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IAF Officer Held for Allegedly Leaking Defence Data to Pak Operative



Indian Air Force officials said that a Wing Commander of the Force had been arrested for allegedly being "honey-trapped" through social media by Pakistani intelligence operatives. Officials say the officer was under active surveillance and has now been handed over to the law enforcement agencies. The Indian Air Force reaffirmed its zero tolerance for such offences under the Official Secrets Act. IAF officials said, "He was under active surveillance and was handed over to the suitable law enforcement agencies. Due to proactive meas-

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Certificates Can't Get You Jobs, Rahul Tells Youth

NEW DELHI
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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday gave political voice to a generation caught between degrees and disappearing job opportunities, accusing the central government of turning India's demographic advantage into a crisis of unemployment, paper leaks and stalled recruitment, and saying that the country's 40 crore youth were being denied the opportunity to realise their potential. At the rain-soaked KP Ground in Uttar Pradesh's Prayagraj, a city known as a hub for competitive examination preparation, Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi addressed students and civil service aspirants at the Chhatron Ki Goonj programme. He said the country's 40 crore young people were its "greatest strength", but alleged that the government had failed to create enough employment opportunities to match their potential. "Today, education certificates have no meaning in



India because they cannot give you a job," Gandhi said, attacking what he described as "the disconnect between years of education and the prospects of stable employment." He said that while India's youth potential was greater than that of countries such as the US, China and Russia, young people were facing a combination of unemployment, stalled recruitment, examination paper leaks, declining manufacturing and the growing disruption caused by artificial intelligence. "There are 40 crore energetic young people like you in this country; this is the nation's strength," he said. "People talk about China, America and Russia, but all of them pale in comparison to the youth of India and their potential in the 21st century." The

Congress leader said he wanted to speak about three things — "dard (pain), data and daulat (wealth)" — arguing that India had both the young population and vast quantities of data needed to power a 21st-century economy, but was failing to convert these advantages into jobs and economic security. Rahul Gandhi cited a figure of only 12 permanent jobs for every 1,000 young people and linked the employment crisis to the decline in manufacturing, difficulties in securing loans and irregularities in competitive examinations. His remarks came against the backdrop of student protests in several parts of the country over recruitment examinations, paper leaks and delays. Gandhi said young people who had taken to the streets had "lit a light in the darkness" by overcoming their fears and confronting the system. The Congress leader sought to cast these protests as evidence that students were no longer willing to remain silent.

But he also urged them to maintain a non-violent approach. "We will never resort to hatred or violence. We will change the system with love and affection," he said. He also used the issue of data to make a broader argument about the changing nature of the economy. He said India had one of the largest volumes of data consumption in the world and claimed that the average Indian consumed around one gigabyte of data every day. According to Gandhi, the combination of India's young population and its data could become the foundation of a new economy. Instead, he alleged, young people were being drawn into social media while being pushed towards insecure gig work. Referring to platforms such as WhatsApp, Instagram and Facebook, Gandhi said young Indians were encouraged to spend hours consuming and creating online content, while employment opportunities increasingly included delivery and ride-hailing work. "You can indulge in this 21st-century.

Revanth Plans Telangana Tour With Welfare Outreach

CM Revanth reddy to distribute houses in KCR's adopted village

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will undertake district tours from August 10 to 16 to, among others, initiate the distribution of smart ration cards and the launch of development works at the Sammakka-Saralamma temple in Medaram. Notably, he will inaugurate Indiramma houses at a ceremony in a village adopted by his predecessor K. Chandrashekar Rao. The Chief Minister was scheduled to visit Nalgonda, Yadadri-Bhongir, Sangareddy and Mulugu districts over the week. On August 10, Revanth Reddy will visit the Nagarjunasagar dam and perform Varuna Yagam seeking abundant rainfall amid concerns over deficient monsoon rainfall. The Chief Minister is also expected to review the water situation and irrigation requirements during the visit. On August 13, Revanth Reddy will visit Vasalammarri in Yadadri-Bhongir district and hand over 143 Indiramma houses to beneficiaries in a mass house-warming ceremony. The



village had been adopted by then-Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, who visited it in August 2021, inspected houses in a dilapidated condition and promised to construct 2BHK houses if villagers came forward to demolish their existing houses. Several villagers demolished their houses and began living in temporary accommodation since then. The previous BRS government failed to construct the promised houses. After assuming office in December 2023, the Congress gave special attention to Vasalammarri and sanctioned Indiramma houses for the affected families. The construction of 143 houses has now been completed and the houses are ready for inauguration. On August 15, the Chief Minister will visit Sangareddy district and for-

mally launch the distribution of 1.05 crore new smart ration cards to beneficiaries across. The government has so far sanctioned 16.32 lakh new ration cards, bringing an additional 61.09 lakh people under the food security net. With the sanction of the new cards, the total number of ration cards in Telangana has risen to 1.05 crore, covering around 3.42 crore beneficiaries. The state government is distributing around 2.16 lakh metric tonnes of fine rice every month to ration card holders. The cards are stated to be secure and tamper-proof to enhance transparency in the public distribution system. On August 16, Revanth Reddy will visit Medaram in Mulugu district and launch the second-phase development works at the famous Sammakka-Saralamma temple. The government has been taking up infrastructure and development works at Medaram with the objective of improving facilities for devotees and strengthening the temple's pilgrimage infrastructure.

TN Parties Oppose Changes In No Of LS, Assembly Seats

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

A meeting of the members of Parliament from Tamil Nadu called by the state government on the proposed delimitation Bill here on Saturday decided to pass a resolution in the state Assembly calling for the protection of the rights of Tamil Nadu and other south Indian states and against the moves to change the status quo in the number of MPs in



both the Houses. The DMK, whose 22 Lok Sabha members kept off the meeting on the plea that there was nothing new to discuss, reaffirmed its position that it was committed to ensuring a fair delimitation that would not bring down the

state's percentage of representation in Lok Sabha below the present 7.18. DMK deputy general secretary and leader in Parliament Kanimozhi Karunanidhi said it was DMK president M.K. Stalin who warned about delimitation first and called all parties for a meeting to oppose it, besides passing a resolution in the Assembly. Stalin also organised a meeting of Chief Ministers and party

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PM Modi, US VP JD Vance Hold Phone Talks to Boost Strategic Ties

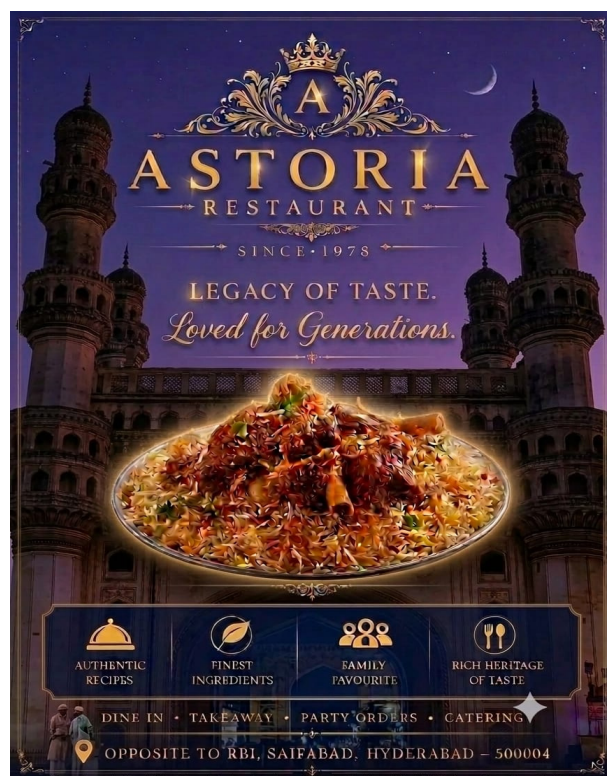
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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held a telephonic conversation with J.D. Vance, the Vice President of the United States of America. While much details of the conversation were not available immediately, PM Modi said the discussion focused on ways to deepen India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership across key areas. PM also congratulated Mr and Mrs Vance on the birth of their son. "Received a phone call from US Vice President JD Vance. We discussed ways to further deepen India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partner-



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Shah Announces Shifting Of NUCFDC Headquarters From Delhi To Mumbai

NEW DELHI
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Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who also holds charge of the Co-operation Ministry, on Saturday announced that the headquarters of the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC), also known as the Umbrella Organisation, would be shifted from Delhi to Mumbai. The announcement came



during the inauguration of NUCFDC's new office premises at Sharada Sadan in the Fort area of south Mumbai. At the event, the NUCFDC and the National Forensic

Sciences University (NFSU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a centralised cybersecurity system for urban cooperative banks. The MoU was exchanged in the presence of Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis and Mr Shah. Addressing the 'Sahakar Nav-Kranti Melava' organised at the BSE International Convention Centre in Mumbai, Mr Shah said the establish-

ment of the Umbrella Organisation would give a new lease of life to the urban cooperative banking movement in the country and facilitate its expansion. The organisation, he said, would play a crucial role in strengthening urban cooperative banks technologically, administratively and regulatorily, while making their banking services more modern, transparent and reliable.

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Hyderabad Edges Mumbai With ₹4.77 Lakh Crore Housing Sales

HYDERABAD
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Hyderabad recorded the highest value of residential property sales among major Indian cities between 2021 and 2025, with homes worth ₹4,77,977 crore sold during the five-year period, according to CRE Matrix, a real estate data analytics platform. This figure represents the combined worth of thousands of apartments, villas and independent houses sold in the city, not the price of a single property. Hyderabad marginally surpassed Mumbai, where homes worth ₹4,51,811 crore were sold, while Bengaluru stood third at ₹3,92,047 crore. Gurugram and Ahmedabad followed with ₹3,30,964 crore and ₹2,91,765 crore, respectively. The data covers primary sales of apartments, independent floors and villas. The strong performance of Hyderabad's housing market has been attributed to the rapid expansion of IT, pharmaceuticals, defence and aerospace, food processing and global capability centres (GCCs).

