ageing and body image has changed as she enters her 50s. In a candid social media post, the *Four More Shots Please!* actor said that fitness at this stage of life is no longer about pushing her body to its limits or meeting expectations around appearance. Instead, she now focuses on listening to her body, staying consistent and preparing herself for the life she wants to continue living. Reflecting on her fitness journey, Lisa said working out in her 50s “looks very, very different” from how it did when she was younger. She explained that she once viewed pushing herself harder as a measure of strength, but now believes that understanding what her body needs is far more important. “Fitness in my 50s looks very, very different. If I had to boil it down to two things, it’s this: I used to celebrate pushing my body har-



der. Now I celebrate listening to it better. And secondly: consistency,” Lisa wrote. She added that consistency becomes easier when people stop exercising to recreate the body they had in the past and instead focus on preparing for the life they still want to enjoy. For Lisa, that means remaining active enough to dance, travel, explore new places and remain independent. She said she wants to be able to carry her own bags and, ideally, avoid injuries such as broken bones as she grows older. The actress also highlighted the importance of acceptance in midlife fitness. According to

Lisa, accepting physical changes does not mean giving up. Rather, it means acknowledging those changes without being in conflict with them. “Acceptance isn’t defeat,” she said, adding that her body, face and overall self have changed over the years. Instead of being “at war” with those changes, Lisa said she is learning to work with her body, listen to it better and love it more deeply. Messages shared alongside her photographs further reflected this shift in perspective. One read, “Fitness in my 50s looks very different and honestly? Thank goodness.” Another explained how

exercise had once been connected to appearance, including fitting into clothes and meeting industry expectations, while her priorities have now completely changed. Lisa also described listening to her body as “its own kind of strength,” contrasting it with her earlier focus on pushing herself harder. The actress has previously spoken about her experience of entering menopause at a relatively young age. She revealed that she experienced chemo-induced menopause at 37. Lisa later met and married her husband at 40 and has discussed how a lack of awareness about the physical and emotional changes associated with menopause affected the early years of her relationship. Through her latest reflections, Lisa is encouraging a broader understanding of fitness in midlife—one that prioritises strength, mobility, consistency, self-acceptance and quality of life over appearance.

Samay Raina Sparks Row Over Kashmir, Bihar Jokes



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Stand-up comics Samay Raina and Sharon Verma are facing backlash after a clip from the latest episode of *India’s Got Latent* Season 2 went viral on social media. During the segment, the comedians traded sharp digs at each other’s regional backgrounds, with jokes touching on Bihar, Kashmir and the displacement of Kashmiri Pandits. Sharon Verma, an emerging contestant from Season 1 who returned as a panellist, took part in the roast alongside host Samay Raina. Taking aim at Sharon’s Bihari roots, Samay quipped,

“She is so Bihari, she thinks ‘Ebola’ means someone said something.” He also joked about her move to Mumbai in search of work, saying she came “as any Bihari would.” Sharon quickly turned the joke back on Samay, taking aim at his Kashmiri Pandit background. She quipped, “Samay is so Kashmiri, he loves getting stoned.” On Samay’s dig at her decision to leave Bihar, Sharon hit back: “At least I left my state by choice.” While the exchange drew laughter from the live audience, the video sparked a heated debate on social media. BJP MLA Ram Kadam and Bihar minister Mithilesh Tiwari

criticised the duo, accusing them of trivialising regional trauma and the displacement of Kashmiri Pandits! The Jammu Kashmir Peace Forum also objected to the remarks, stressing that decades of displacement and suffering should not be reduced to a punchline. Meanwhile, actor Manoj Bajpayee took a more measured stance, saying society should be able to laugh at itself as long as the humour does not cause genuine harm. Several social media users also defended the exchange as typical roast-style dark humour, arguing that both comedians gave as good as they got.

