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MAX : 32.0°C
MIN : 24.3°C
RH : 84%
RAINFALL : 7.5 MM
FORECAST : LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

Telangana Assembly security tightened over student protest plans

HYDERABAD
Security was beefed up around the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Friday following inputs that student groups were planning to stage a protest over the pending fee reimbursement and scholarship issue. Police personnel were deployed at key points, including Basheerbagh Crossroads, the Old Police Control Room and Nizam College, to prevent any untoward incident and regulate the movement of protesters. Additional police teams were positioned at strategic locations around the Assembly premises and on nearby roads. Police officials were monitoring the situation and keeping a close watch.

Stage Set For BRICS 2026 Summit In Delhi: Shah

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said the stage is set for BRICS 2026, with India welcoming global leaders to the grouping's deliberations to fortify ties, accelerate co-operation and enhance shared prosperity. India is hosting the BRICS Summit from September 12 to 13 in the national capital.



"The Stage is set for BRICS 2026! India, the world's largest democracy, warmly welcomes the

global leaders to deliberate and take action to fortify our ties, accelerate cooperation and enhance

shared prosperity for a better world," Shah said in a post on X.

"Together, we build a brighter future," he said. The summit will be attended by leaders of 11 member countries and 10 partner countries, besides some international organisations. India assumed Chairship of BRICS for the fourth time on January 1, with its 2026 presidency driven by the

theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Co-operation and Sustainability".

Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and a number of global leaders are descending on the national capital to attend the summit.

Local Currency Trade, Sea Lanes in Focus at BRICS Meet: Modi Calls for Secure Trade Routes

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Increasing global trade, shift toward local currencies in BRICS trade and greater collaborations among the grouping partners was the focus area of conversation at the BRICS Business Forum on Friday. Speaking at the Forum, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for securing sea lanes, safety of seafarers and keeping supply routes open in order to increase global

trade. He called the global leaders to "Make in India, Innovate with India, and Scale for the World."

The PM said despite a setback on the world economy due to conflicts, along with instability and uncertainty, India continues to witness growth. "India today offers a source of confidence for growth and stability," he said. Amid the growing disruptions to maritime trade and supply chains due to West Asia conflicts, the

PM also stressed that freedom of navigation and the safety of seafarers are critical to the global economy.

"Safe and resilient supply chains were essential for global trade and reiterated India's strong support for freedom of navigation and the safety of seafarers," he said. Mr Modi also highlighted the growing role of BRICS countries as hubs of innovation, saying new solutions were emerging across

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S S Rajamouli, Mahesh Babu Receive Notices From Election Commission

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The Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls resulted in many of them losing their votes. This includes popular film celebrities, entrepreneurs and sportspersons. In Hyderabad, many VVIPs have reportedly received notices from the Election Commission due to SIR. According to reports, Mahesh Babu, SS Rajamouli, sportspersons Pullেলা Gopichand, Saina Nehwal, VVS Laxman, and Mithali Raj, prominent business personalities Divi's Murali Krishna Prasad and Apollo's Upasana Konidela were among them who received

the EC's notices as part of the SIR. Several other leading names from sports, films and business also figure in the list.

The names of several prominent personalities have appeared in the Election Commission's "List of Persons to Whom Notices Have Been Issued (After Draft Roll Published on 17-08-2026)". The list includes many from the film industry such as actors Mahesh Babu and his wife Namrata Shirodkar, SS Rajamouli, Venkatesh Daggubati and his two daughters, Samantha Ruth Prabhu, Vijay Deverakonda and his brother Anand Deverakonda, among others, are also named.

Dialogue Only Way Forward, PM Modi Tells Putin, Offers Help

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Keeping the spirit of 'Druzha-Dosti' alive, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday held bilateral talks ahead of the 18th BRICS Leaders Summit that begins Saturday. During their talks, PM Modi raised the issue of safety and security of Indian seafarers in the Black Sea. He also stressed on the need to end conflicts – both in West Asia and between Russia and Ukraine -- saying dialogue and diplomacy was the way forward in resolving the conflicts and stressed that India was ready to assist peace efforts.

The two leaders also reviewed the progress in bilateral cooperation in political, economic, defence, energy, space, skill mobility and people-to-people domains. This was the second meeting of the two leaders this year, following their talks in Bishkek on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit on August 31 during which PM Modi conveyed to Mr Putin that it was time to end the "endless war". PM Modi gifted a Russian trans-



lation of Thirukkural by poet philosopher Thiruvalluvar. "Presented President Putin with a Russian translation of the Thirukkural, which carries the eternal wisdom of the great Thiruvalluvar across languages and borders," Mr Modi said later on X. Giving out details of the bilateral talks, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said that the Prime Minister reiterated the need for dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward in resolving conflicts and underlined that India stood ready to assist in peace efforts.