Naredco Telangana president K. Sreedhar Reddy said the record sales reflected not only housing demand but also a structural shift towards premium, mid-luxury and luxury properties. Homes priced above ₹1 crore have gained a larger share of the market, with buyers opting for larger 3BHK and 4BHK apartments, gated communities and luxury projects. Sreedhar Reddy said higher ticket sizes were driving value-led growth, supported by infrastructure expansion and rising incomes among technology and corporate professionals. The western corridor remained the growth engine, with Financial District, Gachibowli, Kokapet, Narsingi and Tellapur witnessing strong demand. Emerging locations include Kollur, Kompally, Medchal, Kandlakoya, Adibatla, Shamshabad, Uppal, Patancheru, Mokila and Isnapur. However, rising property prices were squeezing affordability, particularly for middle-class and first-time buyers. Weighted

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Protect Telangana’s water rights or face mass movement, KTR tells Congress govt

BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned of a major agitation if Telangana’s water rights are compromised, accusing the Congress government of yielding to Andhra Pradesh’s influence and mismanaging irrigation and industrial land policies.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao warned that the party would launch a major agitation on the scale of the Telangana movement if the State’s legitimate rights over river waters were compromised. He said protecting Telangana’s water rights was the party’s top priority. Speaking to reporters here on Saturday, he questioned the State government’s decision to accept the agenda of the upcoming Godavari River Management Board (GRMB) meeting. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy should clarify whether they had accepted the agenda and whether

they would attend the meeting, he demanded. “The meeting’s agenda is completely against Telangana’s interests. If the government has any concern for Telangana, it should boycott the meeting,” Rama Rao said. He warned that the BRS would not remain a silent spectator if the Centre or any neighbouring State acted against Telangana’s share of river waters. If Telangana faced injustice in the name of the Centre, a powerful agitation, even bigger than the Telangana movement, would emerge in the State, he cautioned. Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government was functioning under the influence of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and compromising Telangana’s interests over river



waters. Questioning the appointment of Adityanath Das as an adviser, he asked why the government had to depend on an individual whom he described as being opposed to Telangana’s interests when the State had several experienced engineers and experts. He further criticised the government for allegedly failing to protect Telangana’s irrigation interests while neighbouring States were drawing water from rivers. The BRS working president charged that despite

the Chief Minister’s association with Palamuru, adequate water was not being ensured for farmers in the region. The government was responding only after pressure from the opposition and farmers, he slammed. Rama Rao also charged that the Congress government was attempting to hand over valuable industrial land in Hyderabad to private interests through the HILT policy. He said around 10,000 acres of valuable land in Hyderabad, estimated to be worth nearly Rs 5 lakh crore was at risk. “The BRS will scrap the HILT policy immediately after returning to power,” he said, adding the party would also launch a campaign to educate people and industrial organisations about what he de-

scribed as the adverse implications of the policy. The BRS working president also said the party would write to industrial organisations and place details of the policy before the public through representations and presentations. He maintained that land originally allotted for industrial development and employment generation was now being opened up for private commercial and real-estate activities. “Those getting their properties regularised under the present policy could face serious losses in the future,” Rama Rao warned, adding that BRS would also approach the High Court over the alleged irregularities in the HILT policy and place all relevant issues before the judiciary and the people.

KCR extends Rs.2.25 crore aid to late Peddi Sudarshan Reddy’s family

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BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao will visit Nallabelli village near Narsampet on Sunday to console the family of former MLA late Peddi Sudarshan Reddy. The BRS Chief described Sudarshan Reddy as his key aide, who had worked with dedication for the party since its inception. During his visit to Nallabelli, he will meet Sudarshan Reddy’s family members and offer his condolences to them. He will also reassure the family and convey his support during the difficult time. The BRS chief is also expected to meet BRS leaders, activists and followers of Sudarshan Reddy in the Narsampet constituency and instil



confidence among them. Chandrashekhara Rao has also announced financial assistance of Rs 2.25 crore to the family of Sudarshan Reddy. The BRS chief took the decision after consulting senior party leaders and key leaders of the party’s Warangal district unit. He said the BRS would stand by the family of the former MLA. As part of the assistance, Rs 1 crore each would be provided to

Sudarshan Reddy’s two children. Another Rs 25 lakh would be deposited in a bank account in the name of his mother, Amrutamma, considering her advanced age and to support her care and well-being. The BRS chief also said the party would continue to monitor the family’s welfare, particularly the children’s future and education, and extend support as required. Following the completion of Sudarshan Reddy’s post-funeral rituals, key district party leaders would meet to finalise further welfare measures for the family, K Chandrashekhara Rao said, reiterating that the party would continue to support them in the long run.

ZPP CEO Janaki Ram Reddy’s Birthday Celebrated with Staff



The birthday of Kandimalla Janaki Ram Reddy, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Zilla Praja Parishad (ZPP), Sangareddy, was celebrated with enthusiasm at the ZPP office. Officials, supervisors, employees and well-wishers extended warm greetings and felicitated the CEO with a shawl and special birthday memento. A cake-cutting ceremony was also held to mark the occasion. Staff members appreciated Janaki Ram Reddy’s disciplined leadership, administrative efficiency, commitment to public service and coordination with employees. They wished him good health, happiness, prosperity and continued success, expressing confidence that he would continue contributing to the development of Sangareddy district with dedication and effective administration.

Katta Maisamma Bonalu Celebrated with Grandeur at Sirgapur



The traditional Katta Maisamma Bonalu festival was celebrated with great devotion and festive fervour at Sirgapur Mandal headquarters in Sangareddy district. Large numbers of villagers participated in the celebrations, adding colour and grandeur to the festivities. Women prepared beautifully decorated Bonam offerings with devotion and carried them in a grand procession to the Katta Maisamma temple. The procession moved through the village streets amid traditional dappu beats, kommu performances, songs and dances. Pothurajus added special attraction with their energetic traditional performances. Devotees offered prayers to Goddess Katta Maisamma, seeking peace, prosperity, good health and the well-being of their families and village. Village elders, youth, women and children actively participated. The celebrations showcased Telangana’s rich cultural heritage and traditions. The festival concluded with special prayers for abundant rains, good crops and prosperity for the farming community.

Grand Investiture Ceremony Held at Sri Chaitanya School



MEDCHAL
Wakeup telangana

Sri Chaitanya School, Medchal IPL IC Boys & Girls Campus, conducted its grand Investiture Ceremony with enthusiasm, highlighting the importance of leadership, discipline, responsibility and service among students. The programme was attended by Chief Guest SI Suresh from Medchal Police Station, who emphasized the importance of discipline, integrity and responsibility in student life. He urged the newly appointed student leaders to perform their duties sincerely and become role

models for their peers. AGM Ravi, Coordinator Suresh, Principal Kiran, Deans Suresh and Hemant, IPL IC In-charge Sravan and Zonal PET Hemant were also present at the ceremony. The newly appointed student leaders took the oath of office, pledging to uphold the values, discipline and standards of the school while carrying out their responsibilities with dedication. As part of the ceremony, the dignitaries presented badges and sashes to the student leaders, symbolizing their new roles and responsibilities. The occasion generated a

strong sense of pride and confidence among the students. The dignitaries congratulated the newly appointed leaders and reminded them that leadership is not merely a position but a responsibility. They encouraged students to lead by example through honesty, teamwork, discipline and service. The ceremony provided an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills, self-confidence and a strong sense of responsibility. Teachers, staff and students actively participated in the event, which concluded with a vote of thanks.

WALK-IN INTERVIEWS FOR TEACHING POSTS IN TRIBAL WELFARE GURUKULAS

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions in Sangareddy District have invited eligible candidates for walk-in interviews to fill vacant teaching posts on a temporary basis for the 2026-27 academic year. According to a notification issued by the Regional Coordinator, Tribal Welfare Gurukula Institutions, Sangareddy District, vacancies are available in various categories, including Degree Lecturers, Junior Lecturers, Post Graduate Teachers (PGTs) and Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs). For Degree Lecturer posts, vacancies have been notified in subjects including Computer Science, Mathematics, Political Science, History, Botany and Physics. Junior Lecturer vacancies are available in subjects such as Commerce, Mathematics, Physics, Zoology and other subjects at the concerned institutions. PGT vacancies have also been notified for different subjects, including Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Physical Science, while TGT vacancies are available in subjects including English, Mathematics, Biology, Social Studies and other disciplines at Tribal Welfare Residential Schools. Candidates applying for the posts must possess the prescribed

academic and professional qualifications relevant to the respective post. For teaching posts where applicable, candidates should have the required B.Ed qualification and eligibility such as NET/SET as prescribed in the notification. Qualifications and eligibility will be verified during the selection process. Eligible and interested candidates have been advised to attend the walk-in interview with their original educational certificates and other relevant documents. The walk-in interviews are scheduled to be conducted on August 11, 2026, from 9:00 AM at the office of the Regional Coordinator, Tribal Welfare Gurukula In-

stitutions, Sangareddy District. The notification stated that candidates should report on time with all necessary certificates for verification. Selection will be made in accordance with the prescribed eligibility criteria and requirements of the respective institutions. For further information, candidates may contact the number mentioned in the official notification: 9849237238. Note: Since this is a recruitment notice, candidates should verify the exact subject-wise vacancies, qualifications, interview venue and conditions from the original notification before attending.

BJP Holds SIR Phase-II Workshop in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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The Bharatiya Janata Party’s Telangana unit organised a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Phase-II workshop at Visvesvaraya Bhavan in Hyderabad, with party leaders discussing measures aimed at ensuring accurate and transparent electoral rolls and strengthening organisational coordination at the grassroots level. Sangareddy District BJP President Godavari Anji Reddy, who participated in the workshop, stressed that the right to vote is one of the most powerful



instruments in a democracy. She said party workers should actively participate in the voter-roll revision process and contribute towards ensuring that electoral records are accurate and transparent. She also called upon party cadres to strengthen the organisation from the booth level, emphasizing that effective grassroots

participation plays a crucial role in reaching voters and building a stronger party network. The workshop was attended by BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao, along with BJP MPs, MLAs, MLCs, state office-bearers, district presidents and other party leaders.

Friends, Well-Wishers Celebrate K. Nagaraju’s Birthday in Grand Style



The birthday of K. Nagaraju was celebrated in a grand and cheerful manner on Saturday, August 8, with friends, colleagues, near and dear ones, and well-wishers extending warm greetings and felicitations. Throughout the day, Nagaraju received birthday wishes personally as well as through phone calls and social media platforms. Friends gathered to honour him with bouquets, shawls and gifts, turning the occasion into a memorable celebration. Speaking on the occasion, his friends appreciated Nagaraju’s friendly attitude, helping nature and commitment towards others. They particularly highlighted his discipline, punctuality, effective time management and ability to complete responsibilities within a time-bound schedule. They said his willingness to extend a helping hand whenever someone is in need has earned him affection and respect among his friends, colleagues and acquaintances. Well-wishers wished K. Nagaraju continued success, good health, happiness and prosperity, expressing hope that he would achieve greater heights in his professional and personal life in the years ahead.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Leads High-Level Sangareddy District Review

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha chaired a high-level review meeting at the Sangareddy District Collectorate on Saturday, reviewing the implementation of programmes across Health, Education, Irrigation, Drinking Water, Agriculture, Revenue and Women & Child Welfare departments. The Minister expressed serious displeasure over the reported incident at Jogipet Area Hospital, where another person al-

legedly performed duties in place of the designated duty doctor. He questioned the DCHS and hospital superintendent and directed officials to ensure strict accountability in government healthcare institutions. Reviewing health infrastructure, Rajanarsimha directed officials to expedite the completion of Bardipur, Sultanpur and Neradigunta PHC buildings and discussed preparations for opening the Kanakole and Singitham PHCs. He also reviewed dengue, malaria, chikungunya and other seasonal diseases, directing officials to



maintain adequate stocks of medicines, equipment and essential supplies. The Minister instructed officials to take steps for the early opening of the Sangareddy Nursing College, Patancheru Super Speciality Hospital and Zaheerabad MCH, while strengthening facilities at

Sangareddy Government General Hospital and Medical College. On education, officials informed the Minister that around 1.30 lakh students are studying in the district. He directed special attention to KGBVs, Model Schools and government schools, particu-

larly drinking water, drainage and toilet facilities. Similar basic amenities must also be ensured at PHCs and Anganwadi centres, he said. Reviewing welfare hostels, the Minister called for improved management and sought details of SC, ST, BC and Minority hostels functioning from rented buildings and the progress of new hostel buildings. With Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s proposed Sangareddy district visit on August 15, the Minister directed officials to prepare for the distribution of new ration cards.

