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

Core members of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) will hold a meeting in Maharashtra's Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar on August 5 to discuss their future agenda, sources in the outfit said on Sunday. The meeting will take place at CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke's residence, they said. According to sources, activists and volunteers of the CJP were told to spend some time with their families after their month-long agitation against the NEET paper leak at Jantar Mantar in Delhi last month.

The CJP's core members were also told to talk to volunteers and students and come to the meeting with their thoughts and suggestions, they said. The outfit will hold a press conference after their meeting on August 5 and announce decisions regarding the future course of action, sources said. Meanwhile, Dipke met students, locals and visitors from the neighbouring district at his residence, and celebrated 'Friendship Day' with the children.

Revanth lines up many sops for I-Day

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy is likely to announce a bunch of sops on August 15 to mark the Independence Day celebrations. Apart from launching a pension scheme for thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia patients, the Chief Minister is planning to go aggressive on the welfare front by introducing some more schemes meant for the welfare of farmers, women, and disadvantaged sections. The state



government has already launched an exercise to identify among thalassemia and sickle cell anaemia patients persons eligible for pensions. Pensions for all windows, single women, weavers, and toddy tappers are already being implemented. New beneficiaries will be identified under various other schemes by August 15. Instant sanction of pensions to the wives of differently-abled individuals upon their demise would also be implemented from August this year. According to top officials, "the launch of Indiramma family life insurance scheme to provide Rs 5 lakh insurance coverage to approximately 1.60 crore families is under consideration". Compilation of the data of the families is crucial to launch the scheme.

A proposal to pilot the scheme in some districts has been forwarded to the Chief Minister. "Required formalities to launch the scheme are under study," officials told The Hans India. Sources said that the Finance Department was studying the requirement of funds to implement the pending Rajiv Yuva Vikasa scheme. Nearly 16 lakh applications have been received from BC, SC, ST and Minority communities. The government was supposed to launch the scheme last financial year.

State to Use Central Funds for SC, ST Fees

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For the first time, the state government will be using Central funds to reimburse students from the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe communities. For other students, from the Backward Classes (BC), economically backward classes (EBC) and minority communities, the government will continue to bear 100 per cent of the expenditure. Official sources said the government was adopting the mandatory DBT model prescribed by the Centre, a mechanism that was not implemented by the previous BRS government which had cost the state nearly Rs 250 crore per year.

The Congress government has also decided to clear all fee reimbursement claims within the same academic year instead of carrying them forward. The scheme also comes with other conditions that students failing to remit the tuition fee to their institutions within



seven working days will be liable for action under the provisions of law, including recovery of the amount under the Revenue Recovery Act. Such students will also face suspension of their monthly maintenance scholarship until the tuition fee is paid.

The reforms are aimed at ensuring "zero fee arrears", timely release of scholarships and full utilisation of Central assistance. To ensure transparency, the government will alert the respective colleges once the scholarship amount is credited into students' bank accounts. Details of students who receive payments will also be uploaded on the colleges' online login portals. For SC community students, the state government will bear 40 per cent of the fee

reimbursement amount while the Centre will contribute the remaining 60 per cent. In the case of Scheduled Tribe (ST) students, the state will release 25 per cent of the amount and the Centre will provide the balance 75 per cent.

Officials said the Centre had made it mandatory for states to convert fee reimbursement into the DBT mode to become eligible for Central funding. The DBT framework also requires states to release their share first, following which the Centre releases its contribution. Another condition is that the funds must be disbursed within the same academic year. However, the previous BRS government declined to adopt the DBT model and continued the earlier practice of transferring fee reimbursement amounts directly to college managements. It also continued releasing funds for a particular academic year in subsequent years, resulting in a massive accumulation of pending

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Kishor Wins Bihar Bypoll, Stuns BJP

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A couple of weeks after the student protests across the nation forced the ouster of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, the BJP was delivered another body blow, when Jan Suraj Party leader Prashant Kishor breached the saffron bulwark of Bankipur Assembly constituency in saffron-ruled Bihar. The BJP had held this seat for nearly 35-years. In his reaction, Kishor claimed that his victory was made possible "with backing of"



of the BJP, Congress and the RJD, while Gen Z protests may also have played a role. The defeat is now viewed as a huge loss of face not merely for the BJP but also for party president Nitin Nabin and Bihar CM Samrat Choudhary.

Only in November 2025,

during the last Assembly elections, Nabin had won this seat by over 50,000 votes. Kishor won the seat by a margin of over 19,000 votes, showing a shift of about 70,000 votes away from the BJP in less than a year. The BJP's vote share, which was over 62 per cent, came down to 34.44 per cent — a deficit of nearly 30 per cent. Kishor bagged nearly 50 per cent of the vote share. The by-poll was necessitated by the resignation of Nabin, who shifted to the Rajya Sabha. In the other two Assembly byelections held in Datia (Madhya

Pradesh) and Manjalpur (Gujarat), the Congress and the BJP retained their respective seats. In Datia, the sitting MLA was from the Congress while the Manjalpur seat was held by the BJP. The by-polls in the three seats were the first elections held after the Jantar Mantar student protests.

Stunned by the Bankipur outcome, Bihar BJP president Sanjay Sarogi said the party "accepts the by-poll verdict with bowed head". The BJP now intends to introspect over the reasons for the major electoral debacle.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore hails Telugus for driving State's growth

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Lauding the contribution of the Telugu community, Governor of the US state of Maryland Wes Moore said it was at the forefront of the state's emergence as a technology and medical powerhouse.

Addressing the 19th conference of the American Telugu Association (ATA) in Baltimore on Sunday, Moore also acknowledged the leadership of Aruna Katragadda Miller, the



Hyderabad-born Lieutenant Governor of Maryland.

In 2022, Moore and Miller made history by becoming the first elected Black Governor and the first woman of colour to

serve as Maryland's Lieutenant Governor.

In its 250-year history, the US has elected three Black governors. "The Telugu community is at the forefront of Maryland's strength as a technology, medical, business and academic powerhouse," Moore said while addressing the valedictory session of the three-day conference, which saw participation from thousands of community members across the US.

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Hyderabad achieves 57.25 per cent digitisation in SIR, remains lowest in TG

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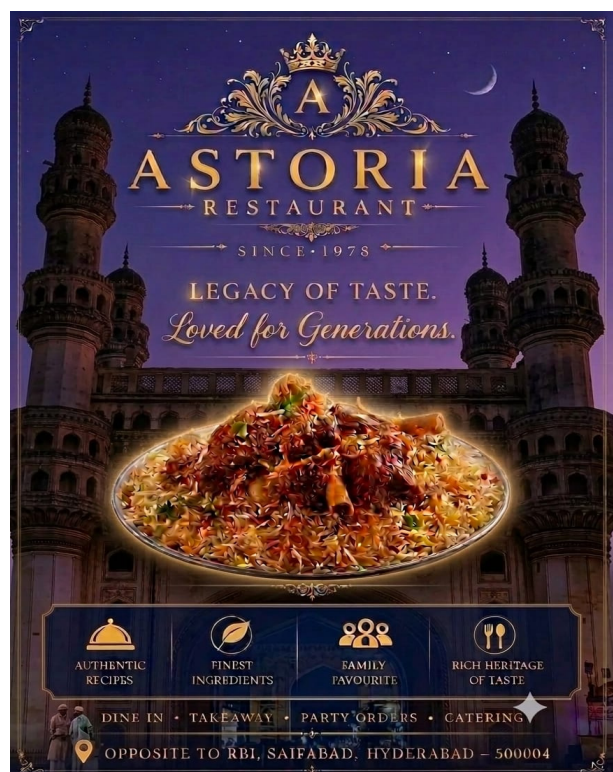
Hyderabad achieved 57.25 per cent digitisation of enumeration forms in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) and continued to remain the lowest among all districts in Telangana, according to the latest report on the digitisation of enumeration forms released by Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, C Sudarshan Reddy on Monday. Medchal-Malkajgiri dis-



trict, which had been lagging behind Hyderabad in the digitisation of enumeration forms until last week, has now moved ahead with 62.64 per cent digitisation, according to the CEO's report. Yadadri-Bhongir district topped the State with

94.30 per cent digitisation of enumeration forms, the report said.