"The leaders exchanged views on India-Russia engagement in the multilateral sphere, in particular in BRICS under India's Chairship for 2026. They also shared perspectives on key regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the conflicts in West Asia and the Black

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Telangana Bans Artificial, Non-Dairy Paneer for One Year

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In a major public health intervention, the Telangana government has imposed a statewide ban on the manufacture, processing, packaging, storage, distribution, transportation, and sale of analogue, non-dairy, and artificial paneer for a period of one year.

According to an official notification issued by the Commissioner of Food Safety (TG SAFE), the ban has been enforced in



the interest of public health under Section 30(2)(a) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

The order, effective from September 10, applies across the entire state to any synthetic or plant-based fat imitation sold or mar-

ked under the name of dairy paneer. Food safety authorities warned that stringent legal action will be initiated against violators engaging in the production, logistics, or sale of adulterated or artificial substitutes.

Eleven days after the sensational theft of fire-arms from the Madras Regiment armoury in Secunderabad Cantonment, investigators have reportedly concluded that the incident was an insider job, with most of the stolen weapons believed to have been traced. Sources said investigators have made significant progress and identified a strong lead in the case. However, senior Telangana police

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officials have declined to reveal details, citing the sensitive nature of the investigation. One senior police officer confirmed that investigators had obtained a crucial lead but requested more time before disclosing further information. From the initial stages of the investigation, police suspected that the theft could have involved someone familiar with the armoury's security arrangements. Investigators are now examining the possible

Karnataka SIR : 18.84L Notices Undelivered While Hearing Ends Tomorrow

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More than 18.8 lakh SIR notices have not been delivered to the voters in Karnataka, while the last day of hearing is on Saturday, September 12. According to the statement issued by the ECI, more than 24.97 lakh notices have been delivered to electors as part of the on-going Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, the CEO's office said on Friday. The state has 4,46,58,413 electors on the electoral roll as of September 10, comprising 2.21 crore male, 2.24

crore female and 2,874 transgender electors, it said.

The notices have been issued to electors whose names fall under the 'no mapping' and 'anomalies' categories as part of the electoral roll revision exercise, officials said. According to a statement issued by the chief electoral officer's office, a total of 43,81,760 notices had been generated across the state as of September 10. Of these, 24,97,075 notices had been successfully delivered, while 18,84,685 were yet to be delivered, resulting in an overall de-

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Heavy rain, thunderstorms likely across Telangana over weekend

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After a prolonged dry spell, Telangana is likely to receive much-needed rainfall over the weekend, bringing relief to residents ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi festivities. The India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Friday forecast a change in weather conditions, with heavy rainfall, thunderstorms and gusty winds expected at isolated places across the state.



For Saturday and Sunday, the weather department has predicted heavy rainfall accompanied by gusty winds at isolated locations in Telangana. On Monday, widespread thunderstorms along with light to moderate rainfall are likely across several

areas. The IMD has also forecast light to moderate rain and thunderstorms at isolated places through Wednesday, indicating that the wet spell could continue into the middle of next week. In Hyderabad, the com-

ing week is expected to remain predominantly cloudy, with intermittent spells of thunderstorms. Maximum temperatures are likely to remain between 30°C and 32°C, while minimum temperatures are expected to stay in the range of 23°C to 24°C. The anticipated rainfall is expected to provide relief from the recent dry and warm conditions and bring cooler weather to Hyderabad and other parts of Telangana during the Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations.

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KTR accuses Revanth Reddy govt of misusing 22(A) land list

BRS working president K T Rama Rao accused the Revanth Reddy government of misusing Section 22(A) to facilitate land grabbing and alleged a parallel revenue

