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### TN Budget Eyes Cross-Border Metro Rail Link with Karnataka's Bommasandra

With a commitment to propel Tamil Nadu into a US \$ 1.5 trillion dollar economy by 2036, the State government, in the budget for 2026-27, gave priority to empowering women, improving governance, housing for all, safe drinking water, sustainable livelihoods, protecting social justice and promoting green cover.

Presented by State Minister for Finance, Planning and Development, N Marie Wilson, in the State Assembly on Wednesday, the Budget proposed to generate an additional revenue of Rs 16,000 crore through GST, the registration department, computerization of mining operations and an additional privilege fee on liquor manufacturing.

Among the announcements were the establishment of a Specialized Government Law College in Madurai in 2027-28, training of mechanics servicing fossil-fuel vehicles in EV and battery maintenance, benefiting 22,500 persons over 5 years, at a cost of Rs.3

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## CM Revanth Seeks Patil's Intervention For Tummidihatti

**HYDERABAD**  
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday urged the Centre to facilitate Maharashtra's approval for increasing the height of the proposed Tummidihatti barrage on the Pranahita river to 150-152 metres, saying the project was crucial for providing assured irrigation to the backward undivided Adilabad district.

He also requested the Centre to convene a meeting between Telangana and Maharashtra governments at the earliest to resolve the long-pending issue. The Chief Minister, accompanied by irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, met Union jal shakti minister C.R. Patil in Delhi and discussed the importance of the Tummidihatti project, the need for early statutory clearances, and the progress made on the issue following his recent letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Revanth Reddy said the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) had responded to his representation and forwarded the matter to the jal shakti



ministry for action. The Chief Minister briefed the Union minister on Telangana and Maharashtra having an agreement to construct the Tummidihatti barrage at a full reservoir level (FRL) of 148 metres.

He said Telangana was now seeking permission to raise the barrage height to ensure gravity-based water supply and obviate the need to deploy motors to lift waters. Revanth Reddy said that the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), Pune, after conducting a scientific study, had reported that there was no significant difference in the submergence area whether the barrage was

built at 148 metres or 152 metres. He pointed out that nearly 50 per cent of the submergence would remain confined to the riverbed, substantially reducing the impact on upstream areas in Maharashtra. Responding to the request, Patil informed the Chief Minister that the ministry had received the communication forwarded by the Prime Minister's Office. He assured Revanth Reddy that the Centre would initiate the consultation process without delay.

Patil said the first step would be to convene a meeting under the aegis of the Central Water Commission (CWC), bringing together officials from Te-

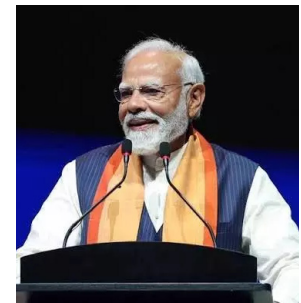
langana and Maharashtra to begin technical discussions. This would be followed by a meeting of the irrigation ministers of both states to take the matter forward and work towards a mutually acceptable solution. MPs Mallu Ravi, Vem Narendar Reddy, Ramasahayam Raghuram Reddy, Porika Balram Naik, Gad-dam Vamsi Krishna, M. Anil Yadav and Dr Kadiyam Kavaya, Telangana government's special representative in Delhi A.P. Jitender Reddy, irrigation adviser Adityanath Das and irrigation principal secretary E. Sridhar were also present during the meeting.

## PM: Repeal Of Article 370 Revived J&K

**Prime Minister says infrastructure, opportunities and constitutional rights have expanded since the removal of Jammu and Kashmir's special status in 2019.**

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday said Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have undergone wide-ranging transformation since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019, highlighting improvements in infrastructure, education, healthcare, entrepreneurship and sports. However, he made no reference to the long-pending issue of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. In a post on X marking the seventh anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, Modi described August 5, 2019, as a defining milestone in India's journey towards inclusive development. He said the Centre remained committed to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh and to ensuring that every citizen had the opportunity to "dream big, achieve and contribute"



towards building a Viksit Bharat. The Prime Minister said the region had witnessed significant expansion of infrastructure and the creation of new opportunities across various sectors over the past seven years.

He added that women and members of marginalised communities, who had been denied several constitutional rights for decades, had now been empowered through the full application of the Constitution. Modi also noted that this year's anniversary coincides with the 125th birth anniversary of Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee. He said the Bharatiya Jana Sangh founder's commitment to national unity continued to inspire generations

and that the vision he championed found fulfilment with the abrogation of Article 370.

While reiterating the Centre's commitment to the development of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh, the Prime Minister did not mention the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, an assurance he had given on earlier occasions. He had previously said the Centre was committed to restoring statehood and that it remained a "solemn promise", adding that efforts were underway to create the conditions for it to be done expeditiously. Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee, founder of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh, the precursor to the BJP, had campaigned for the full integration of Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of India through the removal of Article 370. He was born on July 6, 1901, and died in detention in Srinagar on June 23, 1953.

## Road Deaths on National Highways Fall 4% in 2025: Nitin Gadkari

**NEW DELHI**  
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Fatalities due to accidents on national highways reduced for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic, with the number of such deaths falling by 4 per cent to 62,122 in 2025, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. In a written reply to the Rajya Sabha, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that accident fatalities on national highways

were 64,772 and 63,112 in 2024 and 2023, respectively.

In 2025, the number of road accidents went up by 5.30 per cent to over 5.13 lakh, resulting in deaths of 21 persons every hour. A total of 5,13,563 road accidents have been reported by police departments of states and Union Territories across the country during the calendar year 2025, claiming 1,83,382 lives, Gadkari said. While the total number of road accidents

on NHs in 2025 was at 1,43,526, the figure stood at 77,234 this year as on July 27, the minister said. Amongst states, Tamil Nadu reported the highest number of accidents at 71,387, whereas Uttar Pradesh reported the highest number of accident fatalities at 27,550 in 2025. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs).

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## Exercise Restraint, SC Tells Law Enforcement Agencies

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Supreme Court on Wednesday emphasised restraint by law enforcement during protests, observing that youngsters should be counselled and pacified even if some "misguided elements" resort to stone-pelting. A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, along with Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana, made the

observations while agreeing to hear a plea seeking action against organisers of the July 20 "Sansad Chalo" march for alleged incitement to violence. The Bench tagged the petition, filed by a retired Air Force officer, with a similar plea.

The July 20 march to Parliament followed protests over alleged exam irregularities and the NEET paper leak. Appearing for petitioner Maneesh Kumar Solanki, advocate

Rizwan Ahmed said, "Fifteen days have passed... What about the accountability of the organisers? They are going from channel to channel giving provocative statements and refusing to douse the fire".

He argued that governments should not "bend backwards" in handling protests, citing a recent law and order situation in Rajasthan. "If the government bends backwards in

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## Dial 112 Turns Single Support Platform for All Emergencies



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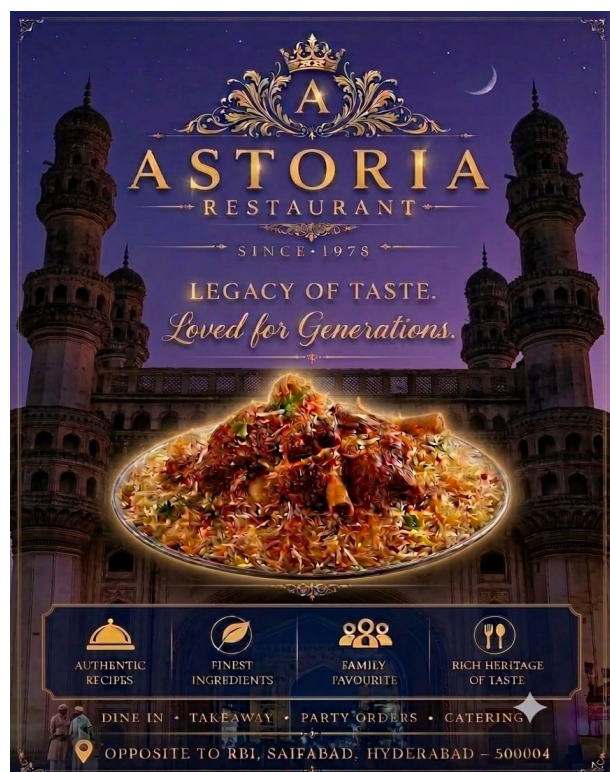
Telangana Police on Wednesday launched Dial 112, the AI-enabled Telangana Emergency Response Support System (TG-ERSS), positioning it as a unified platform integrating police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services. The service is currently operational. Launching the new emergency number, Director-General of Police C.V. Anand said 112 would serve as the single point of contact for citizens during emergencies, integrating services related to women's safety, child protection and disaster response. Stating that the migration of Dial-100 operations from GVK EMRI at Kompally had been completed without disruption, the DGP said the upgraded system has improved call-handling

efficiency, with average call-taker response time reduced from 100 seconds to 69 seconds and dispatcher time from 90 seconds to 64 seconds. "Overall call centre processing time has come down from 190 seconds to 133 seconds, an improvement of nearly 30 per cent," he said.

The DGP said Telangana recorded an average emergency response time of around six minutes in urban areas and 15 minutes in rural areas, with an overall state average of 10 minutes and 30 seconds, compared to the national average of about 18 minutes.