According to the revised SIR schedule, August 10 is the last date for the submission of filled-in enumeration forms in Telangana.



Pakistan Bans Foreign Media in PoK

NEW DELHI
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Having failed to contain the rebellion in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) despite police brutality, the Pakistan government has now banned coverage of the protests by local and international media. Pakistan has restricted digital access to foreign news platforms in the country and tightened travel and reporting guidelines for international journalists. The move came after critical coverage by the international media of the on-



going unrest in PoK. While the Pakistani media maintained silence on the unrest and carried only government press releases, international media outlets such as Al Jazeera and the BBC reported from the ground, exposing police brutality amid the

ongoing Assembly elections. On Monday, Pakistan blocked the Al Jazeera website in the country. Pakistan's ministry of information and broadcasting issued a special advisory for international media, stating that foreign media person-

nel could visit places outside Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad for reporting purposes only after obtaining an NOC from the government. Reports claimed that the crackdown on international media and their digital news platforms came after Al Jazeera exposed the sham elections in PoK and the BBC reported on police brutality.

Locals claimed that the elections in PoK were rigged. "What I saw in AJK (PoK) polls while reporting... most people I spoke to in Muzaffarabad

Meta Chief Must Apologise To Modi Personally: Panel

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The head of the department-related standing committee on information technology, Nishikant Dubey, on Monday said Meta chief Mark Zuckerberg should personally apologise for the removal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video from Facebook, while several other members demanded legal action after fixing accountability. However, according to sources, opposition MPs in the panel said space for dissent in social media is a must and anti-government content should not be considered anti-national.

"They (Meta) themselves admitted that it (video) was taken down for five hours -- missing from 12:30 at night to 5:00 in the morning. This is a very serious matter and an apology must come from Zuckerberg's side," Dubey said after an over three-hour meeting of the parliamentary panel during which the MPs questioned the Meta representatives. And if Zuckerberg does not apologise, then the safe harbour protection they have under Section 79 should be taken back



from them, the BJP MP said, referring to the provision of the Information Technology Act under which social media networks and internet service providers are not legally responsible for third-party content on their platforms. The questioning came against the backdrop of the government's summons to Meta's top executives after Prime Minister Modi's recent Facebook post addressing India's youth and promising stringent action against paper leaks was briefly restricted on the platform. The parliamentary panel on Monday asked Meta to clarify its stand in writing within 10 days.

Dubey said that this was not the first time that Meta has removed a

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Telangana Fee Policy Sparks Student Concerns Over Payment Delays

The policy which was taken up by the Cabinet on July 2 after GO Ms. 9, provides for tuition and maintenance amounts to be credited directly to eligible students' Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts from the 2026-27 academic

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Student groups and activists in Telangana have raised concerns over the state government's revised fee reimbursement policy, which proposes direct transfer of tuition and maintenance amounts into eligible students' Aadhaar-linked bank accounts from the 2026-27 academic year. The policy, approved after GO Ms. 9 and discussed by the Cabinet on July 2, aims to make payments more transparent by transferring funds directly to students instead of colleges. However, student organisations fear that delays in government

payments could create financial pressure on students, as colleges may demand fee payments before reimbursements are credited. The All India OBC Students Association (AIOBCSA) strongly opposed the move, stating that fee reimbursement is a responsibility shared between the government and educational institutions and should not become a burden on students. The association warned that issues such as inactive bank accounts, Aadhaar-seeding errors and incorrect account details could prevent students from receiving funds on time. AIOBCSA questioned how students could manage if reimburse-



ments were delayed for several years and argued that they should not be held responsible for disputes between colleges and the government. Telangana Education Commission member Prof. P.L. Vishweshwar Rao supported the direct benefit transfer system, stating that similar mechanisms are already being used in other welfare schemes. He acknowledged that initial technical issues may arise but said they could be resolved. He stressed

that payments must reach students within the timelines mentioned in government guidelines. College management associations, meanwhile, said their primary concern was not the new payment method but the pending reimbursement arrears. Federation of Associations of Telangana Higher Institutions (FATHI) secretary-general K.S. Ravi Kumar said old dues must be cleared first. FATHI estimates that the pending reimbursement amount is over ₹10,000 crore, though the state government has not officially confirmed the figure. The Cockroach Janta

Party (CJP) Telangana also opposed the policy, stating that students could be caught between colleges demanding fees and delays in government payments. Coordinator Vijay Malangi said the party would meet affected students at Osmania University and other institutions before deciding on further protests. While the government's direct transfer plan aims to improve transparency and accountability, student groups continue to demand safeguards to ensure that delays do not force students to pay fees from their own pockets.

Heavy Rains Revive Crops, Inundate Fields in Parts of Adilabad

ADILABAD
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Heavy rains that lashed the erstwhile Adilabad district last week revived standing crops that were on the verge of withering after a prolonged dry spell, but also inundated cotton, soybean and redgram fields in several villages along the Pranahita and Penganga rivers. Farmers said the delayed rainfall saved cotton crops and renewed hopes for the kharif season across the district. However, backwaters of the Pranahita river submerged standing crops in villages along its banks in the Sirpur (T) Assembly constituency, while the Penganga river overflowed into agricultural fields in Bela, Jainad and Boraj mandals of the Adilabad Assembly constituency. The Pranahita, flowing in spate due to heavy up-



stream inflows, inundated crops in hundreds of acres in Talai, Papanpet, Somini and Mogavelli villages in Bejjur mandal. Soyam Chinniah, sarpanch of Sulugupalli village in Bejjur mandal, said farmers in Sirpur (T), Bejjur, Koutala, Penchikalpet, Chintalamanepalli and Dahegaon mandals had begun paddy transplantation in tanks and ponds filled by the recent rains. He also said road connectivity to Tonkini and Parigaon villages had been disrupted by the Pranahita backwaters. Penganga floodwaters entered agricultural fields in Sangidi, Bedoda, Guda,

Maniyarpur and Koddur villages in Bela mandal; Karanji, Kapri, Sangi, Kauta and Anandpur villages in Jainad mandal; and Pendawada village in Boraj mandal. According to preliminary estimates by the agriculture department, crops in about 5,000 acres were damaged in Bela, Jainad and Boraj mandals. Floodwaters from overflowing streams and rivulets also entered agricultural fields in Utnoor, Indravelli, Kerameri, Lingapur, Jainoor and Sirpur (U) mandals in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district.

Water Supply to Be Disrupted in Miyapur, Chandanagar, Hafeezpet on August 5

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has announced a six-hour disruption in drinking water supply on August 5 (Wednesday) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. due to maintenance works under the Manjira water supply system. The interruption is required for the installation and maintenance of a 33 kV Outdoor Vacuum Circuit Breaker (VCB) at the Kalabgur Substation. Areas likely to be affected include Miyapur, Lingampally, Chandanagar, Hafeezpet, RC Puram, and Ashok Nagar, along with nearby localities. The Water Board has advised residents to store sufficient drinking water in advance to avoid inconvenience during the maintenance period.

State Govt Finalises Guidelines For Gig Workers Welfare Act, New Law Likely From Aug. 15

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state government has finalised the operational guidelines for implementing the Telangana Platform Based Gig Workers (Registration, Social Security and Welfare) Act, 2026. The move comes amid mounting pressure from gig workers' unions, which have announced an indefinite strike from August 8 demanding immediate wage reforms and social security measures. The law is likely to come into force from August 15, Independence Day, sources said. The Legislature had passed the Bill on March 30 this year. It was referred to Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla for assent. After nearly a month, the Governor accorded approval on May 1, following which the state



government issued a gazette notification formally notifying the Act. Despite the gazette notification, the Act could not be brought into force for more than three months due to the absence of operational guidelines required for its implementation. Against the backdrop of the proposed agitation by gig and platform workers' unions, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed the department of skill, human capital and knowledge training initiatives (SHAKTI) to expedite the

preparation of the operational framework and ensure that the Act was implemented from August 15. The unions had earlier organised a 12-hour statewide flash strike on July 22, disrupting app-based transport and food delivery services across Telangana. Sources added that officials had submitted the draft guidelines to the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) for approval. The Chief Minister is expected to review the draft within the next day or two and give his approval, following which the guidelines will be officially notified, enabling the Act to come into force. The SHAKTI department has simultaneously accelerated preparations for implementing the legislation aimed to provide social security benefits to workers engaged through digital platforms.