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has accused Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of running a “criminal real estate enterprise” by misusing the Section 22(A) prohibited land list. The party alleged that unprecedented land grabbing was taking place under the Congress government, with those entrusted with protecting land allegedly turning into encroachers. Speaking at a meeting with victims of the 22(A) prohibited land list in the Bhu Bharati portal on Friday, BRS working president K T Rama Rao said the issue was turning out to be the biggest scam and that the party would soon bring the alleged atrocities of the Revanth Reddy government to the notice of Congress Lok Sabha Leader Rahul Gandhi. Rama Rao said a parallel

revenue administration was functioning alongside the official system to benefit the kith and kin of the Chief Minister and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. He alleged that files were being moved through an opaque network, with property owners being blackmailed for a 30 per cent commission to have their properties removed from the prohibited list. He blamed the Congress government for the downturn in Telangana’s real estate sector, saying the confidence built in land as a safe investment during the previous BRS regime was being eroded. He alleged that around 1.16 crore acres had been placed on the prohibited list and that owners refusing to sell their lands were being targeted through Section 22(A). Taking a swipe at Revanth Reddy, the BRS



working president said making him Chief Minister was like making forest brigand Veerappan the Forest Minister. He alleged that Revanth Reddy had earlier used RTI to blackmail people. “Now that the black-mailer became the Chief Minister, he is misusing the entire government machinery for his real estate deals,” he added. Rama Rao also targeted Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, alleging that he was hand-in-glove with the Chief Minister in land grabbing. He said the duo

were running a joint-venture partnership and striking real estate deals with foreign companies by promising land at cheaper prices, only to forcibly take land from property owners in Hyderabad by misusing their power. He accused the government’s leadership of turning land administration into a percentage-driven enterprise. The former minister opined that the launch of the Bhu Bharati portal was premeditated to grab land from people and benefit the family members of Revanth Reddy and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. “Being a former IT and Industries Minister, I have considerable reach. I will write to the foreign companies and investors striking deals with the families of the Chief Minister and the Revenue Minister, to remain cautious and explain their crimes here,”

he asserted. Stating that every project initiated by the Revanth Reddy government had a real estate motive behind it, he cited alleged land dealings around Hyderabad, Lagacharla, the Musi Riverfront Development project, Future City and Kongara Kalan. “There is a scam behind every scheme initiated by Revanth Reddy. These projects are only meant to mint money for them, while welfare and development schemes take a backseat,” he remarked. He questioned the Congress government over the inclusion of private lands in the prohibited list and demanded answers from the government on the allegations. He said people had never faced such hardships during the previous BRS regime.

Section 22A Issue: Ponguleti Must Resign, Says Harish

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Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Friday accused the Telangana government of causing major distress for lakhs of families in the state by placing land parcels in the Section 22A prohibited list. He demanded the resignation of revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy who, he said, should accept responsibility for the 22A issues. Speaking with some families impacted by the government decision, Harish Rao said Section 22-A was originally introduced to protect government, assigned, endowment, Waqf and other protected lands. Harish Rao said there were



cases across the state of properties added to the 22-A list without proper verification as was the case with 30,000 acres in Sirpur-Kagaznagar, 11,000 houses in Mancherial, and large areas in other districts. He said letters from all 33 district collectors establish how the new prohibited lists were prepared. He alleged that GO No. 179 was issued on December 31, 2025, directing Collectors to provide details

of lands for inclusion under 22-A. He also said an order was issued on September 11, 2025 for preparation of a new prohibited list, followed by lists and gazette notifications in various districts. “We wanted to discuss this issue in the Assembly. That is why, I believe, the government did not want us in the Assembly,” he alleged. He said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s own house appeared in the 22-A list and was removed after the issue was raised. “If the Chief Minister’s property can be removed overnight, why are ordinary people being forced to run from office to office?” he asked.

DGP Asked To Report on Caste Slurs, Misconduct on Women Cops

The Telangana Human Rights commission (TGHRC) directed the Director General of Police (DGP) to submit reports on complaints alleging caste-based abuse and misconduct towards women police personnel during two incidents on September 7. The complaints relate to alleged abusive remarks against Dalits and an incident involving BRS MLAs removing their T-shirts in front of female police personnel. In the complaint filed by Pilli Sudhakar, state president of National Mala Mahanadu and others, it was alleged that BRS MLC Tata Madhusudhan used abusive language against the Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar who belongs to the Dalit community. Additionally, the complaint alleged that during a protest by Dalits outside the farmhouse of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao in Erravalli, a woman identified as BRS leader Pavani Goud and others “purified” the area by sprinkling turmeric water and milk, while also hurling abusive and derogatory language at the protesters. The complainants requested that legal action be taken against those responsible. In another complaint, Indira Shobhan alleged that during a protest held on the Assembly premises, a few BRS MLAs removed their black T-shirts and stood semi-naked in the presence of female police personnel who were on duty maintaining law and order. The complainant stated that this behaviour caused embarrassment, mental anguish and humiliation to the female police personnel, while also impacting their dignity and safety. The complainant requested an inquiry into the incident. Both the cases have been adjourned to October 9.