According to Anand, the new system uses artificial intelligence to filter duplicate and non-emergency calls and prioritise incidents based on severity and urgency. It includes features such as smart call routing, AI-assisted dis-

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## Heavy Rains Lash Kerala

**KERALA**  
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Heavy rains continued to lash several parts of Kerala on Wednesday, causing widespread waterlogging and inundation of roads. More relief camps were opened, and residents of low-lying areas were evacuated, authorities said. The southern districts of Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha and Kottayam continued to bear the brunt of the rain fury, with incessant showers and overcast skies disrupting normal



life. The elderly, women and children were seen wading through knee-deep water in several inundated areas of these districts. As floodwaters remained in many low-lying areas and several houses continued

to be waterlogged, more residents were shifted to relief camps. Authorities said additional camps had been opened to accommodate those evacuated as heavy rain persisted. Several parts of the northern districts, including high-

range areas of Kozhikode and Kannur, also received widespread rainfall.

The India Meteorological Department issued an 'orange alert' for five districts in Kerala, warning of very heavy rainfall, while the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services cautioned about the possibility of high waves and sea incursion along parts of the state's southern coast. The IMD issued an 'orange alert' for Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Kannur and Kasaragod districts.

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# Unfazed by El Nino, T’gana Farmers Sow More Area Than Last Year

According to data released by the Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agriculture University on Wednesday, farmers, till July 29, had sowed crops in 10 per cent more area than they did by the same date last year.

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Despite concerns over a delayed monsoon onset and uncertainty over the continuation of rainfall activity, farmers across Telangana have shown remarkable confidence by expanding their cultivation area during the ongoing Kharif (Vanakalam) season. The latest agricultural data indicates that sowing activity has progressed at a faster pace compared to the previous year, reflecting farmers’ preparedness and optimism about the season. According to the report released by Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agriculture University, farmers in the state had sown crops across 32,93,335 acres by July



29, 2026. This marks a considerable increase compared to the 24,65,691 acres covered during the same period in 2025. The current sowing area accounts for nearly 34 per cent of the state’s normal Kharif cropped area, estimated at 98.13 lakh acres. University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Aldas Janaiah released the latest findings based on satellite imagery analysis conducted by the Centre for Digital Agriculture and Technology. The centre has been mon-

itoring crop coverage and agricultural patterns using advanced digital tools to provide accurate data on sowing progress across Telangana. District-wise analysis showed that Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri district recorded the highest sowing progress, with farmers completing cultivation in 57.3 per cent of the normal cropped area. It was followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri district with 54.6 per cent and Jangaon district with 51.5 per cent. On the other hand, some

districts witnessed comparatively slower progress. Khammam district recorded 16.5 per cent of its normal sowing area, while Wanaparthy stood at 17.3 per cent and Warangal at 20.1 per cent. Officials said variations in rainfall patterns, soil conditions, and local farming decisions contributed to differences in sowing percentages among districts. As in previous years, paddy, cotton, and maize continued to occupy a major share of the cultivated area. However, an encouraging trend has emerged with more farmers showing interest in cultivating pulses and oilseed crops. Prof. Janaiah said this shift is a result of crop diversification awareness programmes being conducted

to encourage farmers to move towards sustainable and alternative cropping patterns. Agriculture experts believe the increase in sowing area highlights the resilience of Telangana farmers, who have continued agricultural operations despite initial monsoon challenges. The satellite-based monitoring system is also helping the government and agricultural departments assess crop conditions, plan support measures, and take timely decisions for farmers. With rainfall expected to influence further sowing activity in the coming weeks, officials are hopeful that the cultivated area will continue to rise and contribute to a successful Kharif season across the state.

# Telangana HC dismisses petition challenging KTR’s Sircilla win

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Justice Namavarapu Rajeshwar Rao of the Telangana High Court has dismissed an election petition challenging the election of BRS Working President KT Rama Rao from the Sircilla Assembly Constituency. The Court observed that an election petition is maintainable only on the specific grounds recognised under the Representation of the People Act. The election petition was filed by Congress candidate KK Mahender Reddy, who sought to declare KT Rama Rao’s election void alleging that he had failed to disclose certain material particulars in his nomination affidavit.



The petitioner alleged that an immovable property at Jubilee Hills had not been disclosed, liabilities were not properly reflected in the affidavit, certain transactions relating to properties purchased in the name of KT Rama Rao’s son were omitted and that the election expenditure was not correctly disclosed. After considering the rival submissions, Justice Rajeshwar Rao

held that an election petition must disclose a legally sustainable cause of action founded on the grounds specifically provided under the election law and cannot proceed on vague or unsupported allegations regarding the qualifications or disclosures of a returned candidate. The Court further observed that only an elector of the concerned constituency or a contesting candidate can maintain an election petition in accordance with the statutory requirements. Holding that the allegations made by the petitioner did not warrant interference with the election, the High Court dismissed the election petition.

## Honest PR Employee Returns Lost Mobile, Earns Public Appreciation



A remarkable act of honesty by Mr. Ch. Praveen Kumar, an employee of the Panchayat Raj (PR) Engineering Department, has won the appreciation of people across the Narayankhed constituency. On Monday morning, Mr. Raju, Panchayat Secretary of Kamjipur Gram Panchayat, accidentally lost his mobile phone while travelling to Sirgapur. After an unsuccessful search, he called his own number from another phone. The call was answered by Mr. Ch. Praveen Kumar, who had found the mobile phone on the roadside. Without expecting anything in return, Praveen Kumar safely kept the device and personally handed it over to its rightful owner. The gesture was widely appreciated as an example of honesty and public service. Expressing his gratitude, Panchayat Secretary Mr. Raju said the phone contained precious memories, including photographs of his late elder brother.

# Anti-Encroachment Drives Fail to Reclaim Footpaths

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The ongoing encroachment removal drives by municipal corporations in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) area have brought little relief to pedestrians, who continue to be forced onto the edges of busy roads as footpaths remain occupied, damaged or unusable. According to the state government’s Socio-Economic Outlook 2024, the erstwhile GHMC area has a road network of 9,013 km but only about 850 km of footpaths, amounting to less than 10 per cent of the total road length. The situation is much the same in the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) limits. Footpaths across the city are encroached upon by temporary and permanent stalls, eateries, street vendors and hawkers. Shops extend ramps and roofs onto pavements, while some establishments use them for seating or dis-



playing products. Where commercial establishments leave footpaths free, parked cars and two-wheelers occupy the space, leaving pedestrians with nowhere to walk. In several places, pruned tree branches, garbage and construction material further obstruct the walkways. Public transport users complained that city roads appeared to cater primarily to motor vehicles. “Only a few Metro stations have protected footpaths with grills and other safety measures. Pedestrian safety remains a distant dream,” said Pallam Ravi, an employee of an IT company. Cyclists echoed the concern, pointing to the lack of ded-

icated infrastructure and safety measures for both pedestrians and cyclists. Among the worst-affected locations are the footpaths outside Secunderabad Railway Station and adjoining Rathifile Bus Station, where pedestrians alleged that pavements meant for public use had been taken over by South Central Railway and Hyderabad Metro Rail works, vendors and shopkeepers. With little or no space left for walking, commuters are forced onto busy roads amid heavy traffic. Residents said a journey that should normally take about 10 minutes often takes twice as long because of congestion and obstructions, subjecting pedestrians to avoidable exhaustion and delays. Serilingampally, including the IT corridor, is another major trouble spot. Footpaths near Hitec City, Yousufguda and Ameerpet Metro stations, Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station, Jubilee Bus Station and Nampally remain heavily encroached.

# HUMTA Reviews Hyderabad Urban Mobility Plan; Focus on Safe Roads and Seamless Transit

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad is set to strengthen urban mobility through integrated planning, with a focus on safer roads, improved traffic management. The initiatives were discussed at a Hyderabad Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (HUMTA) review meeting held on Wednesday. GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan, and D. Joel Davis, joint commissioner of police (traffic), chaired the



Working Group-2 meeting convened by B. Jeevan Babu, managing

director, HUMTA, to discuss measures for building a smarter, safer, and more connected transport system. The meeting focused on strengthening inter-departmental coordination, improving transport infrastructure, and enhancing seamless mobility through integrated planning. Discussions also focused on developing commuter-friendly infrastructure to ensure faster, safer, and more convenient travel for citizens.

## Venu Madhav Honoured with National Award for Best Catering Company

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Venu Madhav has been honoured with the Best Catering Company Award at the Federation of All India Caterers (FAIC) Awards held in Jaipur. The prestigious national recognition celebrates his outstanding leadership,



commitment to quality, and excellence in the catering industry. His dedication to delivering exceptional dining ex-

periences and successfully managing large-scale catering operations earned widespread appreciation. The achievement marks a significant milestone for Venu Madhav and his team, with industry members extending their congratulations and wishing them continued success in the years ahead.

## Government Reviews Rural Development Progress Through Statewide Video Conference



The State Government on Tuesday conducted a comprehensive video conference to review the implementation of key rural development programmes across Telangana. The meeting was chaired by the Special Chief Secretary to Government and the Commissioner, Panchayat Raj & Rural Development, with the participation of District Rural Development Officers (DRDOs), Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of Zilla Parishads, District Panchayat Officers (DPOs), Mandal Parishad Development Officers (MPDOs), Mandal Panchayat Officers (MPOs), and other senior officials from all districts. During the review, officials assessed the progress of the Integrated Planning process and discussed strategies for improving the implementation of rural development initiatives. Special emphasis was laid on labour mobilisation for Farm Ponds, ensuring greater participation of workers, timely execution of works, and effective utilisation of available resources. The senior officials instructed district and mandal-level officers to prepare action plans with a result-oriented approach, accelerate the execution of development works, and maintain close monitoring to achieve the targets within the stipulated timelines.