Rajanarsimha also reviewed drinking-water availability in the Manjira and Singur projects and instructed officials to prepare a forward-looking action plan to prevent shortages. He stressed uninterrupted drinking-water supply to villages and municipalities dependent on the regional water systems. The Minister directed all departments to work in close coordination, accelerate pending works and ensure that essential public services reach people efficiently across Sangareddy district.

Palaram Bandi Program in Satya Nagar on August 11



The Satya Nagar Team Maisamma will organise the Palaram Bandi program on Tuesday, August 11, at 6 PM. Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh and Khairatabad District DCC President Motha Rohit will attend the event as chief guests. National Ambedkar Sena State President Taluka Rajesh will be a key dignitary and lead the community participation. Other prominent leaders, including Prem Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Bittu and Nitin Kumar, are also expected to participate. The organisers said the programme is being held with the participation of local residents and community members. They appealed to people from Satya Nagar and surrounding areas to attend the event in large numbers and make the programme a grand success.

BRS warning prompts Telangana govt to operate Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme pumps

Congress Government Activates Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Pumps After BRS Protest Warning

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Congress government has begun operating pumps under the Mahatma Gandhi Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLI) to supply irrigation water to farmers in the Palamuru region, a day after the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) warned of protests over the delay in releasing water. Pumps at Yellur, Jonnalaboguda and Gudipalli Gattu were operated on Saturday to lift water for irrigation. At Yellur, two pumps were switched on and around 1,600 cusecs of water was lifted. Similarly, two pumps at Jonnalaboguda were operated to lift nearly 1,500 cusecs, while another two pumps at Gudipalli Gattu lifted around 1,300 cusecs. The move came amid growing concern among farmers over the delay in



releasing irrigation water despite substantial inflows into projects in the Krishna basin. Paddy farmers in particular had been worried about the availability of water for their crops following recent rains and increased inflows. The BRS had mounted pressure on the Congress government, demanding immediate operation of the lift irrigation pumps and release of water to the farming community. Former Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjana

Reddy had criticised the government for failing to operate the pumps despite sufficient inflows. Niranjana Reddy had given the government a deadline of August 11 to release irrigation water from projects in the Krishna basin to meet the requirements of farmers in the Palamuru region. The BRS also warned that it would organise a protest at Narlapur if the government failed to act. BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao was scheduled to participate in

the proposed protest, adding to the political pressure on the government. The BRS alleged that the government was deliberately delaying the release of water despite substantial inflows into the reservoirs. According to the party, around 2.30 lakh cusecs of water was flowing from Jurala towards Srisailem, raising questions over the delay in utilising the available water for irrigation. With farmers waiting for irrigation water to save their crops, the activation of pumps at key locations under the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme is expected to provide some relief. The government's decision to operate the pumps followed the mounting political pressure and demands for immediate action to ensure irrigation water reaches agricultural lands in the region.

Nearly 40 Telangana government employees flagged for drawing double salaries

HYDERABAD
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Nearly 40 government employees have been identified as drawing salaries or remuneration from more than one government establishment in Telangana using the same Aadhaar number, embarrassing the State government and raising questions over its financial monitoring systems. The irregularities came to light during verification of data in the Integrated Financial Management and Information System (IFMIS), where officials noticed duplicate Aadhaar mappings. Detailed scrutiny revealed instances where salary or remuneration was drawn from more than one government establishment against the same Aadhaar number.



In one case in the Revenue Department, salaries of two employees were drawn using the same Aadhaar number. In another case in the Public Health Department, two employees with different employee codes were found drawing salaries against the same Aadhaar number. The State government has taken a serious view of the alleged fraudulent withdrawal of salaries or remuneration from multiple government establishments. Depending on the facts of each case, such acts could attract disciplinary action under the applicable serv-

ice rules and may also constitute criminal offences relating to cheating, impersonation, forgery, falsification of official records, criminal breach of trust and misappropriation of government funds. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, in a memo issued on Thursday, directed all Administrative Departments and Heads of Departments to immediately examine the cases communicated by the Finance Department. They have been asked to conduct thorough inquiries on priority to determine whether employees had fraudulently drawn salaries or remuneration from more than one government establishment by suppressing facts, misrepresenting information or using other fraudulent means.

Indiramma House Inaugurated at Khanapur Village in Kohir Mandal

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An Indiramma Illu constructed under the Telangana Government's housing programme was inaugurated in Khanapur village of Kohir Mandal in Sangareddy district amid a festive atmosphere. Mandal-level Congress Party leaders, local representatives, party workers, villagers and well-wishers participated in the inauguration and congratulated the beneficiary family on entering their new home. Speaking on the occasion, Congress leaders said the Indiramma Illu scheme



aims to fulfil the dream of owning a permanent house for eligible poor and homeless families. They said housing provides not only shelter but also dignity, security and stability to families. The leaders expressed hope that more eligible families in Kohir Mandal would benefit from the housing programme and urged beneficiaries to make proper use of the government assistance.

₹1.30-Lakh RO Water Plant Inaugurated at Gattu Singaram

HYDERABAD
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In a significant community-service initiative aimed at providing safe and purified drinking water, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri inaugurated an RO water plant worth ₹1.30 lakh at Harijanawada in Gattu Singaram village, Addagudur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, on Saturday. The RO plant was inaugurated by Dr. Empalla Bucchi Reddy, Chairman-Membership Development, Kakatiya Region, and Head of Capol Bones Setting Centre, Oushapur. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bucchi Reddy said access to clean and purified drinking water plays



an important role in protecting public health. He urged villagers to make proper use of the facility and appreciated the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri for undertaking service-oriented initiatives for rural communities. The programme was attended by Rotary Club President Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy; Sri Raghu, Depot Manager, TGSRTC, Picket, Hyderabad; G. Gyanaprakash

Reddy, Chairman-Social Media, Kakatiya Region; former Assistant Governor Shetty Balayya Yadav; former President Karipe Nursing Rao; Club Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu; and senior members Nemuru Ashok Kumar Goud, Diddi Satyam and Kalasikam Upender Rao, among others. A large number of villagers, including women and youth, participated and appreciated the Rotary Club's initiative. Reaffirming the Rotary spirit of "Service Above Self," club representatives said they would continue undertaking community-service programmes aimed at improving public health and welfare, with access to safe drinking water remaining an important priority.

BIDEKANNE VILLAGE GEARS UP FOR GRAND BONALU CELEBRATIONS ON AUGUST 9

HYDERABAD
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Bidekanne Village in Jharasangam Mandal of Sangareddy District is all set to celebrate the traditional Bonalu festival with devotion and grandeur on Sunday, August 9, 2026. Village Sarpanch C. Ravinder announced that the Bonalu celebrations would be held on Sunday afternoon following consultations and confirmation with village elders and members of the Gram Panchayat Executive Committee. The Sarpanch said elaborate arrangements would be made to ensure that the celebrations are conducted in a peaceful, devotional, and festive atmosphere while reflecting the rich traditions and cultural heritage of Telangana. Bonalu holds a special place in Telangana's cultural and spiritual traditions, with devotees offering Bonam to the Goddess and praying for the health, happiness, peace, prosperity, and well-being of their families and the entire village. Sarpanch C.

Ravinder appealed to village elders, women, youth, devotees, community representatives, and all residents of Bidekanne to actively participate and extend their full cooperation to make the Bonalu celebrations a grand success. He particularly urged everyone to maintain peace, discipline, unity, and communal harmony throughout the celebrations and ensure that the traditional festival is conducted in a befitting manner without causing inconvenience to anyone. The village is expected to wear a festive look on Sunday afternoon as residents come together in devotion to celebrate one of Telangana's most cherished traditional festivals. "Bonalu is a symbol of Telangana's rich culture, faith, and traditions. I request every villager to participate with devotion and cooperation and help make the celebrations peaceful, memorable, and a grand success," Sarpanch C. Ravinder said.

TJWA Appoints New Office-Bearers for Sangareddy District

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The Telugu Journalists Welfare Association (TJWA) appointed new office-bearers for Sangareddy district and the Andole Assembly constituency at a programme held in Jogipet on Saturday. The appointments were made following the directions of TJWA National President Shetty Ashok. Jogipet Additional Sub-Inspector Durgaiah attended the programme as chief guest and presented appoint-



ment letters to the newly selected representatives. He also felicitated them with shawls and extended his best wishes for their new responsibilities. As part of the new appointments, Jogiyalla Raju (J. Raju) was appointed Chief Advisor for Sanga-

reddy District. D. Sukumar and B. Balaraj were appointed as Sangareddy district members, while S. Yadaiah was appointed Vice-President for the Andole Assembly constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Additional SI Durgaiah said journalists

play a crucial role in society by bringing people's problems and important issues to the attention of the government and authorities. He stressed the importance of truthful, responsible and ethical journalism and urged media professionals to continue working in the larger public interest. Durgaiah congratulated the newly appointed representatives, including D. Vinod Kumar, and wished all the new committee members success in discharging their responsibilities.

Patnam Mahender Reddy to Offer Silk Clothes at Laskar Bonalu Temples

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Telangana Legislative Council Government Chief Whip Dr. Patnam Mahender Reddy will participate in the Laskar Bonalu celebrations on August 9 in the Goshamahahal constituency. As part of the festivities, Dr. Mahender Reddy will offer silk clothes on behalf of the Telangana government at Sri Bho Lakshmi Mata Temple near Muslim Jung Bridge in Begum Bazaar at 10 am. Later, he will visit the Raktha Maisamma



Temple and perform special prayers. The programme will be attended by MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Congress party in-charge Sunitha Rao, Srikanth Yadav, Dhanraj and senior Congress leaders. The visit is part of the government's participation in the traditional Bonalu celebrations and is expected to draw devotees and local residents.