TG Govt Plans To Provide Arms Worth Rs 4.095 Crore to Forest Staff:Jupally

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Considering the risks involved in forest protection, tourism, culture, and excise minister Jupally Krishna Rao said a proposal to provide arms and ammunition at a cost of Rs 4.095 crore to frontline forest department staff is under the government’s active consideration. The minister emphasised that weapons are essential for staff safety, as well as for curbing forest encroachments, illegal timber smuggling, wildlife poaching, and other organised forest crimes. He also said the proposal to provide weapons to the Excise Department is under government review. Marking National Forest Martyrs’ Day on Friday, the minister, along with forest department officials and staff, paid floral tributes at the memorial in Nehru Zoological Park. In his message, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said forest officers’ sacrifices for protecting forests and wildlife will remain an inspiration. He said protecting forests is a collective



responsibility and assured that the government will extend full support for it and to officials working. During the event, a Rs 30 lakh cheque was handed over to the family of Banoth Naveen, the Cheruvusingaram West beat officer, who died after coming into contact with live electric wires set up for poaching. The government assured continued support to the family. A total of 1,516 vacancies, comprising 1,393 forest beat officers, 15 forest range officers, 18 assistant conservators, and staff in other categories, were approved for recruitment, which is underway, said Krishna Rao. DGP C.V. Anand said 23 forest officers have lost their lives in the line of duty since 1984. Recalling his childhood visits to for-

est areas when his father worked with the forest department, he said the forest personnel faced threats from Naxals and other dangers. Principal chief conservator of forests (HoFF) Vinay Kumar said the department registered around 1.5 lakh timber cases in the state, involving timber worth around Rs 60 to Rs 70 crore, and the amount collected has increased to around Rs 200 crore in the last 10 years. There have been 12,000 fire incidents in the state and 50 assault cases. Two frontline staff lost their lives, he said. Meanwhile, the Tiger Conservation Plan of Kawal Tiger Reserve has been approved by NTCA, while the Amrabad Tiger Conservation Plan is awaiting approval.

Grand Annadanam Held at Cantonment Temples on Pola Amavasya

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A grand Annadanam (food distribution programme) was organised at several prominent temples across the Secunderabad Cantonment on Friday to mark the auspicious occasion of Pola Amavasya, also known as the “new moon of the fields.” The charitable initiative witnessed the participation of hundreds of devotees and local residents. The programme was conducted simultaneously at the Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma Temple in New Boinapalli Bapujinagar, Sri Devi Nalla Pochamma



Temple at Jayanagar Square, and Kattamaisamma Temple in Chinna-thokatta. Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap attended the programme as chief guest. He offered special prayers and performed traditional pujas at

the temples before participating in the food distribution. He prayed for the prosperity and well-being of the local community and agricultural families. Prakash Bantia, founder of the Human Foundation, also participated in the programme and extended his support to the com-

munity welfare initiative. Temple committee members and local leaders played a key role in making arrangements and ensuring the smooth distribution of food to devotees. Among those present were Prem Mudiraj, Ajith Kalyan, Putti Narasimha, Srikanth, Rama Rao, Narendra, Krishna, Maruthi Goud, Kranthi Vittal Rao, Sai, Vijayalakshmi, Srinivas Goud and Nagesh, along with several other community members. The Annadanam reflected the spirit of devotion, charity and community service associated with Pola Amavasya celebrations.

Family Escapes Upparpally Flat Fire

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A fire broke out in a flat at Naidu Colony in Upparpally within the limits of Rajendranagar police station on Thursday night, reportedly due to a short circuit. No casualties were reported in the incident. The family members living in the flat had gone out around half an hour before the fire broke out, an officer said. According to fire officer Chandra Naik, the incident occurred at around 10 pm.



Locals noticed flames coming from the flat and alerted the fire services. A fire engine reached the spot and brought the blaze under control. The fire damaged furniture and other household items,

causing an estimated loss of around ‘4 lakh, Naik said. The preliminary assessment indicated that the fire was caused by a short circuit, the officer added.