SC/ST Communities' Role in Preserving Hindu Traditions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) have played a significant role in preserving Hindu traditions despite facing centuries of untouchability, discrimination, and social exclusion, says social activist M. Purushotham. According to him, many SC and ST communities remained deeply devoted to Hindu deities, festivals, temple traditions, and cultural practices even while enduring social injustice



and exclusion. Their continued participation in religious and cultural life reflects resilience, faith, and commitment to pre-

serving India's spiritual heritage. Purushotham argues that the contribution of these communities to safeguarding Hindu culture deserves greater recognition and respect. He says society should acknowledge their role while rejecting caste-based discrimination that has denied them equality and dignity for generations. He further stresses that true respect for Hindu traditions must go hand in hand with upholding the constitutional values of equality, social justice, and

human dignity. Eliminating caste-based discrimination, he says, is essential for building an inclusive society where every individual receives equal respect regardless of caste or social background. The views are expected to generate discussion on the relationship between faith, social reform, and the importance of recognizing the contributions of SC and ST communities in preserving India's religious and cultural traditions while promoting equality and justice.

Ashok Foundation Chief Meets Narnaul SP Deepak Kumar IPS

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Ashok Foundation President and Agrawal Bandhu Mr. Pankaj Kumar Agrawal paid a courtesy visit to Superintendent of Police (SP) Mr. Deepak Kumar, IPS, in Narnaul during his Haryana visit. During the meeting, Mr. Agrawal congratulated SP Deepak Kumar for his commitment towards public service, maintaining



law and order, and ensuring the safety and welfare of citizens. The two discussed various aspects re-

lated to strengthening police-public coordination, promoting peace, and building greater trust between law enforcement agencies and the community. Mr. Pankaj Kumar Agrawal emphasized that co-operation between citizens and police is essential for creating a safe and harmonious society. He appreciated the efforts of the Narnaul police administration in serving the people with dedication.

Colony Welfare Associations Organised Rallies Backing HYDRAA

Residents from colony welfare associations organised rallies on Sunday in support for HYDRAA and the government's efforts to protect lakes and government land. The demonstrations were held in Madhuranagar, Srinivasanagar and Ameerpet on Sunday. Members of welfare associations from West Srinivasanagar, Vengalraonagar, Madhuranagar, Motinagar, Rajivnagar, Siddharthanagar, Sai Saradhinagar, Jayaprakashnagar and Engineers Colony took part in the rallies and raised slogans in support of the government and HYDRAA.

The residents said protecting the city's lakes was important to reduce flooding during heavy rain, and welcomed the government's decision to entrust HYDRAA with safeguarding water bodies and government land. They also criticised what they described as negative campaigns against HYDRAA on social media and said they had sent videos and messages expressing their support to the agency. Several residents said the flood mitigation works carried out in Ameerpet and nearby areas had helped reduce waterlogging during the recent spell of rain. They also referred to lake restoration works in different parts of the city and said these projects had improved local conditions.

Mother's Milk is Nature's First Gift: Sangareddy Observes World Breastfeeding Week

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Women and Child Welfare Department, Sangareddy, is observing World Breastfeeding Week from August 1 to 7 with a series of awareness programmes across Anganwadi centres, government schools, and health institutions to promote the importance of breastfeeding for the healthy growth and development of infants. District Welfare Officer Smt. Lalitha Kumari said that "Mother's milk is the first and best nutrition for every newborn." She emphasized that feeding colostrum (the first milk) within one hour of birth significantly strengthens a baby's immune system, protects against infections, and supports



healthy physical and mental development. She noted that despite growing awareness, some mothers continue to avoid breastfeeding due to misconceptions, lifestyle changes, and concerns about physical appearance. She stressed that breastfeeding is essential not only for the baby's health but also for the mother's well-being, helping reduce the risk of several health complications. Health experts recommend exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months, as it provides all the nutrients and anti-

bodies required for a newborn's growth. After six months, breastfeeding should continue along with appropriate complementary foods for up to two years or beyond to ensure optimal nutrition and development. Across Sangareddy district, five ICDS projects are functioning through 1,504 Anganwadi centres, serving more than 10,000 pregnant women, over 5,000 lactating mothers, and nearly 98,450 children below five years of age. Nutritious supplementary food is already being provided through

these centres. As part of the week-long campaign, the Women and Child Welfare Department, in coordination with the Health Department, is organizing awareness sessions, counselling programmes for pregnant women, nursing mothers, and their families, home visits to newborns and nutritionally vulnerable children, and community meetings highlighting the life-saving benefits of breastfeeding. Lalitha Kumari appealed to parents and family members to actively support breastfeeding mothers and help create a healthy environment where every child receives the best possible start in life through exclusive and continued breastfeeding.

Jahangir Baba Praises Revanth Reddy's Historic Welfare Initiatives

MAHABUBNAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Al Faiz Welfare Society President Jahangir Baba has praised Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for giving priority to education, healthcare, and the welfare of workers, describing the government's initiatives as historic and beneficial for the state's development. In a statement issued on Monday, Jahangir Baba said the Chief Minister's special focus on strengthening government educational institutions would significantly improve the quality of public education and create better opportunities for students across Telangana. He also welcomed the government's efforts to improve healthcare services and



implement welfare measures for employees. Highlighting the concerns of Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) employees, Jahangir Baba urged the state government to merge RTC employees into government service. He appealed for the release of pending dues for the years 2017 and 2021 in cash, enhancement of Telangana increments, and implementation of an eight-hour duty system.

He further requested the government to restore the Old Pension Scheme for RTC employees after their merger into government service and sanction the 20-year service increment up to 2026. He also demanded scholarships for the children of RTC workers and the restoration of increments that were withheld over minor issues. Jahangir Baba called for complete job security for RTC employees and urged the government to issue clear guidelines making passengers responsible for purchasing valid tickets. He also sought promotions for RTC employees completing 25 years of service and immediate settlement of retirement benefits.

IMD issues heavy rainfall alert for 16 Telangana districts

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

Sircilla Weaver Completes Silk Sari in 170 Minutes

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Sircilla handloom weaver Veldi Hariprasad has achieved another remarkable feat by weaving a 5.5-metre silk saree in just 170 minutes, setting his sights on a new record ahead of National Handloom Day. Hariprasad completed the saree in two hours and 50 minutes, beating his initial target of three hours and 30 minutes by 40 minutes. The weaving process began at 9.30 am and concluded at 12.20 pm in the presence of local dignitaries. The saree measures 5.5 metres in length and 45 inches in width. It was created using 10,500 wefts and 1,500 warps, with a total weight of only 170 grams. One of the special features of the saree is that it can be folded to fit inside a matchbox, highlighting the exceptional skill and



precision of Sircilla's traditional handloom artisans. While a regular handloom saree usually requires nearly a full day to complete, Hariprasad achieved this milestone in just 170 minutes. The entire weaving process was recorded on video and will be submitted for consideration to prestigious record organisations, including the Limca Book of Records, Guinness World Records and the India Book of Records. Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi

Srinivas congratulated Hariprasad for his extraordinary achievement and praised his efforts in bringing recognition to Sircilla's handloom tradition. Speaking about his challenge, Hariprasad said he wanted to showcase the talent and dedication of Sircilla weavers on the occasion of National Handloom Day. He revealed that he initially planned to complete the saree within three hours and 30 minutes but managed to finish it much earlier. He maintained

around 65 picks per minute, even surpassing the speed of many powerlooms. Hariprasad has previously gained national recognition for his unique handloom creations. He wove the G20 logo on a single piece of cloth, which was appreciated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during an episode of Mann Ki Baat. His other notable works include a gold saree for Goddess Sita at the Ayodhya Ram Temple, a Pattu Peethambaram for Goddess Sita at the Bhadradri temple, portraits of cricketer Sachin Tendulkar and his wife, a national anthem woven on a single piece of cloth, and miniature sarees that could pass through the eye of a needle. Through his innovative craftsmanship, Hariprasad continues to showcase the rich heritage and global potential of Sircilla handlooms.