Cyberabad Clears 290 Encroachments Along 14.1-km Stretch

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) removed 290 encroachments across a 14.1-km stretch as part of its weekly "Walk Free" anti-encroachment drive conducted on Friday, August 7. The drive focused on reclaiming roads, footpaths and public spaces for pedestrians and improving the overall accessibility of public areas. In the Serilingampally zone, officials cleared 84 encroachments



across Narsingi, Ameenpur, Miyapur and Serilingampally. Another 55 encroachments were removed in the Kukatpally zone, covering Madhapur, Allwyn Colony, Kukatpally and Moosapet. The Qutbullapur zone recorded the highest number of removals, with 150 encroachments



cleared from Chintal, Jeedimetla, Kompally, Gajularamaram, Nizampet, Dundigal and Medchal. CMC officials said the cleared stretches will be regularly monitored to prevent encroachments from reappearing and to ensure that roads and footpaths remain accessible to the public.

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The Congress Party has intensified its grassroots campaign to protect the voting rights of every eligible citizen in Goshamahahal Constituency amid the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. A free Family Registration Certificate distribution programme was organised by DCC Secretary Afroz for residents of Dattatreya Nagar Division. Khairatabad DCC President Motha Rohit attended the programme as chief guest along with



Goshamahahal Constituency Congress Party in-charge and former MLA candidate M. Sunitha Mudiraj. The leaders distributed Family Registration Certificates to eligible residents and interacted with people on issues related to voter registration and electoral documentation.

Speaking at the programme, Sunitha Mudiraj said safeguarding the voting rights of every eligible citizen is a collective responsibility. She said the Congress Party was making efforts at the grassroots level to assist residents during the SIR process and ensure that

eligible voters are not left out of the electoral rolls. She explained that Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and Congress workers across Goshamahahal Constituency were visiting households, checking electoral details and interacting directly with residents. They were also helping people understand the verification process and providing necessary assistance wherever required. Mudiraj said particular attention was being given to ensuring that eligible voters have the required documents and that their names remain correctly

reflected in the electoral rolls. She urged residents to cooperate with the verification process and approach the local Congress teams for assistance if they face difficulties. She appreciated the efforts of DCC Secretary Afroz and local Congress leaders for organising the Family Registration Certificate distribution programme and extending support to residents. Motha Rohit also appreciated the work being undertaken by Congress leaders, BLAs and party workers across the constituency.

Chhattisgarh Anti-Conversion Law Comes Into Force, Says Dep CM Sharma

The Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act – 2026, providing stringent provisions against illegal conversions, has come into force in the state. Chhattisgarh deputy chief minister Vijay Kumar Sharma said that the new Act, aimed at curbing illegal religious conversions, was published in a gazette on August four and consequently came into force in the state. The gazette of the Act has clearly clarified the process of complaints, investigation, and action in cases related to religious conversions, he said. “The objective of the state government is to enforce the new Act strictly to curb illegal religious conversions in the state effectively”, he said. Special courts will be set up to hear such cases and dispose of them within six months of registration of the case. The Chhattisgarh Freedom of Religion Act- 2026 was passed in the state Assembly recently.

Polls In 7/11 Areas Of PoK Cancelled Due To Unrest

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

In a first political retreat, the election commission of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (PoK) indefinitely deferred polls in seven out of eleven constituencies in Poonch division, where voting was scheduled for August 10, in view of massive protest and rallies in the region where one of the protesting leaders, Sardar Aman Khan gave an ultimatum to Pakistan government and its forces and recited the Fatiha for the dead threatening to kill them. He appealed to all Kashmiris from both PoK and Indian side to stand with them and get rid of the current regime. Taking note of the crack-down on protesters in PoK, the United Nations Secretary General Mr An-



tonio Guterres called for accountability for the action taken against people of PoK engaging in peaceful protest. While addressing a protest gathering in PoK capital Muzaffarabad, Khan recited “Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji’un”, the Fatiha for the dead threatening Pakistan forces if they dared to enter Rawalakot again and launch a crackdown on the local protestors. “If you (politicians) are our representative then you must come to us here. Your three generations have thrived on us, on our tax money. If you don’t come here then in Rawal-

kot I will say Inna lillahi wa inna ilayhi raji’un for you...People have died but it did not bother you at all,” said Sardar Aman Khan, of the Joint Awami Action Committee, the labeled and banned by Pakistan as a terror organization. “People are dying here, your job is to stand with the people. You have been seeking votes in our names...This a message for all politicians that there is no forgiveness for anyone,” Khan added. He urged the politicians to come out of election mode and stand by the people of PoK. “If you don’t come and stand with the people, then even your graves won’t be in this country and this land, forget the future of your children. People died here and nothing bothered you...We appeal to all Kashmiris

from this side and the other side in India that let’s stand together and get rid of this regime. People from Srinagar, Poonch, Ladakh..come and stand with us,” Khan said. Another JAAC leader Imtiaz Aslam accused the Pakistan government of destroying hospitals in PoK so that the victims of police brutality do not find treatment. “Just like you (Pakistan government) occupied our mountains and dams, today you occupied CMH (Combined Military Hospital) Hospital, which was built for us by Saudi Arabia. You stole the money donated for PoK by the world during the 2005 earthquake...You are thieves who have pocketed the money sent to us by our diaspora during distress,” alleged Imtiaz Aslam.

Modi Understands the Language of Votes Only: Kejriwal on E20, Goa Polls

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal on Saturday launched a stinging attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alleging that he understands only the “language of votes”, and appealed to voters to crush the BJP in the 2027 Goa assembly polls. Addressing AAP volunteers in Margao, Kejriwal urged people to unite, saying the BJP’s defeat would “shatter PM Modi’s arrogance”. He said the drubbing of the BJP in Goa will force the prime minister to withdraw the E20 policy. “Modi ji doesn’t listen to anyone. He thinks he will win anyway. He thinks people will vote for him no matter what he does,” Kejriwal said. Referring to a conversation he



claimed to have had with a person in Goa, Kejriwal said the coastal state’s voters could “make Modi sweat” by defeating the BJP. “If this time Modi ji thinks that the BJP will win Goa...If the people of Goa come together and defeat the BJP, then Modi ji’s arrogance will be shattered,” he said. Referring to protests by students in New Delhi that forced then Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to resign, Kejriwal alleged that the Centre was compelled to act because it felt that public support was turning against it. “When it comes to votes, only then will Modi ji

understand. He understands only the language of votes, and he does not understand any other language,” the AAP national convener said. He claimed that if the BJP loses the Goa elections, the Centre will withdraw the E20 petrol blending policy by March 15 (2027). “This time, if the people of Goa come together and defeat the BJP, the results will come on March 10 (2027). And you can quote me on this: ‘by March 15, Modi ji will withdraw E20,’” he said. Hinting that the AAP will make E20 policy as one of the main poll planks, Kejriwal said, “The key is in your hands. If you want to save your vehicle, your motorcycle, your car, your scooter, then break Modi ji’s arrogance once.

Lebanon Says Israeli Troops Breached Village Held by Lebanese Army

Israel invaded south Lebanon after militant group Hezbollah entered the Middle East war on the side of its sponsor Iran in March.

BEIRUT Wakeup telangana

Israeli troops infiltrated a Lebanese village placed under the control of Lebanon’s army as part of a June agreement, building an earthen barrier there overnight, state media and the local mayor said Saturday. An AFP correspondent saw the barrier, situated at the village’s eastern entrance and blocking the road. The local authorities said it was unclear if any Israeli forces remained in the area. “An Israeli occupation army force advanced into the village of Zawtar al-Gharbiya shortly after midnight... and erected a new earthen barrier near the town square,” Lebanon’s state-run National News Agency (NNA) reported. Zawtar al-Gharbiya was one of two designated “pilot zones” where the Lebanese army was to take over as part of a US-sponsored frame-



work agreement signed with Israel. Contacted by AFP, the Israeli military said it was “not aware of such an event in this area”. Israel invaded south Lebanon after militant group Hezbollah entered the Middle East war on the side of its sponsor Iran in March. Israeli forces continue to occupy a broad band of territory in the south along the border. Its invasion and widespread bombing campaign have killed more than 4,300 people, according to Lebanon’s health ministry,

and displaced hundreds of thousands more. Under the June agreement, Lebanon is meant to disarm Hezbollah while Israel is supposed to gradually pull back its forces. Beirut’s army deployed to Zawtar al-Gharbiya on July 21, and around 50 families have since returned to the village, mayor Abed Ezzeddine told AFP. Israeli troops had been present on the outskirts of the village before the deployment. Ezzeddine said they were surprised to see the barrier in the morning, located

around 100 metres from the town square. Confirming the incident, a Lebanese military source told AFP it was a violation of the framework agreement. Separately, the military later reported that “three soldiers were wounded, one of them moderately, while dismantling unexploded ordnance” in Zawtar al-Gharbiya on Saturday. Lebanon and Israel had just completed their seventh round of direct negotiations in Rome on Thursday, with a Lebanese source telling AFP the Israelis refused to discuss withdrawing from more areas before making sure Beirut’s military had full control over the pilot zones. Hezbollah rejects the deal and refuses to surrender its weapons, while Israel still carries out intermittent strikes on southern Lebanon despite a ceasefire in place since June. The NNA on Saturday reported artillery shelling in southern Lebanon.

Uddhav Thackeray Slams PM Modi Over Rebel MPs Meeting

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Shiv Sena (UBT) Chief Uddhav Thackeray on Saturday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, questioning his priorities following the Prime Minister’s recent meeting with his party’s rebel MPs, who recently joined the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. The Prime Minister reportedly assured the rebel MPs that they need not worry as he was with them. Mr. Thackeray said the Prime Minister’s re-

assuring words should instead have been directed at the protesting youth, who, he alleged, faced police lathi charges and other atrocities. Criticising the Prime Minister’s interaction with the rebel MPs, Mr Thackeray condemned the support extended to them amidst the ongoing political situation. He stated: “The Prime Minister and the Union Home Minister Amit Shah do not have time to meet the youth. But the Prime Minister has time to meet those traitors who stole the Shiv

Sena and established the ‘Shah Sena’. Prime Minister Modi not only met these MPs but also promised the traitors, “Do not fear, I am behind you”.” Referring to the crack-down on recent youth and student-led demonstrations, Mr. Thackeray said the protests received international attention but the BJP government was non responsive. “For the past two months, there has been discussion worldwide about how India’s Gen-Z generation brought the government to its knees. I feel pained that

instead of supporting this generation, brutal atrocities were committed against them. On this occasion, some were even reminded of the Jallianwala Bagh massacre. After harassing the students, Prime Minister Modi is not ready to talk to them. The Home Minister does not even have the courage to speak. Today, the entire country is demanding answers from the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. This will not stop with the resignation of a single minister.

Sule Slams ‘Gungi Gudiya’ Remark, Says Congress Leadership Disowns It

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

NCP (SP) working president and Lok Sabha member Supriya Sule on Saturday called the Maharashtra Congress’ “Gungi Gudiya” (silent doll) remark against Deputy Chief Minister and NCP national president Sunetra Pawar inappropriate. She

said the Congress’ national leadership had clarified that the post was made by the party’s Maharashtra IT cell and did not reflect the Congress’ official stand. Ms. Sule, who is also Ms. Pawar’s sister-in-law, said she had raised the issue with the Congress central leadership and thanked it for clarifying its position.

