

BJP MLAs Stage Walkout Over 22A Lands Issue in Telangana Assembly

The treasury benches objected to Maheshwar Reddy referring to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy without an honorific and termed it disrespectful.

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BJP MLAs staged a protest and later walked out of the Telangana Assembly on the third day of the monsoon session after the Speaker did not concede their demand for a discussion on 22A prohibited lands and other issues.

Led by BJP Legislature Party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy, the BJP legislators raised slogans and entered the well of the House, holding placards and demanding that the government take up the issue for discussion. The legislators maintained that the

concerns surrounding lands listed under Section 22A of the Registration Act required immediate attention.

The BJP has been pressing the Assembly Speaker since the beginning of the monsoon session to allow a detailed discussion on 22A prohibited properties and related land issues. The party leaders have argued that the matter affects a large number of landowners and requires clarity from the government.

On Wednesday, BJP members once again raised the issue soon after the proceedings began. They displayed placards and shouted slogans while standing



near the well of the House, seeking permission to raise the matter during the session.

Despite the protest, the proceedings continued amid the slogans raised by the BJP members. The protesting legislators remained in the well for some time, reiterating their demand for a discussion on the prohib-

ited lands issue.

As the Speaker did not accept their demand, the BJP MLAs decided to stage a walkout from the Assembly in protest. They alleged that their concerns were not being given adequate opportunity for discussion in the House.

The protest added to the growing political confrontation between the Opposition parties and the ruling Congress during the ongoing monsoon session.

Several contentious issues have been raised by Opposition members, leading to disruptions and protests inside and outside the Assembly. The BJP

has maintained that issues concerning landowners should not be sidelined and has demanded that the government provide clarity on properties included under Section 22A. The provision places certain categories of properties under restrictions on registration, and disputes over such listings have remained a significant concern for affected property owners.

The BJP is expected to continue raising the 22A lands issue during the remaining proceedings of the session and press the government to take up the matter for discussion.

Sanjay Baru says Revanth Reddy will be a one-term wonder

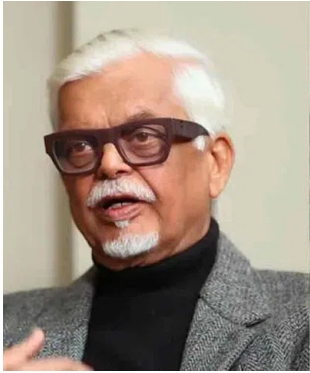
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Amid growing criticism of the Congress government's 1,000-day rule in Telangana, political commentator Sanjay Baru said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy would be a "one-term wonder" and asserted that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) would return to power.

The Congress government is celebrating the completion of 1,000 days in office, claiming that its performance has impressed all sections, including farmers, government employees and unemployed youth.

However, Baru's remarks have come as a setback to the government's claims. He served as media advisor and chief spokesperson to former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh from 2004 to 2008.

Taking to X, Baru said, "Way things are going in Telangana, BRS Party will



be back next time round! Revanth Reddy will be one-term wonder!"

Several X users echoed similar views. An X user, SriAnjaneyam, said, "Not one time wonder. It's a blunder. Rahul Gandhi should understand his mistake. He just imposed a person on Telangana, who is against separate Telangana. People of Telangana unable to digest."

Despite the criticism, the Chief Minister has on several occasions claimed that he would continue in office until 2034.

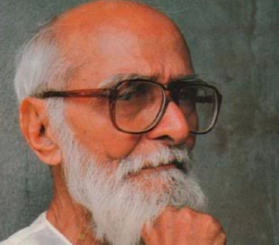
Revanth Reddy has also claimed that the Congress government provided

72,000 government jobs. This comes after the State government admitted in the Assembly that it had filled only 16,978 posts through notifications issued since it came to power in December 2023.

Similarly, the Chief Minister has continued to claim that the aspirations of various sections have been fulfilled.

In contrast, government employees, pensioners, students, unemployed youth, ASHA workers, farmers and others have been staging protests across the State over their demands.

Kaloji at 112: 'Naa Godava' Still Echoes as Telangana's Voice



Telangana on Wednesday remembered Praja Kavi Kaloji Narayana Rao on his 112th birth anniversary, celebrating a poet whose powerful words gave voice to ordinary people, questioned injustice and defended human dignity.

Born on September 9, 1914, Kaloji was not merely a poet. He was a freedom fighter, social activist and committed democrat who believed literature must remain connected to society and everyday life.

His celebrated work 'Naa Godava' was far more than a personal expression of grievance. His "godava" represented the anger and aspirations of common people against exploitation, inequality, hypocrisy and injustice.

Through simple yet powerful language, Kaloji transformed social concerns into poetry that continues to resonate across generations.

One of his greatest contributions was bringing Telangana's everyday speech and idiom into mainstream Telugu literature. He demonstrated that the language of ordinary people carried its own beauty, humour, wisdom and strength.

September 9 is observed as Telangana Language Day, honouring his contribution to the region's linguistic and cultural identity.

Kaloji received the Padma Vibhushan, but his most enduring honour remains the title "Praja Kavi"—the People's Poet.

Even decades after his death, his writings remain relevant wherever questions of freedom, equality, identity and justice arise.

The best tribute to Kaloji is to keep reading his work, preserving Telangana's linguistic heritage and continuing to question injustice.

His "godava" lives on—in every voice that refuses to remain silent.

Onion Prices Soar to Rs.80 Per Kg

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Onion prices have been rising steadily across Telangana, with retail prices increasing from around Rs.40 per kg to Rs.60 and now touching Rs.80 per kg in several markets. A few days ago, onions were being sold at around Rs.60 per kg, but prices have since climbed further, putting pressure on household budgets.

Nashik in Maharashtra is one of the major onion-producing centres and is a key source of supply for Telangana. Onions from Maharashtra are transported to markets in Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Jagtial, Sircilla and other parts of the State. Telangana also receives onions from Karnataka and the Kurnool region of Andhra Pradesh.

Traders attributed the sharp increase to a shortage in supply caused by delays in the arrival of the new crop and adverse weather conditions in major onion-growing regions. Earlier, consumers could purchase nearly 3 kg of onions for Rs.100,



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but the quantity has now dropped sharply due to the rise in prices. The situation has also been reflected in wholesale markets. At the Malakpet onion market in Hyderabad, daily arrivals that were earlier around 25,000 bags have now declined to nearly 15,000–17,000 bags, according to traders.

Heavy rains in parts of Maharashtra have reportedly affected onion crops, with some fields inundated. At the same time, inadequate rainfall in parts of Andhra Pradesh, including Kurnool and Anantapur, has also affected crop production.

Traders said these factors have contributed to the

shortage in supply. With lower arrivals from major producing regions, onion prices have been rising not only in Telangana but also in several major cities and States, including Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and the Telugu States.

Farmers said that they are currently getting around 30–40% higher returns compared to earlier periods due to the prevailing prices. However, consumers are bearing the brunt of the increase.

Traders said the Kharif onion crop has not yet arrived in sufficient quantities in the markets. As a result, prices are expected to remain firm and could rise further until fresh arrivals increase.

The situation may improve around December, when the new crop is expected to reach the markets in larger quantities. Telangana is heavily dependent on Maharashtra for onion supplies, particularly because of the quality and availability of onions produced there.

Any disruption in supplies from Maharashtra therefore has a direct impact on prices in Telangana markets.

From Mator to PhD: Ravi Fulfils Father's Dream

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Mailaram Ravi, a native of Mator village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, has earned a PhD from Osmania University, fulfilling his father Mailaram Esthara's long-cherished dream.

Ravi received his doctorate from Bharat Biotech Chairman Dr. Krishna M. Ella at OU's 85th Convocation.

Hailing from a financially struggling BC family, Ravi overcame several hardships. His father, who has lived with a physical disability since



birth, always emphasised education, while his mother Sathamma worked hard to support the family.

Despite becoming a Government Mathematics Teacher at Gundala, Ravi continued his higher edu-

cation and research, eventually earning the prestigious doctorate.

His achievement has brought pride to his parents, native village, relatives, colleagues and well-wishers. It also

serves as an inspiration to rural and economically disadvantaged youth, proving that humble beginnings need not limit educational aspirations.

The Thalka family, which shares a longstanding bond with Ravi's family, extended heartfelt congratulations to him and his parents.

A father dreamed, a mother sacrificed, and a son persevered—turning a humble beginning in Mator into a proud PhD milestone at Osmania University.

Balanagar Congress Slams BRS Over 'Dues Card' Campaign

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The Balanagar Congress launched a scathing attack on the Opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Wednesday, condemning its leaders for prioritizing political malice over constructive debate in the Legislative Assembly.

Balanagar Congress President Puli Shiva Kumar Goud strongly denounced the opposition's distribution of "Due's card" targeting the Congress government's 1,000-day rule, urging BRS leaders to introspect on their own



unfulfilled promises from a decade in power.

Speaking to the media, Shiva Kumar expressed regret over the lack of patience shown by BRS former ministers and public representatives.

He challenged the BRS leadership to answer for

the grand commitments made during their ten-year tenure that were subsequently abandoned.