# Telangana Government Expands Prajavani to Mandal Level for Faster Public Grievance Redressal

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

In a major step towards strengthening citizen-centric governance, the Government of Telangana has issued G.O. Ms. No. 4, formally extending the Prajavani Public Grievance Redressal Programme to the Mandal level across the State. The initiative is aimed at making grievance redressal more accessible, transparent, and responsive by taking government services closer to the people. According to the order, Mandal Level Prajavani will be conducted every Monday from 10:00 AM

to 1:00 PM at the Mandal Parishad Development Office (MPDO Office). The MPDO will serve as the Nodal Officer, while officials from key departments, including Revenue, Panchayat Raj, Agriculture, Education, Health, Welfare, Irrigation, Roads & Buildings, Rural Water Supply, Power Utilities, Housing, Municipal Administration and others, will attend to receive petitions and initiate immediate action. The Government has also integrated the Mandal-level programme with the unified Prajavani Portal, ensuring that every grievance is digitally registered, supporting

documents are uploaded, and citizens receive an acknowledgement containing a unique Grievance ID for tracking and monitoring. To ensure smooth implementation, every Mandal Prajavani venue will be equipped with a dedicated registration counter, computer, scanner, internet connectivity and trained help desk personnel. The Government has also directed officials to provide basic public amenities, including seating, safe drinking water, washrooms, wheelchairs and assistance for drafting petitions. Priority will be given to persons with disabilities, senior citizens,

pregnant women and mothers with infants. The order further instructs all Department Secretaries, Heads of Departments and District Collectors to ensure the immediate operationalisation of Mandal Level Prajavani and develop Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for effective grievance redressal. With this expansion, the Telangana Government aims to decentralise public grievance handling, improve accountability, accelerate resolution of citizens’ issues, and deliver government services efficiently at the grass-roots level.

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Moula Ali road overbridge (ROB), which is in deteriorated condition, is set to get a new lease of life as the government on Wednesday accorded administration sanction of Rs 8.5 crore for the restoration of the structure. The move follows a Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation inspection, which reported that the bridge that was constructed about 18 years ago developed issues, including gaps in expansion joints, exposed pavement steel, which were posing risk to commuters besides resulting in traffic con-



gestion during peak hours. Based on the structural study, the consultant recommended replacing bearing pads, repairs to expansion joints, treatment of potholes and patches on the riding surface. Anti-carbonation coating for reinforced concrete members, repairs to corroded structural members, replacement

of drainage spout grates, footpath repairs, painting of kerbs and railings, and provision of downtake pipes have also been recommended. The bridge connects major areas such as Moula Ali Industrial Area, ECIL, Tarnaka, Kushaiguda and AOC roads, and carries heavy traffic throughout the day.



Owaisi Slams UP Deputy CM's Remarks on Madrasas



AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi criticised Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya's comments on madrasas, calling them "divisive and unconstitutional". The Hyderabad MP defended madrasas by highlighting their role in India's independence movement. In a post on X, Owaisi cited Article 30 constitutional protections for madrasas and accused the BJP of weaponising hatred for political advantage. "Madrasas were centres of conspiracies against the British and the struggle for freedom. They produced countless mujahideen of independence, while Savarkar was writing mercy petitions to the British," he wrote. Owaisi mocked Maurya's position in the UP government, saying, "His chair is, in fact, just a stool. But when chairs are scarce, those with stools have no choice but to spew venom to maintain their political relevance."

NHAI, WII in Amrabad to Study Elevated Corridor Proposal

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A proposal to construct a four-lane steel elevated corridor over the Amrabad tiger reserve moved one step closer towards getting off the ground with a team of officials from the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), and the Wildlife Institute of India (WII) conducting a preliminary technical assessment of the project after a field visit on Wednesday. The 54-km-long proposed corridor, if taken up, will 'fly' over the forest that forms the core area of the tiger reserve. The corridor is expected to start near Brahmanapally, around three km from Mannanur, that forms the gateway to



the reserve, and land near Eegalapenta, close to River Krishna and the Srisaillam dam. Once completed, it will replace the on-the-ground section of National Highway 765, a vital link to the temple town of Srisaillam on Andhra Pradesh's side of the Krishna river. The road normally sees hundreds of vehicles – two-wheelers, cars, buses, lorries and a number of tourist vehicles – every day with

their numbers rising to a few thousands on weekends. The constant vehicular traffic, despite the closure of the road during nights, results in regular road kills of wild animals, and disrupts the movement of wildlife during the day time. The NHAI officials, accompanied by two WII technical experts, and after an inspection of the road, met with the Nagarkurnool district forest officer Revanth Chandra,

and field level officers of the reserve at Doma-lapenta. The next steps, according to Chandra, would be conducting a preliminary survey along the proposed elevated corridor alignment, assessing the potential impacts of the proposed construction on wildlife and their habitats, and examining the extent of forest land that may need to be diverted as part of the proposal. Further decisions on the corridor will be taken only after comprehensive technical studies, scientific analyses, environmental and wildlife impact assessments, and detailed evaluations of the forest land requirements, Revanth Chandra said.

Saidabad Steel Bridge Set For Opening

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The long-awaited Saidabad steel bridge is ready for inauguration and will soon be opened to the public, promising major relief for commuters in Hyderabad. The bridge is expected to ease traffic movement between Chanchalguda Jail and Owaisi Hospital while providing an additional connectivity link to Champapet. Ministers Ponnamm Prabhakar and Mohammed Azharuddin inspected the completed Saidabad bridge on Wednesday and later reviewed the progress of works at the Moosarambagh bridge. Speaking to the media, Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar said the long-pending Saidabad steel bridge project had been completed at a cost of ₹680 crore. He announced that both the Saidabad steel bridge and the Moosarambagh



bridge would be inaugurated shortly by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy before being opened for public use. The Chief Minister has also directed officials to widen the approach roads to ensure smoother traffic flow and maximise the benefits of the new infrastructure. Prabhakar said the government is simultaneously accelerating works near KBR Park to reduce congestion on one of the city's busiest arterial roads. He expressed confidence that these infrastructure projects would significantly cut travel

time, improve connectivity and reduce traffic bottlenecks across Hyderabad. The minister added that the government is taking special measures to minimise inconvenience to commuters during the construction phase and ensure timely completion of ongoing projects. Minister Mohammed Azharuddin said the government is identifying traffic bottlenecks and congested junctions across the city while examining proposals for constructing new flyovers at suitable locations.

Telangana to Review States' Ex-Servicemen Corporations Before New Unit

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana government has decided to study the functioning of ex-servicemen corporations in other states before moving ahead with the proposal to establish a dedicated corporation for retired armed forces personnel in the state. The proposal was placed before Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju during a meeting held with Director of Sainik Welfare Brigadier N.R. Babu (Retd.) on Wednesday. During the meeting, Brig. Babu highlighted the need for a separate ex-servicemen corporation in Telangana to ensure better coordination of welfare programmes and improve support systems for retired defence personnel. He said the proposed organisation could play a crucial role in addressing employment opportunities, rehabilitation measures, welfare initiatives and organised security services for ex-servicemen across the state. The Director of Sainik Welfare explained that a dedicated corporation would help streamline various schemes and services available for veterans, Veer Naris (war widows), and their families. It would also provide an institutional platform to address long-pending is-



ssues related to livelihood, housing, skill development and social security. Responding to the proposal, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju directed officials to conduct a detailed study of similar corporations functioning in other states. The study will examine their organisational structures, financial arrangements, administrative systems, operational procedures and implementation models. Officials have been asked to prepare a comprehensive report based on the findings and submit it to the government for further review. The report is expected to help Telangana frame an effective structure and framework for the proposed corporation, keeping in view the needs of ex-servicemen in the state. During the discussions, Brig. Babu also requested the Chief Secretary to arrange an early meeting of the State Sainik Board, which is chaired by the Chief Minister. The Chief Secretary assured that necessary steps would be taken to obtain the Chief Minister's ap-

proval and convene the meeting at the earliest. Several important welfare issues concerning ex-servicemen were also discussed during the meeting. These included allotment of house sites, housing security and providing a dedicated share of houses under the state government's Indiramma Housing Scheme for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and other eligible defence families. The Chief Secretary assured that these matters would be examined positively and that coordination would be established with the concerned government departments to find suitable solutions. The meeting also reviewed various employment, welfare and administrative concerns affecting retired defence personnel. Officials stressed the importance of strengthening institutional support for ex-servicemen and ensuring that their contributions to the nation are recognised through effective welfare measures. The proposed corporation, if approved, is expected to become a major step towards improving rehabilitation, employment support and social security mechanisms for thousands of ex-servicemen and their families in Telangana.

SLN Infra Celebrates Team Leader Siluveru Hari's Birthday

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

SLN Infra Developers celebrated the birthday of Team Leader Siluveru Hari with great enthusiasm at the company's office in P&T Colony, Canara Nagar, Boduppal, Hyderabad. The event witnessed the participation of staff members, well-wishers, and members of the King's Makers Team, creating a festive atmosphere. The celebrations began with a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by the presentation of a traditional shawl, garlands, and a ceremonial sword as a mark of respect and appreciation. Prabhavathi Garu was a special attraction at the event, actively participating in the felicitation and extending her heartfelt wishes. Colleagues described Siluveru Hari as a



dedicated, approachable, and socially responsible leader who motivates his team and contributes to the growth of SLN Infra Developers. Representatives of the Thalka Group, Mator Village, also conveyed their birthday greetings, wishing him good health, happiness, prosperity, and continued success. The celebration concluded with team members expressing confidence in achieving greater milestones under his leadership.