Congress Cadres Rush to Prove Performance in SIR

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Following Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's announcement of linking performance during the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral roll with nominated posts and party positions, most aspirants continued to engage in field work in various Assembly constituencies. Even those who had enjoyed two years of positions rushed to volunteer after their term was completed recently, remaining hopeful of extension through a show of performance. According to party sources, the Congress, which has engaged most cadres on ground to ensure voters fill enumeration forms, will take a call on offering positions after analysing the ground report of performances. The AICC leadership has also sought details of those missing and plans to re-



ward the top 100 with a chance to meet Rahul Gandhi. "The CM's directive issued on July 19 to partymen has had an impact. Following his statement, those who were holding chairman's positions and reluctant to leave the city are now in Assembly constituencies volunteering for SIR works," a party leader said. "They were hopeful of getting an extension, but as it got delayed, they got a clear message and rushed to pick tasks at different levels. Some of them were attached with Assembly-level SIR coordinators. The seriousness can be gauged by the fact that some of them who attended minister Ponnam Prabhakar's luncheon on Sunday felt that their work

was affected." On Monday, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, through a virtual meeting, took stock of the situation. Attended by DCC presidents and election coordinators, the meeting focused on progress of SIR activities and finalising the list of 100 BLAs who will get an opportunity to meet Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi. The PCC will be announcing the names of 50 corporation chairmen, if everything goes as per the plans of the three-member committee including TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud, minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and MP Vem Narender Reddy, which held a meeting Saturday. "Those who are seeking posts will be screened and the list will be prepared and forwarded to the in-charge ministers after getting approved by DCC presidents and contested MLAs or incharges of constituencies.

Drainage Neglect, Illegal Parking Put Sangareddy Government High School

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Serious civic and infrastructure issues are putting the safety and well-being of hundreds of students at the Government High School in Sangareddy at risk. An overflowing drainage line, illegal roadside parking, traffic congestion, and the continued use of temporary classrooms have become major concerns for students, teachers, parents, and local residents. A visit to the school revealed that the drainage line located opposite the main entrance has remained clogged and poorly maintained for a long time. Garbage, plastic waste, stagnant wastewater, and foul odour have created an unhygienic environment around the campus, causing inconvenience to students, school staff, and nearby residents. Locals fear that the situation could lead to the spread of diseases, particularly during the rainy season. Adding to the problem is the indiscriminate parking of auto-rickshaws and other vehicles directly in front of the school gate. The unauthorized parking narrows the road, obstructs traffic, and poses a constant danger to students during school opening and closing hours. Residents recalled that a police constable had lost his life in a road accident in the same locality some time ago, yet no effective traffic management or parking regulation has been implemented to prevent similar incidents. According to the school management, several representations have already been submitted to the concerned departments requesting immediate action on the drainage problem and illegal parking. However, despite repeated appeals, no permanent solution has been provided, leaving the issues unresolved. Students Studying in Temporary Structures The condition inside the school campus is



equally concerning. Following the demolition of the old school building, students are currently attending classes in temporary sheds and makeshift classrooms. Teachers are also conducting lessons under these temporary arrangements, which affects the overall learning environment and comfort of both students and staff. Parents expressed disappointment that although several senior officials have visited the school and inspected the premises, the long-pending construction of a permanent school building has yet to commence. They questioned why students are still forced to study in temporary facilities despite the government's commitment to improving public education infrastructure. Public Seeks Immediate Action Parents, local residents, and the school administration have appealed to the State Government and district authorities to take urgent measures by: Clearing and repairing the drainage line to eliminate unhygienic conditions. Removing illegal parking in front of the school. Implementing proper traffic regulation to ensure the safety of students. Expediting the construction of a permanent Government High School building with adequate infrastructure. The people of Sangareddy hope that the concerned departments will treat these issues as a matter of priority and provide students with a safe, clean, and dignified educational environment befitting a government institution.

Aleru Leaders Tour Mysuru and Coorg

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A delegation of leaders from the Aleru constituency undertook a memorable tour of Karnataka, visiting the historic city of Mysuru and the scenic hill station of Coorg. The delegation included Nee-lam Venkata Swamy, Putta Mallesh Goud, and several other prominent leaders from Aleru. During the tour, they visited the iconic Mysuru Palace, one of India's finest heritage monuments, where they explored its royal architecture, historical significance, and cultural legacy. The group later travelled to Coorg (Kodagu), enjoying the region's mist-covered hills, sprawling coffee plantations, lush greenery, and beautiful waterfalls during the monsoon season. They also visited the popular "I LOVE COORG" viewpoint and other major tourist attractions, capturing memorable moments throughout the journey. The

Mysoor Palace Visited by ALERU Pilgrims.



participants described the tour as an enriching and refreshing experience, highlighting Karnataka's rich cultural heritage, natural beauty, and tourism potential. They noted that such visits help strengthen awareness of India's historical treasures and encourage domestic tourism. The delegation returned to Aleru with fond memories of the trip, expressing satisfaction over the opportunity to explore two of Karnataka's most celebrated tourist destinations.

BJP Delegation Pays Courtesy Visit to Newly Appointed

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A delegation of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders paid a courtesy visit to the newly appointed Circle Inspector (CI) of Jagadgirigutta Police Station on Monday and extended their best wishes on assuming charge. The delegation included BJP Legal Cell leader Shivanand, Quthbullapur Social Media Convener Jaivanth, BJYM President Puli Raju, and BJP Mahila Morcha President Revathi Singh Thakur. During the meeting, the BJP leaders congratulated



the new Circle Inspector and wished him success in discharging his responsibilities. They expressed confidence that the officer would work with dedication, impartiality, and commitment to maintaining law and order in the Jagadgirigutta area. The leaders also discussed issues concerning

public safety, effective policing, and the importance of strengthening coordination between the police and local communities. They assured the police department of their full cooperation in initiatives aimed at ensuring peace, public security, and prompt resolution of citizens' grievances.

NIMS Achieves Historic Milestone of 1,000 Robotic-Assisted Surgeries in Under Three Years

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare and Science & Technology Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has congratulated the doctors, nurses, technicians and support staff of the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) for successfully completing 1,000 robotic-assisted surgeries within less than three years, describing the achievement as a landmark in Telangana's healthcare journey. In a press statement released on Monday, the Minister said the milestone reflects the State Government's commitment to bringing world-class medical technology and advanced treatment facilities closer to the people. He expressed pride that more than 90 per cent of these robotic-assisted surgeries were provided free of cost through the AarogyaSri and Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) schemes, ensuring that advanced healthcare remains accessible and affordable for patients from economically weaker sections. "The successful completion of 1,000 robotic-assisted surgeries at NIMS is a remarkable achievement and a matter of great pride for Telangana. It demonstrates the dedication, expertise and teamwork of our doctors, nurses, technicians and every member of the hos-



pital staff," the Minister said. Damodar Rajanarsimha also extended special congratulations to NIMS Director Dr. Rahul Deva-raj for his leadership in steering the institution towards medical excellence and strengthening robotic surgical services. The Minister reiterated that the Telangana Government is committed to ensuring that every citizen has access to globally benchmarked healthcare facilities, cutting-edge medical technologies and quality treatment irrespective of financial background. He expressed confidence that NIMS would continue to achieve greater milestones in the years ahead and further strengthen its reputation as one of India's leading centres for advanced medical care, innovation and patient-focused healthcare. "The Government remains committed to strengthening public healthcare institutions and expanding access to modern medical technologies so that every citizen benefits from high-quality healthcare services," the Minister added.

Nizamabad GGH to Become Major Referral Centre

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has announced that the Nizamabad Government General Hospital (GGH) will be upgraded into a major referral hospital with advanced infrastructure and super specialty healthcare services, reducing the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad for specialized treatment. Chairing a review meeting with Nizamabad district MLAs at the Dr. B.R.



Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Monday, the Minister said super specialty departments including Cardiology, Neurology, Nephrology, and Urology will be introduced in phases. He also announced that an advanced MRI machine with the latest technology is

being procured and MRI diagnostic services will soon begin at the hospital. Reviewing healthcare facilities across the district, including the Government Medical College, Government General Hospital, CHCs, PHCs and Sub-Centres, the Minister directed officials to improve

infrastructure, patient amenities and expedite pending development works. Damodar Rajanarsimha said the government has recently posted 18 Gynaecologists, 22 Anaesthesia Specialists, 22 Paediatricians and nearly 330 Nursing Officers in CHCs and Area Hospitals. Recruitment of additional specialist doctors in General Medicine, General Surgery, Radiology and other departments will be completed by the end of the month.

MLRITM Hosts Grand Orientation for Freshers

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Marri Laxman Reddy Institute of Technology and Management (MLRITM) conducted its Orientation Day with enthusiasm, formally welcoming newly admitted B.Tech students and introducing them to the institution's academic ecosystem, industry-focused training, research opportunities, placement support, and student development initiatives. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Sri Marri Rajasekhar Reddy, Founder Secretary of MLRITM and MLA, Malkajgiri, urged students to look beyond earning an engineering degree and focus on building knowledge, technical expertise, leadership qualities, and social responsibility. He said success



comes through discipline, hard work, curiosity, and continuous learning rather than overnight achievements. Director Dr. P. Sridhar highlighted the importance of lifelong learning and skill enhancement in today's fast-changing technological landscape. He said MLRITM offers modern laboratories, strong academic infrastructure, industry-oriented training, research opportunities, internships, placement assistance, participation in the Smart

India Hackathon, sports, cultural activities, and NSS programmes to help students become competent professionals and responsible citizens. The programme was attended by Chairman Marri Laxman Reddy, Board Member Anu Shreya Reddy, Principal Dr. R. Murali Prasad, MLR Institute of Pharmacy Principal Dr. Arnab Malik, the Dean of Academics, Heads of Departments, faculty members, students, and parents. The event was coordinated by Dr. K. Ashok, Head of the Freshman Engineering Department, who welcomed the students and expressed confidence that their four-year journey at MLRITM would equip them with knowledge, skills, values, and opportunities for a successful future.

Delhi Police Book X Handles Over Anti-Modi Posts

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

Randeep Hooda Joins Assam Flood Relief Efforts

VIZAG Wakeup telangana

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



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

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

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

Akhilesh Yadav Says BJP Stands for Corruption, Oppression and Sin

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana



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

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

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

SC to Hear Pleas on Alleged Police Excesses During NEET Protest

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

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

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

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



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

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

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

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

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

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



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

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

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

NSA Charges Against Assam Tribal Activist Draws Congress Criticism

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana



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

party also said this is a "blatant misuse" of preventive detention laws and "overreach" by the state.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh said that on July 30, the Assam Government invoked the National Se-

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

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

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However, the previous BRS government declined to adopt the DBT model and continued the earlier practice of transferring fee reimbursement amounts directly to college managements. It also continued releasing funds for a particular academic year in subsequent years, resulting in a massive accumulation of pending dues. By the time the BRS government demitted office in December 2023, fee reimbursement arrears had mounted to nearly ` 10,000 crore, with only partial payments being made since 2020. Because of the state's refusal to adopt the DBT model, Telangana lost nearly `250 crore in Central assistance every

year during the BRS regime. The state continued to forgo Central funds even after the Congress assumed office, losing assistance during the 2024-25 and 2025-26 academic years. In 2025-26, Telangana lost Rs 276 crore in Central funds earmarked for SC and ST students. Officials said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was keen on ensuring that Telangana fully utilised the available Central assistance from the 2026-27 academic year and therefore decided to convert the scheme into the DBT model.

Now, BJP cadres.....

Dubey said that this was not the first time that Meta has removed a video. "In 2024, Mark Zuckerberg had made objectionable comments

on Parliamentary election results. Their mindset is to destabilise the country," he alleged. "The prime minister's video was removed for five hours. They don't listen to the directives of the Ministries of Home Affairs and IT. I want to say that Mark Zuckerberg should personally apologise for the removal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video," Dubey said. At the meeting, members pointed out that while Meta earns huge revenue from India, it does not follow the law of the land, according to sources. They also questioned Meta officials who appeared before the panel over the issue of algorithmic bias, saying objectionable content related to child and women sexual abuse is freely available on the

platform while "genuine" content was removed. When Facebook has not removed a lot of other objectionable content, who removed Prime Minister Narendra Modi's video from the platform, an MP asked Meta representatives. "Who bears the ultimate responsibility for this?" the sources quoted the panel member as saying. Maryland Governor.... Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhathi Vikramarka, Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy, Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, MLAs T Rammohan Reddy, Yen-nem Srinivas Reddy, Manohar Reddy, and Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao were among those who attended the con-

ference. The event also featured noted film personalities, including veteran actor Rajendra Prasad and playback singer Sunitha Upadrashta. Founded in 1991, the American Telugu Association serves thousands of families through educational initiatives, youth development, cultural programmes, health awareness activities, humanitarian relief, scholarships and community service. Pakistan Bans..... We witnessed violent clashes in Lower and Central Plate. People were too scared to speak on record," Ramna Saeed, a journalist with Independent Urdu, posted on X. "Casualties continue to be reported from Rawalakot and other

parts of Pakistan-administered Kashmir. Protests erupted in Islamabad where people demanded an end to violence, the release of detainees and protection of constitutional rights," Saeed wrote on Friday. The BBC, which had managed to gain access to Rawalakot and speak to those at the heart of the protests, carried reports about security forces firing on innocent civilians and hospitals and clinics struggling to provide medical aid. On Monday evening, a fresh round of police brutality was reported when unarmed protesters gathered at Lal Chowk in Muzaffarabad, the capital of PoK, and came under intense firing by Pakistani Rangers and the Frontier Corps (FC).

CRIME

No Impact of Supreme Court Green Permit Verdict on Telangana Projects

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



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

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

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

Traffic Police Conduct Arrive Alive Awareness at KV School

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As part of the "Arrive Alive" road safety campaign, the Traffic Police conducted an awareness programme at KV School, Picket (Marredpally), under the limits of Traffic Police Station Trimulgherry on Monday, following the directions of senior officers. The session was attended by students and teachers. Addressing the gathering, ACP Traffic Trimulgherry, G. Shankar Raju, highlighted the importance of road safety, responsible road-user behaviour, and strict adherence to traffic regulations. He urged students to become ambassadors of road



safety by spreading awareness among their families and communities. The participants were educated on the mandatory use of helmets and seat belts, obeying traffic signals, avoiding mobile phone use while driving, preventing underage driving, maintaining lane discipline, and following traffic rules to reduce road accidents..

8-Foot Python Halts Traffic in Gachibowli Amid Heavy Rains

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

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

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

Two Cab Drivers Assaulted in Madhapur; Four Booked

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Srirangam Venkatesh

Two cab drivers were allegedly assaulted by four men near Capital Park, Guttala Begumpet, under the Madhapur Police Station limits in the early hours of August 1. According to police, the incident occurred around 2:30 a.m. when cab driver Azher Khan stopped to question four men who were allegedly



abusing another cab driver, Mohammed Ahmed. The accused then allegedly attacked both drivers, with Azher sustaining an injury near his left eye. Police identified the accused as Ra-

kesh, Varun, Sai Teja, and Shiva Maheshwar and registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The investigation is being conducted by Sub-Inspector Nallamopu Nagarani. The injured driver also alleged that there was a delay in receiving medical treatment after the incident. Police said the investigation is underway.

