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Ponnam Peshi Under Scanner In ACB Trap Case

HYDERABAD Transport and BC welfare minister Ponnam Prabhakar's peshi has come under the scanner following the Anti Corruption Bureau trapping two employees, one an out-sourcing staffer and the other a regular government appointee, right at the Telangana Secretariat, the seat of administration, here on Thursday. The two were caught red-handed after demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh from a patient who had applied for financial assistance under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF).

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Suspense Over: Chinese President Xi to Visit India for BRICS Summit

NEW DELHI
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Chinese President Xi Jinping will visit India this week to attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, the foreign ministry announced on Thursday. This will be Xi's first visit to India in nearly seven years. At the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, President Xi will attend the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi from September 12 to 13, a Foreign Ministry spokesperson said. During his visit, Xi is expected to meet Prime Minister Modi on the sidelines of the summit, according to sources here. The visit is expected to be a high-profile diplomatic engagement with implications for the ongoing efforts to stabilise bilateral ties between the two Asian powers as well as for BRICS cooperation amid a volatile global situation, particularly the West Asia conflict and the



Russia-Ukraine war. As the current chair of the influential grouping, India will host the 18th BRICS Summit on September 12 and 13 in New Delhi. Xi last visited India in 2019 for an informal summit with Modi in Mamallapuram near Chennai. He had earlier visited Goa in 2016 to attend the BRICS summit and made his first visit to India in September 2014, when he held extensive talks with Modi. The 2014 visit came during the first terms of both leaders. Xi's forthcoming visit is significant, as it comes amid efforts by India and China to normalise relations after a pro-

longed freeze following the 2020 Eastern Ladakh standoff. Ahead of Xi's visit, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi held extensive talks in Beijing last month on the boundary issue, maintaining peace and tranquility along the border and steps to improve bilateral relations. During the 25th round of Special Representatives' talks held in Beijing on August 25, the two sides reached an eight-point consensus and agreed to advance discussions on an "Early and Substantial Harvest" of boundary delimitation and

border management. Against the backdrop of these substantive discussions on the boundary and wider bilateral issues, a Modi-Xi meeting on the sidelines of the BRICS summit is expected to be closely watched for indications of the future course of India-China relations. The New Delhi BRICS summit will bring together the world's major emerging economies -- Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, with multilateral cooperation expected to remain at the core of the grouping's agenda. BRICS has evolved into a key platform for emerging economies to advocate for greater representation in global governance, reform international financial institutions, strengthen trade and investment links, and advance sustainable development goals. According to Chinese officials, Xi's participation underscores Beijing's continued commitment to the

BRICS framework and its role in shaping a more inclusive global order. The discussions are expected to cover a wide range of shared interests, including expanding intra-BRICS trade, strengthening payment systems, boosting cooperation in science and technology, addressing climate change, and coordinating positions on major international issues. BRICS, originally comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, expanded in 2024 to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE and Saudi Arabia, with Indonesia joining in 2025. Belarus, Bolivia, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Malaysia, Nigeria, Thailand, Uganda, Uzbekistan and Vietnam became BRICS partner countries last year. It emerged as an influential grouping as it brings together 11 major emerging economies of the world, representing around 49.5 per cent.

CM Revanth Reddy Tells Congress MLAs to Attend Assembly, Raise Local Issues

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy instructed all Congress MLAs to attend the ongoing Assembly session and raise the local issues in their respective Assembly Constituencies. In the CLP meeting held on Thursday, the Chief Minister thanked all the legislators for their unwavering support during 1,000 days of governance. All the legislators should be present in the house during the debates. The CM told the legislators that people gave a big mandate in the last elections and everyone has to work hard to succeed politically in the future. CM Revanth Reddy warned that every Congress MLA's performance will determine the success of the party and their conduct will influence the chances of winning a second term in the next elections. The Chief Minister also commended the legislators for strongly countering the opposition's conspiracy and exposing their plot against the government to the public. An inquiry into the incidents that took place has already been initiated. The opposition BRS con-



spired to disrupt the assembly session. Even after losing power, the BRS refused to shed their arrogance. The opposition leaders abused police officials and also public representatives verbally. The CM charged that the BRS leaders behaved inappropriately towards officials and caused embarrassment by taking off their T-shirts in the presence of female officers. The use of highly objectionable language to abuse the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly was uncalled for. The BRS also insulted the Dalit community by "purifying" the ground where Dalits had walked at KCR farm house. CM Revanth Reddy took a dig at BRS leaders- Sunitha Laxma Reddy and Sabitha Indra Reddy for working against the Congress which had given them a political life. The CM ridiculed KTR's political motives.

India, Russia Fast-Track Talks on New Bilateral Investment Treaty: Goyal

NEW DELHI
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India and Russia are fast-tracking negotiations for a new bilateral investment treaty (BIT) with an aim to provide legal certainty to investors of both countries, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Thursday. Addressing the India-Russia Business Dialogue here with Russian Minister of Industry and Trade Anton Alikhanov, Goyal also said that both the countries are committed

to the early conclusion of talks for the India- and Russia-led EAEU free trade agreement. The five members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia. The pact, he said, would open new markets for industries including MSMEs. "We (India-Russia) are fast-tracking a new bilateral investment treaty to give investors on both sides the legal certainty that projects and businesses look for when they are finalis-

ing investment decisions," he said. "We continue to strengthen local currency settlement mechanisms, because payment friction, more often than tariffs, is what slows trade down on the ground," he added. Goyal called for an accelerated India-Russia economic and industrial partnership, urging businesses from both countries to work towards achieving the target of USD 100 billion in bilateral trade and USD 50 billion in two-way

ISRO Satellite Captures El Niño's Impact on Pacific Ocean

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India's EOS-06/Ocean-sat-3 satellite has captured clear signs of the developing El Niño and its impact on marine productivity across the tropical Pacific Ocean, offering fresh insights into the complex relationship between ocean winds, upwelling, and climate. An analysis by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC) of ISRO, using data from the satellite's Ocean Colour Monitor-3 (OCM-3)

and Scatterometer sensors, has revealed a marked decline in surface chlorophyll-a concentration during June 2026, compared with observations from neutral ENSO (El Niño-Southern Oscillation) years. The decline in chlorophyll-a—a key indicator of phytoplankton abundance and marine productivity—has coincided with a dramatic shift in ocean-surface winds. The prevailing easterly winds have weakened and reversed to westerlies, disrupting the normal



equatorial upwelling that brings nutrient-rich waters from the ocean depths to the surface. The satellite observations show that the region of elevated chlorophyll-a progressively contracted westward between April and June 2026, providing further evidence of weakening equatorial upwelling as El Niño

developed. According to ISRO, the combined observations from OCM-3 and the EOS-06 Scatterometer demonstrate strong coupling between atmospheric winds and biological processes in the equatorial Pacific. If El Niño intensifies further, as forecast, the low-chlorophyll region could become increasingly pronounced. ISRO said on Thursday that the satellite observations complement the World Meteorological Organization's outlook, which had estimated an 80 per cent

probability of El Niño conditions developing during June-August 2026. By late July, the WMO reported that the event is intensifying and is expected to strengthen further during August-October. The findings underline how India's space-based ocean-monitoring capabilities are helping scientists track not only atmospheric and oceanic changes, but also their consequences for marine ecosystems and global climate.

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Delhi HC Asks CJP Leaders To Remove Posts Against Gaurav Bhatia

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The Delhi High Court on Thursday asked the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) co-convenors Sau-rav Das and Ashutosh Ranka to take down certain allegedly objectionable posts against BJP national spokesperson and senior advocate Gaurav Bhatia. Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, hearing Bhatia's defamation lawsuit, observed that while the youth have the right to express, the expression has to be verified and conveyed in a manner that "goes the

right way". "There are different ways of protesting. Do you really need to go to this? You are all youngsters. You may have your own anxiety. You may want to express certain things, but saying certain things, putting certain things without verifying may not be correct," the court told the lawyers appearing for the CJP leaders. "There is a lot of anxiety around these days, right? But there are different ways of expressing. You can express these things, you are the youth, you are the next

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TGEJAC Leaders Meet CM Revanth, Seek Resolution Of 6 Major Demands

HYDERABAD
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State government employees, teachers and pensioners on Thursday urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to resolve their long-pending demands, including for implementation of the second Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release of pending Dearness Allowance (DA) instalments and restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS). Telangana Employees JAC



(TGEJAC) leaders V. Lachi Reddy, Maram Jagadishwar and S.M. Hus-saini (Mujeeb) met Revanth Reddy at his residence and submitted a representation seeking

action on six key demands. They demanded that the government obtain the report of the second PRC headed by retired IAS officer Shiv Shankar and

announce the PRC with 51 per cent fitment before Dasara. They also sought immediate release of at least three of the six pending DA instalments and payment of employee and pensioner bills cumulatively exceeding ₹10,000 crore. The delegation proposed raising the monthly release towards pending bills from the present ₹1,000 crore to ₹2,000 crore, with ₹1,000 crore each for employees and pensioners.

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Harish Rao Demands Immediate Water Release for Telangana Farmers

Harish Rao urges Telangana government to lift Krishna, Godavari waters to save crops

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Legislative Party Deputy Leader T. Harish Rao has strongly criticised the Congress government for allegedly failing to utilise available Krishna and Godavari river waters to protect standing crops across Telangana. He demanded immediate operation of all irrigation projects and lift schemes at full capacity, particularly in view of the prevailing El Niño-related water crisis.

Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao alleged that the government was allowing water to flow

downstream while failing to lift it for farmers. He demanded measures to prevent diversion of Krishna waters in Andhra Pradesh and urged the government to convene an Apex Council meeting, if necessary.

He also called for water to be released into the Nagarjuna Sagar canal and diverted towards drought-hit agricultural areas of the erstwhile Nalgonda district. He stressed that all pumps under the Palamuru projects should be operated to meet irrigation and drinking water requirements in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar and Nalgonda districts.



Harish Rao claimed that only two of the five motors at the Ellur pump house of the Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme were being operated intermittently for around 11 hours a day. Against the required 1,600 cusecs, he said only about 700 cusecs was being lifted, despite the scheme having a capacity of 4,000 cusecs. He demanded that all five motors be operated round the clock.

He further alleged that only one of three motors at Bhima, one of four at Nettampadu and one of three at Koilsagar were functioning. He questioned why water was not being lifted at Bhima while alleged diversions were taking place through the Veligonda and Potlureddypadu systems in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh.

The former Irrigation Minister said Palamuru Package-3 could be completed within a month if works were expedited, potentially providing irrigation to five to six lakh acres. He alleged that the project had remained pending for three years

to deny credit to the previous BRS government.

Harish Rao claimed Telangana recorded its lowest Krishna water utilisation after state formation, alleging utilisation of only 28.49 per cent in 2024-25 and 25.77 per cent in 2025-26. He also highlighted the alleged underutilisation of power-generation capacity, demanding adequate electricity for irrigation pumps. He urged the Congress government to prevent crop losses, address reports of a six-lakh-acre crop holiday and ensure both water and power reach farmers without delay.

BRS women MLAs to approach NCW, NHRC over alleged police manhandling

HYDERABAD
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BRS MLAs P Sabitha Indra Reddy, V Sunitha Laxma Reddy and Kova Lakshmi left for New Delhi on Thursday to lodge complaints with the National Commission for Women (NCW) and National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) over the alleged manhandling of women legislators by the police during a confrontation outside the Telangana Assembly on September 7. Along with former Minister G Jagadish Reddy, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and MLC Surabhi Vani Devi, they are scheduled to meet the NCW chairperson and NHRC officials on Friday.

Speaking to media at Saifabad police station



after lodging a formal complaint on assault and insult during the scuffle, Sabitha Indra Reddy alleged that police personnel behaved in an inhuman manner. She said she was held by the throat and dragged by the hair, while Sunitha Laxma Reddy's saree was pulled.

Stating that around 500 personnel were deployed to prevent them from entering the Assembly premises, she questioned the deploy-

ment of male police personnel in front of women legislators.

The former Home Minister said BRS leaders had already complained to the Command Control Centre but received no response. She alleged that instead, cases were registered against 14 persons including the women legislators. She demanded action against those responsible and sought registration of their complaint at Saifabad police station.

Chakali Iamma's Legacy of Courage and Social Justice Remembered



Telangana's legendary freedom fighter Chakali Iamma, popularly known as Chityala Iamma, was remembered with heartfelt tributes on her death anniversary, with Thalka Ushashree Garu paying homage to the courageous woman who stood up against feudal oppression and fought for the rights and dignity of the poor and weaker sections. Remembered for her fearless resistance against the oppressive feudal system, Iamma became a powerful symbol of courage, self-respect and the struggle for social justice in Telangana. Her life and struggle continue to hold a special place in the social and political history of the region. Paying tribute to the iconic freedom fighter, Thalka Ushashree Garu said that Iamma's determined struggle for the poor, oppressed and weaker sections remains an enduring source of inspiration. Her courage to question injustice and stand firmly for the rights of ordinary people continues to inspire generations.

The life of Chakali Iamma is remembered not merely as a chapter in Telangana's history, but as a powerful message about equality, dignity, social justice and resistance against injustice. Her unwavering determination demonstrated that courage and conviction can challenge even powerful systems of oppression. Her legacy continues to inspire people to stand up for justice, protect human dignity and work towards a more equal society.

On her death anniversary, tributes were paid to the legendary Veera Vanitha Chakali Iamma, whose historic struggle continues to resonate across Telangana.

WUT Impact: Abhayanjaneya Temple Construction Begins

Foundation Laid for Abhayanjaneya Temple at Mungimalla

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The long-pending construction of the Sri Abhayanjaneya Swamy Temple at Mungimalla village in Kosgi Mandal of Kodangal constituency has finally moved forward after the issue was highlighted by Wake Up Telangana.

The report brought public attention to the delay in the temple construction, following which the project has now entered the construction stage. The development has brought relief and happiness to villagers and devotees who had been waiting for the temple work to begin.

On Wednesday, Tirupathi Reddy, Kodangal Congress Party in-charge and brother of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, laid the foundation stone for the Sri Abhayanjaneya Swamy Temple at Mungimalla.

Local Congress leaders, public representatives, party workers, villagers and devotees attended the foundation-stone ceremony. Religious rituals were performed as part of the event, with devotees and residents participating in the proceedings.

Speaking on the occasion, local leaders said the proposed temple would become an important spiritual centre for Mungimalla and neighbouring villages. They expressed hope that construction would progress



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without further delay and be completed at the earliest.

Villagers welcomed the commencement of the project and expressed happiness that their long-standing demand had finally received attention. Residents said the foundation stone has renewed their hopes of having a dedicated place of worship in the village.

The development also highlights the role of Wake Up Telangana in bringing pending public issues to the attention of authorities and leaders. With construction now underway, villagers are looking forward to the speedy completion of the temple.

Christian Minority Issues Raised Before Corporation Chairman

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Christian Minority Finance Corporation Coordinator Asma submitted a representation to Telangana State Christian Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Deepak John, seeking urgent measures to address various issues affecting the Christian minority community.

During her meeting with the Chairman at the Corporation office in Nampally, Asma highlighted the diffi-



culties being faced by churches and Christian communities in several villages. She said pastors and church committee members had approached her seeking assistance for churches

that were in poor and dilapidated condition, while some lacked adequate land for their functioning.

Asma said she had personally visited several churches in the Zaheerabad Assembly Constituency in recent days and witnessed their difficult conditions.

The representation sought financial assistance for construction of new churches, funds for repairs and renovation of existing churches, and allocation of land for new churches and Christian

burial grounds. It also sought compound walls around burial grounds and construction of a Christian Minority Community Hall.

Responding to the representation, Deepak John said the Telangana government was accorded priority to the welfare of Christian minorities.

He assured that necessary steps would be initiated to examine the demands and address the issues raised by the community at the earliest.

DWO Lalitha Kumari Inaugurates Breastfeeding Cabin at Sangareddy Bus Stand

SANGAREDDY
Wakeup telangana

A Mother & Child Breastfeeding Cabin was inaugurated at the New Bus Stand in Sangareddy to provide breastfeeding mothers with a safe, hygienic, private and comfortable space while travelling.

District Welfare Officer Lalitha Kumari played a key role in the initiative aimed at promoting the dignity, safety and well-being of mothers and in-



fants. The facility addresses the difficulties faced by travelling mothers who often struggle to find suitable private spaces to breastfeed their babies at busy public locations.

The new cabin is expected to make journeys

more convenient for mothers accompanied by infants and strengthen mother-friendly public infrastructure. The initiative also highlights the importance of providing accessible facilities that support maternal and child welfare in public spaces.

Sangareddy Pays Tribute to Veeranari Chakali Iamma on Her Death Anniversary



The Sangareddy District Administration organised a commemorative programme in Sangareddy on the occasion of the death anniversary of Veeranari Chakali Iamma, remembering her historic struggle for the rights, dignity and self-respect of the oppressed and weaker sections of society.

As part of the programme, floral tributes were paid to Chakali Iamma's portrait. Sangareddy District Collector, BC Welfare Officer Akarapu Jagadeesh, Golla Anjaiah, Chairman of Grandhalaya Samstha, Goruganti Ramesh Kumar, Sangareddy District BC Youth President, along with representatives of various BC and community organisations, participated in the programme and recalled Iamma's courageous legacy. Speaking on the occasion, Goruganti Ramesh Kumar said that Chakali Iamma's determined struggle for the rights and self-respect of weaker sections remains an inspiration for the present generation.

Musi Riverfront project faces protest as residents raise displacement concerns

KODANGAL
Wakeup telangana

Hundreds of residents, activists and environmentalists staged a protest at Dharna Chowk on Thursday, opposing the Musi Riverfront Development Project proposed by the Telangana Congress government. Protesters alleged that the ambitious project could result in the displacement of local communities and affect the properties and livelihoods of thousands of families living along the Musi River. The protest

was organised by Musi Jan Andolan, a city-based non-political people's platform, which accused the government of pursuing the project without adequate consultation with affected communities.

Protesters demanded that the government make the Detailed Project Report (DPR) publicly available in vernacular languages so that residents can understand the proposed works and their possible impact. The organisation also called for comprehensive consultations with



residents, environmentalists and other stakeholders before proceeding with the project. It demanded the withdrawal of GO 291, which provides for conducting a Social Impact Assessment in connection with the project. Musi Jan Andolan

further urged the government to immediately halt construction activities being undertaken as part of the riverfront development, including proposed roads along the Musi riverbanks and bridges. It also sought the creation of a dedicated

Musi River Basin Authority to oversee the river and its catchment area.