“The statement made by the Maharashtra Congress about Sunetra Pawar was inappropriate. I spoke to the Congress leadership about it and thank them for clarifying their position. Within half an hour of my discussion with the leadership, the Congress made it clear that the post was made by the Maharashtra Congress’ local IT

cell and did not represent the national Congress’ position,” she said. The controversy erupted after the Maharashtra Congress posted a video clip of Ms. Pawar’s press conference on X, showing NCP MLA Dhananjay Munde preventing her from taking questions from reporters about the law-and-order situation.

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However, rising property prices were squeezing affordability, particularly for middle-class and first-time buyers. Weighted average prices have risen sharply since 2021 due to higher land costs, construction expenses and compliance requirements. Vijaya, a Kompally resident who recently bought a 2BHK for ₹60 lakh, said nearly 80 per cent of her salary now goes towards EMI, forcing her to cut back on hobbies and leisure. Indian Green Building Council chairman Sekhar Reddy said Hyderabad’s infrastructure, employment opportunities and brand image had strengthened its position, but cautioned that traffic congestion in the western corridor

remained a challenge. He stressed that sustainability — through green buildings, solar power and net-zero construction — must be central to the city’s next phase of growth. Credai Hyderabad president-elect Jagannath Rao Bandari said the report reaffirmed Hyderabad’s position as India’s strongest housing market by value. “Consistent demand highlights homebuyer confidence, supported by transparency and timely project delivery. With ongoing infrastructure investments and a thriving business ecosystem, the city is set to further strengthen its leadership,” he said.

TN Parties Oppose.....

Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay who spoke at the end of the meeting — where 19 MPs from the

Congress, CPM, CPI, VCK, MDMK, IUML were in attendance — said the proposed delimitation will affect the representation and importance of Tamil Nadu and wanted the Union government to abandon the move and ensure the status quo prevailed. He requested the MPs belonging to all the parties to work in a coordinated manner to uphold the rights of Tamil Nadu, a government release said. Earlier, the MPs discussed the delimitation proposal elaborately and the measures to be taken to protect the representation of Tamil Nadu in Parliament and continue the present strength. The MPs said the time allotted for each of the MPs is very short when the Lok Sabha’s strength is 543 and the members would have problems in fully ex-

plaining their views. The MPs who took part in the meeting opined that all the members should vote against any amendment brought by the Union government on delimitation and take measures to maintain the present strength of both the Houses. There are chances for the reduction of Lok Sabha seats from the south Indian States if any delimitation is carried out based on the 2026 census, the members said.

IAF Officer Held.....

IAF officials said, "He was under active surveillance and was handed over to the suitable law enforcement agencies. Due to proactive measures, he was caught. The IAF has zero tolerance for such activities." According to Delhi Police sources, the Wing Commander of

the Indian Air Force was arrested for allegedly leaking sensitive defence-related information and is currently in judicial custody. The officer has been booked under provisions of the Official Secrets Act for allegedly sharing classified information and confidential documents related to defence. According to sources, the IAF officer allegedly fell victim to a honey trap orchestrated by Pakistani intelligence operatives. He is also accused of installing data-stealing software on a colleague's mobile phone in an alleged attempt to gain control of the device. The officer was arrested after the IAF intelligence wing shared specific inputs related to the case with Delhi Police, sources said. Further investigation is underway.

IAF Officer Held.....

Addressing the ‘Sahakar Nav-Kranti Melava’ organised at the BSE International Convention Centre in Mumbai, Mr Shah said the establishment of the Umbrella Organisation would give a new lease of life to the urban cooperative banking movement in the country and facilitate its expansion. The organisation, he said, would play a crucial role in strengthening urban cooperative banks technologically, administratively and regulatorily, while making their banking services more modern, transparent and reliable. Addressing the ‘Sahakar Nav-Kranti Melava’ organised at the BSE International Convention Centre in Mumbai, Mr Shah said the establishment.

CRIME

Helium Gas Cylinder Explodes Near GSM Mall, Five Injured

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A helium gas cylinder used to fill balloons exploded near GSM Mall along the Miyapur national highway on Saturday evening, leaving five people injured. One man suffered severe injuries to his right foot, which was reportedly severed in the blast. According to police, Avinash, a native of Uttar Pradesh, was selling balloons near GSM Mall using a bicycle fitted with a helium gas cylinder.

At around 4.30 pm, while he was filling balloons with gas, the cylinder suddenly exploded with a loud bang. The force of the explosion sent pieces of the cylinder flying. Vivek Pal, another Uttar Pradesh



native who was selling ice cream nearby, was struck on his right leg. He suffered severe injuries and heavy bleeding, with his foot reportedly severed. Others injured in the inci-

dent included M. Janardhan, who was travelling on a scooter and suffered leg injuries, and Dhanush, a student who sustained minor injuries while returning home from col-

lege. Vinnakonda Sindhu Priya, who had come to the mall for shopping and was sitting inside her car, was also injured after the impact shattered the vehicle's windows. Miyapur Police rushed to the spot after receiving information and shifted the injured to nearby hospitals. Vivek Pal, who sustained serious injuries, was later shifted to Gandhi Hospital for further treatment. Miyapur Inspector N. Jayaram said Avinash also suffered injuries to his hand.

Police said he left the spot after the incident. The Miyapur police have launched an investigation to determine the exact cause of the cylinder explosion and whether any safety precautions were followed while handling the helium cylinder.

Bonalu Restrictions: Liquor Shops, Bars to Remain Closed in Parts of Cyberabad on Aug 9

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In view of the Vishal Bharathi Bonalu festival, Cyberabad Police Commissioner Dr. M. Ramesh has ordered the temporary closure of liquor outlets in several parts of the Cyberabad Police Commissionerate limits on August 9.

The restrictions have been imposed under Section 20 of the Telangana State Excise Act, 1968,



with the aim of preventing untoward incidents and maintaining law and order during the festival. According to the orders, wine shops, toddy compounds and bars attached to restaurants falling under the limits of Kukatpally, Allapur, Rai-

durgam, Jeedimetla, Medchal and Chandanagar police stations will remain closed from 10 am to 10 pm on August 9. However, bars located in five-star hotels and registered clubs will be exempted from the closure order.

Police officials said the restrictions are intended to ensure that devotees can celebrate the Bonalu festival peacefully and that law and order is maintained across the affected areas.

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.

Food Safety Officials Find Hygiene Lapses at Santosh Dhaba in Miyapur

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CMC Food Safety officials inspected Santosh Dhaba 100% Pure Veg Exclusive in Miyapur on August 6, 2026, and found several hygiene and food safety violations. Officials found unlabelled semi-prepared food, while workers were handling food without hairnets, aprons and gloves.

Poor maintenance of the chiller and exhaust systems, damaged wall tiles and inadequate lighting in the store room were also

observed. The establishment failed to produce mandatory medical, pest-control, water-testing and food-testing records during the inspection. The outlet received a hygiene score of 58% (55/96). Officials issued an improvement notice directing the management to rectify the identified hygiene and safety deficiencies.

Two Killed as Tavera Crashes into Flyover Pillar in Gachibowli

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Two tile workers from Rajasthan were killed on the spot after the Tavera car they were travelling in crashed into a flyover pillar near the ORR service road at Gachibowli in the early hours of Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Kanaialal (25) and Deram (24), both natives of Rajasthan. According to the police, the accident occurred while

the car was travelling from Indira Reddy Nagar towards Nanakramguda. Police suspect that over-speeding caused the driver to lose control of the vehicle, following which the car rammed into the flyover pillar.

The impact was severe, and both occupants died at the spot.

Police reached the location and began an investigation into the accident. The bodies were shifted for post-mortem examination. Further investigation is underway.

Karkhana Police Launch 'Mee Suraksha – Sahachari' Initiative

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Karkhana Police Station conducted the "Mee Suraksha – Sahachari" community policing programme with local women and Self-Help Groups to promote neighbourhood safety and awareness.

The interactive session covered key issues such as women's safety, cybercrime, child protection, drug abuse and legal rights. Police officials urged women to become "Community Safety Ambassadors" by promptly



reporting suspicious activities and supporting police efforts.

A major highlight was the participation of ACP Traffic (Trimulgherry Division) G. Shankar Raju, who interacted with par-

ticipants and stressed the importance of road safety, responsible commuting and public cooperation with the police. Trimulgherry Traffic Additional Inspector P. Ramanaiah, along with the Karkhana

L&O SHO and Karkhana Division L&O ACP, also participated. Officials encouraged women to share safety messages and strengthen awareness across their neighbourhoods.

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?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



We have to come out of it: Shah calls for better RBI-UCB relationship

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Union Minister of Co-operation Amit Shah on Saturday urged urban co-operative banks (UCBs) to look at the RBI from a “different viewpoint”, underlining that the central bank has “proactively helped” the sector in recent times.

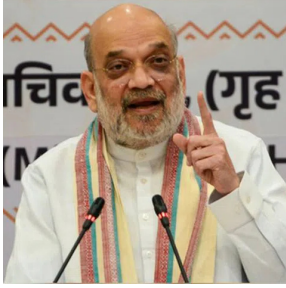
Speaking at the inauguration of a new office building of the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) at the BSE here, Shah also said that when it comes to the safety of money, no other segment is as safe for lenders as small borrowers.

“I know of your experience till now. RBI looks at you from a particular viewpoint, and UCBs also look at RBI from a differ-

ent viewpoint. But we have to come out of it,” Shah told the audience comprising executives from over 1,400 UCBs and other stakeholders.

“My five years’ experience as the Union Cooperatives Minister suggests that whenever we have put a step forward with confidence, RBI has proactively helped us,” he added, listing out the relaxations delivered by RBI. Among other aspects, RBI has liberalised branch opening, allowed UCBs to offer doorstep banking, made it possible for them to issue demand drafts and life certificates, and also appointed a dedicated nodal officer just to look into the affairs of the UCBs, which have over Rs 6 lakh crore of deposits, he said.

Shah, who also handles



the Home portfolio, said a lot of aspects have been resolved with the help of the RBI, and also welcomed the raising of limits on gold loans and permitting one-time settlements for UCBs. In a statement on developmental and regulatory policy accompanying the bi-monthly policy review announced on Wednesday, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra announced a move forward on the ‘on-tap’ licensing of UCBs, which will end a two-decades long pause in the matter.

In the past, instances of lax governance practices at UCBs, which are perceived to be controlled by political heavyweights, have led to instances of some lenders going down, leading to higher systemic caution.

Recalling his experience of chairing a UCB in Gujarat, Shah said the small borrower segment is the safest for lenders and pointed out a scheme of offering Rs 2.5 lakh of loans without any collateral by his bank. He said the management had doubts, but the repayment rate including interest is over 99 per cent under the scheme, and the overall lending offered has been doubled as well.