Harry Brook is wasting Lara-level talent with poor mindset, claims Sir Geoffrey

LONDON
Wakeup telangana

Former England captain Sir Geoffrey Boycott has revealed that star right-handed batter Harry Brook failed to get in touch with him after he offered to help him refine his concentration in Test match cricket, despite possessing the potential to rival legendary batters like Sachin Tendulkar and Brian Lara. “His uncle came to me last year and he said, ‘Would you have a word with him?’ Well, he asked me what I thought of him. I told him exactly this. He said, ‘Really?’ I said, ‘Yeah.’ I said that much ability is rare, special. “He said, ‘Would you have a word with him?’” I said, “It’s not for me to go to him. He might tell me to, you know, off,” I said. But if he asked me, of course I’d help. Why would I not? I gave him my number and never heard a word,” Boycott said in a recent episode of ‘Geoffrey Boycott: An Extraordinary Innings’



podcast. Brook is ranked the world’s number one Test batter, but has not managed a century in the format for over a year. “He’s not getting the best out of his talent. I’ve said before and I’ll say again, I’ve seen a lot of players. “I haven’t seen anybody with the talent he’s got for a long time. Enormous talent. The timing, the shot playing, he’s tall, big reach, but his thinking is just unbelievable,” added Boycott, who played 108 Tests and 36 ODIs for England. In the first Test against Pakistan at Headingley, Brook made 91, before

making 15 in the ongoing game at Lord’s. “If he wants to carry on playing that way, he’ll have a decent career, but he has the ability, if he could think better, to be in the realms of Lara and Tendulkar. And, whoa, that’s a bit special. To be up in that stratosphere is huge. “There ain’t many above them, except Bradman, and that’s special. But he plays one-day cricket to every ball. He doesn’t have a look at the ball, he has to bash the first ball. He’ll just keep getting caught at mid-off and mid-on and daft places,” added Boycott.

Chelsea Edge Brighton 4-3 as Alonso’s Perfect Start Continues

LONDON
Wakeup telangana

Chelsea continued their impressive start under new manager Xabi Alonso with a thrilling 4-3 victory over Brighton at Stamford Bridge on Sunday, making it two wins from two Premier League matches. The Blues produced an attacking masterclass in the first half before surviving a determined Brighton comeback in the second period.Chelsea had already made a winning start under Alonso with a 3-2 victory at Fulham on Monday, with Joao Pedro, Morgan Rogers and Cole Palmer among the scorers. Against Brighton, Pedro and Palmer again found the net, while Morgan Rogers played a key role in Chelsea’s attacking display.4Chelsea took control early after Romeo Lavia opened the scoring following a defensive mix-up between Brighton goalkeeper Bart Verbruggen and Mats Wieffer. Lavia reacted quickest from a corner to give the hosts the advantage. The Blues quickly in-



creased their lead. Pedro Neto converted Morgan Rogers’ cross to make it 2-0, before Joao Pedro completed a brilliant counter-attack to put Chelsea three goals ahead. The move began deep inside Chelsea’s own half and highlighted the pace and attacking threat Alonso has brought to the side. Brighton, who had scored four goals inside 31 minutes against Aston Villa the previous weekend, found themselves on the receiving end this time.

However, they refused to surrender.Malick Yalcouye gave Brighton renewed hope with a spectacular volley that beat Chelsea goalkeeper Emi Martinez. The Argentina international was making his Chelsea debut just hours after completing his transfer from Aston Villa.Brighton continued to apply pressure after the break and were rewarded when Joao Pedro inadvertently turned Pascal Gross’ cross into his own net, reducing Chelsea’s advantage to 3-