Parties in Contract Cannot Invoke Article 226 to Avoid Arbitration: Telangana HC

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana High Court has held that parties which have voluntarily agreed to resolve disputes through arbitration cannot subsequently invoke the writ jurisdiction of the High Court under Article 226 of the Constitution to challenge the very process they had contractually accepted. A division bench comprising Justice Moushumi Bhattacharya and



Justice Gadi Praveen Kumar dismissed two writ petitions filed by the HMDA and Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL), challenging notices issued by the Indian Council of Arbitration (ICA) in connection with arbitration proceedings

arising out of the Outer Ring Road (ORR) concession agreement. The bench also vacated the interim stay orders granted earlier, paving the way for the arbitration to continue. The dispute concerned the concession agreement executed in 2007 between the HMDA and Hyderabad Expressway Limited (HEL) for the build-operate-transfer (BOT) project relating to the ORR. Clause 39 provided that "any dispute" arising be-

tween the parties would be resolved through arbitration in accordance with the rules of the Indian Council of Arbitration. HMDA later opposed the initiation of arbitration, contending that subsequent changes in the consortium's shareholding, proceedings under the corporate insolvency resolution process (CIRP), and transfer of shares without prior approval rendered the arbitration proceedings untenable.

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.



Saarathi Finance Opens 11 New MSME Loan Branches in AP, T’gana

HYDERABAD
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Saarathi Finance, a non-banking financial company (NBFC) dedicated to serving India’s underserved MSME sector, has expanded its regional footprint by opening 11 new branches across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during June and July 2026.

The latest expansion represents the company’s fastest branch growth in the two states within a two-month period. Saarathi Finance has opened seven branches in Andhra Pradesh at Machilipatnam, Madanapalle, Amalapuram, Tadepalligudem, Nandigama, Anantapur and Tuni. In Telangana, the company has launched four



branches in Adilabad, Nagarkurnool, Kothagudem and Siddhipet. Through these new branches, Saarathi Finance will offer its flagship financial products, including Secured Business Loans and Loan Against Property, to micro and small businesses, traders, entrepreneurs and self-employed professionals in these towns and surrounding areas.

The expansion is part of Saarathi Finance’s

second phase of growth strategy. After completing its first year with a network of more than 70 branches across six states, the company is now planning to add another 50 to 60 branches across India. Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been identified as priority markets due to their growing MSME ecosystem, entrepreneurial activity and rising demand for formal secured credit solutions in

semi-urban and rural regions.

The company follows a data-driven approach while selecting new locations. Factors such as MSME concentration, local economic growth, customer profiles, regional credit behaviour and market opportunities are considered before entering new markets.

Saarathi Finance stated that MSMEs across regions have different financial requirements. While coastal Andhra Pradesh has a strong presence of aquaculture and trading businesses, several parts of Telangana have growing opportunities in agriculture-related activities, retail and small-scale enterprises. Establishing branches closer to customers

helps the company understand local business needs, improve credit evaluation and provide suitable financing solutions.

Each newly opened branch will be led by a Branch Manager and supported by a Branch Credit Manager along with local relationship teams.

The company aims to continue strengthening its presence across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana while expanding its nationwide lending network. With this expansion, Saarathi Finance seeks to improve access to secured credit for small businesses and contribute towards reducing the financing challenges faced by India’s MSME sector.

FAA certifies Boeing 737 Max 7 for commercial service after years of delays

HYDERABAD
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The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) on Monday approved the smallest model of Boeing’s Max jetliners for commercial service, nearly a decade after the aircraft manufacturer first unveiled the plane.

Certification of the Boeing 737 Max 7 represents a milestone in the company’s efforts to overcome years of safety, quality and production challenges. The long-delayed Max 7 is part of Boeing’s 737 family of commercial jets, the company’s best-selling aircraft series, which has been at the centre of its troubles.

The FAA said it cleared the new aircraft after years of additional testing, design changes and an extensive review of its de-



sign and safety systems. The certification was delayed as Boeing addressed technical issues and heightened regulatory scrutiny following two crashes involving the larger Max 8 that killed 346 people in 2018 and 2019.

Since the crashes off the coast of Indonesia and in Ethiopia, the FAA has overhauled how it certifies Boeing aircraft. It said its oversight of the company would continue beyond the Max 7’s approval.

Before signing off on the aircraft, the FAA said it required Boeing to make several safety changes, including updating flight

control software, improving cockpit alerts for pilots and redesigning the engine anti-ice system to prevent overheating.

“Our team of dedicated engineers and test experts worked through challenges, an extended pandemic, and the transition to new certification processes,” said Stephanie Pope, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes.

Safety inspectors will remain at Boeing production facilities to monitor manufacturing, including observing the company’s Safety Management System and overall safety culture, the agency said.

The Max 7 is expected to be used primarily on short- and medium-haul routes. Several carriers, including Southwest Airlines, have outstanding orders for the aircraft.

India's Manufacturing PMI Slows To Near 5-yr Low In July

NEW DELHI
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Amid continuing uncertainty due to the West Asia crisis, India’s manufacturing sector growth slowed sharply in July, recording its weakest expansion in nearly five years. A private business survey showed that softer demand conditions, slower job creation and cautious business activity affected overall momentum during the month.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers’

Index (PMI) declined to 53.5 in July from 54.2 in June, marking the lowest level since August 2021. Although the index remained above the 50-point mark, indicating continued expansion, the reading was below the long-term average of 54.2 and reflected a significant moderation in growth.

The survey highlighted that growth weakened across key indicators, including total sales, input purchases and employment. The pace of new order growth was the second weakest recorded in

more than four years, with companies reporting challenges due to difficult market conditions and reduced customer interest in certain products.

HSBC Chief India Economist Pranjul Bhandari said that supply chain conditions showed improvement in July, with supplier delivery times rising and delays continuing to ease. However, renewed tensions in the Middle East have created uncertainty over whether these improvements can continue.

Manufacturers appeared



to be strengthening their supply buffers by increasing inventories of raw materials and finished products. The rise in purchasing activity indicated that firms were preparing

to manage possible disruptions caused by global uncertainties.

Despite the slowdown in domestic demand, export orders provided some support to the sector. The sur-

vey noted a faster increase in international new orders, with companies reporting business gains from countries including Canada, Egypt, Indonesia, Kenya, Nepal, South Africa, Thailand and the UAE.

Bhandari said output and export demand remained resilient, while pricing trends showed mixed signals. Input cost inflation eased to its weakest level in five months, but selling price inflation accelerated as companies attempted to protect profit margins.

Employment growth also

lost pace for the third consecutive month. The survey stated that job creation in the manufacturing sector was the slowest during the current 29-month period of continuous employment growth.

Companies continued to face higher transportation costs, although overall cost pressures moderated. Business optimism showed a mild recovery during July, supported by stronger export opportunities and expectations of future growth.

However, analysts cau-

tioned that geopolitical tensions, especially in West Asia, could impact supply chains, energy costs and manufacturing confidence in the coming months.

Overall, India’s manufacturing sector continued to expand in July but at a slower pace, reflecting weaker demand conditions and rising global uncertainties. The coming months will determine whether improved exports and easing supply pressures can help the sector regain stronger momentum.

India Hikes Windfall Tax on Diesel, Petrol and Jet Fuel



NEW DELHI
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India on Monday raised windfall taxes on fuel exports, designed to ensure sufficient domestic supply and boost state coffers at a time when prices remain volatile over the conflict in the Middle East, according to a government order. The export duty on petrol has been increased to 3.5 rupees (\$0.0367) per litre from 2.5 rupees effective immediately, the government said. The total duty on diesel exports has been raised to 25.5 rupees per litre through a combination of two levies from 15.5 rupees a fortnight ago.

The tax on aviation fuel has been set at 22 rupees per litre up from 14.5 ru-

pees from Monday. India first imposed the windfall tax in July 2022 to capture extraordinary gains from soaring oil prices, collecting 250 billion rupees (\$2.62 billion) in 2022. Total collection fell to 130 billion rupees in 2023-24. The levy was scrapped in December 2024, but re-introduced in March 2026 after oil prices surged during the U.S.-Israeli war on Iran. Oil prices have been volatile since the last revision of the taxes two weeks ago.