Dalit Chief Minister Promise: Shiva Kumar questioned the whereabouts of the BRS's primary "pending card," recalling how the party rose to power on the promise of a Dalit Chief Minister before backtracking.

Three Acres of Land: He asked why a dues card was never issued for failing to allocate three acres of land to every eligible Dalit family in Telangana.

Bollaram Ward Gets Major Civic Services Review Drive



As part of the "One Ward Every Day" initiative aimed at improving civic services across Cyberabad Municipal Corporation, Commissioner G. Srijana, IAS, and Serilingampally Zone Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted an extensive field visit to Bollaram Ward on Wednesday.

The officials inspected civic infrastructure and reviewed ongoing development works, sanitation, roads, drainage, drinking water supply and street lighting. They also interacted with residents, Resident Welfare Associations and local representatives, who highlighted pressing civic issues and submitted representations seeking urgent improvements.

During the review, the officials assessed the quality of existing infrastructure and the progress of ongoing works.

Commissioner Srijana directed officials to ensure that public grievances are addressed promptly and that there is no negligence in delivering essential civic services.

Officials were instructed to coordinate across departments and initiate immediate action on key issues raised by residents.

Kazipet-Ghatkesar Multi-Tracking Gets Centre's Nod

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The Centre has given the green signal for a major expansion of railway infrastructure between Kazipet and Ghatkesar, by approving a 110-km multi-tracking project at an estimated cost of Rs 2,419 crore.

The project, covering the Secunderabad (Ghatkesar)-Kazipet section, was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday.

The railway au-



thorities have set a target of completing the project by 2029-30. The multi-tracking project is expected to ease congestion on the busy Kazi-

pet-Ghatkesar corridor and significantly enhance the capacity to operate both passenger and freight trains. It is also expected to improve train

punctuality and operational efficiency on the strategically important route connecting southern and central India.

The approval assumes significance for Kazipet, a major railway junction in Telangana. The third-line works between Kazipet-Vijayawada and Kazipet-Balharshah have already been completed.

With the Centre now clearing the multi-tracking project towards Ghatkesar, the capacity of the key railway corridor will receive another major boost.

Railway officials said the process for inviting tenders

would be taken up as part of the next stage of the project.

The five multi-tracking projects approved by the Centre together cover nearly 540km across 17 districts in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.

The projects are expected to benefit around 52 lakh people and improve rail connectivity to nearly 2,121 villages.

Besides strengthening passenger connectivity, the additional rail capacity is expected to boost freight movement and help reduce logistics costs.

Forest Beat Officer Caught in ACB Trap

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials on Thursday caught Kachanapally forest beat officer Banoth Ravi Kumar while he was allegedly accepting a Rs 30,000 bribe through a person engaged by him in Bhadradi-Kothagudem district. The ACB sleuths laid a trap following a complaint alleging that Ravi Kumar had demanded '30,000 from the complainant for extending undue favour by not obstructing podu cultivation and refraining from action such as digging trenches, thereby allowing cultivation to continue without interference. According to the ACB, Ravi Kumar instructed the complainant to hand over the bribe amount to Patan Sadiq Khan, known to him, at his residence in Ramana-jagudem of Allapally mandal. The ACB arrested the accused and produced him before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Warangal.

BRS accuses Congress of turning Assembly into political theatre

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BRS Legislature Party (BRSLP) deputy leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav accused the Congress government of turning the Telangana Assembly into a political theatre to avoid discussions on pressing public issues. Speaking to mediapersons in the Assembly lobbies on Wednesday, he alleged that the ruling party was deliberately creating distractions instead of allowing meaningful debate. Srinivas Yadav said the Congress government staged what he described as political dramas outside the Assembly on the first day of the session and near BRS chief and Opposition leader K. Chandrashekhara Rao's Erravelli residence on the second day. He alleged that the government subsequently

suspended BRS MLAs for the remainder of the session. Questioning the action against BRS legislators, Srinivas Yadav asked why an MLA who allegedly wished for Chandrashekhara Rao's death was not suspended, while BRS members, including legislators who were not present in the House, were suspended. He termed the action unfair and politically motivated. He alleged that the government was attempting to avoid discussions on key issues, including 22-A lands and GO 97 concerning polytechnic education. According to him, the BRS was ready to participate in

constructive debates and raise issues concerning the people of Telangana. Srinivas Yadav also defended the BRS's relationship with Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, saying the party respected him as a kind person and therefore had not fielded a candidate against him during the Speaker election. He further criticised what he termed the ruling party's double standards over protests inside the Assembly. While BRS MLAs were prevented from wearing black T-shirts, he pointed out that Ministers and other treasury bench members were allegedly allowed to display photographs and placards. Former Minister G. Jagadish Reddy alleged that the Congress government had no intention of allowing a genuine debate on the floor of the House. He said the ruling

party was resorting to diversionary tactics to shift public attention away from governance-related issues. Jagadish Reddy also criticised the Congress for projecting the alleged cleansing of the road outside Chandrashekhara Rao's Erravelli residence as a Dalit issue. He maintained that no BRS legislator or senior party leader was present at the location and questioned the basis for blaming the BRS. He alleged that Congress leaders belonging to different communities had participated in the protest at Erravelli but said the ruling party was selectively portraying it as a Dalit-led protest. He accused the Congress of deliberately creating controversy and using social issues for political gains.

Telangana CEO flags morphed photographs, duplicate votes, death cases during SIR scrutiny

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Electors who were found to have morphed their photographs during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls have been marked for deletion of their names from the final electoral rolls. During the ongoing notice and hearing phase, electoral registration officers (EROs) have come across some voters using morphed photographs, thoroughly scrutinised the enumeration forms and marked them for rejection. As many as 1,100 electors from 119 Assembly constituencies have been found ineligible for their inclusion in the final electoral list till the last count on Wednesday. The Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (TG CEO) sources attributed 1,100 electors' exclusion from final roll to morphing photographs,

duplicate votes and death cases. "We have issued instructions to DEOs and EROs to take necessary action as per the Representation of the People Act against people who try to mislead or commit fraud during the SIR process," sources said. As many as 2,64,87,213 out of 3,38,26,448 electors in Telangana submitted their enumeration forms. A total of 73,39,235 electors were categorised under the Absent, Shifted, Death and Duplicate (ASDD) vote category. Among those who submitted their forms, the Telangana CEO has identified issues in forms received from staggering 92,87,577 electors. A total of 60,50,918 electors have anomalies such as mismatch of name or age and spelling error in name and 32,36,659 voters failed to map themselves with the SIR 2002 list.

Notices have already been issued to 61 lakh voters across 119 Assembly constituencies, and 31 lakh notices were yet to be delivered to respective voters till the last count on Wednesday. So far, 18 lakh electors from across all assembly constituencies who have been served notices were marked for inclusion in the final electoral roll. "We have asked the EROs, AEROs and BLOs to quickly dispose of the anomaly cases by verifying the documents. The unmapped voters will be thoroughly scrutinised," sources added. As per the revised schedule, electors and individuals can file claims and objections on the draft electoral rolls up to October 7. Similarly, the ongoing notice/disposal of claims and objections phase will continue till November 5.

BC Welfare Officer Akarapu Jagadish Pays Floral Tribute to the People's Poet

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The birth anniversary of legendary Telangana poet, writer and social reformer Kaloji Narayana Rao was observed with reverence at the Sangareddy Collectorate on Tuesday. As part of the commemorative programme, Akarapu Jagadish, BC Welfare Officer, Sangareddy District, paid floral tributes to Kaloji Narayana Rao by offering flowers to his portrait. The portrait was beautifully decorated with garlands and flowers as officials and staff remem-

bered the remarkable contribution of the celebrated poet. Kaloji, popularly known as the "People's Poet", was renowned for giving voice to the concerns, struggles and aspirations of ordinary people through his powerful writings. His literary works reflected social realities and questioned injustice, inequality and exploitation with courage.

New Gandhi Hospital Superintendent Meets Health Minister, Gets Key Directions

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The newly appointed Superintendent of Gandhi Hospital, Secunderabad, Dr. T. Usha Rani, met Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha at the State Secretariat on Wednesday and paid a courtesy call. During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the functioning of Gandhi Hospital and discussed measures to further strengthen medical services and patient care. He directed Dr. Usha Rani to ensure that patients visiting the premier government hospital receive timely, quality and accessible



healthcare services. Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha stressed that improving public healthcare delivery and ensuring affordable and accessible treatment for citizens remain key priorities of the Telangana government. He called for continued efforts to

strengthen hospital services and improve the overall experience of patients. Dr. Usha Rani was recently appointed Superintendent of Gandhi Hospital following administrative orders issued by the State Government. She was transferred from her earlier position as Superintendent of Government General Hospital, Nagarkurnool. The Minister's directions assume significance as Gandhi Hospital caters to patients from Hyderabad and several districts across Telangana. The government aims to improve healthcare delivery and ensure that essential medical services remain accessible to people.