The protesters demanded an independent audit of funds previously spent on Musi River restoration, alleging that greater transparency was necessary before additional public money was committed to the riverfront project. During the protest, Musi Jan Andolan released a pamphlet in three languages highlighting what it described as the social and environmental consequences of the proposed development. Res-

idents from Narsingi, Nagole and several villages downstream of the Musi participated in the demonstration.

Environmentalists Dr. Baburao and Dr. Donthi Narasimha Reddy spoke about the ecological concerns associated with the project and stressed the need to protect the natural character of the river. LB Nagar BRS MLA D. Sudheer Reddy also attended the protest and expressed solidarity with residents opposing the project.

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 Ramajugudem of Allapally mandal. The ACB arrested the accused and produced him before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Warangal.

Uppal-Narapally flyover to be completed by June 2027, Says Venkat Reddy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

After missing several deadlines, the Congress government has now fixed June 2027 as the target for completing the long-pending Uppal-Narapally flyover. Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy assured the Legislative Council on Thursday that the elevated corridor would be completed and opened to the public by June 2027 under all circumstances. The Uppal-Narapally flyover, a Central government project on NH-163, was launched in 2018 at an estimated cost of Rs.425 crore, with an initial completion target of three years. However, the project faced prolonged delays due to operational and contractual



hurdles, leaving commuters waiting for its completion. The Minister had recently promised that the project would be completed by Dasara 2026, but that deadline has now been pushed further. Explaining the reasons for the delay, Venkat Reddy said the primary contractor had approached the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), creating difficulties in executing the work. A secondary agency subsequently brought in to complete the project also failed to

deliver as expected. The Congress government, with the intervention of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has since coordinated with Gayatri Projects to resume construction and accelerate the remaining works, the Minister said. Describing the project as a crucial infrastructure link, Venkat Reddy said the Uppal-Narapally corridor was “not an ordinary flyover” but a major elevated route serving as a vital lifeline for the region. It would improve connectivity between

Hyderabad and important destinations including Warangal, AIIMS Bibinagar, Bhongir and Jangaon. He said BT road renewals and surface repairs beneath the flyover had already been completed, while construction was being carried out round the clock. A high-level review meeting was also held three days ago with the Chief Engineer and officials of the National Highways Regional Office. The meeting focused on streamlining logistics, resolving implementation issues and ensuring timely payments to the contractor. The Minister expressed confidence that the latest measures would help maintain construction momentum and enable the project to meet its new June 2027 deadline.

Revanth Reddy says flash survey finds no hostility towards Telangana government

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has claimed that a “flash survey” conducted by him after three days of intense political activity inside and outside the Telangana Assembly indicated that there was no hostility among people towards the Congress government. Addressing the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) meeting here on Thursday, Revanth Reddy is learnt to have said that, instead, people had found fault with the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for its conduct. He asserted that the Congress government had delivered good governance during its first 1,000 days in office. The Chief Minister alleged that the BRS had deliberately hatched a conspiracy to disrupt Assembly



proceedings in an attempt to divert public attention from its failures. He urged Congress legislators to effectively counter the Opposition’s strategies and communicate the government’s achievements to the people. “We have to counter the opposition’s ploys effectively,” he reportedly said, while appreciating Congress MLAs who, according to him, had successfully exposed the alleged BRS conspiracies before the public. Revanth Reddy also appealed to Congress legislators to attend the Assembly regularly

and actively participate in debates and discussions. Meanwhile, a delegation of government employees met the Chief Minister and urged him to resolve their long-pending demands. During the interaction, Revanth Reddy is learnt to have said that the next Assembly elections would be held in 2028 or 2029. “I will be appearing for exams then and you can pass me or fail,” he reportedly told the employees, drawing an analogy with an electoral test. He appealed to the employees to give the government two years’ time and assured them that their pending issues would be addressed during that period. He had made a similar appeal to government teachers as well.

₹8.5 Crore Sanctioned for 28 Community Halls in Cantonment

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

A sum of ₹8.5 crore has been sanctioned for 28 community halls in the Cantonment area, giving a major boost to local infrastructure. Congress leader Jampana Pratap urged officials to expedite the works and complete the projects at the earliest. He said 25 community halls remain pending and stressed the need for speedy execution to benefit residents. Pratap thanked Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh for securing the funds and addressing key infrastruc-



ture requirements. He also appealed for the establishment of a junior college and a sports ground to provide better educational and sporting opportunities for local youth. He urged authorities to closely monitor the works, maintain quality standards and ensure timely completion of all sanctioned community hall projects.

Four Women Receive Free Sewing Machines in Bhongir

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central distributed free sewing machines to four women at YSR Gardens in Bhongir, promoting self-employment and women’s economic empowerment. The four sewing machines, worth ₹30,000, were donated by Dr. Empalla Buchi Reddy, Chairman-Membership, Kakatiya Region and head of Kepal Bones Setting Centre. The initiative aims to help beneficiaries develop tailoring skills and generate a sustain-



able income for their families. Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Chairman-Social Media, Kakatiya Region, participated in the programme and supported the Rotary Club’s women empowerment initiative. The beneficiaries were Gopi Chandrakala,

Bandirala Manasa, Erra Indra and Edla Sahaja. Rotary representatives said livelihood-oriented assistance can provide women with greater financial independence while strengthening household incomes. They described the distribution as a prac-

tical step towards turning skills into sustainable livelihoods. Those present included Pakeer Kondal Reddy, Assistant Governor; M.A. Rahim, President; Secretary Baddam Srinivas Reddy; Treasurer Kontham Padma Reddy; Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri President Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy; Past Presidents Jillala Kondal Reddy and Kommidiravinder Reddy, and other members. The Rotary Club said it would continue supporting women-focused self-employment initiatives.

Decorated Bulls Steal the Show at Polala Amavasya Celebrations in Banswada



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Polala Amavasya was celebrated with traditional fervour in Banswada of Kamareddy district, with decorated bulls becoming a major attraction among villagers and visitors. A local farmer’s unique decoration of his bulls, combining traditional rural customs with a political message, drew considerable attention during the celebrations. As part of the festival, the farmer carefully decorated his bulls with colourful patterns, flowers, bells and traditional ornaments. Adding a political touch to the festive display, the names “JAI KCR” and “KTR” were prominently written in colourful designs on the body of one of the bulls. The distinctive decoration soon became a talking point in the locality, with people showing interest in the farmer’s unusual way of expressing admiration for former Telangana Chief Minister

K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR). Polala Amavasya has a special place in Telangana’s agricultural and rural traditions. On the occasion, farmers traditionally bathe their cattle, decorate them with flowers and colourful designs, adorn them with bells and ornaments, and offer prayers as a mark of gratitude. The festival symbolises the strong bond between farmers, cattle and agriculture, recognising the important role of bulls in traditional farming activities. The celebrations in Banswada therefore offered a colourful blend of tradition and contemporary expression, with the specially decorated bulls becoming an eye-catching feature of the day. The display also highlighted how rural festivals continue to provide space for cultural traditions as well as individual forms of expression.

HMDA Distributes 1.33 Lakh Free Clay Ganesha Idols Across Hyderabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) has launched a major eco-friendly initiative by distributing 1.33 lakh clay Ganesha idols free of cost across Hyderabad from September 9 to 13, encouraging citizens to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi without harming the environment. As per HMDA proceedings, the distribution includes 80,000 eight-inch idols and 53,000 one-foot



idols for the public and NGOs. The idols are being distributed at 34 locations, including KBR Park, Peddamma Temple, Kothwalguda Eco Park, Shilparamam, Tank Bund, NTR Gardens, Durgam

Cheruvu and other prominent areas. At Kokapet Kothacheruvu Lake, HMDA personnel and organisers distributed clay idols to devotees while spreading awareness about environmentally re-

sponsible celebrations. The initiative aims to reduce the use of Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols, which can adversely affect lakes and other water bodies during immersion. Through its “Eco Ganesha, Green Ganesha, Clay Ganesha” campaign, HMDA is urging people to embrace sustainable alternatives. The campaign highlights that devotion and environmental protection can go hand in hand, promoting a cleaner and greener Hyderabad during the festive season.

Stop Publication of Controversial Book on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State unit of The National Ambedkar Sena has demanded an immediate halt to the publication and launch of a book titled “Kalpita Nayakudu” (Imaginary Leader) by Hamara Prasad, alleging that it contains objectionable content about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The organisation lodged complaints with Rachakonda Commissioner B. Sumathi IPS and senior police officials, seeking an inquiry and stringent action against



the author. The Commissioner reportedly assured the delegation that appropriate action would be taken. National president Manne Sridhar, state president Taluka Rajesh, Kadaram Vinay Kumar, Shathiri Praveen Kumar, Gokul Kalyan, Gunguru Venkatesh, Pappula Malleshi and others were present.

RMPs, PMPs Seek Legal Recognition from Telangana Govt

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RMP and PMP representatives have urged the Telangana government to provide legal recognition to trained rural and urban medical practitioners serving poor and rural communities at affordable costs. At an emergency meeting held at Parvath Nagar Community Hall in Serilingampally, representatives said trained practitioners should be issued certificates and identity cards after completing government-approved training. State president Dr. Venkat Reddy said



many practitioners were worried following recent warnings against fake doctors and appealed to authorities not to harass genuine trained practitioners. He said around 40,000 RMPs and PMPs had undergone training after paying government fees, while others were awaiting training. The representatives demanded

examinations and certification for trained practitioners and fresh training for those on the waiting list. They also offered to work within clearly defined medical limits and support government health programmes, including Pulse Polio, AIDS awareness and family welfare initiatives. They appealed to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s government to consider their demands positively and provide livelihood protection while ensuring affordable healthcare for poor people.