Congress, BJP Clash Over BC Welfare in Assembly

The Congress and BJP locked horns in the Legislative Assembly over welfare of Backward Castes, with BJP MLA Payal Shankar engaging in a heated exchange with ministers including BC welfare minister Ponnampalath Prabhakar. During debate on the resolution demanding inclusion of BC/OBC in the Census-2027 questionnaire, Shankar launched a sharp attack on the ruling Congress, saying dismissal of the only BC woman minister from the cabinet reflected its attitude towards the community. He accused the government of failing to implement the Kamaraj BC declaration and the BC sub-plan, while Deputy CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka promised a review of the BC Welfare Corporation. Shankar questioned the credibility of surveys including the SEEPC Survey of 2024 and the Sarvakutumba survey conducted under the BRS regime. “We have been challenging this survey, as the BC population is being shown as reduced. When will the BC declaration be implemented and what about the sub-plan? When will these be implemented?” he asked. Prabhakar, who moved the resolution, promised a separate debate on BC welfare but countered that the BJP stood for Manuvada, citing the ‘Shuddikaran’ issue.

State to Target Gen Alpha, Gen Beta in New Edu Policy: Revanth Reddy

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday said Telangana government would soon roll out a new education policy on par with the National Education Policy (NEP), with a focus on providing quality education and skills to make students job-ready and promote entrepreneurship. The policy, he said, would cater not only to Gen Z but also to the emerging Gen Alpha and Gen Beta generations. It will focus on education,

language and communication skills from nursery to Class 12, skill development for graduates, and employment, innovation and entrepreneurship for those pursuing higher education. Replying to a debate in the Legislative Assembly on the government’s initiatives, Revanth Reddy said a recent caste survey conducted by the state had established that the key reason for social backwardness was lack of access to education rather than possession of assets or property. “If we have to



compete with the world, there is a need to discuss what needs to be incorporated into the education system,” he said. He said the government had constituted an Education Commission to formulate a new education policy for Telangana and

appointed a committee headed by K. Keshava Rao to examine its report. The government was willing to consider suggestions and advice from legislators and the public, if submitted to Keshava Rao, he said. Increasing the education sector’s share in the state budget to 15 per cent was one of the government’s goals, he added. Responding to BJP MLA Aleti Maheshwar Reddy’s criticism over the absence of a full-time education minister, Revanth Reddy said the fact that the Chief

Minister himself was handling the portfolio showed the importance attached to education. “When I review the education department as Chief Minister, the entire system comes under review,” he said, adding that he had a passion for the education sector and had retained the portfolio with the objective of transforming it. Revanth Reddy said the education budget had been substantially increased under the Congress government. Against the ‘19,093 crore

allocated by the previous BRS government in 2023-24, the Congress government allocated ‘21,292 crore in 2024-25, ‘23,108 crore in 2025-26 and ‘26,647 crore in 2026-27. “In just three years, we have increased the Education Department’s budget by ‘7,554 crore,” he said. The Chief Minister said his government had filled 10,006 teacher posts within 55 days of assuming office in its first year, without any allegations of irregularities in the recruitment process. In contrast, the previous

NIMS releases hall tickets for TIMS Sanathnagar recruitment exam

The Nizam’s Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) on Friday released hall tickets for the upcoming written examination for contract positions at the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS), Sanathnagar. The multiple-choice question (MCQ)-based examination is scheduled to be held on September 20, 2026. The recruitment covers technical, allied, administrative and support services staff, following the notification issued on June 22, 2026. Eligible candidates can download their hall tickets from the official NIMS website by logging in with their registered phone number and date of birth. Candidates facing difficulty downloading their hall tickets online can collect them in person from 10 am to 4 pm between September 15 and 19. Applicants must visit the HR2 Section at NIMS, Punjagutta.

Khairatabad Ganesh 2026: Hyderabad Police Announce Traffic Restrictions

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Hyderabad Police have announced traffic restrictions around Khairatabad ahead of the Khairatabad Ganesh 2026 celebrations, with diversions to remain in force from September 12 to 24 to manage the heavy movement of devotees and vehicles. The restrictions will come into effect from 11 pm on September 12 and will be enforced at key junctions surrounding the Khairatabad Ganesh installation and darshan routes. Traffic moving from the VV Statue towards Mint Compound via Rajeev Gandhi Statue will not be permitted and will be diverted at Rajeev Gandhi Statue towards Nirankari Junction. Similarly, commuters travelling from Old Saifabad Police Station towards Bada Ganesh through Rajdoot Lane will be diverted at Rajdoot Lane towards Iqbal Minar. Traffic from Iqbal Minar towards IMAX Theatre via Mint Compound will be diverted towards Secretariat X Road. Vehicles approaching Mint



Compound from Necklace Rotary will also be diverted towards Secretariat Junction or Khairatabad Flyover. Traffic from Nirankari through Khairatabad Post Office Lane towards Khairatabad Railway Gate will be diverted towards Old Saifabad Police Station Junction. Police expect congestion at Khairatabad, Shadan College, Ayodhya, Nirankari, Mint Compound, NTR Marg, Secretariat Junction, Necklace Rotary, KCP Junction and Masab Tank.