'Chalo Hyderabad' on Sept 10: Turn Protest Into a Fight for Rights: Gaddam Gnana Prakash

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Ahead of the TGEJAC "Chalo Hyderabad" programme on September 10, Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy has urged employees to participate in large numbers and turn the protest into a peaceful, disciplined and purposeful movement for their legitimate rights and demands. He said a dharna should not become an occasion for selfies, photographs or brief participation, but should serve as a democratic platform for employees to collectively raise their concerns before the government. "A dharna is not a photo session or time-pass. It is a democratic platform to raise our collective voice for our rights and genuine demands." Gnana Prakash Reddy stressed that a successful movement requires unity, discipline, clarity and determination. Employees, he said, must understand the issues, remain peaceful and ensure that their grievances are presented clearly and responsibly. 'Come for a Solution, Not for Selfies' He said the strength of an agitation should not be judged merely by the number of people who gather briefly at the venue. A united and committed group that understands the issues, he noted, can create a stronger impact. The September 10 pro-



gramme assumes significance as TGEJAC has been mobilising employees and conducting awareness campaigns. Employees, teachers, gazetted officers, workers, pensioners and representatives of affiliated associations have been called upon to participate and support their common demands. 'Our Problems Are Common' Emphasising unity, Gnana Prakash Reddy said that although employees belong to different associations, their problems and concerns are often common. "Our associations may be different, but our problems are common — unity is our strength in achieving our rights," he said. He appealed to employees to treat "Chalo Hyderabad" as more than a routine gathering and use the platform to demonstrate collective resolve through a peaceful and democratic movement. "Not for photos — come for a solution. Not for selfies — come for our rights. Not for time-pass — come for our future," he said.

Serilingampally Zone Reviews Civic Works, Ganesh Festival Arrangements

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Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, directed officials to accelerate all pending development works and ensure that civic services are delivered efficiently to residents. The Commissioner held a comprehensive review meeting at the zonal office to assess the progress of various development projects, civic services and preparations for the upcoming Ganesh Navratri celebrations. Senior officials from the



Engineering, Urban Biodiversity (UBD), Sanitation and other departments participated in the meeting. Narayan Amit instructed Engineering officials to complete all ongoing works within the stipulated deadlines while

maintaining strict quality standards. He emphasized the need for regular field inspections to ensure that there were no lapses in the execution or quality of works. Reviewing urban beautification initiatives, the Commissioner directed the UBD department to expedite plantation activities and improve the maintenance of parks across the zone. He also stressed the need for comprehensive arrangements ahead of the Ganesh festivities. Officials were asked to ensure adequate lighting, road repairs, sanitation and drinking water facilities at lakes and immersion points. The Commissioner further directed departments to work in close coordination during the festivities and accord top priority to resolving public grievances and improving civic services.

Praja Kavi Kaloji's Services Will Always Be Remembered



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On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Praja Kavi Kaloji Narayana Rao, Zahirabad Municipal Chairman Mohammed Yunus paid rich floral

tributes to Kaloji Narayana Rao by garlanding his portrait at the Zahirabad Municipal Office premises. He later remembered the great poet and social activist for his immense contribution to society.

Tributes Paid to People's Poet on His Birth Anniversary at Sangareddy District Central Library

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The birth anniversary of People's Poet and Padma Vibhushan Kaloji Narayana Rao was observed with solemn tributes at the District Central Library, Sangareddy, on Tuesday. The programme was organised under the leadership of District Library Organisation Chairman G. Anjaiah and Secretary M. Manoj Kumar. Library staff and readers paid floral tributes to Kaloji Narayana Rao and remembered his remark-



able contribution to Telangana's language, literature and public life. Speaking on the occasion, G. Anjaiah said Kaloji was not merely a poet but a powerful voice of the people who used his writings to highlight social issues,

public aspirations and the distinctive identity of Telangana. He said Kaloji played a significant role in bringing recognition and literary dignity to the Telangana dialect and its unique linguistic character.

Greenery Engulfs Transformer in Tarnaka, Raising Monsoon Safety Alarm

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An electricity transformer surrounded by thick vegetation at Shirdi Sai Baba Nagar-Gokul Nagar Colony in Tarnaka, near Capol Bone Setting Centre, has raised serious concerns over electrical safety during the rainy season. Photographs from the locality show dense grass, shrubs and climbing plants growing close to the transformer, electricity poles and associated infrastructure. The overgrowth also appears to make access around the installation difficult for maintenance personnel.

Residents say the situation needs preventive attention rather than action only after an accident. Rainy Season Makes Safety More Critical The concern assumes greater significance during the monsoon. The India Meteorological Department has indicated the possibility of rain or thunderstorms in Hyderabad on September 9, while its Telangana warning includes thunderstorms and lightning. Residents questioned why vegetation should be allowed to grow so close to critical electrical infrastructure. They urged officials to clear the surroundings, inspect the



transformer, poles and nearby lines, and provide appropriate protective fencing or barricading wherever technically required. "If an electrical accident happens here, who will be responsible?" is the question being raised by residents. Not Just One Location — A Warning for the City The Tarnaka location

should be treated as an example of a broader monsoon-safety issue, residents said, calling for inspections of transformers, poles and electrical installations in other residential colonies as well. The concern is particularly relevant because TGSPDCL launched a monsoon safety and maintenance drive earlier this year following electrocution incidents. Measures announced included repairs to damaged poles, rectification of loose lines and large-scale tree trimming to reduce risks from vegetation during rains and strong winds. Residents appealed to

TGSPDCL and the concerned field authorities to take up inspections on a war footing, remove potentially hazardous vegetation through trained personnel, maintain safe access for electricity workers and secure vulnerable transformer locations before an untoward incident occurs. "Electrical safety cannot wait for a tragedy. Identify the danger today and prevent the accident tomorrow," residents urged. For electrical emergencies, TGSPDCL has advised the public not to touch fallen or damaged power lines and to report hazards through its 1912 electricity helpline.

Delhi Court Sends Swatantra Bhardwaj To One-Day Judicial Custody

A Delhi court on Sunday sent Hindutva influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj to one-day judicial custody in connection with a case registered against him. Bhardwaj was produced before the court after his arrest by the Delhi Police. The court ordered that he be remanded to judicial custody for a day. The development comes days after Bhardwaj allegedly assaulted the father of a student during a protest at Jantar Mantar, according to police sources. The Delhi Police had earlier assured the Delhi High Court that it would arrest Bhardwaj in the case. He was subsequently taken into custody. Further details of the case and the allegations against Bhardwaj were not immediately available.

Russia's High-tech Companies Showcase Products At First Innoprom.India Expo In Delhi

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Moving beyond dominant defense ties, Russia is aiming at widening its trade relations with India in other areas as well. Moscow’s leading high-tech companies are in New Delhi to showcase products at the first Innoprom.India exhibition. They include manufacturers of medical equipment, collaborative robots, transport digitalisation solutions, LCD displays and non-destructive testing equipment. Innoprom.India is International Industrial Trade Fair for developing international cooperation between India and Russia. The event that began on Wednesday showcases a broad range of Russian technologies, including industrial equipment and solutions for transport, nuclear energy, space, ar-



tificial intelligence, urban infrastructure, finance and other areas. The exhibits include a model nuclear power plant equipped with a VVER-1200 reactor unit; models of the MC-21-310, SJ-100 and Il-114-300 aircraft; a model of the PD-8 turbofan engine; a model of a high-speed train developed as part of a joint Russian-Indian production project.

“We are supporting the development of trade and economic relations with India. The capital has traditionally ranked first among Russia’s regions in terms of trade: in the first half of 2026, Moscow accounted for 45 per cent of Russia’s trade with India. Exports are also growing: over the same period, exports of engineering products from Moscow increased fivefold...Leading in-

dustrial companies and residents of the Technopolis Moscow Special Economic Zone will hold talks with potential customers and showcase their solutions at the collective stand,” said Maksim Liksutov, Deputy Mayor of Moscow for Transport and Industry. “The participation of Moscow industrial companies in INNOPROM.India is an important step towards strengthening our technological partnership. Moscow is open to deeper cooperation and ready to offer our international partners the best expertise in critical industrial sectors, from microelectronics to medicine,” said Anatoly Garbuzov, Minister of the Moscow Government and Head of the Department of Investment and Industrial Policy.

UN Rights Chief Praises India’s Dialogue-Based Response To Protests

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UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk has praised India’s response to recent student-led protests in New Delhi, saying dialogue with young leaders was a far more effective approach than the excessive use of force. Addressing the 63rd session of the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on Monday, September 7, Türk highlighted India as an example of how governments should respond to public protests and youth-led movements. “The recent protests in India showed the best response is dialogue with youth leaders, not the excessive use of force,” Türk said.His remarks came during a wider address on shrinking civic space, peaceful protests and human rights across the world. Türk said the rights to peaceful protest, freedom of expression



and access to information were essential in building trust between governments and their citizens.In contrast to India’s dialogue-based approach, the UN rights chief expressed concern over the use of repression in several countries. He said authorities in Pakistan had used “excessive lethal force and arbitrary detention” to quell protests. Türk also raised serious concerns over China, saying he remained deeply troubled by the human rights situation in the Xinjiang Uighur Autonomous Region, including conditions in detention facilities. He urged Chinese authorities

to review national security and counter-terrorism legislation, strengthen protection for minorities and investigate allegations of human rights violations, including torture.The UN rights chief also flagged tightening restrictions on the rights of Tibetan people in China, particularly their freedom of religion, calling for an urgent reversal of such policies.Beyond South Asia and China, Türk criticised repression in several other countries. He accused Iranian authorities of intensifying oppression and noted a sharp rise in executions on national security-related charges. He also pointed to restrictions on opposition parties in Nicaragua, suppression of political opposition in Russia, and growing restrictions on civic space and media freedom in countries including Azerbaijan, Georgia, Tunisia and Uganda.