Telangana Govt Hospitals to Get 9 New MRI, 8 CT Scanners: Damodar Rajanarsimha

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The Telangana government is further strengthening diagnostic and critical-care infrastructure in its public hospitals, with nine new MRI machines and eight CT scan machines being installed across government hospitals, Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha informed the Legislative Council. Responding to members, the Minister said the government

was expanding advanced diagnostic services to ensure that patients in government hospitals have better access to essential investigations and treatment. In another major step to strengthen critical-care facilities, the State is also procuring 485 ventilators, which will be installed in hospitals based on their requirements. The Minister further revealed that the government is working towards establishing a



dedicated system for the maintenance and management of medical equipment. The move is aimed at ensuring that costly diagnostic and life-support equipment remains functional and available for patient care. The expansion of MRI and CT scan facilities is

expected to improve access to advanced diagnostic services, particularly for patients who depend on government hospitals for affordable healthcare. The government has been focusing on strengthening public healthcare infrastructure, modernising hospitals and improving the availability of specialised medical services across Telangana. The State Health Department continues to oversee a wide network of government hospitals

and healthcare facilities. Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha reiterated that strengthening government hospitals with modern equipment, adequate infrastructure and effective maintenance mechanisms is essential to providing quality healthcare to people. The latest measures are expected to give a further boost to diagnostic and critical-care services in Telangana’s government healthcare system.

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.

Modi Meets Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, Discusses Development Partnership

NEW DELHI
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Prince Rahim Aga Khan V, the 50th Imam of the Ismaili Muslims, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday, with the two leaders discussing ways to strengthen India's partnership with the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN) across several key areas. During the meeting, Prime Minister Modi recalled the contributions of the late Aga Khan IV to India's development efforts and discussed expanding cooperation with the AKDN in healthcare, agriculture, rural development, youth development and women's empowerment. "Happy to meet His Highness Prince Rahim Aga Khan V," Modi said in a post on X. He fondly recalled the late Aga Khan IV and his enduring contributions to development initiatives, while highlighting the potential for



further collaboration between India and the Aga Khan Development Network. Prince Rahim Aga Khan V is on an official visit to India from September 9 to 15 following an invitation from Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan. The visit marks his first trip to India since succeeding his late father, Aga Khan IV, as the 50th Imam of the Ismaili Muslim community. As part of his visit, Prince Rahim Aga Khan V is scheduled to travel to Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Hyderabad. The Aga Khan Development Network has been involved in a range of development and community-focused initiatives in these cities and across

India. The discussions with Prime Minister Modi are expected to further reinforce the longstanding relationship between India and the AKDN, particularly in areas focused on improving livelihoods and promoting inclusive development. The AKDN has worked with various partners in India on programmes relating to rural development, healthcare, education, cultural preservation and community development. Its initiatives have sought to improve opportunities for vulnerable communities while supporting sustainable development. Prince Rahim Aga Khan V's visit comes at a significant juncture following his ac-

cession to the spiritual leadership of the Ismaili community. His meetings and engagements in India are expected to provide an opportunity to deepen co-operation between the community's development institutions and Indian authorities. The meeting with Prime Minister Modi also underscored the importance of partnerships in areas such as agriculture and rural development, where collaborative initiatives can contribute to stronger livelihoods and greater economic opportunities. During his stay, his engagements in Ahmedabad, Mumbai and Hyderabad are likely to highlight the broad scope of the AKDN's work in India and its continued commitment to community welfare and development. The visit thus represents an important step in strengthening the longstanding ties between India and the Aga Khan institutions, while opening avenues for greater co-operation.

BJP Using Communal Atmosphere to Divert Focus From Inflation: Akhilesh

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday accused the BJP of diverting attention from rising inflation by creating a communal atmosphere and alleged that the ruling party opposes reservation for women, backward classes, Dalits and tribals. When asked about the BJP observing the 11th anniversary of the Muzaffarnagar riots and posters related to the violence appearing in some places, Yadav said the ruling party wanted to win elections through communal polarisation. He said the BJP wants to create a communal atmosphere. "Inflation is not an issue for them, nor is anything else. Look at how inflation is rising. What hasn't become expensive? They are neither accepting that inflation exists nor addressing the problem,"



Yadav said. He alleged that inflation was increasing because the government was allowing its "people" to make profits and engage in corruption. Yadav questioned the government's claims of high GDP growth, citing an incident in Jhansi where a poor man allegedly could not afford to take his wife's body home from the hospital or perform her last rites, forcing him to dump the body in a river. "As an economist rightly pointed out recently, the GDP is zero because if GDP is growing at 7.2, 7.8 or 7.9 per cent, as they claim, then why is a poor person unable to take his wife home or perform her last rites?"

he asked. Taking a dig at Lucknow securing the top rank in a national clean-air survey, Yadav said air quality should be checked again after the rains stop and weather conditions normalise. He promised better work on air and water quality, and the environment, if the SP returns to power in 2027. He also took a swipe at the government over waterlogging in "Kyoto" (Varanasi) and "Spain" (Gorakhpur), saying those unable to drain rainwater from their own cities could not address flood-related problems elsewhere. He frequently refers to Varanasi as Kyoto and Gorakhpur as Spain in sarcasm. Yadav alleged irregularities in highways and expressways constructed under the BJP government and accused the ruling party of involvement in "Ram temple donation theft".

Not a Single Kashmiri Pandit PM Package Employee Left Without a Roof: Omar Abdullah

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana

Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah on Thursday firmly rejected allegations that Kashmiri Pandit employees appointed under the Prime Minister's Special Employment and Rehabilitation Package were living without government-provided shelter in the Valley. Addressing growing concerns and recent protests, he stressed that "not a single employee has been left without a roof," asserting that accommodation had been allotted wherever transit facilities were complete and ready for occupation. He noted that construction of the long-promised 6,000 transit flats had been significantly accelerated, with thousands already finished and the remaining units progressing in phases. Responding to demonstrations by Pandit employees who have been demanding secure and dignified housing, Abdullah maintained that the administration had already provided accommodation

to those who required it. He urged protesters to specify any individual cases where an eligible employee remained without housing, saying the government was prepared to address such gaps. "Tell me which Kashmiri Pandit employee is without accommodation," he said, questioning the basis of continued agitation and encouraging employees facing difficulties to approach the administration directly. The protests, held on Wednesday at Srinagar's Mushtaq Press Enclave, highlighted the frustration of employees who say they have spent years waiting for government-built housing while continuing to live in rented homes, often in vulnerable neighbourhoods. They set September 30 as the deadline for the government to resolve the issue, warning of an indefinite sit-in and hunger strike if their demands were not met. Their concerns stem from alleged delays in allotting the 6,000 transit flats promised under the PM Package. At a review meeting in March, offi-

cials reported that 4,128 units had been completed, 1,872 were under phased construction, and the final 456 were scheduled for completion by September. Protesters argued that even completed units have not been allotted swiftly, leaving many in limbo. The agitation also reflected a deeper unease triggered by recent security threats. In August, a disturbing set of posters—allegedly issued by a little-known militant outfit calling itself the United Liberation Council (ULC)—circulated online, naming several Kashmiri Pandit employees with unprecedented detail. The posters listed full names, residential addresses in Jammu, vehicle registration numbers, and phone numbers, branding the employees "white collar terrorists" and warning, "Wherever you are and wherever you go, we are watching your every move... calamity strikes when it must." Security agencies suspect ULC is a proxy of proscribed Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and have intensified verification and countermeasures.

IIT-M Launches Handbook to Help Parents Support Students' Mental Well-Being

Ahead of World Suicide Prevention Day, Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT-M) on Wednesday organised an interactive session for parents of its students to help them better understand and support their children's emotional and mental well-being. The online session, titled 'PREM – Parents' Role in Encouraging and Mentoring', was conducted by Dr Yamini Kannapan, Senior Consultant Psychiatrist, Behavioural Science, Kauvery Hospital. It focused on effective communication, understanding students' needs and helping them cope with academic and emotional pressures. IIT-M Director Prof V Kamakoti said happiness was a collective responsibility and that the institute was continuously evolving methods to reduce stress among students. He said the PREM and SAFE initiatives were launched to strengthen support for students. During the event, Prof Kamakoti also launched 'SAFE – Building Psychological Safety for High-Achieving Students', a handbook for parents authored by Dr Yamini Kannapan based on her experience of working with IIT-M students. The handbook is based on the SAFE framework—Secure Base, Autonomy Support,