Former Miyapur Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth Inaugurates Borewell for Park Development

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former Miyapur Division Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth inaugurated a new borewell at the park in Alluri Sitarama Raju Nagar Colony to ensure regular water supply for plants and promote greenery. Speaking on the occasion, Srikanth said parks play a vital role in protecting the environment and improving public health. He urged residents to ac-



tively participate in maintaining the park and safeguarding the plants. He added that, with the support of PAC Chairman Aarekapudi Gandhi, ef-

forts will continue to develop parks, improve greenery, and strengthen civic infrastructure across all colonies in the Miyapur Division.

Sanctus CMD Rajeshwar Reddy Wins ET Young Edupreneur Award



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

D. Rajeshwar Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director of Sanctus Group of Schools, was honoured with the Young Edupreneur Award in the Education category at the Economic Times Excellence Telangana 2026 Awards, held at Novotel, HITEC City, Hyderabad. The award was presented by renowned actor and philanthropist Sonu Sood in recognition of Rajeshwar Reddy's significant contribution to the education sector. Notably, this is the fourth consecutive year that he has received recognition at the prestigious Economic Times Excellence Awards. Under his leadership, Sanctus Group of Schools has introduced several initiatives focused on experiential learning, skill development, academic excellence, value-based

education, and preparing students for future opportunities. His efforts have been widely acknowledged for strengthening quality education and fostering holistic student development. Speaking after receiving the honour, Rajeshwar Reddy dedicated the award to the students, parents, teachers, and staff of the Sanctus Group. He said the recognition belongs to the entire Sanctus family and would inspire the institution to continue raising educational standards while creating meaningful learning opportunities for every child. The Economic Times Excellence Telangana 2026 Awards recognise outstanding individuals and organisations for their contributions across education, healthcare, business, technology, and social development, celebrating excellence and innovation in their respective fields.

Health Minister Reviews Warangal Healthcare Infrastructure

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha on Tuesday directed officials to expedite healthcare infrastructure development and strengthen medical services across the Warangal cluster during a high-level review meeting held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat. The meeting, attended by Minister Konda Surekha, MLAs Kadiyawa Srihari, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy, Nayini Rajender Reddy, Revuri Prakash Reddy



and K.R. Nagaraju, along with senior Health Department officials, District Medical & Health Officers (DMHOs) and other government representatives, reviewed the performance of key government medical institutions in Warangal, Hanamkonda and Jangaon districts. The Minister assessed the functioning of Jangaon

Government Medical College and Government General Hospital, Narasampet Government Medical College and General Hospital, Kakatiya Medical College, Mahatma Gandhi Memorial (MGM) Hospital and the progress of the Warangal Super Speciality Hospital under construction. Reviewing district-wise healthcare delivery, patient inflow, emergency medical services and infrastructure needs, Damodar Rajanarsimha instructed officials to bridge infrastructure gaps on priority and ensure the availability of doctors,

nurses, medicines and diagnostic facilities. He stressed that government hospitals must deliver timely, quality and affordable healthcare to every citizen. The Minister also reviewed ongoing development works and called for better utilisation of resources, continuous monitoring and faster completion of pending projects. He directed officials to work in close coordination with public representatives to strengthen healthcare services and improve patient outcomes.

Paitara Saikumar Joins Durga Matha Bonalu at Sadashivpet

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BRS State Leader and PSR Foundation Chairman Paitara Saikumar participated in the traditional Durga Matha Bonalu celebrations held at Guru Nagar Colony, Sadashivpet Town, on Tuesday. The programme was organized under the leadership of local Councillor Satani Srisaillam and witnessed enthusiastic participation from devotees and local residents. Addressing the gathering, Paitara Saikumar prayed for the blessings of God-



dess Durga and wished for the good health, peace, and prosperity of the people of Sadashivpet. He expressed hope that the region would receive abundant rainfall, leading to bumper agricultural production and ensuring the well-being and pros-

perity of farmers across Telangana. He said that Bonalu is a vibrant festival reflecting Telangana's rich cultural heritage, devotion, and unity, and called upon people to preserve these traditions while strengthening communal har-

mony. Former Municipally ZPTC Paitara Meenakshi Saikumar also participated in the celebrations along with Chandapur Sarpanch Mallikarjun, BRS Town General Secretary Pilligundla Veeresham, Sadashivpet Kuruma Sangham President Ram Chander, party leaders Yerra Sankshai, Bandari Pandu Kuruma, Shivaraj Kuruma, Ankenpalli Shankar, and several women, youth, devotees, and local residents, making the event a grand success.



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.

Mark Tenders Apology Hours After Parliamentary Panel’s Threat

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Within hours after a parliamentary panel threatened to withdraw immunity granted to it for Facebook and Instagram platforms, Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg on Wednesday apologised to the government for the temporary removal of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Facebook post. Company executives also acknowledged failures involving child sexual abuse content and deepfakes and admitted that “a lot of money was paid for boosting a certain type of content”, government sources said on Wednesday. The apology followed a meeting between Meta’s global team, including global affairs officer Joel Kaplan, and IT minister Ashwini Vaishnaw after the government summoned the company over the removal of Prime



Minister Narendra Modi’s Facebook post on July 23. According to sources, Meta representatives also admitted that “a lot of money” had been paid for boosting certain types of content and expressed regret for the errors in platform operations. The government also informed Meta that it may not qualify as an ‘intermediary’, stating that the platform exercises control over content distribution. Earlier in the day, a parliamentary panel issued a three-day ultimatum to Zuckerberg to tender an apology for the removal of the Prime Minister’s video, warning that failure to comply could lead to withdrawal of immunity and possible prosecution, including the registration of an FIR. In a letter to the

secretary, A. Jyothirmayi, the director of Lok Sabha secretariat, said the Parliamentary panel has viewed seriously the removal of the Prime Minister’s video addressing students and Gen Z on examination issues and paper leaks, which remained unavailable for five to six hours. “During the deliberations, the committee demanded an apology from Mark Zuckerberg, Meta chief, on this issue. If he fails to tender an unqualified apology within three days of receipt of this letter, the protection/immunity given under Section 79(3) of the Information Technology Act may be withdrawn and action taken against him as a publisher,” the letter stated. IT ministry officials, including IT secretary S Krishnan, rejected Meta’s explanation that a technical glitch in automated content filters led to the removal of the Prime Minister’s video, and

termed it “not reasonable”. They said that as a technology company, Meta must improve its systems if such errors occur. Meta attributed the incident to AI-powered automated content filters that reviewed shared posts and subsequent videos linked to the Prime Minister’s post, stating that the original content was inadvertently removed for a brief period. The company is also under scrutiny over CSAM appearing in paid advertisements on Instagram, for which the government had issued a notice last month. Meta has since informed the ministry that posts by the Prime Minister and other prominent accounts will undergo additional oversight, with multiple levels of checks by senior officials. It outlined enhanced safeguards implemented on July 28.

Rijiju Brands Congress,, SP, Left ‘Anti-Ram’

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Parliament remained deadlocked on Wednesday as Opposition protests over the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya and alleged police action against students disrupted proceedings in both Houses. Amid the uproar, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju accused the Congress, the Samajwadi Party and the Left parties of being "anti-Ram" and demanded that they apologise to the nation. The Lok Sabha witnessed repeated sloganeering by Opposition members, who continued to press for a discussion on the alleged Ayodhya donation theft. As disruptions persisted, the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026, which replaces the colonial-era 1891 law, was passed by a voice vote without a



debate. The House was later adjourned for the day. Replying to the protests, Rijiju said the Congress, the Samajwadi Party and the Left were "anti-Ram". Referring to Congress leader K.C. Venugopal, he remarked that although Venugopal was "a good person", he had failed to control his party MPs. The Rajya Sabha also witnessed protests, with INDIA bloc members staging a walkout over the alleged police action against students and the alleged theft of donations at the Ram temple. The Opposition also demanded that Union Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement in the House. Despite the walkout, the Rajya Sabha

passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 by a voice vote. The legislation increases the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from 33 to 37. The Bill had already been passed by the Lok Sabha on August 3. The Opposition staged the walkout after Deputy Chairman Harivansh did not allow senior Congress leader Vivek Tankha to raise the issue of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood during the discussion on the Bill. Replying to the debate, Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal said the increase in the number of judges was aimed at reducing the mounting backlog of cases and improving access to justice. He said the Chief Justice of India had informed the Prime Minister that rising case filings required an increase in judicial.