Mamdani Releases 170,000 Pages of Long-Withheld 9/11 Records

The release comes ahead of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks that killed 2,977 people, in the United States, mostly in the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York

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New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani announced on Tuesday the release of tens of thousands of documents showing the city did not disclose all it knew about air toxicity after 9/11. The release comes ahead of the 25th anniversary of the September 11, 2001, attacks that killed 2,977 people, in the United States, mostly in the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York. More than 9,400 have died from illnesses linked to their exposure to the area in the years since, according to a federal medical monitoring program. "These are documents that show what the city knew about the toxic air around Ground Zero, when they knew it, and how they acted to limit liability," the mayor told a news conference following the online release of 170,000 pages of documents on health concerns, air quality and the city's response to the attacks. The release is part of an agreement with 9/11 Health Watch, a victims' advocacy group that had taken legal action to com-

pel the city to make the documents public. "For 25 years, four different Mayoral administrations kept from the public, the US Congress, and the City Council documents showing what the City actually knew about the danger of the toxic chemicals in Lower Manhattan and Western Brooklyn after the World Trade Center collapse, even as City officials continued messaging to the public that the air was 'safe and acceptable'," the group's director Benjamin Chevat said in a statement. After the initial dust cloud that followed the collapse of the World Trade Center, months of pollution and lingering dust ensued, causing cancers that thousands of New Yorkers still suffer today. - Leaders 'lied' - When asked about the names of officials who had withheld information from the public, Mamdani said, "this goes across a multitude of those that New Yorkers have trusted." "People got sick because the leaders they trusted lied and told them they were safe to breathe in toxic air." Roughly 173,000 documents re-

leased Tuesday, and additional ones which will be published online in waves over the next 12 months, could implicate two former New York mayors. They are Rudy Giuliani, in office at the time of the attacks, and then Michael Bloomberg, mayor from January 2002 to December 2013. Some concern discussions Giuliani's administration had at the time about its legal liability and health risks, New York City's chief counsel Steven Banks said Tuesday. Another document highlights information provided by Congressman Jerry Nadler during Bloomberg's tenure regarding concerns from residents of Lower Manhattan about the quality of the air they were breathing. On September 11, 2001, hijackers seized control of two planes that struck the two World Trade Center towers. A third hijacked jet smashed into the Pentagon, and a fourth, which seemed to be headed for the Capitol or the White House, crashed in woodland near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers fought back and seized control.

Justice Bhati Assumes Charge as Chief Justice of J&K, Ladakh High Court



Justice Pushpendra Singh Bhati was sworn-in as the chief justice of the high court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh on Wednesday. Justice Bhati was administered the oath of office by Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh V K Saxena here. Saxena is currently holding additional charge as LG of Jammu and Kashmir as incumbent Manoj Sinha is on leave. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, judges of high court and subordinate courts were present at the oath taking ceremony. The Centre notified the appointment of Justice Bhati as chief justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court on September 5. Justice Bhati took over from Justice Sanjeev Kumar, who was officiating as the acting chief justice. The Supreme Court collegium had recommended Justice Bhati as the chief justice. He was earlier serving as a judge of the Rajasthan High Court.

Bihar Floods Affect Over 40 Lakh People Across 14 Districts

PATNA Wakeup telangana

More than 40 lakh people have been affected by floods across 14 districts of Bihar following torrential rains over the past five days, with several rivers flowing above the danger mark, officials said on Wednesday. "Incessant rain in various districts caused rivers and streams to overflow. Besides, heavy rainfall in catchment areas of Nepal has also led to rivers flowing above the danger level at several places," an official said. According to a statement

by the Disaster Management Department (DMD), around 40.21 lakh people in 514 gram panchayats across 84 blocks in 14 districts have been affected by floods. The affected districts are Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Buxar, Samastipur, Munger, Katihar, Lakhisarai, Khagaria, Purnia and Arwal. According to the meteorological service centre, the state has recorded 79.6 mm of rainfall in September so far, which is 31 per cent above normal. In its latest bulletin, the DMD said, "The Ganga at

Sultanganj in Bhagalpur recorded 36.78 metres at 9 am on September 9, surpassing its previous Highest Flood Level (HFL) of 36.75 metres recorded on August 17, 2021. The trend, however, remains stable." Several rivers, including the Gandak, Kosi, Budhi Gandak, Ganga, Punpun, Bagmati and Ghaghra, are flowing above danger levels at multiple locations, officials said. The water levels of the Gandak at Dumariya Ghat, Kosi at Baltara and Kursela, Burhi Gandak at Khagaria, and Ganga at Digha, Gandhi Ghat, Ha-

thidah, Bhagalpur and Kahalgaon, as well as at Munger, Punpun at Sripalpur, Bagmati at Benibad, and Ghaghara at Darauli and Gangpur Siswan, are flowing above the danger mark. A total of 723 community kitchens are currently being operated in various districts for flood-affected people. In addition, 15 relief camps are being operated, where arrangements for accommodation, food, medical care and other essential facilities have been made for 13,446 flood evacuees, it said.

Delhi CM Orders Inspection Of PG Accommodations

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta has directed civic authorities to inspect paying guest accommodations across the city and examine building records to identify when illegal constructions came up and fix responsibility of the agencies and officials concerned, CMO officials said on Wednesday.CM Gupta has directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) to launch a crackdown on illegal con-

structions, including carrying out demolition action, and ensure that all senior civic officials remain on the ground during the enforcement drive. The chief minister has also ordered an intensive inspection of all PG accommodations in Delhi, with particular focus on illegal constructions, the officials added. Authorities have also been asked to examine building records to ascertain the year in which unauthorised constructions came up and under whose jurisdiction

and responsibility they occurred. Action against illegal constructions was carried out in several parts of the city on Wednesday as part of the drive, they added. The directions come in the aftermath of the collapse of a five-storey building in south Delhi's Satya Niketan on Sunday, which killed at least seven people and brought the issue of illegal construction and building safety into focus. The MCD has since stepped up action against unauthorised con-

structions. According to civic body data updated till Tuesday, demolition action was taken against 24 properties and seven illegal structures were sealed following the Satya Niketan building collapse. Overall, between June 1 and September 8, the MCD carried out demolition action against 1,007 properties and sealed 471 others. During the period, it had issued 3018 show-cause notices - 1,551 for unauthorised construction, 714 for sealing and 753 for demolition.

FROM FRONT PAGE

BRS Leaders Meet.....

The legislator said while Rs 73,000 crores were allocated to Rythu Bandhu scheme during KCR's regime, farmers of the state are still deprived of insurance. KTR said just like Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, "we also came wearing black T-shirts and went to the Assembly to protest against the 1,000 days of Congress rule". "We showed the Governor evidence of how the police attacked our legislators on the road. We presented evidence on the police attack and insult on Sabita Indra Reddy. We explained to the Governor that we were attacked and cases were filed against us," KTR said. KTR said a breakfast meeting will be held at his residence on Thurs-

day morning where the party will decide on its future course of action after 22 MLAs were suspended from the Assembly.

Vijay to Lead.....

In contrast, the CPI(M) and CPI have chosen to skip the meeting, which is their second consecutive boycott of formal alliance talks since July 1. Clarifying the decision, CPI(M) State Secretary P Shanmugam stated on Tuesday that the Left's outside support remains strictly issue-based to maintain assembly stability. Unwilling to join a formal apparatus aimed at anchoring future local body and 2029 Lok Sabha pacts without cabinet representation, the Left seeks to pre-

serve its political independence to critique government policies on labour, agriculture, and public affairs Adding to the tension is a public rift between the TVK and the Congress over national leadership. Demands from TVK legislators and ministers positioning Chief Minister Vijay as a potential Prime Ministerial candidate for the 2029 general elections have drawn sharp opposition from Tamil Nadu Congress Committee (TNCC) leaders. Firmly asserting that Rahul Gandhi remains the undisputed leader of the national opposition bloc, Congress Minister S Rajesh Kumar warned that undermining this consensus could force the party to reconsider its participation in the state cabinet. TVK leadership subsequently attempted to downplay

the issue, framing the "Vijay for PM" statements as personal opinions of individual lawmakers. With the TVK government relying on crucial numbers from the Congress (5 MLAs), alongside the VCK, IUML, and Left parties (2 MLAs each) to sustain its thin majority, Wednesday's meeting will be a major test of Chief Minister Vijay's political dexterity in preserving coalition unity while shaping the state's governance roadmap.