Gujarat Collects DNA Samples From Kin of 29 Missing in Nepal Floods

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Gujarat Government has completed DNA sample collection from the relatives of 29 of the 30 people from the state, including Non-Resident Gujaratis (NRGs), who remain missing or uncontactable following the flash floods in Nepal, particularly along the Nepal-Tibet border and the Bhote Koshi River corridor. According to an official statement, "The collected samples are being processed for DNA profiling, and subsequent identification of bodies

and human remains recovered after the devastating flash floods. The process for the remaining case is also underway." Following the directives of Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel, the State Government has ensured that all necessary assistance and support are extended to the families and kin of missing persons in Gujarat and abroad. The Gujarat State Non-Resident Gujaratis' Foundation (NRGF), under the NRI Division of the General Administration Department, has been coordinating the DNA sample collection process and as-

sisting families in completing the procedures required for identification. In accordance with guidelines issued by the Government of India, designated forensic laboratories have been identified across the country for DNA sample collection and profiling of first-degree relatives of missing persons. As per the directions of the Union Home Minister Amit Shah, all laboratories designated for this purpose across the country will undertake DNA profiling free of cost. Six such designated laboratories are located in Gujarat, enabling families

in the state to access authorised facilities. The National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, is coordinating, in association with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), matters relating to DNA profiling of samples collected in India and their coordination with the identification process in Nepal. As per the Government of India's guidelines, NRGF is personally contacting the relatives of each missing person and guiding them regarding designated laboratories, available facilities and the procedure for DNA sam-

Bengal Assembly Passes Bill Allowing Inter-University Transfer of Staff

KOLKATA
Wakeup telangana

The West Bengal Assembly on Thursday passed by voice vote an amendment Bill that empowers the government to transfer teaching and non-teaching staffers from one state university to another. The West Bengal Universities and Colleges (Administration and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was approved by the state cabinet on September 8. It seeks to add one provision in Sec-

tion 14A of the existing 2017 Act, which will allow inter-university transfer of both teaching and non-teaching employees as and when required, officials said. The Bill was tabled by Higher Education Minister Jagannath Chattopadhyay during a special session of the state assembly. Addressing the assembly during the tabling of the Bill, Chief Minister Suwendu Adhikari said that through the proposed legislation, "so-called pundits" will be

sent to newly established institutions which would be benefitted. "The Bill will balance institutes' autonomy and accountability towards the government... It would not impact PhD supervision and projects... Those unhappy with the provisions of the Bill are welcome to quit their jobs," he said. Asked what prompted the decision to amend the existing Act, Adhikari had earlier said, "This is important. There is a ground reality that necessitates the Bill." "Several experi-

enced professors will go to the new universities. They will guide these universities on what the infrastructure should be like, how classes can be conducted and how they can be turned into centres of excellence," he added. The "experienced teachers" will be transferred to new universities established in "places like Jhargram and Cooch Behar and will ensure the exchange of human resources", the CM had said.

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Ponnam Peshi.....

According to an ACB press release, the accused, A. Ragha-vender, an outsourcing employee in the revenue department dealing with CMRF, and a senior assistant in Telangana Industrial Development Corporation demanded a bribe to hand over the cheque of '2 lakh and process the second claim for Rs 5 lakh. They were arrested and remanded for judicial custody. Inquiries by Deccan Chronicle revealed that the bribery involved active participation of some staff members at the minister's peshi who were suspected of having handed over the cheque to the outsourcing employee to negotiate with the patient and accept the bribe amount. The patient had ap-

plied for Rs 13.5 lakh during the first instance of hospitalisation and Rs 5 lakh for the second time, sources said. The misuse has its roots in the government's attempt to hand over the cheques to the beneficiaries through public representatives once or twice a month at public gatherings, apparently to take mileage for the good work. As per procedure, MPs, ministers, MLCs and MLAs have to refer requests of their constituents for assistance under the CMRF to the Chief Minister whose office will process it and, if approved, send it to the revenue department for preparing the cheque and handover to the public representative concerned. "The records available with the revenue department revealed that

the cheque was handed over in minister Ponnam Prabhakar's peshi at least 20 days ago. There was an acknowledgement of receipt of cheque from the minister's staff," sources said. Further investigation by the ACB was expected to identify the corrupt staff in the minister's peshi, sources added.

TGEJAC Leaders.....

They also sought immediate release of at least three of the six pending DA instalments and payment of employee and pensioner bills cumulatively exceeding ₹10,000 crore. The delegation proposed raising the monthly release towards pending bills from the present ₹1,000 crore to ₹2,000 crore, with ₹1,000 crore each for employees and pensioners. The

JAC also sought scrapping of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restoration of OPS through a dedicated committee, effective implementation of the New Employees Health Scheme (NEHS), and completion of the recognition process for employee associations. The Chief Minister responded positively and said the government had written to the PRC seeking its report. After receiving it, the government would examine the recommendations and hold discussions with employee representatives before taking a decision on the fitment and payment of pending DA. Revanth Reddy said the government had released around ₹10,000 crore towards employee-related issues since January and assured the delegation that efforts

would be made to resolve the remaining issues at the earliest. The CM said that after the ongoing Assembly session, he would meet finance officials to review the state's financial position and take appropriate steps.

Delhi HC Asks CJP...

"There is a lot of anxiety around these days, right? But there are different ways of expressing. You can express these things, you are the youth, you are the next generation. You have a right to express but sometimes the expressions need to be put a more articulate manner; a manner which expresses your intent and goes the right way," it further said. The counsel for Das and Ranka assured the court that the posts in

question would be removed within 24 hours. Bhatia, who appeared in person, turned down the court's suggestion to refer the matter to mediation and urged the court to restrain the defendants from publishing any more defamatory tweets in the future on the present issue. As the lawyers for the CJP leaders clarified that they were not giving any undertaking on not publishing further posts, Justice Gedela said Bhatia would be free to approach the court again in case of a grievance. The case stems from certain tweets by the CJP and its leaders, which allegedly amplified a graphic containing a quote wrongly attributed to the senior lawyer. Although Das subsequently deleted his tweet.

CRIME

All Pushkaralu Works Must Be Completed in Coordination with Departments

MUDHOLE
Wakeup telangana

Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to complete all developmental and administrative works related to the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu at Basara within the stipulated timeframe and in close coordination with all concerned departments.

On Thursday evening, Collector Bhavesh Mishra, along with District SP Janki Sharmila, conducted a review meeting with officials at the Basara Executive Officer's office to assess preparations for the Pushkaralu. The Collector instructed departments to make comprehensive arrangements considering the large number of devotees



expected to visit Basara during the festival. He directed officials to provide separate parking facilities for VIP and VVIP visitors while ensuring convenient parking arrangements for general devotees. He also suggested using artificial intelligence technology for effective Pushkaralu management, crowd control and real-time estimation of the number of devotees visiting the area. The Collector instructed officials of engineering departments to regularly inspect ongoing works

and ensure that all construction activities are completed with quality and within the prescribed deadlines. He stressed that the safety and convenience of devotees should remain the highest priority. Officials were asked to ensure adequate RTC bus services based on the expected crowd, smooth traffic movement, hassle-free parking, sufficient toilets and drinking water facilities. He also directed authorities to make arrangements for establishing a helipad to meet emergency and VIP requirements. District SP Janki Sharmila assured that elaborate security arrangements would be made for devotees visiting Basara during the Pushkaralu. She said the police department would

coordinate with all concerned departments and extend necessary support to ensure a safe and orderly pilgrimage. The SP stated that a Command Control Room would be established for centralized and continuous monitoring. CCTV cameras would be installed at key locations to monitor crowd movement and enhance the safety of devotees. A large number of police personnel would also be deployed across Basara during the Pushkaralu. R&B, RWS, Panchayat Raj and Irrigation Department Executive Engineers Subhash, Sandeep, Shankaraiah and Anil, Temple EO Anjana Devi, Tehsildar Poon Chander, along with other officials and staff, attended the review meeting.

Vehicle Stolen Near Tarnaka Apartment

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A vehicle parked near an apartment in Shirdi Sai Nagar, Gokul Nagar-Siddharth Nagar Colony, near CAPOL Bone Setting Centre in Tarnaka, was reportedly stolen by unidentified persons, creating concern among residents. According to preliminary information, the vehicle was parked in the locality when the theft allegedly took place. After receiving information about the

incident, local police initiated an investigation and began examining CCTV camera footage from the surrounding area. Police are reportedly reviewing visuals captured by cameras installed near the apartment, adjoining roads, shops and other establishments to identify the persons suspected to be involved in the theft. The footage is expected to help investigators establish the movements of the suspects and trace the

stolen vehicle. The identity of the persons allegedly involved has not yet been established, and the stolen vehicle is yet to be traced. Police are continuing efforts to collect evidence and gather information from the locality. Residents have been advised to remain alert and share any information that may help the investigation. The case remains under investigation, with further details awaited from the police.

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.

Ganesh Mandap Organisers Alert: Motakondur Police Issue Key Instructions

MOTAKONDUR
Wakeup telangana

With Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations scheduled for September 14, Motakondur Police have issued important instructions to organisers planning to install Ganesh idols and set up festival mandaps in Matoor and other villages under the Motakondur Police Station limits. Police have appealed to all organisations, festival committees, organisers and devotees to submit the required details regarding

Ganesh idol installations and processions through the designated Telangana Police online portal well in advance. The advance intimation is aimed at helping authorities make proper arrangements for security, processions and idol immersion. According to Constable A. Saidulu of Motakondur Police Station, providing information beforehand will enable the police to coordinate security measures and ensure smooth management of Ganesh celebrations

and immersion programmes. Organisers who fail to provide the necessary information in advance could face difficulties during the immersion process, particularly with regard to security and coordination. Police therefore urged organisers not to delay the online application or intimation process and to complete the required formalities at the earliest. A. Saidulu, Constable, has been assigned as the Matoor Village Constable In-charge. Organisers and residents who experience

difficulties while submitting the online application can contact him at 8186844054 for assistance. Police appealed to all festival organisers and devotees to cooperate with the authorities and ensure that Ganesh celebrations, processions and immersion programmes are conducted peacefully, safely and in an orderly manner. Motakondur Police also extended advance Ganesh Chaturthi greetings to the people of Matoor and neighbouring villages.