Shah also announced that NUCFDC, which works as an umbrella body for the sector, will soon be moving its head office to

Maharashtra from New Delhi, and added that 449 of such lenders are in the state and 70 per cent of the entities are from Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa and Karnataka. He said the body has only 690 members as of now, and urged the management to lower membership fees and ensure that all 1,400 UCBs avail the membership.

A lot of advantages will accrue to a lender by joining a grouping like NUCFDC, Shah said, adding that the umbrella organisation can give technical know-how, help with compliances, and offer the best in cyber security solutions. He said a security operations centre has also been opened as part of the efforts, and urged the UCBs to join that as well to deepen the depositors’ faith.

Government signs MoUs to strengthen support for startups

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The government on Saturday said it has signed strategic MoUs with key industry leaders and ecosystem enablers to support startups.

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, signed an MoU with Cashfree Payments India to strengthen support for DPIIT-recognised startups by enhancing access to digital payment infrastructure, financial technology solutions, and capacity-building initiatives.

The collaboration seeks to combine DPIIT’s institutional reach with Cashfree Payments’ expertise in digital payments to enable startups to scale efficiently and contribute to India’s innovation-led growth, according to an official statement.

Eligible startups will receive access to secure and scalable payment and payout solutions, identity verification and risk management services, along with preferential onboarding support and commercial benefits.

DPIIT also signed an MoU with Darwin Dynamics to strengthen entrepreneurship development and foster a more inclusive, innovation-driven startup ecosystem in India.

The partnership aims to expand the reach of the Startup India initiative by promoting entrepreneurship across tier 2, tier 3 and rural regions, while enabling greater access to mentorship, institutional networks, market opportunities and capacity-building support for startups.

Under the collaboration, Darwin Dynamics will work to facilitate startup formalisation, strengthen entrepreneurship awareness, support capacity-

building programmes, and promote innovation in strategic sectors including clean energy, green hydrogen, artificial intelligence, climate technologies and advanced manufacturing. The collaboration with Vultr India focuses on strengthening the technology infrastructure available to DPIIT-recognised startups.

It aims to enhance startups’ access to cloud computing resources, technical capacity-building, and digital infrastructure, enabling them to build, scale and innovate more efficiently.

Meanwhile, DPIIT has partnered Cars24 to foster innovation, entrepreneurship and capacity building in India’s mobility and automotive technology ecosystem. The collaboration aims to strengthen the startup ecosystem by supporting AI-driven innovation, founder development.

No UPI charges for users, most merchant payments free too: Government

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The Centre has sought to allay concerns over the possible introduction of charges on Unified Payment Interface (UPI) transactions, clarifying that consumers and small merchants will continue to access UPI services free of cost.

The clarification came on Saturday, August 8, following concerns raised after the Lok Sabha passed a Bill amending the Payment

and Settlement Systems Act, 2007. The amendment enables the government to permit banks and other payment service providers to levy charges on UPI and other notified electronic payment modes.

According to the Finance Ministry, any Merchant Discount Rate (MDR), if introduced, would apply only to a limited category of merchant transactions above a specified threshold. The rate would be nominal and significantly

lower than the MDRs applicable to debit and credit card transactions.

The ministry said the amendment is an enabling provision aimed at ensuring the long-term sustainability, technological development and resilience of India’s digital payment infrastructure. It stressed that the amendment should not be interpreted as a move to impose charges on ordinary UPI users.

The ministry explained that UPI’s rapidly increasing transaction vol-



umes require continuous investments in cybersecurity, fraud prevention, infrastructure and technological upgrades. A sustainable revenue model is also considered necessary to encourage

greater competition and attract more companies into the digital payments ecosystem.

The proposed MDR, if any, will be decided by the ‘UPI and Services Steering Committee’

headed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), once the relevant legislative process is completed.

The government also rejected claims that external pressure or foreign influence was behind the policy change, calling such narratives false and misleading. It pointed out that India launched UPI in 2016 and has kept transactions free for citizens and merchants since January 2020, helping the system emerge as the world’s

largest real-time interoperable payment platform.

The Centre said UPI now stands at the forefront of India’s next phase of digital payments growth. Expanding its reach into rural and semi-urban areas while maintaining affordability and competitiveness will require a financially sustainable ecosystem, it added.

Since its launch in 2016-17, UPI has transformed India’s digital economy and become a global

benchmark for real-time payments. In July 2026 alone, UPI processed 2,366 crore transactions worth ₹29.9 lakh crore.

The platform is currently operational in 11 foreign countries, with several others expressing interest. The government described UPI as a national achievement built and developed in India, reaffirming its commitment to keeping the system secure, affordable, inclusive and globally competitive.

Indian stock markets post weekly gains as crude prices ease

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The Indian equity benchmarks posted gains for the second consecutive week, over sharp corrections in crude oil prices and strong Q1 FY27 earnings results. Nifty jumped 0.77 per cent during the week and shed 0.27 per cent on the last trading day this week to reach 24,570. At close, Sensex was down 455 points, or 0.58 per cent, at 78,499. It added 0.52 per cent during the week.

Small-cap stocks continued to outperform, supported by strong earnings traction and stock-specific catalysts, while PSU banks led sectoral gains on improving fundamentals.

Metals benefited from a stronger growth outlook and resilient domestic demand, while automobiles gained momentum on expectations of healthy festive-season demand, said market watchers.

The week started on a volatile note triggered by the rollout of the new F&O Closing Auction Session (CAS), but markets regained stability as participants adapted to the revised framework, an an-

alyst said.

“Sentiment improved meaningfully with the sharp decline in crude oil prices, which helped strengthen the macroeconomic outlook and supported expectations of easing inflationary pressures,” he added.

Globally, softer labour market indicators reduced the likelihood of a near-term Fed rate hike, leading to a moderation in US bond yields and a weaker dollar. This, coupled with sustained safe-haven demand ahead of key US economic data releases, provided additional support to gold prices.

On the domestic front, the RBI reinforced confidence by maintaining its policy stance, while modestly upgrading its growth outlook and lowering inflation projections. The ongoing Q1 FY27 earnings season has further strengthened investor confidence, with results broadly exceeding expectations and driving broad-based buying interest.

Broad market indices outperformed the benchmark indices, as Nifty Midcap100 added 0.87 per cent.

Darpan Furnishings Launches Landmark 10th Store at Unispace, Miyapur

Strengthens Presence in Hyderabad’s Premium Home & Interiors Destination; 11th Store Coming Up at Tellapur Next Month

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Darpan Furnishings, one of South India’s most trusted home furnishing brands, has launched its landmark 10th store on 8th August, 2026 at Unispace, Miyapur, a premium destination developed by Aparna Enterprises that brings together leading construction and interior brands under one roof.

The new store marks another significant milestone in Darpan Furnishings’ 25-year journey of helping homeowners create beautiful living spaces through thoughtfully curated home furnishing solutions.

Located within Hyderabad’s emerging home and interiors hub, the new store offers an extensive collection across Curtains, Wallpapers, Sofa Fabrics, Blinds, Carpets & Rugs, and Bed & Bath Linen, supported by expert design consultation, Doorstep Service and professional execution.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Suleman Hirani, Founder & Managing Director, Darpan Furnishings, said, “Opening our 10th store is more than a



growth milestone; it reflects the trust that homeowners, architects and interior designers have placed in Darpan over the last 25 years. Unispace provides the ideal environment for customers looking to build or style their homes, and we are delighted to become a part of this vibrant destination. We are also excited to announce that our 11th store will be launched at Tellapur, Hyderabad, next month. This continued expansion reflects our confidence in Hyderabad’s growing home interiors market and our commitment to making Darpan’s products and services more accessible to customers across the city.”

The new store was launched by Shri. Ashwin Reddy, Managing Director, Aparna Enterprises Ltd., and Smt. Aparna

Reddy, Executive Director, Aparna Enterprises Ltd., in the presence of leading architects, interior designers, industry partners and distinguished guests.

Over the years, Darpan Furnishings has evolved from a retail furnishing store into a complete home furnishing solutions brand, offering customers not just products, but expert guidance in creating homes that reflect their lifestyle and personality. Every store is supported by experienced design consultants who help homeowners choose the right combinations of fabrics, colours and textures for their spaces.

With a growing network of stores, an expanding architect and interior designer engagement programme, Doorstep Service and carefully cu-

rated collections from leading national and international brands, Darpan continues to strengthen its position as a preferred home furnishing partner across South India.

As part of its ongoing brand evolution, Darpan is reinforcing its promise of “Bringing Homes Alive”, reflecting its commitment to transforming houses into warm, expressive and beautifully lived-in homes.

About Darpan Furnishings: Established in 2001, Darpan Furnishings has grown into one of South India’s leading home furnishing brands, with a network of 10 stores across Hyderabad. Serving over 2.5 lakh homeowners, the brand offers comprehensive furnishing solutions across Curtains, Wallpapers, Sofa Fabrics, Blinds, Carpets & Rugs, Bed & Bath Linen and more, backed by expert design advice, Doorstep Service and professional execution. For over 25 years, Darpan Furnishings has remained committed to helping homeowners create spaces that are elegant, functional and timeless.

Crude oil prices may stay volatile as Hormuz tensions persist

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Crude oil prices are likely to remain volatile next week as markets track developments around the Strait of Hormuz, while the Indian rupee could gain further ground against the US dollar if geopolitical risks remain contained, commodity market experts said on Saturday.

Brent crude futures rose 1.29 per cent to \$83.55 a barrel on Friday but remained below the previous week’s close of \$90.12.

While US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude for September delivery settled at \$78.18 a barrel, down from \$84.67 at the end of the previous week. The energy market witnessed sharp swings during the week as investors responded to changing expectations over a possible agreement to reopen shipping through the Strait of Hormuz which is a key global oil transit route.

WTI crude fell sharply at the beginning of the week after US President Donald Trump paused a planned strike on Iran in favour of

pursuing a diplomatic agreement. Prices subsequently recovered as markets weighed reports of progress towards a temporary shipping arrangement.

Experts said a confirmed agreement to reopen the Strait could put further downward pressure on crude prices, while renewed tensions could quickly restore a geopolitical risk premium.

On the domestic market, MCX crude oil fell to around Rs 7,100 before recovering to close near Rs 7,400.

The commodity experts see immediate resistance at Rs 7,500-7,550, while Rs 7,380-7,300 is expected to provide near-term support.

A break below the support zone could push MCX crude towards Rs 7,250, with a stronger base seen around Rs 7,100-7,000, they said.

Meanwhile, the Indian rupee strengthened during the week with the USD/INR pair settling around Rs 95.2 after touching a low of about Rs 94.9.