The price of the commodity fell more than 5% on Monday after U.S. President Donald Trump held off on a fresh attack on Iran in the hope of sealing a quick deal. (\$1 = 95.3375 Indian rupees)

Non-Coal Mining Clearance Threshold Likely to Double to 500 Ha

NEW DELHI
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The Union Environment Ministry has proposed increasing the appraisal limit for non-coal mining projects at the state level from 250 hectares to 500 hectares. The move is aimed at further decentralising the environmental clearance process and speeding up approvals for mining projects, according to a draft notification issued on July 27.

Under the proposed changes, State Environment Impact Assessment Authorities (SEIAA) and State Expert Appraisal Committees (SEAC) would be empowered to examine non-coal mining projects up to 500 hectares. The ministry pointed out that state-level authorities are already handling coal mining projects of similar size, making the extension of powers a logical step.

The SEIAA is responsible for granting environmental clearances, while the SEAC provides technical recommendations after evaluating the potential environmental impact of projects. Under the Envi-



ronment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006, projects are classified into different categories based on their scale and environmental risks. Category A projects are reviewed by the central Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC), while Category B projects are reviewed by state-level bodies.

The ministry, in its draft notification, stated that experts appointed to both EACs and SEACs have similar eligibility requirements in terms of qualifications and experience. It highlighted that state committees possess the required expertise to conduct detailed project as-

sessments.

The draft also noted that SEIAAs across states have gained considerable experience over the past two decades in handling environmental clearance applications. To further improve efficiency, the Centre recently introduced two new temporary bodies — the Standing Authority on Environment Impact Assessment (SAEIA) and the Standing Committee on Environment Impact Appraisal (SCEIA).

These bodies, notified on July 13, will take over the responsibilities of SEIAAs and SEACs when existing committees become inactive for more

than a month due to delays in reconstitution, expiry of tenure, or court-related restrictions.

However, environmental experts have expressed concerns regarding the composition of these newly created standing bodies. They argue that the absence of mandatory domain expertise requirements for chairpersons and members could weaken the scrutiny of projects.

Unlike the EAC, SEIAA and SEAC, where members are required to have specialised qualifications, such as 15 years of professional experience or a PhD in relevant fields, the new standing bodies do not have similar criteria. Experts fear this could affect the quality of environmental assessments and oversight of large-scale projects.

The proposed amendment is expected to bring faster decision-making at the state level, but environmental groups have called for stronger safeguards to ensure that quicker approvals do not compromise ecological protection.

Rupee Gains 3 Paise to 95.34 Against US Dollar in Early Trade

NEW DELHI
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The rupee opened on a flat note and gained 3 paise to 95.34 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday, as support from the broad-based weakness in the US Dollar Index amid improving global risk sentiment was negated by dollar demand from importers. Forex traders said lower oil prices and a softer US dollar outweighed importer demand for dollars, with market participants now turning their attention to the upcoming RBI MPC decision and key US economic data later this week for further direction.

At the interbank foreign exchange market the rupee opened at 95.35, then touched 95.34, registering a gain of 3 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee closed at 95.47 against the American currency. The rupee opened on a flat note and may remain in the range of 95 to 95.50 as oil and dollar index also remain very stable while the market awaits for the RBI Monetary policy decision on Wednesday, said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director Finrex

Treasury Advisors LLP. A broad-based weakness in the US Dollar Index, improving global risk sentiment, and continued foreign portfolio inflows into Indian equities also supported the rupee. In addition, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) was reported to have remained active in the foreign exchange market (it received premiums), helping to smooth volatility and reinforce positive sentiment, he said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 99.99, marginally up by 0.09 per cent.

The dollar index slipped below the psychologically important 100 level.

The dollar remained under pressure as investors continued to price in a more accommodative Federal Reserve outlook following recent softer US inflation data, Bhansali added. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 1.15 per cent at USD 84.73 per barrel in futures trade, but a sharp correction from the highs above USD100 per barrel seen in July.

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

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

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

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

The trailer offers glimpses of an



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mumbai police trace Sweden VPN in Aamir Khan threat probe

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Income Tax Players Make National Bridge Semifinals

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Team Income Tax has secured a place in the semifinals of the 3rd Shree Cement Inter-State Bridge Championship being held at Jalvihar Grand Lawns on Necklace Road, Hyderabad. The prestigious tournament has brought together top bridge players from across the country, with teams representing various states, government departments and sports associations.

In the championship proceedings, Haryana and Maharashtra have advanced to the final, where they will compete for the title on Tuesday. Meanwhile, Income Tax will face Telangana ‘A’ in the playoff match between the losing semifinalists.

The tournament witnessed participation from 36 teams representing different states and organisations, including Income Tax, Indian Railways, Atomic Energy, Petroleum Board and other departments. The event is being organised by the Telangana Bridge Association (TBA) in collaboration with the Bridge Federation of India (BFI) and the Sports Au-



thority of India.

Alongside the men’s championship, the Women’s Bridge National Championship is also being conducted at the same venue. Around 18 teams representing different states are participating in the women’s competition, highlighting the growing popularity of the mind sport among players across the country.

Telangana Bridge Association President Prabhat Kumar Gupta, IRS, who is currently serving as Principal Commissioner of Income Tax in Hyderabad, said bridge is a highly competitive intellectual sport similar to chess. He pointed out that the game has international recognition and Indian players have won medals at prestigious events, including the Asian and Commonwealth Games.

Gupta said hosting the national-level champion-

ship in Hyderabad would help create greater awareness about bridge among youngsters, students, women and sports enthusiasts in Telangana. He emphasised that despite being a card-based game, bridge has no connection with gambling and is purely a strategic mind sport requiring analytical thinking and teamwork.

The Telangana Bridge Association, in association with the Bridge Federation of India, is planning awareness programmes in schools, colleges and clubs across the state to introduce more people to the game and encourage wider participation. The championship is expected to further strengthen the bridge community in Telangana and provide a platform for emerging players to showcase their talent at the national level.

Mirabai Chanu targets elusive Asian Games medal after historic CWG gold

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

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

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



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

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

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

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

KTR warns of protests at Rahul’s house over unfulfilled promises

“Congress deceived people with its pre-election declarations. Even the ‘Job Calendar’ tabled in the legislature has gone nowhere,” he said.

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao on Monday, August 3, threatened to lay siege to Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi’s residence in Delhi to demand that the Congress government in Telangana fulfil promises made to the youth, including the promise of 2 lakh jobs. He said such speeches would lose credibility if the Congress leadership remained silent when its own Chief Minister allegedly humiliated students and teachers. He warned that Telangana’s youth were watch-

ing the government’s actions and would respond through the ballot box. “Political power is always temporary,” he said, asserting that the verdict of an awakened generation would be more enduring. The former minister slammed Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy for not fulfilling the promise of providing jobs and other promises made in the youth declaration. Addressing a press conference, he accused the Congress government of pushing the youth of Telangana towards despair. He recalled that Rahul Gandhi had promised 2 lakh jobs in the first year



and claimed that not even 10,000 jobs have been filled in two years. He said when there are 20,000 vacancies in the police department, the government has issued notifications for only 7,000 jobs. “Congress deceived people with its pre-election declarations. Even the ‘Job Calendar’ tabled in the legislature has gone nowhere,” he said.

He said that not even one out of 24 commitments under the Youth and Student Declarations has been fulfilled. KTR said a student named Venu in Khammam has attempted suicide over the delay in issuing notification by Telangana State Public Service Commission for Group 1-4 jobs and is fighting for his life, demanding answers. He said the youth, in a handwritten note, demanded Rahul Gandhi, CM Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to introduce annual job calendars like the Union Public Service Commission.

“Where is Rahul Gandhi while young people here are resorting to suicide? The youth of Telangana want accountability, and they will not remain silent,” he said, adding that the suicide note serves as a charge sheet against your incompetent and inept governance. Stating that BRS will fill the job vacancies once it comes to power, he appealed to the unemployed not to resort to taking their own lives. KTR slammed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for calling engineers “criminal waste” and questioned Rahul Gandhi’s silence on Revanth’s comments.