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.



IBBI Lists Warning Signs Of Misuse Of Bankruptcy Law

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Close on the heels of the controversy surrounding the repayment of a loan linked to Subhash Chandra, the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) has directed insolvency professionals (IPs) to remain vigilant against the potential misuse of the insolvency framework. In a circular issued on Wednesday, the bankruptcy regulator said it had received information from law enforcement and regulatory agencies indicating that the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC), 2016, was in some instances being used for purposes other than resolving genuine insolvency.

According to the IBBI, such misuse could include attempts to evade taxes or regulatory scrutiny, reduce the impact of ongoing investigations or penalties, shut down or merge companies without appropriate regulatory oversight, and monetise or ring-fence assets instead of addressing insolvency. The regulator has outlined several warning signs that IPs need to closely examine while handling insolvency proceedings. One such red flag is when a single creditor, other than a bank or public financial institution, suddenly acquires or has a company's debt transferred to it shortly before insolvency proceedings commence and sub-



sequently gains control over decision-making. Another warning sign is a situation where creditors recover only a very small fraction of the amount owed, without a credible explanation for the apparently low valuation of the corporate debtor's assets. The IBBI has also flagged cases involving clusters of corporate debtors that have common promoters, directors, addresses or inter-company lending arrangements and are ad-

mitted into the Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP) within a short period. Such concerns become more significant when there is an overlap in the composition of the Committee of Creditors (CoC), limited competitive participation in the resolution process, or the repeated appearance of the same resolution applicant across connected corporate debtors. Linkages between a corporate debtor or its group entities and orders or ongoing proceedings involving fraud by another regulator, enforcement agency or investigating authority have also been identified as potential indicators of misuse. The IBBI has directed IPs to

report cases to the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) if, after examining the circumstances, they believe the insolvency process is being used for a fraudulent or malicious purpose rather than for resolution of insolvency or liquidation. Suman Kumar Jha, founder of Corp Legex, said IPs would have to assess each case based on its facts, surrounding circumstances, established legal principles, regulatory circulars and judicial interpretations. He said IPs would examine the conduct of the parties, commercial substance of transactions, contemporaneous documents and the overall circumstances to determine intent.

GCC Expansion May Add 8–12 mn sq. ft. Office Demand

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad's expanding Global Capability Centre (GCC) ecosystem could generate 8–12 million sq. ft. of additional office demand over the next three to five years, according to a report by Anarock Research and Advisory and FICCI. The report, Hyderabad: The Rise of a Global Capability Powerhouse, was unveiled at the 'FICCI India Next Growth Frontier Hyderabad' conference on Thursday. It estimates that the city could add 50–70 GCCs and more than 75,000 high-skilled jobs over the next few years. Flex and managed workspace could generate another 2–3 million sq. ft. of potential demand, particularly across western Hyderabad and established IT corridors. The growth is expected to support demand for Grade A, amenity-rich and technology-enabled offices. Hy-



derabad has more than 515 GCCs employing over three lakh professionals, accounting for nearly 20 per cent of India's GCC base, the report said. The city added more than 70 GCCs in FY25, compared with 30–35 in Bengaluru, 15–20 in Pune and 12–15 in Chennai. GCC leasing rose from about 1.9 million sq ft in 2021 to 4.5 million sq. ft. in 2025. Another 3.05 million sq. ft. was absorbed by GCCs in H1 2026. "GCC leasing in Hyderabad has more than doubled in four years, reflecting the city's growing appeal as a global capability hub," said Anuj Puri, chairman, ANA-ROCK Group. The ecosystem is also becoming more diversified, spanning IT-ITes, BFSI,

pharma and life sciences, semiconductors, aerospace and defence, automotive and engineering, healthcare, consumer and retail, and media technology. Functions include AI and machine learning, cloud engineering, product development, cybersecurity, analytics, R&D and digital transformation. Hyderabad has about 125 million sq. ft. of Grade A office stock, nearly 15 per cent of India's inventory, with another 36 million sq. ft. in the pipeline. Office completions moderated from 17.1 million sq. ft. in 2022 to about 3 million sq. ft. in H1 2026. Net absorption stood at 8.5 million sq. ft. in 2025 and 5.2 million sq. ft. in H1 2026. Vacancy declined from 26.3 per cent in 2025 to 23.5 per cent in H1 2026. Average office rentals were about ₹75 per sq. ft. per month, below the pan-India average of ₹96.

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 touch-points. 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.

Balancing Home and Research, Deepa Banoth Earns PhD



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Dr. Deepa Banoth, a homemaker and mother of two, has been awarded a Ph.D. in Business Management by Osmania University, marking a significant academic achievement alongside her family responsibilities. A research scholar in the Department of Business Management, Dr. Deepa completed her doctoral research under the guidance of Dr. V. Samunnatha. Her thesis, titled "A Comparative Study on Employee Satisfaction in Select Public and Private Universities of Telangana State," examined employee satisfaction across selected public and private universities and offered suggestions to improve workplace satisfaction in higher educational institutions.

Following the award of her doctorate, Dr. Deepa was felicitated by senior professor Sree Ramulu, Dean Prof. Jahangir, Head of the Department Prof. Vidyasagar Rao, faculty members, research scholars and staff of the Department of Business Management. They congratulated her on successfully completing her doctoral journey. Dr. Deepa credited her husband Ravi Teja, family members and research supervisor Dr. V. Samunnatha for their constant encouragement and support. Her elder son is pursuing MBBS, while her younger son is studying engineering. Her achievement highlights how determination, perseverance and family support can help women pursue higher education despite demanding responsibilities at home.

Celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in Vibrant Yellows and Oranges from Fabindia

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Fabindia has unveiled a special Ganesh Chaturthi collection featuring vibrant shades of yellow, orange and mustard, bringing together traditional Indian craftsmanship and contemporary silhouettes for men, women and children. The festive curation, available across Fabindia's 350-plus stores and online, offers handcrafted apparel and accessories designed to add colour and elegance to family gatherings and celebrations during the festival. For women, the collection includes an elegant Maheshwari cotton-silk sari in a solid mustard hue, highlighted by a contrasting thin pink border. A fuchsia cotton-silk slim-fit kurta is another key offering, featuring a straight silhouette with embroidery detailing along the neckline and hem. The design combines a contemporary fit with traditional artisan craftsmanship.



The men's festive edit features a mustard cotton kurta showcasing the distinctive Khari hand-block print, known for its shimmering metallic patterns. Designed with a classic collar and coconut-shell buttons, the kurta also features a concealed pocket finished with a motif-printed border. Fabindia suggests pairing it with a solid beige viscose-silk churidar, Bandhgala jacket and Kolhapuri footwear for a traditional festive look. Children can coordinate their outfits with their parents through a range of mini-me ensembles. Girls can choose a yellow floral-

printed three-piece salwar set paired with a delicate cotton-silk dupatta, while boys can opt for a rust silk hand-block printed kurta with classic beige pyjamas. The festive collection is complemented by traditional accessories, including a nose ring, bronze Jhilmil Potli, gold stud earrings, pearl chain-drop earrings, multi-stone necklaces and a fuchsia bag designed to add a contrasting accent to yellow ensembles. According to Fabindia, the Ganesh Chaturthi curation reflects the diversity of Indian craftsmanship while bringing heritage techniques into contemporary fashion.

The collection is intended to capture the celebratory spirit of the festival through colour, handcrafted detailing and versatile silhouettes. Founded in 1960 with its first retail store in New Delhi, Fabindia has built a 65-year legacy around Indian crafts and contemporary design. The company now operates more than 350 stores across 127 cities in India, besides 13 international outlets across seven countries. Its portfolio spans apparel, jewellery, bags, footwear, home furnishings, furniture, gifts, organic food and personal care products. Fabindia also works with craft-based rural producers, connecting artisans with urban markets while supporting traditional skills and hand-based production techniques. The Ganesh Chaturthi collection is available at Fabindia stores nationwide and through its online platform at Fabindia.com.

NPCI Unveils UPI 'Tap & Pay' and MyUPI; Sebi Launches Corporate Bonds Tokenisation

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Markets regulator Sebi on Thursday announced launch of 'Demat 2.0', a pilot project on tokenisation of corporate bonds, enabling atomic settlement that allows instant transaction. Demat 2.0 is connected to RBI's wholesale CBDC through Unified Market Interface (UMI) of Reserve Bank of India. The announcement was made jointly by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra and Sebi Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey at the Global Fintech Fest. Malhotra also announced launch of two customer-centric UPI innovations -- UPI 'Tap & Pay' on Point-of-Sale (POS) terminals and MyUPI, a customer support solution powered by NPCI's Small Language Model (FiMI). Demat 2.0 is the new market infrastructure devel-

oped to test a new way of issuing, holding, trading and settling corporate bonds. The bond is created as a digital token on a distributed ledger - a shared electronic record maintained simultaneously by market infrastructure institutions using Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT). The ledger is owned by the depositories. "This (Demat 2.0) enables atomic settlement, i.e., the bond and the money move instantaneously," the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a statement. The technology improves the efficiency of transactions in securities market. Asset servicing, including interest payments and redemption, can be handled automatically through smart contracts -- instructions written into the ledger that execute on their own.