Netflix’s Operation Safed Sagar Pumps Over \$24 Million Into India’s Economy

As Netflix completes a decade of operations in India, Co-CEO Ted Sarandos has highlighted the economic and creative impact of its largest-ever Indian production, ‘Operation Safed Sagar’, revealing that the project contributed more than US\$24 million (over ₹215 crore) to the Indian economy.

The production stands as a major example of ‘The Netflix Effect’ — the broader impact of Netflix films and series beyond entertainment, including job creation, support for local businesses, advancement of creative technology, and investment in India’s talent ecosystem.

Speaking at the premiere event, Netflix Co-CEO Ted Sarandos said that every Netflix production is also a local production, involving thousands of people whose creativity, skills, and dedication bring stories to life.

“The scale of this series and the production demonstrates that India today has the talent, technical expertise, and production capabilities to create entertainment that stands confidently alongside the very best in the world,” Sarandos said.

Operation Safed Sagar engaged more than 850 local businesses, over 200 cast and crew members, and created employment opportunities for nearly 4,000 daily hires. The production



was filmed over 115 days across 11 cities, including Patiala, Pataudi, Noida, New Delhi, Mumbai, Manali, Keylang, Gwalior, Gurugram, Chandigarh, and Bikaner.

The project generated business opportunities across multiple sectors, including construction and set-building, hospitality, transport and logistics, catering, equipment rentals, lighting services, VFX, post-production, and other professional services. A significant contribution came from India’s growing creative technology sector. Netflix collaborated with 15 India-based VFX studios from Bengaluru, Mumbai, Hyderabad, and Chennai, involving nearly 1,200 artists to create around 50 minutes of high-quality aerial sequences featured in the series.

These VFX and creative technology partnerships alone contributed over US\$5 million (₹49 crore) to India’s economy, accounting for around 20% of the production’s total economic contribution. Sarandos said the project represents the journey Netflix has witnessed in India over the

last ten years. “After ten years in India, we’ve seen The Netflix Effect come to life through every story we’ve had the privilege of making here. Tonight, Operation Safed Sagar is one of the most powerful expressions of that journey,” he said.

The series premiered in New Delhi on August 6, bringing together senior military officials, veterans, and members of India’s creative community to honour the bravery and sacrifice of those who served during the Kargil War.

The premiere was attended by Minister of State for Defence Shri Sanjay Seth, Chief of Defence Staff General N.S. Raja Subramani, Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth, former Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa, along with veterans, members of the Indian Air Force’s Golden Arrows Squadron, and the cast and creators of the series. The production was also filmed at operational Indian Air Force bases, including Nal, Chandigarh, and Gwalior, as well as high-altitude locations in Himachal Pradesh reaching nearly 16,000 feet.

Netflix has completed ten years in India in 2026 and, during this period, has launched more than 200 Indian Originals.

The Traitors 2: Munawar Faruqui’s expected earnings per episode



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Prime Video India is gearing up for the second season of its popular celebrity reality competition series The Traitors, hosted by Karan Johar. The new season is scheduled to premiere exclusively on August 13, with fresh episodes releasing every Thursday.

Among the 21 contestants participating in the upcoming season, comedian and reality television favourite Munawar Faruqui is one of the most talked-about names. As anticipation builds around the show, reports about the remuneration of its contestants have also generated considerable interest among fans.

Munawar’s reported earnings have increased significantly following his success across reality television and main-

stream entertainment. His journey has been particularly notable, having started working as a salesman at a young age for a reported monthly salary of around Rs 850.

He later entered stand-up comedy and television, reportedly earning around Rs 10,000 for his first script for the Alt Balaji show Cold Lassi Chicken Masala. His major breakthrough came with Lock Up Season 1, where reports suggested that he earned approximately Rs 2.5 lakh to Rs 3 lakh per week. During his roughly 10-week stint, his estimated base earnings stood at around Rs 28 lakh to Rs 30 lakh.

He also won the show and received Rs 20 lakh in prize money.

Munawar’s remuneration reportedly increased further during Bigg Boss 17. He was

reportedly paid around Rs 7 lakh to Rs 8 lakh per week during his 15-week journey, taking his estimated earnings to nearly Rs 1 crore to Rs 1.2 crore, excluding the prize money. After winning the season, his total earnings were estimated at around Rs 1.7 crore.

Given his growing popularity and previous reported fees, Munawar could reportedly be earning Rs 8 lakh to Rs 10 lakh per episode for The Traitors 2.

If he remains in the competition for several weeks, his total remuneration could run into several tens of lakhs.

However, these figures are only estimates based on media reports. Neither Munawar Faruqui nor Prime Video India has officially confirmed his fee for The Traitors 2.

Arjun Reddy Pochana, Achutaditya Rao Enter World Top 100

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Indian badminton duo Arjun Reddy Pochana (44) and Achutaditya Rao Doddavarapu (24) have entered the BWF World Top 100 in men’s doubles within just nine months of forming their partnership, marking a remarkable rise on the international circuit. The pair, who began playing together in October 2025, have competed in 12 international tournaments and won five medals for India. Their medal-winning run includes gold at the Mexico International Series 2025, silver at the Zambia International Series 2025, silver at the Trinidad and Tobago Open 2025, bronze at the South Africa International 2025 and silver at the Peru International 2026.

Their entry into the World Top 100 was achieved following their performance at the Korea Masters 2026.

The partnership has

drawn attention for its 20-year age difference and contrasting playing styles. Aditya, 24, plays an attacking back-court game built on speed, power and high tempo, while Arjun, 44, uses his experience, anticipation and net control to create opportunities and dictate rallies.

The duo have developed a structured approach that combines tactical intelligence with aggressive play, adapting their strategies according to their opponents.

Arjun’s achievement at 44 also highlights his longevity in competitive badminton. His training focuses on recovery, per-

formance optimisation and longevity practices, with support from AIWO Wellness and its founder Chinnakannan Sivasankaran.

Beyond badminton, Arjun is associated with Shilpa Homes and Azone Sports, while Aditya is the co-founder of ADX Live, a creator-brand collaboration platform with more than 1,700 creators across several countries.

With five international medals and a World Top 100 ranking in nine months, the pair now aim to break into higher levels of international competition and challenge leading doubles teams.

Telangana Swimmer Shivani Karra Wins Gold at Sub-Junior Nationals

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Telangana’s young swimming talent Shivani Karra clinched the Gold Medal in the Girls’ 400 Metres Freestyle at the 42nd Sub-Junior National Aquatic Championship in Jaipur, Rajasthan, bringing pride to the state with an impressive national-level performance.

Shivani finished first in the highly competitive 400m Freestyle event with a timing of 4:38.47, comfortably securing the top position. Her performance placed her ahead of swimmers from Kerala and Karnataka and highlighted her growing stature among India’s promising young aquatic athletes.

400m Freestyle – Girls Shivani Karra, Telangana –

4:38.47
Indraany M. Memon, Kerala – 4:40.18
Idika Bhat, Karnataka – 4:49.57

The championship is being held in Jaipur from August 6 to 9, 2026, under the organisation of the Rajasthan Swimming Association with the support of the

Swimming Federation of India.

Shivani’s gold-medal-winning performance is the result of sustained training, discipline and determination. Her achievement has also brought recognition to Telangana’s developing swimming ecosystem and the institutions supporting young athletes in the state.

Shivani is a product of Gachibowli Stadium and the Sports Authority of Telangana State (SATS). She represents the Telangana Swimming Association and Telangana State in national-level competitions. Her success reflects the importance of systematic coaching and access to quality sporting infrastructure for nurturing young talent.

Following her victory, Shivani proudly posed with her gold medal alongside her coach Ayush Yadav, Head Coach at the Sports

Authority of Telangana State, Gachibowli Stadium, on Saturday.

The achievement has been welcomed by the Telangana swimming fraternity, which congratulated Shivani, her coach, parents and support team for their contribution to her success.

With the championship still underway, Shivani will look to build on her strong start and continue her campaign in the remaining events.

Her gold medal has already marked a significant milestone in her young sporting career and offers further encouragement for her aspirations at national and international competitions.

Her victory in Jaipur has once again showcased the potential of Telangana’s young swimmers and the growing depth of aquatic talent emerging from the state.

Three Indians make finals of World Athletics U20 Championships

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Javelin throwers Ashish Yadav and T Dharanidharan along with discus thrower Amanat Kamboj qualified for the final rounds in a decent opening day performance by the Indians at the World Athletics U20 Championships here.

Yadav topped the men’s javelin Group A qualifica-

tion round with a throw of 69.87m and ended at second spot overall, behind South Africa’s title favourite Jan-Hendrik Heymans who won Group B with a 76.02m throw. The 19-year-old Indian has a season’s best of 74.49m, which is also his personal best.

Heymans was the lone competitor to breach the automatic qualification mark of 72.50m.

Dharanidharan made it to the final round, taking the 12th and the last spot overall after finishing fifth in Group B qualification round with a throw of 68.07m.

Those who breached the automatic qualifying mark of 72.50m or at least best 12 qualified for the final to be held on Friday.

Indian superstar Neeraj Chopra is the current world record holder in the

event with his 86.48m throw in the 2016 edition of the championships in Bydgoszcz, Poland.

In women’s discus throw, Amanat produced a season’s best throw of 52.58m to finish sixth in Group A qualification round and take the 12th and last available spot to sneak into the finals.

China’s Su Yixin took the top position across the two qualification groups

with 58.06m, while compatriot Ma Chenyi was second with 57.72m.

Those who breached the automatic qualifying mark of 55m or the best 12 performers qualified for the final to be held later tonight. Mogali Venkatram made it to the men’s 800m semifinals while Uwin Anand bowed out of the same event after the Round 1 heat races.

Heavy monsoon rains: Nearly 1,000 waterlogging hotspots trouble Hyderabad commuters

Hyderabad commuters continue to face severe traffic problems due to waterlogging, potholes and damaged roads across the city.

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Across the three civic bodies that administer Hyderabad and its vicinities, commuters this mid-monsoon are left to struggle through severely potholed and waterlogged road stretches.

In fact, according to estimates from the civic bodies, there are nearly 1,000 identified waterlogging hotspots, while there could be many more that escaped the attention of enumerators, adding to the woes of daily commuters.

One is forced to drive warily through waterlogged areas, dangerous potholes and damaged roads, resulting in traffic



slowdowns and, at several places, commuters being stranded in traffic jams.

In fact, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has identified around 300 to 400 waterlogging hotspots across its zones, mainly at intersections along the IT corridor. Commuters lament that continuous waterlogging ends up concealing deep pits on critical stretches such as IIIT



Junction, Gachibowli, Madhapur, Biodiversity, Miyapur and Lingampally.

CMC officials admit that over 30 per cent to 40 per cent of the roads are in bad condition. "Potholes will be filled after the rainy season. We will first study pothole-filling systems in two or three cities and then carry out the repairs," CMC Commissioner G Srijana assured

commuters.