2. The visitors suddenly looked capable of completing an extraordinary comeback. Diego Gomez fired narrowly wide, while Martinez produced an important save to deny Olivier Boscagli an equaliser.Just when Chelsea appeared to be under severe pressure, Cole Palmer delivered another moment of brilliance. The England international collected the ball, embarked on a solo run across the Brighton defence and curled a superb effort into

the bottom corner from outside the penalty area.The goal sparked wild celebrations from Alonso and the Chelsea supporters and restored a two-goal advantage.Brighton continued fighting until the final whistle, with Gross heading home in stoppage time to make it 4-3. Chelsea, however, held firm to claim another crucial victory. Palmer’s excellent form will be particularly encouraging for Chelsea, with the midfielder looking to establish himself as one of the Premier League’s leading attacking players.Elsewhere, Leeds United drew 1-1 with Brentford. Kevin Schade gave Brentford the lead with an audacious flick, but Dominic Calvert-Lewin equalised from Lukas Nmecha’s driven cross.Sunderland earned their first points of the campaign with a 1-0 victory over Fulham, with Wilson Isidor scoring 15 minutes from time.

NMDC Hyderabad Marathon: Ethiopia sweeps elite titles as Indians shine

Ethiopia's Emane Seifu and Seboka Negusse won the women's and men's elite titles at the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon. Gopi Thonakal finished fourth overall as the leading Indian man, while Nirmaben Thakor emerged as the leading Indian woman

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Ethiopia's Emane Seifu emerged as the champion in the women's elite category, clocking 2:46:29 at the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon on Sunday. Ethiopia's Tsega Desta finished second in 2:46:57, while Kenya's Teresiah Omosa secured third place with a time of 2:47:17. Among Indian women, Nirmaben Thakor was the leading Indian finisher, clocking 2:50:20. She was followed by Bhagirathi Non (2:51:41), Meenakshi Negi (3:08:43), Maripally Uma (3:18:22) and Bhagwati Dangi (3:31:28). In the men's elite category, Ethiopia's Seboka Negusse emerged as the champion with a winning time of 2:20:57. Kenya's



Felix Kimutai also clocked 2:20:57 to finish second, while compatriot Francis Cheruiyot secured third place in 2:21:29. Among Indian men, Gopi Thonakal was the leading Indian finisher, securing fourth place overall in 2:21:46. He was followed by Man Singh (2:23:56), Pradeep Singh Chauhan (2:26:12), Ranjit Singh (2:27:49) and Bugatha Srinu (2:29:56).

A special highlight of this year's marathon was the participation of 184 young tribal runners from Chhattisgarh, where NMDC operates its mining projects. The event marked their marathon debut. Speaking at the flag-off, Dr M. Ramesh, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, said, "Hyderabad has a very strong running community. Hyderabadis are health-conscious, and

the city has also emerged as an events capital of India. Telangana is known for its hospitality. Nearly 2,000 police personnel participated in different categories of the marathon." Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), NMDC, said the initiative had helped identify promising running talent among tribal youth. The first-place winner received Rs 3 lakh, while

the second-place and third-place winners received Rs 2.5 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively. The runners finishing fourth, fifth and sixth received Rs 1.5 lakh, Rs 1 lakh and Rs 75,000, respectively. Novartis Healthcare was recognised for recording the highest percentage of women participants in the marathon. Dr Reddy's Laboratories was recognised for recording the highest number of registrations, with 1,000 employees and participants registering for the event. Arcesium was recognised for its contribution of Rs 30 lakh towards charity. The NMDC Hyderabad Marathon supports 40 NGOs and has raised more than Rs 2 crore for various charitable organisations through the event.

Telangana BJP Seeks Probe Against Mirza Rahmat Baig

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The Telangana BJP has demanded a court-monitored investigation, or a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), into the allegations surrounding All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) MLC Mirza Rehmath Baig and other individuals. Speaking to ANI on Saturday, State BJP Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N V Subash said the AIMIM's decision to expel Baig on the grounds of "indiscipline" was inadequate and could not substitute for a transparent investigation into what he said are allegations of sexual assault of a woman and a minor. He demanded that the State government place all facts before the public and ensure that there was no political interference in the investigation. "Expulsion from a political party does not amount to justice. When allegations involve offences against Hindu women and minors, the only acceptable response is a thorough, impartial and time-bound investigation. The truth must come out, irre-