FICCI Hosts Hyderabad 2035 Conference

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India's Global Capability Capital". The event marked the official release of the knowledge report "Hyderabad - The Rise of a Global Capability Powerhouse," documenting the city's rise as the nation's premier hub for Global Capability Centers (GCCs), technology innovation, and cross-sector growth. Mr. S.P. Reddy, Chairman and Managing Director of Terminus Group, revealed that Hyderabad recorded 5.2 million square feet of commercial space absorption in H1 2026, with GCCs occupying 40 to 45 percent of the market share. This commercial momentum catalysed a 12 percent year-on-year surge in residential sales, touching 23,700 units. Delivering his address,

Mr. V.V. Rama Raju, Chairman of FICCI Telangana State Council and Founder & Managing Director of Gaja Engineering, emphasised the economic multiplier effect that GCCs exert on the region. Highlighting that Hyderabad now hosts over 500 GCCs employing more than 300,000 professionals—accounting for 20 percent of India's GCC workforce—Mr. Rama Raju outlined how incoming global investments directly fuel commercial leasing, residential demand, and retail growth. Mr. Peush Jain, Managing Director of ANA-ROCK, added that the city offers world-class infrastructure spanning over 1.4 billion square feet of development, positioning it among the top global investment destinations.

“Highlights, Shadows... I’m Waiting for Midtones!” — The Light Behind a Powerful

Highlights and shadows are always there... I’m waiting for midtones.” This striking line accompanying a studio portrait has captured the essence of one of the most important creative elements in photography—the art of controlling light. The portrait, captured during a photography session associated with the School of Media, Design & Technology at Malla Reddy Vishwa Vidhyapeeth, demonstrates how carefully positioned studio lights can completely transform an ordinary frame into a dramatic visual statement. The School itself places strong emphasis on experiential learning, creative practice and industry engagement. Light Creates the Mood In the image, the subject is illuminated from above and from the sides, while significant portions of the background and face remain in controlled shadow. The result is a strong highlight-shadow contrast that gives the por-



trait depth, character and a cinematic appearance. The blue-toned light on one side and warmer illumination on the other create colour separation, while the overhead lighting highlights the facial structure, shoulders and clothing. Rather than attempting to remove every shadow, the photograph uses shadows as a creative tool. Why Midtones Matter The caption—“Highlights and shadows are always there, I’m waiting for midtones”—offers an interesting

photographic perspective. Highlights provide brightness and emphasis. Shadows create depth, mystery and contrast. Midtones provide the transition between the two, helping preserve detail and create a more balanced tonal relationship. The careful combination of all three can make a portrait appear three-dimensional rather than flat. From Camera Settings to Creative Decisions Good portrait photography is not simply about owning a profes-

sional camera. The photographer must make deliberate decisions about light direction, intensity, contrast, exposure, subject positioning and background. That practical understanding is particularly relevant to media students and aspiring photographers. Malla Reddy Vishwa Vidhyapeeth’s School of Media, Design & Technology offers programmes spanning digital media, content creation, photography and other creative disciplines, with an emphasis on practical skills and industry exposure. “A photograph is not only about what the camera sees—it is about what the photographer chooses to reveal and what to leave in shadow.” This portrait is a powerful reminder that light is not merely illumination; it is a storytelling tool. The right balance of highlights, shadows and midtones can turn a simple portrait into a photograph with mood, depth and personality.

Hyderabad Artists Present ‘Krishnanjali’ at ISKCON Dwarka



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad-based Kuchipudi artists presented a devotional dance programme titled “Krishnanjali – An Offering to Lord Krishna through Kuchipudi Natyam” at ISKCON Dwarka, New Delhi, as part of the Divine Janmashtami celebrations. The programme featured students of Jyothi Kalakshetra, Hyderabad, under the guidance and choreography of Natya Guru Jyothi Reddy. Blending classical dance, devotion and spirituality, the presentation included four compositions — Pushpanjali, Dashavataram, Swagatham Krishna and Tarangam. The programme opened with Pushpan-

jali, a traditional salutation offered to the Lord, Guru, musicians and audience. Performed in Ragam Nattai and Talam Adi, the piece featured Godi Anagha Devi. Dashavataram portrayed the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu — Matsya, Kurma, Varaha, Narasimha, Vamana, Parasurama, Rama, Krishna, Buddha and Kalki. The composition was performed by P. Sri Vaishno Devi, Lalitha Sri Pinapala, Harshitha Kairamkonda, Yuvasre Phane Surya and Ishanee Khare from Gurgaon. Swagatham Krishna, the popular Carnatic composition by Oot-hukkadu Venkata Sub-baiyer, brought a vibrant devotional atmosphere. Presented in Ragam Mohana and

Talam Adi, it was performed by Godi Vijetha Devi Sathish Reddy. The programme concluded with Tarangam, a distinctive Kuchipudi item featuring rhythmic movements performed on the rim of a brass plate. Jyothi Reddy said Kuchipudi represents devotion, discipline and a connection with cultural roots, adding that every performance is an opportunity to serve God through tradition. Established in Hyderabad in 2018, the school has grown to more than 150 Kuchipudi students. The young dancers’ presentation highlighted their commitment to preserving Indian classical dance, spiritual traditions and cultural heritage for future generations.

India-Afghanistan Opening T20 To Go Ahead As Scheduled Despite Delhi Police Rescheduling Request



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The opening T20I between India and Afghanistan will be held as scheduled at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on September 13, the Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) confirmed on Thursday, despite a request from the Delhi Traffic Police to consider postponing the match in view of the high-profile BRICS Summit. Afghanistan will host India for the three-match T20I series, with the remaining games scheduled for September 15 and 17. The series opener is expected to draw around 25,000 to 35,000 spectators. “India-

Afghanistan 1st T20I on 13 September at Arun Jaitley Stadium will go ahead as scheduled,” the DDCA posted on X. The cricket body said it had held discussions with the Delhi Traffic Police and received assurances that all necessary support and arrangements would be provided for the match. “No postponement,” the DDCA clarified. The development came after the Delhi Traffic Police, in a letter dated September 9, requested the DDCA to consider rescheduling the September 13 fixture. The request was made against the backdrop of the BRICS Summit, scheduled to be held in Delhi on September 12 and

13. According to the traffic police, the summit is expected to bring a large number of foreign delegates, dignitaries and VVIPs to the national capital. Extensive security and traffic arrangements, including VIP route regulation, diversions, route clearance and deployment of personnel, are planned to facilitate the movement of delegates and official vehicles. The traffic police pointed out that the entire Delhi Traffic Police would already be heavily deployed for BRICS-related duties when the cricket match takes place. Citing the international importance of the summit and the expected crowd at the stadium, the police had requested the DDCA to consider moving the match to a suitable date after the summit and related traffic arrangements were completed. However, following discussions with the authorities, the DDCA has decided to proceed with the match on September 13, bringing an end to uncertainty over the series opener.

Tamil Nadu Sweeps the Podium at CISCE Girls Volleyball Nationals



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana Waheed Uddin

The 7th CISCE Girls Volleyball National Tournament concluded successfully at the GMC Balayogi Stadium, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, with Tamil Nadu emerging as the dominant force by winning the Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 titles. Hosted by Nasr School, Khairatabad, the three-day championship was held from September 7 to 9 and featured 15 teams representing different states and regions across the country. The tournament showcased

high-quality volleyball, competitive spirit and exemplary sportsmanship among the young athletes. The championship began with a briefing on rules and regulations for participating coaches and managers by Mir Mohiuddin Mohammed, Principal, Nasr School, Khairatabad. The event was graced by Shazia Kariappa, Member of the Senior Women’s Indian Volleyball Team Selection Committee, former Coach of the Indian Women’s Volleyball Team and current Coach of the South Central Railway Women’s Volleyball

Team. Shiv Kumar, CISCE Council Observer, was also present. In the Under-14 category, Tamil Nadu defeated Kerala 25-23, 25-10 in the first semi-final, while Karnataka overcame Maharashtra 25-16, 10-25, 15-7. In

the final, Tamil Nadu defeated Karnataka 25-18, 25-20 to clinch the title. In the Under-17 category, AP & Telangana defeated Bihar & Jharkhand 25-11, 25-19, while Tamil Nadu beat Karnataka 20-25, 25-18, 15-8. Tamil Nadu then defeated AP & Telangana 25-18, 25-20 in the final. The Under-19 title also went to Tamil Nadu. West Bengal defeated Maharashtra 25-15, 25-18 in the first semi-final, while Tamil Nadu edged past AP & Telangana 24-26, 25-23, 15-11. In the final, Tamil Nadu defeated West Bengal 25-12, 25-18. The closing ceremony

was attended by Pavitra, International Volleyball Player, as Guest of Honour. The CISCE Under-14, Under-17 and Under-19 Girls Volleyball Teams were subsequently announced by Mir Mohiuddin Mohammed. He congratulated the selected players and wished them success as they prepare to represent CISCE at the forthcoming SGFI Tournament. The championship concluded on a high note, celebrating sporting excellence, friendship, teamwork, fair play and perseverance among the young athletes of the CISCE community.