Devotees arriving through Necklace Rotary and NTR Garden are advised to use parking facilities at Race Road, NTR Ghat, HMDA parking beside IMAX Theatre and the open area opposite IMAX Theatre. Visitors approaching from Khairatabad Junction can park at Vishveshwaraiah Bhavan. Police have urged citizens to plan their journeys in advance and co-operate with traffic personnel during the Khairatabad Ganesh 2026 festivities.

Congress Protest in Langar Houz: Osman Al Hajri Challenges KCR to Attend Assembly or Resign

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The Congress Party staged a protest against the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Langar Houz Division of Karwan Assembly Constituency, demanding accountability from former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and condemning alleged remarks against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. The protest was organised following the directions of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud and was led by Osman Bin Mohammed Al Hajri, Congress In-charge of the Karwan Assembly Constituency. Addressing the gathering, Osman Al Hajri challenged KCR to accept Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s challenge by attending the ongoing Assembly session and participating in legislative



proceedings. He said KCR should either discharge his responsibilities as an elected legislator or resign from the Assembly. Al Hajri alleged that KCR had remained disconnected from people and public issues for nearly 1,000 days and spent much of his time at his Erravelli farmhouse. He questioned KCR’s continued absence from the Assembly and public debates, urging him to demonstrate accountability to voters. He also demanded an unconditional apology from the BRS MLC over what he described as objectionable remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. Al Hajri said such

comments were unacceptable and undermined the dignity of a constitutional office. Congress workers raised slogans such as “KCR, Resign!” and “BRS MLC, Apologise!” during the protest. Ashfaq Khan, Parmanandam, Akula Chandra Shekhar, Chinti Babu, Venu Goud, J. Ravinder, Abdullah Bin Osman Al Hajri, Santosh Goud, Mohammad Bin Osman Al Hajri and several Youth Congress, Mahila Congress and local party leaders and workers participated. The protesters said they would continue raising public issues through democratic and peaceful means.

SLN Infra Developers Hands Over Executive Files to Team Members

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Sri Lakshmi Nivas Infra Developers (SLN Infra Developers) conducted a formal file handover programme at its office in P&T Colony, Canara Nagar, Boduppal, Hyderabad, marking another step towards strengthening coordination and professional functioning within its team. During the programme, Director Sri Hari handed over executive files to team members Chandra Sekhar and Anjaneyulu and wished them success in their responsibilities. The occasion reflected the organisation’s focus on systematic work, teamwork and effective ex-



ecution. The team members expressed their commitment to carrying out their responsibilities with dedication and contributing to the continued growth of SLN Infra Developers. The programme was attended by members of the SLN Infra Developers team, who conveyed their best wishes to the executives and appreciated the initiative.

Attepalli Ram Prabhu Joins BRS in KTR’s Presence

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Attepalli Ram Prabhu, founder of the Attepalli Laxminarayana Charitable Trust and a prominent social worker known for consistently raising public issues and undertaking welfare activities, has joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Ram Prabhu formally joined the party in the presence of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). He was welcomed into the party under the leadership of Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram



Krishna Rao and senior leaders Madhavaram Ranga Rao and Siddanaboyina Purushotham Yadav. Along with Ram Prabhu, Adapa Ajay, Sontena Gangadhar, Raju, Rajesh, Srisailam and several members of the ARP team also joined the BRS. His entry into the

party has gained significance in political circles in Serilingampally, particularly due to his long-standing association with community service and public welfare initiatives. Speaking on the occasion, Ram Prabhu said his decision to enter politics was aimed at taking

his public service activities to a wider platform. He said his experience of working closely with people had given him a clear understanding of their problems and concerns. Ram Prabhu assured that he would work towards strengthening the BRS organisation while continuing to raise public issues. “We have entered politics not for positions, but to work for the people. The trust of the people is our strength, and public service under the BRS flag is our goal,” he said.