spective of the political affiliation or social standing of the accused," Subash said. He pointed out that the timing of the expulsion had raised questions, particularly since Baig had reportedly approached the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police alleging that unidentified persons were blackmailing and threatening him over a controversial video. The BJP demanded that the contents and provenance of the video, wherever legally permissible, be investigated as part of the overall probe rather than allowing speculation to fill the vacuum. Subash questioned the Revanth Reddy government's silence over allegations involving members or associates of the AIMIM and asked whether political considerations were influencing the handling of sensitive criminal cases. "Hindu women's safety cannot become a casualty of vote-bank politics. The government must demonstrate that the law is applied equally to everyone, regardless of political connections or community," he said. He also referred to earlier criminal cases involving individuals with the surname

Baig, stressing that these cases concerned separate individuals and should not be conflated merely because of a common surname. The BJP leader said that in 2022, Hyderabad Police arrested Ibrahim Baig alias Addu and Mirza Omer Baig alias Zubair in connection with the alleged gang rape of a woman in the Ghulam Murtuza Chawni burial ground; they were booked under relevant provisions of the IPC. Subash further referred to other cases cited by the BJP involving individuals named Mirza Ahmed Baig, Mirza Rahmath Ali Baig and Mirza Ibrahim Baig, including allegations involving sexual assault and offences under the POCSO Act. "Each allegation must be investigated on its own merits. But where serious questions have arisen, the government owes the people complete transparency. We demand an independent, court-monitored investigation so that neither the accused nor the politically powerful can influence the outcome," Subash said. Subhash's remarks come after AIMIM expelled MLC Mirza Rahmath Baig from the party on Friday night.

Ex-DRDO chief back from pilgrimage 'disturbed' by Nepal floods

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) chairman and Andhra Pradesh government advisor G Sathesh Reddy, who returned to India on Sunday, August 30, after completing the Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage, said he was deeply disturbed by the loss of hundreds of lives and extensive damage caused by the devastating flash floods in Nepal. Reddy said he was part of a 31-member group comprising pilgrims from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh,



Australia, Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, which began its journey from India on August 18. "Though we personally had a good experience visiting Manasarovar and Kailash, the grievous incident in which hundreds of people lost their lives, and huge damage was caused to both private and government property, is really disturbing," Reddy told PTI. The group had

crossed the Kerung (Gyirong) point a couple of days before the floods and was performing the parikrama (circumambulation) of Mount Kailash when news of the disaster broke, he said. After completing the parikrama, the group travelled to Saga in Tibet and waited there for two days for the exit route to be finalised by the Chinese authorities. Reddy said the group subsequently travelled for nearly 16 hours from Saga to Kathmandu via Kodari, reaching Kathmandu on Saturday night before returning to India on Sunday.

Tenant Farmers Pin Hopes on Changes in Licensed Cultivators' Act 2011

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Tenant farmers, who actually carry out most of the cultivation in Telangana, are pinning their hopes on the changes proposed in the existing Bhoo Adhikrutha Sagudarula Chattam (Licensed Cultivators' Act) 2011. As per the proposed provision, according to the numerous organisations working to ensure tangible benefits for tenant farmers, the tenancy rights will be protected under laws governing agriculture, instead of

those related to the Revenue department. It is hoped this would avoid vehement opposition from landowners in the state in case the state government provides any benefits to tenant farmers. Sangepu Boranna, leader of Rythu Swarajya Vedika, disclosed that the state government will bring about changes in the existing farmers act to benefit the tenant farmers in a way that does not have any effect on the land owners. He disclosed that the Agriculture department will form joint

liability groups (JLGs) with tenant farmers, like SHGs. This will help JLGs comprising tenant farmers get crop loans from banks based on LECs (loan eligibility cards) provided to them by the state government. According to an estimate, there are 28,763 tenant farmers in Adilabad, while their number in the erstwhile Adilabad district is 1,17,000. The new law will help farmers, as groups, to get crop loans from banks, receive compensation for damage to crops, and become eligi-