Full support to FCI to expand foodgrain storage capacity: Uttam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday said the state government would extend full support to the Food Corporation of India (FCI) for expanding its foodgrain storage infrastructure to match the state’s record paddy procurement. Reddy gave the assurance during a courtesy visit by FCI General Manager Anuj Tyagi. The two discussed issues related to foodgrain procurement, storage infrastructure and logistics. During the meeting, FCI officials highlighted the corporation’s need to augment its grain storage capacity in Telangana due to the state’s rapidly increasing paddy procurement, an official release said. They outlined plans to



substantially increase storage infrastructure by establishing modern warehouses in the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy assured FCI of the Telangana government’s complete cooperation for the successful implementation of the storage expansion programme. The minister also stressed the need to streamline procurement operations, the release said. He called for closer coordination between the state government and FCI to improve procurement efficiency, storage man-

agement and logistics. Telangana emerged as the country’s second-largest paddy procuring state during the Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2025-26, the release said. Despite the record procurement, Telangana currently has only about 31.00 LMT of Central Pool storage capacity, leaving a storage deficit of 16.25 LMT under FCI’s storage norms. Uttam Kumar Reddy had on June 9 said Telangana created an “all-time record” in paddy procurement despite the Centre “reducing its procurement target” for the state. He said the state government had procured 75 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of paddy by June 9 itself during the current Yasangi (Rabi) season, against the Centre’s approved target of only 52 LMT.

Ameenpur couple goes missing after Rs 2 crore chit fund scam

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad police on Monday, August 3, booked a couple who are on the run in Ameenpur, Sangareddy, after they allegedly duped residents of BSR Colony promising high returns via a chit-collecting fund. Sub-Inspector Madapathi Prabhakar of Ameenpur police station told Siasat.com that the couple, identified as Sirisha and Sambasivarao, began the chit fund scam in 2023. The issue surfaced when investors were not paid on schedule as promised.

“This has been going on for three years now, since 2023,” said SI Prabhakar, adding that the couple stalled paying the returns “for 20-25 months,” according to the complainants. The couple allegedly collected Rs 2 crore from the residents via the chit fund, he said, having collected Rs 2-5 lakh per person. “Around 13 individuals filed the complaint this morning (August 3),” said Prabhakar. The couple has been on the run since selling their house in the BSR Colony. They remain untraceable as their mobile phones are also switched off, the police said. Sev-

eral complaints from investors prompted the authorities to register a case and launch a search operation for the accused couple. The SI said not much is clear about the case as the authorities are still in the inquiry stage. The police collected the Aadhaar cards of the accused to establish their identity. A case has been booked under Sections 420 (cheating and fraud) and 406 (criminal breach of trust) of the Indian Penal Code, as well as Section 5 of the Telangana Protection of Depositors of Financial Establishments Act.

Locals Stage Dharna at Yadadri Thermal Plant Over Unfulfilled Promises

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents who lost land for the Yadadri thermal power plant staged a dharna at the plant’s main gate at Veerlapalem in Damacherla mandal of Nalgonda district on Monday, demanding implementation of assurances given during land acquisition. The protesters stopped vehicles carrying plant employees from entering the premises for some time and raised slogans in support of their demands. They alleged that the government had promised



employment to local youth, particularly members of families whose land was acquired for the project, but the assurances had not been fulfilled. The protest was withdrawn after officials assured the demonstrators that their demands would be taken up with the state government.

5 held for forging govt docs, fake Aadhaar, voter IDs seized

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Five people were arrested in Telangana’s Adilabad district for allegedly forging government documents to generate fake voter identity cards (ID), Aadhaar and PAN cards. The arrested have been identified as Shaik Harun (26), Abdul Shafique (31), Shaik Dilshad Ahmed (19), Abdul Rahman Khan (20) and Syed Naushad (26). All hail from Ichoda Mandal. The case came to light after the Panchayat Secretary of Gundala Gram



Panchayat, Mohammed Lukman, filed a complaint alleging his signature was misused. Addressing a press conference on Monday, August 3, District Superintendent of Police (SP) Akhil Mahajan said the accused prepared a fake rubber stamp in the name of the Panchayat Secretary and forged his

signature. “With technology, they created fake birth, death, marriage and house tax certificates, and other gram panchayat records,” the officer said. Using these documents, they generated fake voter IDs, Aadhaar and PAN cards and started selling them to ineligible persons who obtained government benefits illegally.



Tension prevailed at the Warangal collectorate on Monday after members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) staged a protest demanding the release of pending fee reimbursement dues and scholarships.

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Repay debt to motherland by investing here: Deputy CM to NRIs

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Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has called upon Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to contribute their knowledge and expertise towards the development of their home state and native villages. Bhatti Vikramarka was speaking at the 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) National Convention here as the Chief Guest on Sunday, August 2. He said Telangana is being developed to compete not just with other Indian states but with developed nations globally, and urged NRIs to come forward



and invest in the state. “We have established a single-window system for you. All approvals will be granted swiftly, and the state government will extend full support. We will stand by you in every industrial and social initiative. Chief Minister

Revanth Reddy has sent me here specifically to invite you,” he said. Bhatti Vikramarka said that the Congress government is moving forward with a clear vision to transform Telangana into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. He noted that Telangana is now being governed in line with the aspirations of its people, with optimal utilisation of resources. The state provides world-class infrastructure essential for investments and industries. As part of this, the 56-kilometre Musi River in Hyderabad is being rejuvenated and beautified on the lines of the River Thames in London, ensuring

clean water flow and transforming the city’s landscape. He recalled that infrastructure projects like the Outer Ring Road and the international airport, developed during the tenure of late Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, have become major assets for Telangana. Emphasising that human resource development is key to the state’s progress, Bhatti said the government is introducing transformative changes in the education system. To ensure that students from ordinary families can rise to global levels, initiatives like the ‘Young India Integrated Residential Schools’ are

being launched. One such school is being established in each of the 100 constituencies across the state, spread over 25 acres with an investment of ₹200 crore each, built to international standards. Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government is considering the establishment of a legally empowered special mechanism to address issues faced by NRIs and their parents residing in Telangana. This platform, he assured, would enable prompt resolution of their concerns, whether faced abroad or by their families back home.

Bonalu Rangam predicts heavy rains, floods, natural calamities

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Oracle Mathangi Swarnalatha, delivering the traditional Rangam prophecy during the annual Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu celebrations, cautioned devotees about the possibility of heavy rains, floods, and other natural calamities in the coming months while assuring divine protection to those who follow the path of righteousness. In her prophecy, Swarnalatha expressed anguish that

devotees were repeatedly questioning the goddess while failing to honour the promises they had made. “Why do you question me? Why should I answer every question? I respect your words, but are you following mine? Are you doing what I asked of you?” she said. The oracle said the goddess had always stood by her devotees in times of distress, removed their hardships, and continued to protect them from

danger. However, she lamented that devotees had failed to fulfil their pledge to install her idol despite making repeated promises. Warning of difficult times ahead, Swarnalatha said the year could witness heavy rainfall, leading to floods and related disasters. She urged people to remain vigilant, stating that there was a possibility of loss of life if adequate precautions were not taken.

Showers Cool State, Hyderabad Slows in Evening Rain

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Moderate rain across parts of Telangana on Monday brought down temperatures and offered relief from humid conditions, even as evening showers slowed traffic and exposed pothole-ridden roads across Hyderabad. The city recorded an average of 4.4 mm cumulative rainfall, although several parts of the city received sudden and heavy evening showers that lasted less

than an hour but brought significant waterlogging, traffic and delays. The evening peak hour rain led to slow-moving traffic on several main roads and waterlogging at low-lying stretches, with commuters reporting longer travel times, crowded metros and surged prices and extra tips by autos and other ride-hailing apps. Police advised motorists to avoid waterlogged roads and unnecessary travel as rain was expected to continue

into the night. According to the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPS), Kodangal in Vikarabad district recorded the state’s highest rainfall at 101.3 mm, followed by Sirgapoor in Sangareddy (73.5 mm), Kadpal in Sangareddy (69.5 mm) and Kapra in Medchal-Malkajgiri (69.5 mm). Kondurg in Sangareddy received 67 mm, while Manoor in Sangareddy recorded 64 mm.