Not BRS.....

He added that unemployed youth were waiting for jobs, government employees were seeking DA and PRC, Singareni workers were awaiting compassionate appointments, and senior citizens were demanding enhanced

pensions.Alleging that the government deliberately forced BRS legislators out of the Assembly to prevent these issues from being raised, Harish Rao said the Congress government was afraid of facing questions from the Opposition.“Microphones can be cut and suspensions can be imposed in the Assembly, but our voice cannot be silenced among the people,” he asserted.Harish Rao said the BRS would intensify its campaign on public issues and continue to question what he described as the “authoritarian rule” of the Congress government.

US Destroyed 5.....

An Iranian state TV reporter in Jask said an Iranian tanker was struck near the coast of Yekbeni,

while another explosion was heard in the area whose source and location were not immediately clear. State TV later reported that the U.S. military attacked a second tanker near waters off Jask. It said the crews of both vessels were being evacuated by lifeboat toward the Jask coast. Separately, state television reported that another Iranian tanker was attacked in Kharg Island anchorage area. It said the crew was safely evacuated shortly after the strike. Iran’s Revolutionary Guard Navy on Tuesday warned crews of oil tankers near ports in Kuwait and Bahrain to immediately leave their vessels, saying the ships could be targeted in retaliation for U.S. attacks on Iranian tankers.

CRIME

5 Murders in 10 Days Put Hyderabad Police on Alert

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A spate of five brutal murders in the capital over the past 10 days has raised concerns over the growing activities of drug peddlers, cell phone snatchers and rowdy sheeters, with police facing criticism over inadequate surveillance of habitual offenders and anti-social elements. Several recent incidents are suspected to have links to disputes involving ganja sales and cash transactions. Police have also been focusing on criminal groups operating in isolated areas on the city outskirts, where patrolling remains a challenge.

Senior officials expressed displeasure over the lax implementation of visible policing measures and directed officers to intensify surveillance. They instructed police teams to conduct vehicle checks every day between 5 pm and 8 pm and identify suspicious persons and vehicles. The suburban areas that have witnessed rapid population and industrial growth have emerged as a particular concern. Following the recent incidents, police are planning to strengthen patrolling in remote and isolated locations by deploying additional teams, including personnel from the Armed Reserve and Telangana

Special Police. The reorganisation of the four commissionerates has brought areas such as Rajendranagar and Shamshabad under the city limits. With a growing migrant population and expanding industrial activity, police officials are assessing whether manpower shortages at police stations are affecting regular patrolling. Police have also received complaints about rowdy sheeters and other anti-social elements frequenting hotels, restaurants and deserted stretches in areas including Mailarddevpally, Falaknuma, Chandrayangutta, Katedan and Jalpally after dark. Some are allegedly

involved in threatening commuters, extortion and settling land and family disputes through intimidation. In one recent incident, a Nepali national was allegedly stopped over his cellphone. When he resisted, he was pushed and fell, suffering a fatal head injury after hitting a cement block. Police are now focusing on identifying habitual offenders, monitoring drug networks and increasing night-time surveillance to prevent further violence. The series of incidents underline the need for sustained visible policing, particularly in vulnerable suburban and isolated areas.

Beyond Gender Binary: HC Orders Cops to Accept Transgender Job Applications

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) to accept applications from transgender persons aspiring to join the police force as constables and sub-inspectors, holding that they could not be shut out of the recruitment process merely because the online application portal followed a binary classification of gender. A division bench comprising Chief

Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohinuddin issued the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed by Devath Tanu Sri and three others challenging the classification of gender as only male or female in the online recruitment portal. The petitioners contended that forcing transgender applicants to choose either “male” or “female” at the threshold of the recruitment process was not only contrary to law but also compelled them to make a false declaration regarding their gender identity. The

Chief Justice questioned the state government why it had not issued guidelines or appropriate directions to various departments to move away from the stereotypical binary classification of gender and adopt a more inclusive approach while dealing with transgender persons. Senior counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the exclusion of transgender persons from the recruitment process was arbitrary and unconstitutional.

Drunk man dies after touching transformer in Madhapur

A 40-year-old man died after reportedly coming into contact with an electric transformer at Siddiquenagar, under Madhapur Police Station limits, on Wednesday. Police said the man was reportedly under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident. His body was shifted to Osmania Hospital for post-mortem examination. As his identity has not yet been established, police have circulated his photographs among police stations across Cyberabad to identify him. Further investigation is underway.

Cyberabad Police seek driving licence cancellation of Anand Sai's son in hit-and-run case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Police have moved to suspend the driving licence of B Shiva Sandeep Sai Anand (23), son of art director and TTD board member Anand Sai, in connection with the fatal road accident reported near Khajaguda. Madhapur ACP Sridhar has reportedly written to the Regional Transport Authority (RTA), recommending cancellation of Sandeep's driving licence as the investigation into the crash continues. The accident

occurred on August 31 morning, on the road connecting the Nanakramguda ORR Rotary and Khajaguda. Police said one Nanda Kishor Kumar Ray, a Bihar native working as a helper at a hotel in Raidurgam, was crossing the road when he was struck by a vehicle. According to the police, Zaid Shah Qadri (21), a student who was driving an Innova Crysta, stopped after the initial collision and attempted to help Ray. Another person, Syed Amer Hussain, also stopped to assist.

IED Blast In Karreguttalu Hills Claims Tribal Man's Life

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

A tribal community man was killed when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded in the Karreguttalu hills, which has been declared Maoist-free. Police said the victim, Madakam Nageswara Rao, 55, of Nugur Colony in Venkatapuram mandal, had gone towards the Karreguttalu and Pamunuru hills on Wednesday along with five others to collect bamboo. They reportedly left their homes on Monday along with provisions

for three days. While returning with the bamboo, Nageswara Rao reportedly stepped on an IED planted along a forest path, triggering a powerful explosion. He sustained critical injuries and collapsed in a pool of blood. Despite the darkness, his companions refused to abandon him. They fashioned a makeshift sling using lungis and dhotis and, with the help of a doli, carried the injured man for several kilometres through the forest towards the Palem project area.

Ameerpet Illegal Constructions Raise GHMC Accountability Questions

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad's Ameerpet area is witnessing a series of alleged construction violations, raising serious questions over the enforcement of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) town-planning regulations and the functioning of local authorities. Behind the popular Ameerpet Paradise, four large commercial and residential structures have reportedly come up allegedly in violation of

zoning and construction norms. Among the major concerns are cellar constructions, which are alleged to have been undertaken without following mandatory safety and municipal procedures. In Sindhi Colony, beside Sabhnam Bakery, another cellar excavation has reportedly taken place, prompting questions over whether the required permissions and safety checks were followed. At MIGH-10 in Begumpet Airlines Colony, opposite Maitrivanam, construction activity has also come

under scrutiny. The location has reportedly witnessed a serious fire incident in the past, making compliance with fire and building safety regulations particularly important. Parking violations are another concern in the area. The CTC building near the local swimming pool is alleged to have failed to comply with parking requirements under G.O. 63, potentially adding to congestion and creating difficulties for commuters and residents. Meanwhile, a major con-

struction project in Ameerpet is reportedly progressing despite alleged violations of GHMC norms. The developments have put local town-planning enforcement under the spotlight, with questions being raised over the role of ACP T. Ramesh and whether timely action is being taken against alleged violations. Authorities are expected to inspect the sites, verify permissions and take appropriate action if violations are confirmed.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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

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



RBI Considering Gold Tokenisation Says RBI Exec Director at GFF

Central bank eyes wider asset tokenisation while flagging legal, privacy and liquidity risks

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is exploring gold tokenization for its Unified Markets Interface (a platform that settles tokenized financial instruments using central bank digital currency), P Vasudevan, executive director of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said at the Global Fintech Fest. “There were some discussions yesterday. We were looking at gold tokenization as one more avatar that is being explored. There are challenges in the existing modes, but that can be fulfilled by tokenization,” Vasudevan said at a fireside chat during Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026.

Tokenization is the process of representing an asset’s ownership and transaction records digitally on a blockchain or distributed ledger. The RBI executive director said that the central bank aims to expand the interface to include more asset classes beyond existing tested instruments. While gold is a possibility, other financial assets such as bank deposits are also under examination. The RBI has already tested tokenization through its UMI with about 248 certificate-of-deposit transactions worth Rs 17,000 crore processed so far, according to Vasudevan. About two-thirds of these transactions were in the secondary market. He said tokenization can poten-



tially cover the entire lifecycle of an asset from issuance and trading to settlement, interest payments and servicing. “We hear about real assets being tokenized, artworks being tokenized, fungible tokens, non-fungible tokens, even data being tokenized. But my intention here is to talk about financial asset tokenization. When we are looking at the financial assets, there are many in our ecosystem, we can talk about certificates of deposits, commercial

papers, corporate bonds.” He cited the example of RBI’s existing Card-on-File Tokenization (CoFT) mandate (active since October 2022) where around 118 crore cards have been tokenized, with 5 billion transactions processed since. However, he warned against overlooking the risks of tokenizing financial assets. According to him, legal uncertainty, data privacy, liquidity, interoperability and the risk of excessive concentration could pose significant challenges as India expands tokenization of financial assets. Delivering keynote address in another panel, at the same event, Rohit Jain, Deputy Governor, RBI said speed, concentration, and opacity

are three concerns in emerging technologies as they become more deeply embedded in finance. During a fireside chat at the event, NITI Aayog Vice-Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri said that India’s next big economic challenge is not growth but manufacturing at scale, and achieving that will require a sharp increase in investment, deeper credit markets and greater integration with global value chains. Lahiri said that while the recent rise in manufacturing’s share of GDP is encouraging, India needs to build manufacturing capacity on a much larger scale. “We need much more manufacturing with scale.