TN Budget Eyes Cross-Border Metro Rail Link with Karnataka’s Bommasandra

In his Budget address, the minister stated that the construction of Phase II of the Chennai Metro Rail Project, spanning 118.9 km across three corridors at an estimated completion cost of Rs 63,246 crore, is progressing at full speed

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With a commitment to propel Tamil Nadu into a US \$ 1.5 trillion dollar economy by 2036, the State government, in the budget for 2026-27, gave priority to empowering women, improving governance, housing for all, safe drinking water, sustainable livelihoods, protecting social justice and promoting green cover. Presented by State Minister for Finance, Planning and Development, N Marie Wilson, in the State Assembly on Wednesday, the Budget proposed to generate an additional revenue of Rs 16,000 crore through GST, the registration department, computerization of mining operations and an additional privilege fee on liquor manufacturing. Among the announcements were the establishment of a Specialized Government Law College in Madurai in 2027-28, training of mechanics servicing fossil-fuel vehicles in EV and battery

maintenance, benefiting 22,500 persons over 5 years, at a cost of Rs.3 crore and skilling 5 lakh youth by 2031 in partnership with institution like IIT, under the AI Industry Development Programme. Earmarking Rs 1,051 crore for youth welfare and sports development, the minister announced the setting up of 10 Olympic centres of excellence, at a cost of Rs 50 crore and an integrated youth development programme, "Take Up Sports, Give Up Drugs," to channel the NCC and NSS together with the health, police and social welfare departments. He allotted Rs 42 crore for conducting Tamil Nadu Rural Sports Competitions and Rs 2 crore for upgrading the Tamil Nadu Physical Education

and Sports University and announced that daily one hour sports period would be introduced in all Government and Government aided schools. While the privilege fee on liquor was expected to bring in Rs 1,000 crore, the 'Faceless Assessment' under GST, 'Faceless Registration' in the Registration Department and end-to-end computerisation in mining were together expected to generate about Rs 15,000 crore in additional revenue, Wilson said in his two and a half hour budget speech. Stating that Tamil Nadu's debt had doubled over the past five years, reaching about Rs 10 lakh crore, he said the State trailed peer States on fiscal indicators like Own Tax Revenue as a proportion of GSDP, Revenue Deficit and Fis-

cal Deficit, leaving limited fiscal space for new schemes. Guided by the principle 'All are equal by birth', numerous welfare schemes had been implemented in the last three months by the Government, founded on the ideals of inclusive growth, social justice, equality, women's safety, eradication of poverty, total eradication of drugs and a corruption-free, honest and transparent administration, he said. Citing the increase of free electricity to 200 units for consumers with bi-monthly consumption of up to 500 units, waiving of farmers' loan through co-operative societies, a special package for Kuruvai cultivation, setting up of the 'Singapenn Special Task Force' for women's safety, creation of Anti-Narcotics Task Force Units at the district level and closing of 717 liquor outlets as the government's achievements in the three months after the TVK came to power, he said the 'Thaaimaaman Thanga Mothiram'

Hasina Vows Bangladesh Return Despite Jail Risk

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Wednesday said she intends to return to the country despite risks, including possible imprisonment, and indicated December as a likely timeframe, describing it as Bangladesh's "victory month". Addressing a virtual media interaction to mark the second anniversary of the 2024 student-led uprising that ended her 15-year rule, Hasina said, "I speak as someone who has spent her life with the people of



Bangladesh and was forced away from my country, but I was never separated from my people... Whatever fate awaits me, I will return to my people. I cannot stay away while my beloved countrymen are suffering. I know I may be detained. I may be sent to prison. They may try to enforce verdicts issued in fab-

ricated cases. But fear cannot decide my duty to the people. My life moved beyond calculations of personal safety long ago. In 1975, I lost my family. I spent six years in exile. After returning home, I fought against military rule, dictatorship, assassination attempts and political conspiracies. Even the grenade attack of 21 August 2004 could not stop me." She said her return was aimed at restoring stability and democratic processes. "I want to return because the people deserve security, development, prosperity and

peace. They deserve a state that protects them, an economy that gives them opportunity, and a democracy that gives them rights. My return, and the return of the Awami League to the democratic process, is not about power. It is about putting Bangladesh back on the right track. It is about reviving the country's path of development, progress, secularism and stability. I want to return to Bangladesh for one purpose: to stand beside the people and help improve their lives. The people are the source of all power.

Gland Pharma, Neuland Laboratories Strategic Collab for Sterile API Manufacturing

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Gland Pharma Limited ("Gland Pharma") and Neuland Laboratories Limited ("Neuland") today announced a long-term strategic CDMO partnership. Under the partnership Gland will establish a sterile manufacturing suite for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) pertaining to microparticle depot products. The collaboration combines Neuland's Complex API

development and manufacturing capabilities including deep expertise in complex chemistry, process development, custom manufacturing having a strong track record of serving global innovator and generic pharmaceutical companies; with Gland Pharma's global sterile manufacturing expertise and strong regulatory compliance track record, to serve growing worldwide demand for sterile APIs used in microparticle depot products and

other complex sterile APIs. The collaboration represents a significant expansion of the relationship between the two companies, creating a dedicated manufacturing platform that aligns their complementary capabilities under a long-term strategic partnership. Under the collaboration, Gland Pharma will expand its existing sterile manufacturing infrastructure through an additional dedicated suite at its

JNPC facility at Visakhapatnam to support Neuland for its growing demand of sterile APIs. The facility will be constructed and operated to cGMP, USFDA and EU standards, and will be backed by Gland Pharma's proven aseptic manufacturing expertise. Together, the companies will offer an integrated CDMO solution encompassing development, scale-up, regulatory support and commercial manufacturing of sterile APIs.

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Dial 112 Turns.....

According to Anand, the new system uses artificial intelligence to filter duplicate and non-emergency calls and prioritise incidents based on severity and urgency. It includes features such as smart call routing, AI-assisted dispatch, voice-to-text transcription, advanced caller location identification through Location-Based Services and integration with Google Maps, along with real-time dashboards and performance analytics. Anand said the system currently identifies the location of about 94 per cent of callers through Location-Based Services, five per cent through digital mapping and one per cent through advanced location tools. A live demonstration of the

AI-enabled platform was conducted during the programme, showcasing intelligent call processing, location identification, incident prioritisation, dispatch of the nearest patrol vehicle, live monitoring and real-time operational dashboards. Dial 112 AI-enabled Telangana Emergency Response Support System (TGERSS) is a unified platform integrating police, fire, ambulance and other emergency services. It operates round the clock with 164 trained personnel and 900 SIP-based communication channels. Now, BJP cadres..... He argued that governments should not “bend backwards” in handling protests, citing a recent law and

order situation in Rajasthan. “If the government bends backwards in a matter concerning the national capital, will it not set a precedent in Rajasthan? There also the government will bend backwards to accommodate students. Tomorrow, if college students in Lucknow have some demand and start pelting stones at buses, will the government in Uttar Pradesh also bend backwards?” he submitted. Responding, the CJI said, “They need advice and counselling. Any aggressive approach from the side of the mighty state may socially aggravate the situation and precipitate further violence. That needs to be avoided.” He added, “What is important is to promote a peaceful march. If some incident takes place, the police also need to exer-

cise a great deal of restraint to ensure that the situation does not go out of hand. Wherever such incidents take place, we need to deal with them very carefully.” “We need to tread carefully, so that these youngsters do not indulge in violence. The better course is to counsel them and pacify them. The most powerful tool is listening. Listen to them and understand why they are shouting. But let us leave it to the wisdom of the law-enforcement agencies. They know better than you, and they know better than us how to deal with this kind of situation,” the CJI said. Road Deaths on..... Responding to another question, Gadkari said that certain stretches

on National Highways (NHs) have been identified as black spots, i.e., locations with a certain number of accidents involving fatalities and grievous injuries. "These stretches have been identified on real-time basis through AI based tools developed by Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur," Gadkari said, adding that based on the available accident data from Electronic Detailed Accident Report (e-DAR) for the 2023–2025 period, 6,358 black spot corridors have been identified. Responding to a separate question, Gadkari said, at present, 1,191 NH projects totalling 25,917 km in length costing Rs 7.15 lakh crore are under construction in the country.

Heavy Rains Lash.....

The India Meteorological Department issued an 'orange alert' for five districts in Kerala, warning of very heavy rainfall, while the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services cautioned about the possibility of high waves and sea incursion along parts of the state's southern coast. The IMD issued an 'orange alert' for Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Kannur and Kasaragod districts. On Thursday, the alert will remain in force for Pathanamthitta, Alappuzha, Kottayam, Idukki, Ernakulam, Kannur and Kasaragod districts. For Friday, an 'orange alert' has been issued for Malappuram, Kozhikode, Wayanad, Kannur and Kasaragod districts, the IMD said.



CRIME

Mysterious Bike Fire Raises Questions as Police Yet to Visit Spot

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A motorcycle was completely reduced to ashes in a mysterious fire near a residential house adjacent to the Durgamma Temple in Mator village, creating concern among local residents. According to villagers, the bike, which had been parked near the house on Monday midnight, was engulfed in flames under suspicious circumstances. The fire intensified after the fuel tank reportedly exploded, completely destroying the vehicle. The intense heat also scorched a nearby tamarind tree, leaving visible burn marks on its trunk and branches. Residents suspect that unknown persons may have deliberately set the motorcycle on fire. However,



the exact cause of the incident, the identity of the vehicle owner, and the registration details are yet to be confirmed. These facts are expected to emerge only after an official police investigation. Villagers expressed concern that even by Tuesday afternoon, police officials had not visited the spot. It also remains unclear whether the incident was formally reported to the

police by local village-level officials or whether an official complaint has been lodged. The village has CCTV cameras installed in certain areas, and residents have urged the police to examine the available footage to help identify those responsible. They also pointed out that several theft incidents had occurred in the village in the past, raising concerns over law and order.

Residents have appealed to the Motakondur police to visit the scene at the earliest, register a case if warranted, collect evidence, verify CCTV footage, and conduct a thorough investigation to ascertain the facts behind the mysterious fire. The incident has sparked anxiety among villagers, who are seeking swift action and enhanced security measures.

Madhapur Police Book Telangana Basketball Association Secretary in POCSO Case

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Srirangam Venkatesh

The Madhapur Police have registered a case against the General Secretary of the Telangana Basketball Association following allegations of sexual harassment involving a teenage basketball player. According to police, the victim's mother lodged a complaint last month alleging that the official had been sexually harassing



her daughter over the past two years. Based on the complaint, the police registered a case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act. Police said the case is

being investigated, and further action will be taken based on the findings. Authorities have not disclosed additional details as the victim is a minor and the investigation is ongoing.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

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

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.