ble for subsidies and other welfare schemes. For all these, the link up of tenant farmers with Agriculture department, instead of the Revenue department, will ensure that owners of lands do not have to worry about their lands facing any liability. Incidentally, the BRS government removed the cultivators' names being mentioned in the 16th column of the pahan. This denied any rights to tenant farmers, who number about 15 lakh in the state. The BRS government had made it

clear that it would recognise only the rights of the owner on the land. The Kaulu Rythula Hakkula Sadhana Committee, along with Rythu Swarajya Vedika, has been mounting pressure on the state government to enact a law that provides security to tenant farmers who borrow loans to cultivate the lands of their owners. Significantly, majority of the farmers committing suicides due to mounting debts following crop loss, are tenant farmers.



The Institute of Hotel Management (IHM), Hyderabad, celebrated a literary milestone with the launch of two books authored by Sanjay Thakur, Principal, IHM-Hyderabad and Puneet Razdan, Head of the Department – Food & Beverage Service, IHM- Hyderabad.

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Mirza Rahmath Baig Denies Allegations, Refuses to Resign

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Expelled AIMIM MLC Mirza Rahmath Baig made sensational remarks after the party officially announced his expulsion. Baig said he had done nothing wrong and would not resign from his MLC post. He also dismissed the allegations circulating against him, stating that there was no truth in the reports. He alleged that deepfake videos had been created and circulated online to defame him. Baig expressed hope that AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi would do justice to him and said he wanted to continue working as a party worker. He clarified that he had not gone any-



where and but was on the Umrah pilgrimage. He returned to Hyderabad later on Saturday and remained silent throughout the day. The AIMIM in a post on social media just past midnight on Saturday expelled its MLC Mirza Rahmat Baig from the party "with immediate effect". The MIM's move followed alleged 'sexual assault' on a minor, though there was no police case on the matter so far. Social media was abuzz with sweeping allegations that Baig was caught 'red handed'.

Srinivas Goud Demands BC Census, Stronger Reservations

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Former Telangana Minister V. Srinivas Goud has demanded an immediate caste-wise enumeration of Backward Classes (BCs) as part of the upcoming Census, asserting that political, educational and employment opportunities for BC communities have remained inadequate despite their significant population. Addressing a press conference in Delhi, Goud alleged that political parties secure power with BC votes but fail to fulfil their promises. He criticised the BJP for promising BC enumeration but not ensuring its implementation. He also urged the Congress to act as a respon-



sible Opposition by raising the issue in Parliament and organising a protest at Jantar Mantar if necessary. Goud said reservation policies based on population proportions in states including Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Punjab have faced legal challenges due to the absence of reliable caste census data. He argued that a constitutional amendment and comprehensive caste enumeration are necessary to establish accurate population fig-

ures and ensure constitutional protection for reservations. He called for postponing the Census enumeration process to properly identify and number BC castes, noting that the same communities are known by different names across states. Goud claimed that OBCs constitute nearly 80 crore people and said justice would be possible only when their representation in education, employment and law-making bodies reflects their population.

BRS leader booked after woman alleges abuse, threats

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A Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leader has been booked in Naredmet, Secunderabad, for trespassing, insulting a woman's modesty, and criminal intimidation after a woman accused him of hurling insults at her and creating a ruckus inside her shop on multiple occasions. The woman, identified as Paddivatla Nitu, alleged that BRS Naredmet division leader JK Sai Goud barged into her shop, Star Digital Flex Printing shop, abused her, and threatened to shut her business and "see her end" when she asked him to pay his dues. Originally from West Bengal, Nitu, 50, said that the incident dates back four months, when her shop employee, Sunil, began taking supplies from the shop to get customers separately for himself. The complainant said that on August 14, after months of asking Sunil to return her shop supplies, he allegedly came to the store with Goud. Nitu claimed Goud hurled "filthy abuses" at her and her son and threatened to close her shop. "They spat in front of my shop, kept abusing me, and threatened me, saying he will get 100 men to intimidate me," Nitu told local reporters.