Grand Celebration of Kaloji Narayana Rao’s 112th Birth Anniversary at RGUKT Basar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The 112th birth anniversary of people’s poet Kaloji Narayana Rao and Telangana Language Day were celebrated in a grand manner at Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), Basar, under the aegis of the Department of Telugu. RGUKT Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan, who attended the programme as the chief guest, paid floral tributes to Kaloji Narayana Rao by garlanding his portrait. On the occasion of Telangana Language Day, Prof. A. Govardhan formally released two collections of essays, “Vyasa Saraswathi” and “Vyasa Vani,” published by the Department of Telugu, RGUKT Basar. The books were edited by Dr. M. Ramadevi and Dr. J. Rayamallu. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. A. Govardhan appreciated the activities being undertaken by the Department of Telugu for the devel-



opment and promotion of the Telugu language. He particularly encouraged students who, while pursuing technical education, continue to show keen interest and enthusiasm towards their mother tongue. He stated that a decision had been taken to prepare the necessary procedures and regulations for introducing Telugu literature as a Minor Course in B.Tech programmes at RGUKT. Prizes were also distributed by Vice-Chancellor Prof. A. Govardhan to students who partici-

pated in and excelled in various competitions organised by the Department of Telugu. The programme was attended by Dr. M. Ramadevi, Head of the Department of Telugu; Dr. J. Rayamallu; faculty members including Dr. Vijay Kumar, Dr. Gopal Krishna, Dr. Ramulu, Dr. Balakrishna, U. Mothyam, P. Ramulu, Lakshmi, Dr. G. Anil Kumar, Chinta Naresh and M. Hari Krishna, along with teaching and non-teaching staff, officials and a large number of students.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week 2026 to Drive Faster Customer Action

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Axis Bank has launched the fourth edition of its flagship Sparsh Week 2026, aimed at strengthening customer relationships and converting customer feedback into faster action. Being held from September 7 to 11 under the theme “Act with Speed,” the initiative will facilitate more than 2.5 lakh customer conversations ac-

ross the country. More than 90 Axis Bank leaders are participating in the initiative, engaging with customers and employees across branches, loan centres, offices and other service touchpoints. Axis Bank MD & CEO Amitabh Chaudhry said Sparsh has become an important platform for embedding customer obsession across the organisation. He said listening to customers



becomes meaningful only when their feedback leads to concrete and timely action. As part of the initiative, the bank is introducing a simplified Auto and Two-Wheeler financing journey for eligible customers. The fully digital and paperless process is designed

to complete application-to-disbursement within 30 minutes, using automated decision-making, digital documentation and dealer integration. Sparsh Week also features dedicated engagement programmes for senior citizens, NRIs, women entrepreneurs, wealth customers, MSMEs, farmers and corporate and wholesale banking customers. Initiatives include Senior Citizen Open Days,

NRI forums, Women Entrepreneur Connects, Wealth Unplugged, MSME roundtables, Apna Gaon Apna Desh, Tractor Loan Carnivals, Let’s Listen sessions and customer gratitude programmes. The bank is also conducting employee-focused activities such as AI masterclasses, hackathons, design-thinking workshops, customer experience simulations, leadership interactions and recognition pro-

grammes to strengthen customer-centric thinking internally. Axis Bank said the initiative reflects its wider effort to reduce the gap between customer feedback and action. Through Sparsh Week 2026, the bank aims to deliver quicker responses, resolve issues more efficiently and create stronger, long-term customer relationships.

Rithik Rasamsetti Earns Team USA Youth Olympics Spot

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Young badminton talent Rithik Rasamsetti has earned a prestigious opportunity to represent Team USA in badminton at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games, scheduled to be held in Dakar, Senegal, from October 31 to November 13. Rithik secured his place in the U.S. Youth Olympic Games badminton team by emerging as the highest-ranked eligible American athlete in the BWF Junior World Rankings. His selection marks a major achievement in his developing international sporting career. The United States delegation for the Dakar Youth Olympic Games includes 29 athletes competing across 12 sports, with participants between 13 and 18 years of age. Rithik will proudly carry the U.S. representation onto one of the world’s most promi-

nent platforms for young athletes. His selection is a significant milestone and a source of pride for his family, coaches, teammates and the wider badminton community. It reflects his dedication, competitive performances and continued progress in the sport. The Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games will bring together talented young athletes from around the world, offering them an opportunity to compete at an international level, gain valuable experience and connect with fellow athletes from different countries and sporting backgrounds. With his place secured in Team USA, Rithik is now preparing for his journey to Dakar, where he will seek to make the most of this landmark opportunity and represent the United States with pride and determination.

KL University Brings Alumni and Industry Leaders Together at Hyderabad Meet 2026



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

KL Deemed to be University organised its flagship “Hyderabad Chapter and Corporate Alumni Meet 2026” at the KLH Bachupally Campus, bringing together around 300 distinguished alumni, corporate professionals, university leadership and faculty members on a common platform to reconnect, exchange ideas and explore new avenues for industry-academia collaboration. The meet celebrated the university’s growing alumni network and highlighted the important role former students can play in mentoring young talent, strengthening industry engagement, supporting research and innovation, and creating new academic and professional opportunities for students. Addressing the gathering, renowned entrepreneur, business direc-

tor and film producer, Mrs. Nikhila Koneru spoke about the university’s evolving approach to learning, with greater emphasis on practical application, innovation and product development. She said students are increasingly being encouraged to move beyond conventional academic projects and develop solutions and viable products that address real-world needs. Inviting alumni to become active partners in the university’s growth journey, she outlined six strategic avenues for engagement, including mentorship, talent hiring, joint research and enterprise partnerships. Dr. G. Pardha Saradhi Varma, Vice Chancellor, KL Deemed to be University, appreciated the alumni for representing the institution across leading organisations and contributing to technological and professional innovation globally.

Jawa 42 Unveiled as Flagship of New All Stars Range

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Jawa Yezdi Motorcycles has unveiled the new Jawa All Stars 42, completing its latest All Stars motorcycle line-up and marking a major evolution of the model that helped establish the modern classic motorcycle segment in India. The new Jawa 42 adopts a bolder, sportier and more muscular design, featuring revised proportions, a wider stance, redesigned rear section, contemporary alloy wheels, reworked side panels and a compact upswept exhaust. The changes are aimed at improving both visual presence and riding agility across city roads and highways. The All Stars journey began with the Jawa rider community, built around values such as discipline, trust, camaraderie, respect and individual character. The special All Stars insignia represents this shared identity, bringing to-



gether riders who follow a common code while expressing themselves through different motorcycle formats. The Jawa 42 FJ introduced a contemporary and sporty interpretation of the brand’s modern-classic design, while the All Stars 42 Bobber highlighted individuality through its distinctive format. The new All Stars 42 serves as the flagship model, bringing the three expressions together under one identity. The latest Jawa 42 incorporates more than 60 enhancements. Its redesigned rear section includes a wider fender

and a new 150/70-17 rear tyre, creating a broader road footprint. The 790-mm sculpted seat has also been redesigned with improved cushioning while retaining the motorcycle’s characteristic flat, bench-like profile. The motorcycle continues with its signature 13.2-litre fuel tank and round headlamp, preserving the unmistakable Jawa design language. Engineering improvements have also been made to the frame, swingarm stiffness, mass distribution, ergonomics, handling and comfort. Power comes

from a 294.72cc, single-cylinder, four-stroke, liquid-cooled DOHC engine, paired with a six-speed constant-mesh gearbox. Braking duties are handled by 280mm front and 240mm rear discs with dual-channel ABS. Anupam Thareja, Co-founder, Classic Legends, said the All Stars 42 carries forward the spirit that made the original Jawa 42 successful while adapting it for a new generation of riders. The Jawa 42 is priced from Rs 1,79,942 and will be offered in six colour options through Jawa Yezdi dealerships across India. Bookings are open, with deliveries scheduled to begin from September 14, 2026, coinciding with the festive season. The motorcycle also comes with Jawa Yezdi’s Ownership Assurance Program, including a four-year/50,000-km standard warranty, extended warranty options up to six years, roadside assistance for up to eight years and AMC options

Christian Community Seeks Political Justice, Representation in Telangana

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana United Christians and Pastors Association (TUCPA), led by General Secretary Goneh Solomon Raj and Working President Ps. P. Menno Joel, has urged the Telangana Government to address long-pending demands of the Christian community and ensure equitable political representation. The association sought a pastor’s monthly honorarium, burial grounds in all mandals, legislation against religious hate speech, a TPCC Working President post, a Christian MLC, and appointments to the Christian Minority Finance Corporation, Minor-



ities Commission, departments, municipal bodies and market committees. It also demanded DCC posts at district, constituency and mandal levels. TUCPA further sought SC status for Dalit Christians and streamlined socio-economic benefits. The association appealed to the government to ensure inclusive governance and fair representation for Christians in nominated posts, commissions and leadership positions.