Inter-Commissionerate meet on Ganesh immersion in Hyderabad



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Ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi, police officers from Hyderabad and Malkajgiri commissionerates held a coordination meeting on Friday, September 11, to ensure safe Ganesh immersion in Hyderabad. During the meeting, detailed discussions were held about border check posts, joint border arrangements, major Ganesh immersion routes, the movement of Ganesh idols, permissible idol heights, the regulation of DJ systems, and traffic management arrangements. The officers also discussed the regulation and prohibition of DJ systems in accordance with prescribed guidelines, keeping public safety and the maintenance of law and order in view. The meeting stressed that Ganesh idols should be immersed at the earliest to avoid delays, ease traffic movement and minimise inconvenience to the public. Police escorts and coordinated traffic arrangements will be provided for immersion processions, especially at the borders of the two commissionerates. The police would install clear signage at joint check posts and along

major immersion routes to guide procession organisers and facilitate smooth traffic movement. Special emphasis was placed on enforcing idol height restrictions, with authorities directed to ensure that idols exceeding the permitted height are not allowed on routes with overhead clearance limitations. The officers also discussed the regulation and prohibition of DJ systems in accordance with prescribed guidelines, keeping public safety and the maintenance of law and order in view. The meeting stressed that Ganesh idols should be immersed at the earliest to avoid delays, ease traffic movement and minimise inconvenience to the public. Police escorts and coordinated traffic arrangements will be provided for immersion processions, especially at the borders of the two commissionerates.

BC Caste Census Must Be Conducted Scientifically, Transparently

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The BC Welfare Association–Sangareddy District has demanded that the proposed BC caste census be conducted in a scientific, comprehensive and transparent manner, with every BC family and community accurately enumerated. The association leaders expressed concern that BC communities could face serious injustice if the caste enumeration is carried out without a dedicated BC column, separate identification of every BC caste and a



unique code for each community. The demand comes in the backdrop of the Union Cabinet’s decision announced on May 1, 2025, regarding the inclusion of caste enumeration in the forthcoming national Cen-

sus. The BC Welfare Association stressed that merely collecting caste-related information would not be sufficient unless the process ensures accurate and verifiable data on every BC family and caste.

The leaders said scientifically collected population data is crucial for ensuring fair representation of BC communities in education, employment, political representation, welfare schemes and reservations. They demanded that every BC family should be systematically recorded and that each BC caste should be assigned a specific unique identification code. A separate BC column should also be incorporated into the enumeration process to ensure that the population data is not fragmented or inaccurately classified.

CEO Reviews SIR-2026 Progress in Serilingampally

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Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudarshan Reddy, IAS, visited the Serilingampally Assembly Constituency to review the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls. ERO/ZC Serilingampally Narayan Amit, IAS, accompanied the CEO and briefed him on the ongoing revision activities and field-level progress. During the visit, Sudarshan Reddy personally inspected the field-level work and di-



rected officials to accelerate the revision process. He stressed the need to maintain complete transparency, accuracy and adherence to prescribed guidelines throughout the exercise. The CEO further instructed officials to complete SIR-2026 in a systematic and error-free manner to ensure a reliable, updated and accurate electoral roll.

Indiramma Houses Bring Hope to Poor Families

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The foundation stone for Indiramma houses was laid in Tippapuram under Ward No. 8 of Vemulawada town, bringing renewed hope to several poor families. Indiramma Houses, named after Indiramma Kalavathi, Gundeti Latha, Gundeti Swapna and Sumera Miraj expressed happiness over receiving housing assistance under the state government’s Indiramma housing scheme. They said the initiative is being implemented with the intention of providing



permanent homes to economically weaker families. The beneficiaries became emotional while speaking about the government’s support, stating that owning a house would have remained a

distant dream without the scheme. They expressed gratitude to the state government and Vemulawada MLA Aadi Srinivas for extending support to needy families. Indiramma Committee member Nagula Vishnu Prasad, councillors Mailaram Srinivas, Ella Srinivas and Akkanapelli Naresh, co-option member Durgam Vijaya Parasuram, committee members Pandilla Devendra, Gaddam Renuka, Attapur, Irfan, Syed Sabir, Nagula Raju Nayak and others participated in the programme.

Go Green with Clay Ganesha Idols, Collector Ashish Sangwan Urges Residents

KAMAREDDY Wakeup telangana

District Collector Ashish Sangwan has urged people to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi in an environmentally responsible manner by opting for traditional clay Ganesha idols and avoiding idols made from materials and chemical colours that can pollute water bodies. The Collector made the appeal while participating in a clay Ganesha idol distribution programme organised by the Janahita Ganesh Mandal in Kamareddy. During the pro-



gramme, he personally distributed eco-friendly clay idols among devotees and encouraged them to adopt nature-friendly practices during the festival. Addressing the gathering, Ashish Sangwan said environmental protection was not merely the responsibility of government departments but a

collective duty of every citizen. He called upon devotees to preserve the spiritual and cultural significance of Ganesh Chaturthi while ensuring that celebrations do not cause unnecessary harm to nature. The Collector highlighted the environmental benefits of clay idols, particularly during immer-