Ganesh Fest to Roll Into 12th Day, Immersion on Sept. 25

Asad Urges PM To Place Trade Restrictions On Israel

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The Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi (BGUS) has clarified that the immersion of Ganesh idols in Hyderabad will be held on Friday, September 25, coinciding with Ananta Chaturdashi. The decision means that this year’s Ganesh festivities will continue for 12 days instead of the usual 11. A representative of the samithi said the confusion regarding the duration arose because Ananta Chaturdashi falls on a Friday this year. The immersion date was finalised after consultations with religious scholars and based on the relevant tithi. According to BGUS representatives, the celebrations will commence on Monday, September



14, on the occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi, and culminate with the mass immersion of idols on September 25. The samithi has also announced a series of programmes during the festivities. On September 17, all Ganesh mandapams will hoist the National Flag and sing

‘Vande Mataram’ to mark Hyderabad Liberation Day and commemorate the Police Action. Devotees will also be administered an oath to work towards making Hyderabad free from infiltrators. The BGUS has appealed to organisers of all pandals to uphold the

traditional and spiritual practices associated with the festival. Around 1.5 lakh Ganesh mandapams are expected to be established across the city and surrounding areas this year. For the first time, the samithi has constituted an Information Technology committee to coordinate

activities and facilitate on-line registration of volunteers. It also plans to conduct continuous meetings with various stakeholders to ensure smooth arrangements. A meeting with the police department is scheduled for Friday to discuss security and other logistical arrangements. BGUS general secretary Dr Ravinutala Shashidhar said several programmes had been planned throughout the festival. He appealed to mandapam organisers to give preference to Swadeshi products and encouraged local vendors to promote cow-based products. Seers from different parts of the country are also expected to participate and perform special pujas during the celebrations.

HYDERABAD
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AIMIM president and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to impose restrictions on the import of goods produced in what he described as “illegal Israeli settlements” in the occupied West Bank, following similar measures announced by several Western countries. Owaisi said India should take such a step at the earliest to put pressure on Israel to halt the expansion of settlements and contribute towards creating conditions for a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine conflict. “This will be an important decision to stop Israel’s growing oppression,” Owaisi said in a post on X, while



urging the Union government to act promptly. Referring to Britain’s decision to restrict imports from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, the AIMIM chief said the move was prompted by continued settlement expansion and increasing violent attacks by Israeli settlers against Palestinians. He also noted that several other countries were preparing to introduce similar trade restrictions. Owaisi tagged the respective prime ministers in his social media post while highlighting the international response to developments in the oc-

cupied Palestinian territories. On September 9, 12 Western countries, including France and Canada, jointly announced plans to restrict trade in goods originating from Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. The countries said the measures were being considered in response to accelerated settlement expansion and rising settler violence. According to the countries involved, these developments were undermining the viability of a two-state solution supported by the United Nations. Owaisi maintained that India should also adopt a similar position and use trade policy as a means of opposing settlement expansion and supporting Palestinian rights.

KTR’s PRO, PA Booked Over Assembly Standoff

Telangana Haj pilgrims await promised Rs 10,000 airfare assistance

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Saifabad police have booked a case against BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao’s public relations officer (PRO) Mahesh and personal assistant (PA) Mahender Reddy for allegedly obstructing police personnel from discharging their duties during a confrontation outside the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The case was booked based on a complaint by reserve inspector Jangaiah, police said. The Saifabad Inspector said



several petitions were received in connection with the Assembly incident and were being examined. The incident occurred when Rama Rao, former minister T. Harish Rao and BRS legislators reached the Assembly wearing black shirts carrying slogans against Chief Minister A. Revanth

Reddy and the Congress government. Police stopped them from entering the premises over the slogans, following which an argument and scuffle broke out. Cases have already been booked against Rama Rao, Harish Rao and 12 BRS MLAs and MLCs in connection with the stand-off. Police were examining video footage and other evidence to establish the sequence of events. BRS also alleged that its legislators were assaulted by police personnel.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Congress government in Telangana is yet to release the promised Rs.10,000 assistance to Haj pilgrims towards the additional airfare incurred following a fare hike, despite Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announcing the financial support several months ago. In May this year, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had announced that the State government would bear the additional airfare burden of

Rs.10,000 for Haj pilgrims from Telangana. He attributed the increase in airfare to the situation arising from the Iran war and fuel shortages. The Chief Minister had also stated that the government had already borne the additional airfare cost for nearly 7,000 pilgrims. However, AIMIM Floor Leader Akbaruddin Owaisi on Thursday pointed out that the promised assistance had still not reached the beneficiaries. Raising the issue during Question Hour in the Assembly,

Owaisi said the Haj pilgrims had completed their pilgrimage and returned to Hyderabad, but were yet to receive the Rs.10,000 assistance announced by the State government. He also highlighted another pending issue, stating that a food bill amounting to around Rs.2 crore was yet to be cleared. The AIMIM leader sought clarity from the government on the status of these payments and urged authorities to fulfil the commitments made to Haj pilgrims. Owaisi

also sought details regarding the proposed new Haj House, including its location, estimated construction cost and the government’s plans for the project. Responding to the questions, Minorities Welfare Minister Mohd Azharuddin said the government had proposed construction of a new Haj House at Mamidipally in Shamshabad. The project has been estimated to cost Rs.86.50 crore. However, he clarified that the required funds had not yet been sanctioned. The Minister

said several offices of the Minority Welfare Department were currently functioning from the existing Haj House. Once the proposed new facility is constructed, the existing Haj House would be utilised for skill development activities and other welfare-oriented programmes for the minority community, he added. The issue has raised concerns over the delay in disbursing the assistance promised to Haj pilgrims, who are awaiting reimbursement of the additional airfare.



Recognising the signs that someone was struggling and reaching out without judgment could make a crucial difference, clinical psychologist Bona Colaco said on Thursday, urging young people to “Ask with Empathy, Care and Take Care”. Colaco was speaking at a programme to mark International Suicide Prevention Day.

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M. Manideep Yadav Appointed as NSUI Secunderabad District President

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M. Manideep Yadav has been appointed as the Secunderabad District President of the National Students’ Union of India (NSUI), Telangana, with the approval of NSUI National President Vinod Jakhar Ji. The appointment was issued by Telangana NSUI State President Yadavalli Venkataswamy Ji on September 9, 2026. The appointment is aimed at further strengthening the organisational structure of NSUI at the district level, ensuring effective coordination and expanding the organisa-



tion’s presence among students across Secunderabad. On his appointment, M. Manideep Yadav expressed his sincere gratitude to NSUI National President Shri Vinod Jakhar Ji, Telangana NSUI State President Shri Yadavalli Venkataswamy Ji, and NSUI All India Co-Convener Shri MD Akbar Ji for their trust and confidence in him.

Konda Surekha’s Former OSD Accused in Extortion Case Surrenders Before Police

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

N. Sumath, former aide of former minister Konda Surekha, surrendered before the police on Thursday in connection with the assault and extortion case registered against him and three others based on a complaint by real estate businessman Gongidi

Harikrishna. Sumanth’s surrender came a day after a Nampally court granted him conditional anticipatory bail along with three other accused. The court directed the accused to surrender before the investigating officer and co-operate with the probe. While a senior police official confirmed Sumanth’s surrender, a

police source said Sumanth had been instructed to cooperate with the investigation and appear whenever he was asked to report at the police station. He was also required to remain available during the investigation in accordance with the court’s conditions. The case was registered after Harikrishna alleged that Su-

manth, former officer on special duty (OSD) to Surekha, and three others — Arun Kumar Reddy, Mahender Reddy and Karthik — assaulted him with an iron rod and sticks at a location in Jubilee Hills. Harikrishna suffered a fracture to his left hand and other injuries and underwent treatment. The Jubilee Hills police had

earlier arrested three associates of Sumanth, while efforts were on to trace the remaining accused. The Nampally court directed Sumanth and the other accused to furnish two personal bonds of ₹25,000 each. The court also restrained them from influencing or threatening witnesses or tampering with evidence.

Congress Seeks SC/ST Atrocities Case Over Alleged Dalit Insult Near KCR Farmhouse

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Congress leaders have urged police to take strict legal action against those allegedly involved in an incident of caste-based discrimination near former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao’s farmhouse. Kavvam Palli Satyanarayana, Telangana Congress State Scheduled Caste (SC) Department President and Manakondur MLA, submitted a complaint to Lalaguda Police Station SHO Ravi Kiran, seeking registration of a case under the Scheduled Castes and the



Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. According to the complaint, the area near the farmhouse was allegedly washed and “purified” with turmeric water after members of the Dalit community had been present there. Congress leaders condemned the alleged act, stating that it amounted to an insult to

the dignity of Dalits and reflected caste-based discrimination. Satyanarayana demanded a comprehensive investigation into the incident and urged police to identify all those responsible and initiate appropriate legal proceedings. The delegation also sought strict punishment if the allegations are established.

Indiramma Housing aid insufficient amid rising construction costs, says Rajgopal Reddy



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Munugode MLA Komati-reddy Rajgopal Reddy said the Rs.5 lakh assistance being offered under the Indiramma Housing scheme was insufficient, citing the steep rise in labour and material costs. He said beneficiaries were spending Rs.3 lakh to Rs.4 lakh towards construction costs. Cement and steel prices had also increased drastically, he said, adding that the total cost of constructing an Indiramma house was working out to Rs.10 lakh to Rs.15 lakh. During Question Hour in the Assembly on Thursday, the Congress MLA said some beneficiaries were unable to construct houses due to a shortage of funds. Others who had started construction were forced to suspend the works as they could not bear the rising costs. Some beneficiaries were even pledging their gold to meet construction expenses, he said. “The government should examine the scope for increasing the unit cost of an Indiramma house,” Rajgopal Reddy urged.