Haier India Returns to Bigg Boss Telugu for Seventh Consecutive Year

Haier Appliances India, the world's No. 1 global major appliances brand for 17 consecutive years, has returned to the Bigg Boss Telugu house as Associate Sponsor for the landmark Season 10, extending its long-standing partnership with the popular entertainment franchise for the seventh consecutive year.

The continued association comes as Bigg Boss Telugu returns as part of JioStar's larger festive-season rollout featuring six regional editions of Bigg Boss. The partnership provides Haier with a strong platform to deepen its engagement with Telugu-speaking audiences and strengthen its regional relevance through one of the most popular entertainment properties in the region.

As part of the association, Haier will bring its latest portfolio of home appliances into the Bigg Boss house. The integration will feature a range of refrigerators,



air conditioners and Mini LED TVs, allowing contestants to use the products as part of their everyday routines. Featured products include Haier's Lumiere 4-Door Side-by-Side Refrigerator, BMR Refrigerator, Spartan Tower AI AC, Gravity AI ACs and a range of Mini LED TVs.

The appliances are expected to become an integral part of the contestants' daily experiences, covering key aspects such as food storage, home comfort and entertainment. Through this integration, viewers will also get an opportunity to see Haier's technology being used in an everyday household environment.

Adding an interactive element to the partner-

ship, Haier will introduce a dedicated live washing machine task inside the Bigg Boss house. The activity is designed to transform an ordinary household chore into an engaging entertainment experience, with contestants interacting directly with Haier's laundry technology. The task aims to create a memorable brand integration while connecting product functionality with audience engagement.

Commenting on the association, NS Satish, CEO, Haier Appliances India, said that regional relevance remains an important part of building a strong national brand. He said Bigg Boss Telugu has played a significant role in helping Haier strengthen its relation-

ship with Telugu-speaking consumers over the years.

According to Satish, the show's scale, strong regional connect and sustained audience engagement make it an effective platform for Haier. The company's seventh consecutive association, coinciding with the show's 10th season, reflects the strategic value Haier places on the partnership.

The association also enables Haier to showcase its philosophy of "More Creation, More Possibilities", while positioning the brand as a technology-driven company focused on evolving consumer needs.

With Bigg Boss Telugu Season 10 expected to attract strong regional attention, Haier's partnership combines high-impact visibility, product integration and consumer engagement, bringing its proposition of smarter and more innovative living into one of India's most recognisable entertainment platforms.

Salman Khan tells Isha Rikhi: Focus on yourself, not ex-husband Badshah in BB20 house



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Bollywood actor Salman Khan welcomed the contestant of 'Bigg Boss 20' into the house on Sunday, and as he was interacting with actress Isha Rikhi, he advised her to leave her past behind and not to mention her ex-husband, singer and rapper Badshah, inside the Bigg Boss house.

Salman told Isha, "Don't be sad. kiske breakup nhi dekhlo (referring to himself). Nobody should get credit of hurting you. The other person has moved on long time ago."

He told her not to raise this issue or mention Badshah inside the house.

Salman said, "I want to see Isha Rakhi in BB20, not Badshah's ex-wife."

Isha also expressed her desire to establish her own identity and let people know her for who she really is, and not just because of her past relationship.

For the unaware, Isha and Badshah recently announced their separation via a joint post on social media.

The two issued a statement on their respective Instagram handles that read, "I and Isha Rikhi have mutually decided to part ways and move forward on our separate paths. This decision has been made with mutual respect, and we request everyone to kindly respect our privacy during this time".

"This will be our only statement on the matter. We sincerely request that there be no further speculation or assumptions regarding our relation-

ship" they further wrote.

Isha and Badshah got married in a close-knit ceremony in March 2026, after reportedly being in a relationship for around four years.

Before Isha entered the 'Bigg Boss 20' house as one of the contestants, she dropped an Instagram Story, saying, "There are many rumors circulating about my marriage. Its shocking to hear and read the news reports appearing in certain quarters. I request certain sections of the media not to spread any rumors regarding my marriage or separation. I also urge the general public not to believe anything they read or hear unless the information comes directly from me or through my official social media handles. Thank you."

UEFA Champions League: Rampant Raphinha Bags Brace as Barcelona Rout Feyenoord



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Raphinha continued his superb goalscoring form with a brace as Barcelona demolished Feyenoord 5-1 to begin their Champions League campaign in perfect fashion on Wednesday. Karim Adeyemi curled home brilliantly from long range in between Raphinha's strikes and Lamine Yamal bent in a free-kick as Hansi Flick's team made light work of their Dutch visitors.

After Sem Steijn pulled one back, Barca substitute Gabriel Jesus netted a fifth, the forward's first goal since joining from Arsenal this summer.

The Catalan giants, who last won the competition

in 2015, have triumphed in all five of their matches across all competitions this season -- and scored five goals in four of them. Brazilian winger Raphinha has been playing up front after Barca sold Robert Lewandowski and Ferran Torres, and has rapidly taken to his new position, plundering eight goals in five games.

Flick made five changes to the team that thrashed Valencia on Sunday in La Liga, although he maintained star attackers Yamal and Raphinha, as well as new arrival Rodri in his line-up.

After days of baking weather in Barcelona, a storm broke ahead of the game, lashing rain down on the Camp Nou pitch

and sending supporters scurrying for shelter. By the time it stopped pouring early in the first half, Barcelona were already ahead. Raphinha, retaining his role as the team's central striker, netted the opener after three minutes. The Brazilian was razor sharp to break into the box and cut inside, sending two defenders sliding the wrong way on the slick turf, before slotting home.

Adeyemi, in for Anthony Gordon, doubled Barcelona's lead with a superb strike from outside the area, bent beyond Feyenoord goalkeeper Tjark Ernst. Anis Hadj Moussa threatened for Feyenoord at the other end but Joan Garcia pushed out his shot at the near post.

Barca kept generating openings and defender Joao Cancelo came close to adding a third when he skinned Givairo Read and crashed a shot against the outside of the post.

East Zone On Verge of Duleep Trophy Triumph After Dominant Final Display

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Duleep Trophy final is firmly in East Zone's control after South Zone were bowled out for 336 on the fourth day at the M.A. Chidambaram Stadium in Chennai. East had earlier posted a mammoth 708 in their first innings, giving them a huge 372-run advantage and putting them within touching distance of a memorable title triumph.

South began the day with hopes of extending their resistance, as C.V. Milind and captain Tilak Varma produced their best partnership of the innings. The pair added 78 runs for the seventh wicket, frustrating East's bowlers and raising hopes of a stronger fightback. Despite East taking the second new ball, Milind and Tilak attacked confidently, regularly finding boundaries and refusing to allow the bowlers to build pressure.

The partnership finally ended when Milind was dismissed by left-arm spinner Shikhar Mohan, caught sharply at short-leg. His departure opened the door for East to wrap



up the innings quickly. South's lower order failed to offer much resistance, and the team slipped from 318 for six to 336 all out.

Tilak remained the major source of resistance for South but suffered a heart-breaking dismissal on 99. Attempting to drive off-spinner Kounain Quraishi, he hit the ball straight back to the bowler, who completed a sharp return catch. Tilak's dismissal left South 372 runs behind and just one run short of

his century.

With the final effectively reduced to a one-sided contest, East captain Ishan Kishan decided against enforcing the follow-on. Instead, East returned to bat and continued to pile pressure on their opponents. The move also gave their batsmen an opportunity to add further runs and potentially set an imposing target.

Youngster Vaibhav Sooravanshi attracted considerable attention when East

began their second innings. The 15-year-old, playing with the freedom provided by East's commanding position, attempted to attack off-spinner T. Vijay by charging down the pitch. However, he was completely beaten by the delivery and was stumped. Mohammed Siraj also made an impact, claiming the wicket of Abhimanyu Easwaran after the opener edged the ball to slip. Kishan then took charge,

producing an aggressive innings that further underlined East's dominance.

The East skipper smashed a brisk 80 and shared a 126-run partnership with Shikhar Mohan. Kishan eventually departed while attempting another attacking stroke, but by then East had strengthened their position considerably.

At the close of play, East were 212 for five in their second innings, holding an enormous overall lead of 584 runs. With the match heading into its final day, East have multiple options available. They could declare and challenge South to chase a daunting target, or continue batting to make the deficit virtually impossible to overcome.