Heavy Traffic Snarls Hit Serilingampally IT Corridor After Rains; Commuters Advised to Take Alternate Routes

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Heavy traffic congestion was reported across several major roads in the Serilingampally area on Tuesday morning following rainfall, leaving thousands of commuters stranded for long hours. Severe traffic jams were witnessed on the Nallagandla Junction–Gachibowli stretch, Kondapur–Sriram Nagar–Masjid Banda Road, Kothaguda Junction to Gachibowli Outer Ring



Road (ORR), and theHITEC City–KPHB route. Vehicles were seen moving bumper-to-bumper, causing significant delays for office-goers, students, and other commuters. Traffic police rushed to the affected locations and are regulating vehicle movement to ease congestion. Motorists have been advised

to use alternative routes and plan their travel accordingly. Officials said recurring waterlogging caused by inadequate drainage, blocked stormwater drains, and heavy rainfall continues to affect traffic movement in several parts of Hyderabad. Civic experts stressed the need for long-term solutions, including improved stormwater drainage systems, restoration of nalas, and better traffic planning to prevent such disruptions during the monsoon season.

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.





# IBM Opens FutureNow Centre in Vizag to Boost AI Innovation

**VISAKHAPATNAM**  
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IBM has strengthened its presence in India by launching a new IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre in Visakhapatnam, aimed at delivering artificial intelligence (AI)-driven consulting and digital transformation services for global clients while creating new technology employment opportunities in Andhra Pradesh.

The centre, inaugurated by Andhra Pradesh Minister for IT, Electronics and HRD Nara Lokesh, will serve as a key delivery hub for IBM Consulting, supporting projects in AI, hybrid cloud, software engineering, cybersecurity, data and analytics, enterprise transformation,

platform engineering, service integration, quality engineering and user experience services.

Designed to accelerate AI-first cloud transformation, the FutureNow Centre reflects IBM's strategy of expanding its innovation and consulting capabilities across emerging technology hubs in India. The company said Visakhapatnam's growing talent pool, reputed academic institutions and evolving technology ecosystem make it an ideal location to support global client engagements.

Speaking at the inauguration, Nara Lokesh said IBM's investment reinforces Visakhapatnam's emergence as a global destination for AI, digital services and technology-led innovation. He said



the State government's objective is to build a robust technology ecosystem that generates high-quality employment, nurtures future-ready talent and enables youth from Andhra Pradesh to participate in the global digital economy. He added that the government looks forward to partnering with IBM to establish

Vizag as one of India's leading AI and digital transformation hubs.

IBM India and South Asia Managing Director Sandip Patel said India is well-positioned to lead the digital era by combining talent, innovation and technology capabilities. He noted that the FutureNow Centre demonstrates IBM's commitment to

helping clients accelerate AI adoption while strengthening India's role as a global innovation and technology delivery destination.

IBM Consulting FutureNow Centre India Managing Partner Usha Srikanth said the new facility will combine advanced technology expertise with local talent to help enterprises speed up AI and digital transformation while creating meaningful career opportunities for the region's next generation of technology professionals. With the addition of Visakhapatnam, IBM Consulting now operates FutureNow Centres from 15 locations across India, further expanding its nationwide consulting and technology delivery network.

## Hyderabad Food Culture Drives Travel Choices: Skyscanner Survey

**HYDERABAD**  
**Wakeup telangana**

Hyderabad's rich culinary heritage has emerged as the city's strongest cultural identity, with food becoming the biggest reason for travel among residents, according to Skyscanner's India Culture Travel Index.

The survey found that 51% of Hyderabad travellers now plan holidays primarily around cultural experiences, while 36% said culture enhances their trips even when it is not the main purpose. Interest in culture-led travel has also grown significantly, with eight in ten travellers reporting a stronger inclination towards such experiences in recent years.

Regional cuisine topped the list of cultural attractions, with 56% of respondents choosing food experiences as their main travel motivation. Festivals and celebrations (54%) and spiritual journeys (51%) followed



closely. Nearly 95% of respondents said they had travelled outside Telangana for cultural experiences, while 87% were willing to explore lesser-known destinations for authentic traditions.

Within Telangana, Hyderabad residents identified the city's food, along with Charminar, the Old City, historic monuments, Yadadri, Bhadrachalam, Chilkur Balaji Temple, and Telugu cultural traditions, as defining features of the state's cultural appeal. Many also felt attractions such as Bonalu, Bathukamma, Medaram Jatara and the Warangal heritage circuit deserve greater national recognition.

The survey also revealed growing interest in festival tourism, with Durga Puja, Diwali, Kumbh Mela, Pongal, Bathukamma and Bonalu emerging as the most popular events people would travel to experience.

Internationally, Japan ranked as the most preferred destination for culture-focused holidays, followed by Thailand, Vietnam, France and the United Kingdom.

Despite rising enthusiasm, safety concerns, weather disruptions, accommodation shortages and high travel costs remain the biggest barriers to culture-led travel.

# India's Services Sector Growth Slump To Weakest Pace in Over Four Years

**NEW DELHI**  
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Growth in India's services sector slowed sharply in July, falling to its weakest pace in over four years as fierce competition, weakening demand, and fewer customer enquiries weighed on business activity, according to the latest HSBC India Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) survey released on Wednesday.

The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index

declined to 53.3 in July from 57.4 in June, marking the slowest pace of expansion in nearly four-and-a-half years. Although the index remained above the neutral 50-point mark—indicating continued expansion—the slowdown reflects softer momentum across the sector.

The survey found that new business inflows expanded at their slowest pace since February 2022, with companies attributing the moderation to intense competition, fading

customer demand, weaker market conditions, and delayed orders.

Commenting on the findings, Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC, said the services sector continued to grow in July but at a noticeably slower pace as both domestic and export demand softened after several months of robust performance.

She noted that hiring witnessed a moderate recovery during the month, while companies benefited from improving



profit margins as input cost pressures eased and businesses raised selling prices.

Employment trends showed modest improvement after job creation

had slipped to a six-month low in June. However, hiring remained limited, with only 6 per cent of surveyed firms reporting an increase in workforce numbers, while 92 per

cent said staffing levels remained unchanged, indicating cautious recruitment despite continued business expansion.

On the cost front, service providers continued to face higher operating expenses. Firms cited rising costs of fuel, labour, raw materials, technology, and transportation as the primary factors pushing up input prices during July.

Even so, businesses were able to offset some of these pressures by increasing prices charged to customers, helping improve

profitability.

Despite the overall slowdown, export demand remained a positive contributor to growth. Companies reported stronger business from key overseas markets, particularly the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the United Kingdom (UK), and the United States (US), providing support to overall activity.

The survey also highlighted that business sentiment remained positive, supported by expectations

of stronger demand, improving market conditions, competitive pricing strategies, and forecasts of increased inbound tourism in the coming months.

However, confidence among service providers weakened compared with previous months, slipping to its lowest level in seven months, reflecting growing caution over the pace of future growth amid challenging market conditions and softer customer demand.

## Google Shakes up AI Division as DeepMind Chief Shifts Role

**NEW DELHI**  
**Wakeup telangana**

Google's head of AI, Demis Hassabis, will step down from his current role to become Alphabet's chief scientist amid a reshuffling at DeepMind that will also include a key engineer's departure.

Hassabis will take on two new titles, Alphabet announced on Wednesday: chair of DeepMind and chief scientist of Alphabet. The change "will allow me to focus on long-term strategy, and accelerating scientific breakthroughs, including leaning into my work at Isomorphic to help cure disease," Hassabis wrote in a social media post.

Isomorphic Labs is an AI-powered drug discovery lab that spun out from DeepMind in 2021. In 2024, Hassabis won a Nobel Prize in chemistry. As part of the shake up, DeepMind's chief technology officer and chief AI architect Koray Kavucuoglu will become the division's senior vice president and oversee its operations including the development of Google's flagship frontier models and products which are

known as Gemini.

Longtime Google engineer Jeff Dean is also leaving the company after nearly three decades to "try something new, and we're excited to support him in that," Google CEO Sundar Pichair said in a blog post announcing the news.

Hassabis co-founded DeepMind in 2010, and four years later, Google bought the research lab for \$650 million, according to reports at the time.

His co-founder, Mustafa Suleyman, is currently the chief of Microsoft's AI segment. Google is competing for customers alongside other major AI developers including Microsoft, OpenAI, Anthropic and Meta, as well as DeepSeek and Moonshot in China.

The industry is also chasing a theoretical milestone known as advanced general intelligence (AGI), which is a point when AI software matches the capabilities of human thinking. "I've been working towards AGI my whole life and now, like many of you, I feel it is close at hand," Hassabis wrote in Wednesday's blog post.

# BHEL, Nallagandla Students Bag 60 Awards at SIP Prodigy

Old MIG, BHEL & Nallagandla Centres Excel at SIP Abacus State Prodigy 2026, Bag 60 Awards



**HYDERABAD**  
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Students from the Old MIG, BHEL and Nallagandla SIP Abacus Centres delivered an exceptional performance at the SIP Abacus State Prodigy 2026 competition, held on July 12, bringing laurels to their centres by winning 60 awards across various categories.

The prestigious state-

level competition witnessed the participation of more than 3,200 students from SIP Abacus institutes across Telangana, making it one of the largest and most competitive editions of the event.

The remarkable achievement of the Old MIG, BHEL and Nallagandla centres reflects the dedicated efforts of Franchise Owner Munmun and her team of instructors, who

trained the students to excel in speed, accuracy and mental calculation skills.

Many of the award-winning students were first-time participants at the junior level and impressed judges with their confidence, concentration and exceptional mental arithmetic abilities. Their performances

demonstrated the effectiveness of systematic abacus training in developing strong analytical and cognitive skills from an early age.