Meanwhile, teams of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) identified around 188 to 200 waterlogging hotspots across its limits, including major trouble spots in all zones. Here, flooded bottlenecks on vital stretches such as Malkajgiri, Anandbagh, Safilguda, Uppal, LB Nagar and Hayat Nagar reportedly cause a major loss of professional deadlines and crucial morning logins due to traffic slowdowns.

There is resentment among commuters over civic body officials taking up infra works such as stormwater drains and road works without planning, and they complain these works have added to

monsoon woes for road users on arterial roads.

The GHMC meanwhile has identified 200 to 300 waterlogging areas across all six zones. Commuters, including office-goers, in major corridors endure stress when it rains during peak transit times. Heavy traffic issues could be seen on key stretches including KBR Park, Punjagutta, Masab Tank, Mehdiapatnam, Khairatabad, Lakdikapul, Abids, Secunderabad and Tank Bund.

To address the issues, the GHMC engineering teams were directed to carry out pothole filling and repairs as part of a 10-day special drive across all 150 wards from August 11 to 21.

Hyderabad electors urged to submit SIR forms before Aug 10

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Hyderabad district completed 58.41 percent of digitisation so far, according to the Chief Electoral Officer, Telangana, who released data on the digitisation of all 33 districts in Telangana on Saturday.

Hyderabad district continued its rank as lowest district, while Yadadri Bhongiri district completed 94.30 percent of digitisation and stood as the top district in Telangana.

Meanwhile, District Election Officer RV Karnan urged electors in Hyderabad district, through an advisory, to submit their completed enumeration forms under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls at the



designated Collection Centre or the concerned ERO Office without waiting until the last day. He said the submission window will close within two days, on August 10.

Karnan said electors who have already received the enumeration form but were yet to fill and submit it should do so immediately. Electors could contact their BLO for assistance in filling the form. Once the form was completed, the BLO would collect it from the elector's residence for convenience.

Electors who were not available when the BLO visited their residence, or who had not yet received the enumeration form, could visit the ECI portal to identify details and the contact number of their concerned BLO. They could contact the BLO directly to obtain the form or seek any assistance required for its submission, said Karnan.

Electors could also submit the enumeration form online through the Election Commission of India (ECI) portal, without waiting for physical submission, he said. Electors who failed to submit the duly filled enumeration form within the stipulated time might not have their names included in the draft electoral roll, he added.

Over 35K applications received for Indiramma Houses in Hyderabad

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The Indiramma Housing scheme launched in Hyderabad's Core Urban Region (CURE) limits has received an overwhelming response, with a total of 35,125 applications submitted for 7,340 houses being built in 16 assembly constituencies.

Constituency-wise data shows that 4,394 applications were received from Khairatabad, 2,357 applications were received from Amberpet, 1,135 from Bahadurpura and 749 from Ibrahimpatnam. As many as 5,233 were received from Kukatpally, 1,574 were received from

Karwan and 471 from Maheshwaram. A total of 2,846 applications were received from Malakpet, 1,033 from Malkajgiri and 1,153 from Medchal.

As many as 3,613 were received from Nampally, 1,046 from Sanathnagar, 4,121 from Qutubullapur, 1,496 from Rajendranagar, 1,374 from Secunderabad Cantonment and 2,530 from Serilingampally.

Housing Board Vice Chairman VP Gautam said that these flats, which would cost around Rs 30-58 lakh in the open market, are being allotted by the government for just Rs 6 lakh with the intention of improving living

standards.

He said that through this scheme, people will have the opportunity to obtain a house in the same constituency where they currently reside, without having to migrate or relocate.

He said that there is no need to submit any caste or income certificates when applying under this scheme, and if houses are not allotted, the application fee of Rs10,000 will be refunded.

With only two more days left to submit applications, the chairman appealed to people to make good use of this opportunity.

TC electric bus driver loses control, veers off the road, passengers safe



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As many as 25 passengers onboard an RTC electric bus had a lucky escape as the bus lost control and veered into a thicket of trees by the side of the road in the district on Saturday.

The incident occurred on the national highway between Mahadevpur and Kataram mandals when the bus belonging to Warangal depot was returning from Kalaeshwaram. The

passengers were gripped by panic when the bus suddenly lost control and veered off the road.

However, no one sustained any injuries as the bus driver managed to bring the vehicle under control. The passengers were sent to their destinations in other buses. The cause of the incident was yet to be ascertained. The TGRTC officials and the police started gathering details regarding the incident.

EAGLE Force seizes Rs 12L worth drugs, 7 held in Hyderabad

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In two separate operations conducted in Hyderabad's Miyapur and Saifabad areas, the Telangana EAGLE Force busted two interstate drug trafficking networks, arresting seven people.

Narcotics ranging from mephedrone (MD) and opium, totalling Rs 12.65 lakh, along with mobile phones, cash and other material were seized.

According to police, the drugs were being supplied through couriers and local peddlers, using private buses, trains and other vehicles as modes of transportation. In the first case, three people – Madhu Ram, 29, who works as a



Zomato delivery boy in Goshamahal, Mahendra Patel, 36, a businessman from Hafeezpe and Dharmendra, 38, a glasshouse businessman from HMT Miyapur – have been arrested.

All are natives of Rajasthan. According to the police, their supplier, a Rajasthan-based Mahender Kumawath, sent the drugs to them through Bengaluru and Hyderabad. Around 1.031 kg of

opium and 18 grams of mephedrone were seized. In the Saifabad case, four people were apprehended near Parishram Bhawan while allegedly trying to sell mephedrone to customers. Around 7 grams were recovered from them. Police identified Harinder Devda of Jalore, Rajasthan, as the alleged kingpin. He reportedly supplied MD to Hyderabad peddlers through associates.



The Begumpet Traffic Training Institute (TTI) staff conducted a road safety programme at Vasavi College of Engineering in Ibrahimbagh on Saturday, August 8, as part of the 'Arrive Alive' campaign. The chief guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic) C Venugopal Reddy, advised drivers to remain vigilant at all times and strictly avoid negligent or reckless driving. He also talked about defensive driving, a safe driving strategy focused on anticipating hazards early to prevent accidents. He stressed that the first 60 minutes after a road accident are considered the 'golden hour' and are critical for medical intervention to save lives.

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Hyderabad Traffic Police announce diversions for Bonalu processions

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The City Traffic Police have announced extensive traffic diversions and parking arrangements in view of Bonalu celebrations and processions across older parts of the city including Karwan, Amberpet and Chilkalguda on August 9 and 10.

In the old city, major restrictions will be in force from 6 am on August 9 until the conclusion of the procession, and from 9 am on August 10 until the celebrations conclude. The road connecting Ma-

dina X Roads to Engine Bowli via Gulzar House, Charminar, Himmatpura, Nagulchinta and Aliabad will remain completely closed to vehicular traffic during the processions. Several routes approaching Lal Darwaza, Charminar, Aliabad, Nagulchinta, Gowlipura, Moghalpura, Mirchowk, Nayapool and surrounding areas will be diverted. Heavy vehicles approaching Chatrinaka from Old Chandrayangutta will also be diverted towards Santoshnagar and Chandrayangutta. The police have des-

igned parking facilities at locations including Devi Plywood area at Shahlibanda, Alka Theatre open ground, Arya Vaishya Mandir, VDP School Ground, Mithra Sports Club, Sree Venkateswara Temple premises, Phoolbagh Chaman Ground and Charminar Bus Terminal. Procession vehicles will be parked in a single line at Delhi Gate. Officials said RTC buses will not be permitted towards Charminar, Falaknuma and Nayapul and will terminate at locations including Old CBS, Afzalgunj, Darulshifa X Roads,

Chatrinaka and Engine Bowli, before taking alternate routes.

Karwan Bonalu: For the Sri Sri Sri Darbar Maisamma Bonalu celebrations and elephant procession from Sabji Mandi, Karwan, to Nalla Pochamma Temple, traffic restrictions will operate from 9 pm on August 8 to August 10 morning.

Diversions will be implemented around Puranapool, Jiyaguda, Tappachabutra, Karwan, Tallagadda. Parking has been arranged at the Government Primary and High School Ground for

two-wheelers.

Amberpet Bonalu: At Mahankali Temple, Amberpet, traffic diversions will be in force from 6 am on August 9 to noon on August 10. Vehicles travelling between Uppal and Chaderghat and MGBS will primarily use the Amberpet flyover.

Additional diversions will be activated if traffic congestion builds up near the flyover or Saldhana Gate, with alternate routes through Mallikarjuna Nagar, D.D. Colony, Shivam Road, Tilaknagar, Ali Café and Nagole Road. **Chilkalguda Bonalu:**

Traffic restrictions will also be imposed around Katta Maisamma-Pochamma Temple, Chilkalguda, from 5 am to 11 pm on August 9 and 10. Vehicles from Sitaphalmandi Junction towards Chilkalguda X Road will be diverted via Namalagundu and Warasiguda, while traffic from Allugaddabavi and Secunderabad towards Sitaphalmandi will be diverted towards Padmarao-nagar. For emergency travel assistance, commuters can contact the Hyderabad Traffic Police helpline at 9010203626.

Cyberabad COVID model features in Harvard, ISB case study

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Cyberabad's COVID-19 crisis management model has been featured in a case study published by the Indian School of Business (ISB) and Harvard Business Publishing (HBP) through Harvard Business Impact.

Titled Operational Excellence in Crisis: Transforming Business Continuity in Cyberabad IT Corridor, the study was co-authored by Prof. Vijaya Sunder M of ISB, Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar,

who was Cyberabad Police Commissioner during the pandemic, and Diti Joshi.

To mark the publication of the case study, Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar and Dr Krishna Yedula, Senior Vice-President at Virtusa and former Secretary General of the Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC), met members of the core SCSC COVID team on Saturday, August 8. They recognised volunteers who worked alongside the police, government departments, healthcare in-

stitutions, and industry during the pandemic.

Within days of the pandemic's onset, the Cyberabad Police coordinated with SCSC, government, industry, and healthcare bodies to transition close to 800,000 IT/ITES employees to a work-from-home model. This helped ensure uninterrupted operations across sectors including IT, IT-enabled services (ITES), pharmaceuticals, banking and financial services (BFSI), healthcare, manufacturing, retail and telecommunications.

HMWSSB restores Citizen Services app after technical glitch

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Following a technical glitch that disrupted water tanking bookings in the city, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) managed to restore the services on its Citizen Services mobile application on Saturday, August 8.

Earlier, informing the consumers of the disruption, the HMWSSB requested them to book water tankers using the temporarily available IVRS facility or the Water



Board's official website until the services could be restored.

"Currently, water tanker booking services via the Citizen Services mobile application are operating normally, allowing users to book tankers through the app," it said later. Tanker booking services were also available

throughout the day via IVRS and the Water Board's official website. Meanwhile, the board has also intensified its crackdown on the use of illegal motors in the past few months. Just a day ago, the HMWSSB seized seven illegal motors from Rangareddy and Vijayanagar Colony.