The occasion would be particularly significant for East Zone if they complete the victory. The M.A. Chidambaram Stadium is the same venue where East last won the Duleep Trophy 14 years ago. After a commanding performance with both bat and ball, they now stand on the verge of reclaiming the prestigious title.

KTR Warns of Legal Action Over AI-Generated Fake Content

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has accused the Congress government and its affiliated social media platforms of circulating AI-generated fake photographs and videos to spread false propaganda against BRS leaders amid the ongoing Assembly sessions.

KTR alleged that photographs released and circulated by Congress-linked platforms were fabricated using Artificial Intelligence and did not depict genuine incidents. He said the alleged campaign was aimed at misleading the public and diverting attention from important political and public issues being raised during the Assembly sessions.

According to KTR, fab-



ricated images and videos were being used to create a false impression that attacks or other incidents had taken place, when, according to the BRS leadership, no such incidents had actually occurred. He accused the Congress party of attempting to shift the focus away from real issues through what he described as fabricated narratives and technol-

ogy-driven propaganda. KTR warned that the BRS would lodge a complaint with the Cyber Crime Police over the alleged creation and circulation of the fake content. He said strict legal action would be sought against individuals involved in creating, sharing or deliberately broadcasting such material with the intention of damaging the reputa-

tion of BRS leaders. The BRS Working President also urged media organisations to exercise greater caution while publishing photographs and videos circulating on social media. He appealed to news outlets to verify the authenticity of digitally created or manipulated content before telecasting or publishing it.

KTR compared the Congress party's alleged actions to a thief shouting "thief" to divert attention from himself. He accused the ruling party of using misleading propaganda to distract people from genuine concerns.

The BRS leadership reiterated that it would not tolerate attempts to mislead the public through AI-generated photographs, manipulated videos or fabricated narratives. The party also warned that legal action

Govt Walks Tightrope on Cong MLA's KCR Comments

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Congress government on Wednesday condemned remarks by the party legislator from Shadnagar, Veerlapalli Shankar, on former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao after BRS members protested in the Telangana Legislative Assembly and demanded action against the MLA.

Shankar had said, "We are seeking his death," while referring to Chandrashekar Rao as the "misfortune for the state," prompting BRS members to storm the well of the House and raise slogans demanding action against him.

Legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu said the government did not endorse such remarks and wished the



former chief minister a long life. "Nobody wants the death of anyone else. We only wish well for KCR garu and wish him a long life and his continued service to the people of Telangana. We condemn the comments. The Congress is not a party that wishes death to anyone. If there are any fights to be fought, we will fight them politically."

Sridhar Babu added that "our Chief Minister also says KCR should be well." As BRS members continued their protest,

deputy chief minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the government was making its position clear on the remarks. "The BRS is saying KCR's death was sought. We are informing KCR and the state; we are not wishing for his death." Bhatti Vikramarka, however, said in an apparent reference to the BRS that "if you have such wishes, we cannot do anything." Amid the protests, the Speaker said he was willing to take up the issue if the BRS submitted a written request seeking a discussion.

Sridhar Babu and Bhatti Vikramarka criticised the BRS members for their "unruly behaviour" and attempts to "intimidate the Speaker" by raising slogans near the Speaker's podium.

Vennela Demands BRS Action Over Speaker Remarks

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cultural Department Chairperson Vennela, along with Dalit leaders JB Raju, Ilaiah and Chennaiyya, has demanded the immediate dismissal of Tata Madhu and Naveen Reddy over their alleged inappropriate remarks against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

Vennela termed the comments "shameful for the entire community" and urged the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to expel the public representatives



accused of verbally attacking the Speaker. The leaders alleged that the incident could be part of a larger conspiracy and questioned whether it was being directed from the "farmhouse." They described the remarks against the Speaker as a "dark day in the history of

the state." Vennela also called upon the government to introduce a resolution in the Assembly condemning the incident and forward it to Parliament. She further demanded that the day on which the remarks were made be officially observed as a "black day."

V. Srinivas Goud Criticises Denial of 'Chalo Hyderabad' Permission

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud criticised the Congress government for allegedly denying permission to employees to organise the 'Chalo Hyderabad' programme, calling the move undemocratic and an attempt to suppress their grievances.

Goud said employees had been waiting for the implementation of several assurances made by the Congress before the elections. He questioned how the government could function effectively while



ignoring the concerns of lakhs of employees who form the backbone of the administration. He alleged that the government had failed to fulfil promises including the abolition of the CPS and introduction of OPS, completion of the PRC pro-

cess, implementation of the PRC, and settlement of pending employee benefits. He said deductions had been made towards the health scheme for months, but employees and retirees were still awaiting health cards and proper medical facilities.

The former minister also highlighted pending DA instalments, TA and risk allowances in the police department, and hardships faced by contract employees, ASHA workers, home guards and retired employees.

He condemned the filing of cases against ASHA workers for raising their demands.

Goud recalled that the previous BRS government had permitted Congress to hold a public meeting at LB Stadium, arguing that employees should similarly be allowed to voice their concerns peacefully.

He said the BRS had prioritised employee welfare and implemented a 75 per cent fitment during its tenure.

Goud assured that the party would work towards securing employees' pending dues and benefits while avoiding mistakes made in the past. He called upon employees to continue their democratic protests and said they should stage demonstrations peacefully at their respective locations if they were prevented from participating in the 'Chalo Hyderabad' programme.



BRS Bahadurpura In-charge Mir Inayath Ali Baqri, former SET-WIN Chairman, along with BRSV GHMC Coordinator Mir Quram Ali and other BRS leaders, held a rally from Bahadurpura X Road to the Bahadurpura Police Station and Mandal Office and filed a complaint over the alleged non-fulfilment of promises made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

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Problems of Young Workers Must Be Resolved: CITU

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A differently-abled man from Guntur, Tirumal, who lost his right leg in an accident five years ago, was provided with an artificial limb through the initiative of Telangana Disabled Rights Achievement Committee state general secretary Merugu Shivakrishna.

After learning about Tirumal's difficulties through ABN State Bureau representative Naresh, Shivakrishna approached the Bharat Vikas Parishad Disabled Rehabilitation Centre Trust for assistance. With their support, an artificial right leg was provided and fitted to Tirumal on Tuesday. Tirumal expressed happi-



ness and said the prosthetic limb would help him carry out his daily activities more easily. Bharat Vikas Trust manager Narendra, technicians Raghu, Madhu and Swamy, Media Balagam TV CEO Chintala Vijay Kumar, Star News TV9's Raghuvaran and others participated. Shivakrishna appealed to donors to extend support to needy persons with disabilities in areas including education, employment, medical treatment and marriage.

Problems of Young Workers Must Be Resolved: CITU

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The number of young workers is increasing day by day, along with the various problems they face. Due to these issues, young workers are struggling with severe difficulties. With the rising cost of living and inadequate wages, many workers are facing financial hardship, mental stress and difficulties in supporting their families.

The problems of young workers must be addressed immediately, demanded Sai Goud, member of the Young Workers Zaheerabad Cluster Steering Committee. On Wednesday, a



dharna was organised in front of the ALO Office under the leadership of CITU, highlighting the problems faced by young workers.

A memorandum was subsequently submitted to the concerned officials. Speaking on the occasion, Sai Goud said that young workers are being employed in several indus-

tries as contract workers, trainees, apprentices, NAPS and NATS workers.

However, they are often not being provided with basic safety measures at workplaces, job security, minimum wages and other statutory benefits, leaving them to face numerous difficulties.

Erravelli 'Purification' Sparks Dalit Rights Row



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Telangana SC Cell State Convenor Neelam Venkat Swamy condemned the alleged "purification" of the Erravelli road after a Dalit-led protest, calling it against constitutional values of equality, dignity and social justice. Dalit Congress activists had staged a 'Dapula Mota' protest over alleged remarks by BRS MLC T. Madhusudhan against Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

Reports that turmeric water was later sprinkled on areas used by protesters triggered political controversy, with police registering a case. Venkat Swamy urged Dalits to unite against caste discrimination and safeguard their constitutional rights. He said no citizen should be treated as "polluting" because of caste. He also demanded a fair investigation and urged SC, ST and BC communities to oppose practices that undermine social equality and dignity.

Mumbai Telangana Activists Announce 'Chalo Hyderabad' Programme

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana activists based in Mumbai have announced plans to organise a "Chalo Hyderabad" programme soon to highlight the contribution of the Mumbai region to the separate Telangana statehood movement.

Bharat Labour Seva

Sangh (BLSS) leader Sailu Mudiraj said the Telangana movement progressed through four major phases — the struggle in Telangana, the movement in the Mumbai region, efforts by NRIs and supporters abroad, and intensified agitation in Delhi. He said Mumbai activists played a significant role in the second



phase of the movement. At a joint BLSS-MTJAC meeting held at Telugu

Adda in West Mulund on Wednesday, MTJAC leader Aetam Ajay said

Mumbai coordinators had attended three meetings of the K.K. Committee in Hyderabad. He said activists would soon reach Hyderabad with documentary evidence highlighting Mumbai's contribution to the Telangana movement. Several leaders and labour activists attended the meeting.