Expressing her happiness over the outstanding results, Franchise Owner Munmun thanked all the students, parents and teachers for their unwavering trust, commitment and support. She said the success was a re-

sult of consistent practice, disciplined learning and the collective efforts of the entire team.

She also emphasised that SIP Abacus not only enhances mathematical abilities but also improves memory, concentration, visualization, listening skills and overall brain development, helping children perform better academically and in ev-

eryday life.

The impressive performance at the SIP Abacus State Prodigy 2026 once again highlights the commitment of the Old MIG, BHEL and Nallagandla centres to nurturing young talent and empowering children with lifelong learning skills through structured mental arithmetic training.





# Remo Fernandes announces retirement from live performances

**H**umma Humma” singer and musician Remo Fernandes announced at a concert in London that it would be his last live performance, saying a minor stroke and vertigo had taken their toll and he could no longer play the flute and guitar as he used to. Fernandes, best known for blending world music influences into a distinctive sound, made an emotional speech before the hour-long concert earlier this week to explain why he now has to perform while sitting on a chair. “Now sitting down and performing is not really my cup of tea. So that’s why I decided to call it a day and to stop performing,” Fernandes told the crowd at Cranford Community College in Hounslow. “Some years ago, after I took the third COVID vaccine, I suffered a minor stroke. And that stroke gave me some problems in the use of my fingers. So that made my guitar playing and my flute playing a bit difficult. And it was not as it used to be before. “And then last year, I suffered from vertigo. I had a bad fall, for which I had to undergo surgery on my cranium.” Fernandes said his doctor told him that he could not perform while standing, and that was when he decided to end his journey as a live performer.



He said there were two reasons why he decided to perform one final time at the UK-Goan Festival. “I was supposed to perform here last year, but I could not perform because of my operation. And the president of Goan UK, Mr Ravi Vaz, was kind enough to invite me again this year. And this year, I didn’t want to say no. I could not say no. So here I am,” he said. The second reason was that he had wanted to perform before Goans in the UK for a long time. “Finally, my wish has come true. And I’m going to be performing for you. And I wish to apologise for the fact that my fingers are not what they used to be. My throat is not what it used to be. And I have to sit down and perform,” he said. For the next hour, Fernandes took the audience on a trip down memory lane by performing the songs that made him a pop sen-

sation, from “Maria Pitache” to “Humma Humma”. Fernandes is best known for blending Goan, Portuguese, rock, pop, Latin, reggae and world music influences into a distinctive sound. Born on May 8, 1953, in Goa, Fernandes studied architecture at Sir J J College of Architecture in Mumbai before choosing music as a full-time career. He rose to prominence in the 1980s, long before India’s independent music scene became mainstream..His English-language albums, including his debut “Pack That Smack” (1986) and “Bombay City”, established him as one of India’s leading rock musicians, while songs such as “Bombay City”, “Mr Minister” and “Down with Brown” became cult classics. Fernandes achieved nationwide fame with playback hits including “Humma Humma” (“Bombay”), “Huiya Ho” (“Khamoshi: The Musical”), “Pyaar To Hona Hi Tha”, “O Meri Munni” and “Signal”. Over the years, he has performed alongside or shared the stage with internationally renowned musicians, including members of Queen and Led Zepelin, and has toured extensively across India and abroad. Apart from music, he has acted in films such as “Ek Villain”, “Bombay Velvet” and “99 Songs”.

# Social media influencer Shreya Kalra lifts Lock Upp 2 trophy

**MUMBAI**  
Wakeup telangana

After going through 6 weeks of an emotional rollercoaster, social media influencer Shreya Kalra finally lifted the trophy of ‘Lock Upp 2: Sach Ya Sazaa’. Shreya’s journey on the show has been a blast, garnering praises from both the viewers and co-contestants. Television actress Shivangi Joshi emerged as the first runner-up of the reality show, while Yogesh Rawat became the second runner-up. Ram Kapoor and Shilpa Shinde, two strong contenders of the show, got evicted extremely close to the finish line. All the top 5 contenders – Shreya, Shivangi, Yogesh, Ram, and Shilpa were asked to make a puzzle. The contestant with the most incorrect pieces would be evicted. Ram Kapoor lost the task, leaving Shilpa, Shreya, Shivangi, and Yogesh to fight for the trophy. Next, Yogesh was asked to convince Shilpa, Shreya, and Shivangi to pick the box that said ‘ter-

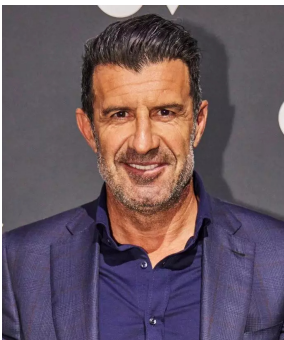


minated’. Shilpa made the wrong choice and lost the challenge. The top 3 finalists – Shreya, Shivangi, and Yogesh were asked some difficult questions from the media as well as the jury comprising of actors. Awez Darbar accused Shreya of influencing her ex-flame to make certain claims about him while he was a contestant on ‘Bigg Boss 19’, affecting his image on social media. Actress Mannara Chopra demanded clarification from Shivangi on her equation with fellow contestant Harshad Chopda. Shivangi was also ques-

# 'Deceitful' Infantino 'Must Go', Says Luis Figo

**LONDON**  
Wakeup telangana

Former Real Madrid and Barcelona star Luis Figo has called for "deceitful" Gianni Infantino to quit as pressure mounts on the under-fire FIFA president. Infantino is fighting to save his job after a fierce backlash against his plan to sell off stakes in the World Cup. The 56-year-old wanted to sell a 20 per cent stake in the World Cup to private equity investors through his FIFA Forward Enterprise. The plan sparked a cascade of criticism for Infantino and has been rejected by three continental confederations, forcing the FIFA chief to ditch his divisive idea. In a bid to win back support after his divisive plot, Infantino held emergency talks with other FIFA directors in Morocco on Wednesday, a source told AFP. But former Portugal forward Figo heaped pressure on Infantino as he blasted the plan and demanded his resignation. "I could write 10,000 words on the problems at FIFA. But the solution needs only three: Infan-



tino must go," Figo wrote in the Daily Mail on Wednesday. "I have loved football all my life. I was a professional player for 20 years. And believe me, I have met some rogues in my time in the game. "But what I have seen exposed in the last 10 days is the lowest, most deceitful and cravenly self-interested behaviour I have ever witnessed. "The man who would do that -- the man who would try to force through such major changes just to enrich himself and his friends -- is a relic of the game's past and should have no part in its future." Infantino had defended his proposal by claiming it would increase revenue for all FIFA member nations. But his attempt to rush through the deal without consulting Football Associations across the world, along with

concerns about potentially playing an increased World Cup every two years instead of every four, sparked a furious backlash. Several senior FIFA officials -- including former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger -- have lambasted Infantino's behaviour. Figo, who pulled out of the race to become FIFA president in 2015, wants Infantino to step down immediately rather than wait for his attempt to be re-elected next year. "Infantino has debased the office of FIFA president that he promised to elevate," said Figo, who won a host of trophies in his glittering playing career. "He has lied, deceived and tried to feather his own nest at the expense of the game he is supposed to serve." The 53-year-old added: "He has lost the support of his senior staff, his closest advisers, the vast majority of people who devote their lives to this sport and even, it would seem, the FIFA Peace Prize winner (US president Donald Trump)." "It is too late to save his dignity but it is not too late to save football. He should go. Now."

# Ayush Shetty draws defending champion Shi Yuqi in BWF World Championships opener

**NEW DELHI**  
Wakeup telangana

The Indian medal hopefuls were handed a tricky draw for the BWF World Championships 2026 to be played at the Indira Gandhi Stadium here from August 17-23 with Asian Championships silver medallist Ayush Shetty pitted against defending champion and top seed Shi Yuqi of China in the men’s singles opening round. Among the other Indians, former world champion PV Sindhu will open her campaign against world number 141 Sophia Nobel of Ireland while 2022 world championships bronze medallist Lakshya Sen will face Collins Valentine Filimon of Austria in the men’s singles first round and could face second seed Kunlavut Vitidsarn of Thailand in the pre-quarterfinals. In the men’s doubles draw, fifth seeds Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and



Chirag Shetty have a bye in the opening and will play the winners of the match between Alexander Dunn and Adam Pringle of Scotland and Thailand’s Chaloempon Charoenkitamorn and Worrapol Thongsa-Nga. India is hosting the BWF world championships after a gap of 17-years and the live draw took place in the National Capital on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, Badminton Association of India general secretary Sanjay Mishra said, “That over Rs. 20 crore have been spent on refurbishing the Indira

Gandhi Multipurpose Indore Stadium for the Championships and is confident that the hosting of the event will set new standards for world badminton.” While India is aiming to win multiple medals on their home turf, all eyes would be on five-time world championships medallist PV Sindhu, who has struck form in the run-up to the Championships by winning the Japan Open last month. Sindhu has managed to avoid the likes of world number one An Se Young of South Korea and de-

fending champion Akane Yamaguchi of Japan before the medal rounds. Though placed in the same half as Young, Sindhu is likely to meet China’s third seed Wang Zhi Yi in the pre-quarterfinals with a possible last eight clash against sixth seed Putri Wardani of Indonesia. For Satwik and Chirag, the first real challenge is expected to come from the 12th seeded Indonesian pair of Raymond Indra and Nikolaus Joaquin, who reached the finals of the Indonesia Open in June this year.

Speaking immediately after the draw ceremony, chief coach Pullela Gopichand pointed out that the men’s singles category was one of the most open event in terms of number of players who could go on to win the title. “Overall it looks like a good draw from an Indian perspective. It will be a big first round clash between Shi Yuqi and Ayush Shetty and given Ayush’s attacking game it is better to play Shi first up than later in the tournament,” he added. Ayush has lost to the reigning world champion in all their three meetings but has run the Chinese close when they met earlier in the draw. Among the other Indians in fray, Unnati Hooda will face Thet Htar Thuzar of Myanmar in the opening round with a possible clash against 13th seed Michelle Li of Canada in the second round.



Revanth Reddy meets US envoy; seeks more visas for students

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

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday met Sergio Gor, the US Ambassador to India, in New Delhi and sought stronger co-operation between Telangana and the United States in education, employment, investment, technology and research. During the 30-minute meeting, the Chief Minister highlighted the growing number of Telangana students pursuing higher education in the United States and urged the ambassador to facilitate an increase in student visas. He also requested meas-



ures to ensure timely visa appointments and quicker access to visa interview slots, which would help students avoid delays in joining universities. Revanth Reddy also raised concerns over the challenges faced by Telangana-origin professionals working in the US, particularly with H-1B

visa processing, renewals and visa stamping procedures. He suggested that the US government share advance information on any changes in visa regulations so that students and professionals can prepare accordingly and avoid unnecessary inconvenience. The Chief Minister em-

phasized Telangana’s emergence as one of India’s leading investment destinations and invited greater participation from US companies. He said the state offers immense opportunities in sectors such as Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence, life sciences, pharmaceuticals, start-ups, research and other emerging technologies. He assured the ambassador that the Telangana government is committed to creating a business-friendly environment for global investors. Revanth Reddy also sought the ambassador’s support in establishing stronger academic part-

nerships between universities in Telangana and the United States. He said such collaborations would benefit students, researchers and institutions through joint research, innovation and academic exchange programmes. Highlighting the cultural connection between Telangana and the United States, the Chief Minister noted that Telugu is among the fastest-growing Indian languages in America. He appreciated Ambassador Sergio Gor’s understanding of Indian history and culture, as well as his interest in Telangana’s traditions, cuisine and heritage.

Congress govt defends 22A listings amid complaints from private owners

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Facing growing complaints from citizens that legally held and authorised properties were being placed in the 22A prohibited list, the Congress government has sought to defend its record, insisting that no genuine landowner or poor person would be denied their rights. The government’s defensive stance comes amid complaints and media reports, including news articles published by the Telangana Today newspaper, over 22A listings. A high-level review meeting was chaired by Revenue Minister Ponugueti Srinivas Reddy on Wednesday, involving officials from Hyderabad, Rangareddy and Sangareddy districts and other departments.



Srinivas Reddy said the government had not deliberately added even a cent of land to the prohibited list since assuming office and dismissed reports that undisputed private properties were being included to trouble people as completely untrue. He directed officials to scrutinise every case based on records, facts and legal provisions and remove eligible lands from the prohibited list wherever warranted. Applications and grievances, including those received through Prajavani, must be disposed of within the prescribed timelines. He also directed officials

to comply with High Court directions and complete proceedings in 22A disputes within 45 days. While stressing that government land must be protected from illegal transactions, registrations and encroachments, he said district collectors have the authority to take final decisions on 22A lands. However, the minister’s repeated assurances that genuine private land had not been wrongly listed indicated the scale of public concern over the issue. The government’s emphasis on case-by-case scrutiny and time-bound disposal also suggests that the administration is now under pressure to address complaints without allowing the protection of government land to become a reason for denying legitimate private property rights.

‘Revanth Reddy’ number plate spotted in Dilsukhnagar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A car number plate with just “Revanth Reddy” written on it instead of the registered number has caused quite a stir, with no police action initiated yet. The Honda City Sedan was spotted by locals around the Dilsukhnagar area in the Malkajgiri Commissionerate. With no official statement from the authorities, online users have questioned the varied police action as Telangana officials have recently intensified a crackdown on illegal, unregistered and abnormal



number plates. The car also had a picture of the Telangana Chief Minister with the text, “Telangana Tiger.” When Media contacted Sarooonagar police station under which Dilsukhnagar falls, the officers said they were unaware of the inci-

dent. “We didn’t receive any complaints regarding this,” said an officer. The traffic police officials requested the photograph to be shared for verification as they too were unaware. Telangana police has intensified a drive against number plate violations, with six cases of fake number plates recorded in one week alone in the Hyderabad police commissionerate. Amid a rise in such violations, Traffic police officials have warned citizens to use only government-approved High Security Registration Plates (HSRPs).

CPGET 2026 results declared; 93.54 per cent qualify

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Kakatiya University on Wednesday declared the Common Post Graduate Entrance Tests (CPGET) 2026 results, with 93.54 per cent of the students qualifying the examinations for admission to 39 PG programmes offered by the conventional universities in the state. A total of 52,697 candidates registered, 45,462 appeared and 42,526 qualified. The results, released by TGCHE Chairman Prof. V Balakista Reddy, Kakatiya University Vice Chancellor Prof. K Pratap Reddy and CPGET 2026 Con-



vener Prof. Rajendra Katla, were made available on the website https://cpget.tgche.ac.in/. This time, no entrance tests were conducted for admissions to six PG programmes – Arabic, Sericulture, Theatre Arts, Marathi, Persian and Electronics – as the applications received were fewer than the number of seats available in those programmes. According to officials, the admission notification will be issued in the third week of August.

AP Planning to Rob Telangana’s Godavari Water, Revanth Must Answer: Harish

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Former irrigation minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Wednesday alleged that Andhra Pradesh was pushing to rob Telangana of its Godavari river water rights and questioned the silence of the state government on this issue. Addressing a press conference, Harish Rao accused the Congress government, particularly Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, of watching silently as AP sought a review of clearances granted to several major projects in Telangana on



Godavari river. He said the Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) was scheduled to meet in Hyderabad on August 18, and the agenda proposed by AP, was a direct threat to seven projects of Telangana—including the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme, Choutuppal Hanumantha Rao project, Chinna Kaleshwaram, Chanaka-Korata, Modi-

kunta Vagu, Kadem Gudem and the Sitarama lift irrigation scheme. “In all, AP is threatening to rob Telangana of 383 tmc ft of water from the Godavari,” Harish Rao alleged. On the one hand AP Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu publicly states he is not opposed to Telangana projects but AP’s official communications convey a different position, the BRS leader said. “Andhra Pradesh had written to the Union Government seeking intervention regarding Telangana projects and had now incorporated similar proposals in the GRMB agenda,” he said.



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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Mohammed Azharuddin says Booth Level Agents working well in SIR

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Telangana’s Minister for Minority Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin said on Wednesday that Congress party’s Booth Level Agents (BLAs) are working well during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in the state. He, however, called for saving as many votes as possible. Azharuddin said BLAs were doing good work but stressed that more people should register, as the SIR process was not easy. Meanwhile, with just five days left to submit enumeration forms, Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy urged



voters who have not submitted their forms not to delay. He asked voters to submit forms with accurate and complete information, warning that names

may not be included in the draft electoral roll to be published on August 17 if forms are not submitted. As per the status report on SIR on Wednesday (August

5), election officials have digitised 77.77 per cent of the enumeration forms. According to the CEO, forms have been distributed to all 3,38,26,448 voters, with 2,63,05,904 (77.77 per cent) digitised so far. The Election Commission on July 31 extended the deadline for submitting enumeration forms till August 10. Revising the SIR schedule for the second time, the poll panel extended the last date for submitting filled-in forms from August 3 to August 10. The deadline for rationalisation and rearrangement of polling stations was also extended to August 10. The draft publication of rolls

has been extended to August 17, with claims and objections to be filed between August 17 and September 16. Disposal of claims and objections will be from August 17 to October 15, and the final publication of rolls is scheduled for October 19. The Election Commission had earlier revised the schedule on July 15. As per the schedule announced in May, the house-to-house enumeration exercise by Booth Level Officers (BLOs) was scheduled from June 25 to July 24. The draft electoral roll was to be published on July 31, with the final rolls on October 1.

Instagram suspends Hyderabad creator amid doxxing, casteist abuse

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad-based Telugu content creator Ajay Radha Kumar lost access to his Instagram account on Wednesday, August 5, a day after a Hindutva digital creator published his phone number online and triggered a wave of casteist and communal abuse against him. Instagram cited a breach of its intellectual property policy for the suspension, a reason Ajay has disputed,

given the timing. The 23-year-old, who has built a following of over 1 lakh on feminist and Ambedkarite commentary, has spent the past week at the centre of an online harassment campaign by creator TD Rakesh Sharma. The trigger was a video critiquing CJP-protest posters that morphed PM Narendra Modi’s face onto women’s bodies, content Ajay had criticised for its sexism, not endorsed. Sharma’s response misread the video

as a defence of the posters, an interpretation Ajay says didn’t survive translation from Telugu to his right-wing critics. What began as pointed videos turned into targeted harassment on August 3, when Sharma accused Ajay of “duping women,” made casteist remarks against him, and shared claims about his family, including a fabricated political post for his mother. Sharma then posted Ajay’s phone number on the public.

Court grants police custody of trainee IPS officer in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A local court on Wednesday granted the Attapur police two days’ custody of trainee IPS officer M Uday Krishna Reddy for investigation. The police had arrested Uday last week after a woman trainee IPS officer lodged a complaint against him, alleging that he attempted to kill her,



sexually assaulted her and blackmailed her. The police arrested and remanded him in the case. They later filed a peti-

tion seeking Uday’s custody for further investigation. The court granted the police two days’ custody of him. The police had earlier recorded the victim’s statement. The Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy authorities had placed Uday under suspension after the case was registered against him.