sion. He said the use of natural clay idols could help reduce pollution in lakes, tanks and other water bodies. He appealed to citizens to avoid chemically painted idols and instead choose traditional clay idols that are more compatible with the environment. Ashish Sangwan also stressed the need for wider public awareness on eco-friendly celebrations. He urged government departments, voluntary organisations and community groups to coordinate awareness campaigns and encourage people to adopt sustainable practices. He

said collective participation could play a crucial role in protecting water resources and ensuring a cleaner and healthier environment for future generations. Additional Collector Victor, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) N.Y. Giri, Training Collector Raviteja, TNGOs District President Narala Venkat Reddy, TGO President Dr. R. Devender, Mulk Nagaraju, Baddam Sai Reddy and Mamilla Chakradhar, along with Collectorate employees and district officials, attended the programme.

Eight Killed in Road Accident in Maharashtra's Bhandara District

Eight people, including three children, were killed after a Bolero SUV collided with an Eicher truck in Maharashtra's Bhandara district early Friday morning, police said. The fatal accident occurred at around 4 am on National Highway 53, between Mane-gaon and Pimpalgaon in Lakhni taluka. According to police, the Bolero was carrying eight people when it crashed into the truck. "A Bolero crashed into an Eicher truck. Eight occupants of the Bolero, five adults and three children, were killed in the accident," a police official at the spot said. The victims were travelling from Raipur, the capital of neighbouring Chhattisgarh, towards Nagpur when the accident occurred. Police officials reached the spot soon after receiving information and began the necessary procedures. The bodies of the deceased were taken for further legal formalities.

List Of World Leaders Attending The 18th BRICS Summit In New Delhi

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India will host the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi on September 12 and 13, bringing together several prominent world leaders and senior representatives as New Delhi takes the lead in shaping discussions on global co-operation, trade, security and sustainable development. Among the key leaders expected to attend are Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to hold bilateral meetings with several visiting leaders. Xi Jinping, who has served as China's president since 2013, is expected to hold talks with Modi. His participation



marks his return to India after his previous visit in 2019 for the informal India-China summit in Mamallapuram. Russian President Vladimir Putin will also attend and hold discussions with Modi. Putin has led Russia as president since 2012, with Russia being one of BRICS' founding members. South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, re-elected in 2024, is scheduled to participate in the summit and meet Modi. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian's presence is also expected to draw attention amid continuing

tensions in West Asia. Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi and Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto will also participate. Prabowo's visit highlights India's expanding strategic relationship with Indonesia, while Egypt remains an important partner in India's engagement with Africa and the Arab world. Other prominent participants include Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, UAE Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Saudi For-

eign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud. Brazilian Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira will represent Brazil. Representatives from Uganda, Nigeria, Cuba, Belarus, Vietnam and Kazakhstan are also expected to attend. BRICS has expanded significantly from its original five members—Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the UAE and Saudi Arabia joined in 2024, followed by Indonesia in 2025. Several countries, including Malaysia, Nigeria, Kazakhstan and Vietnam, have joined as partner countries. India assumed the BRICS chairship on January 1, 2026, for the fourth time. Its theme, "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability," reflects India's emphasis on a people-centric global approach under the principle of "Humanity First."

Over 1,000 Injured, Including 5-Year-Old Child, in Annual Stone-Pelting Festival

BHOPAL
Wakeup telangana

A centuries-old tradition, called 'Gotmar Fair', rooted in a mythological love story resulted in injuries to 1321 people, including a five-year-old child, of two riverside villages in Madhya Pradesh's Pandhurna district, on Friday. The annual festival, a unique stone pelting sports event, was held on the banks of the Jam River on 'Bhadrapada Amavasya', falling on Friday, amid deployment of heavy police forces as well as medical personnel and ambulances to carry people, injured on the occasion, to the hospital. The fair, linked to the mythological tale on the killing of two young lovers, saw residents of Pandhurna and Sawar-



gaon, the riverside villages facing each other, indulge in ritualistic battle of stones. The festival kicked off early on Friday morning after the residents of both the villages performed puja at the local Chandi Mata Temple and then carried a flag tied to a log in a procession to fix it in the middle of the river. The residents of the two villages compete with each other to take out the flag amid hurling of stones at each other. "Over 1,000 people were injured in the incident. They were admitted to the local hospital. Ho-

wever, some of them suffered serious injuries and were referred to hospitals in Chhindwara in Madhya Pradesh and Nagpur in Maharashtra", Pandhurna district collector Niraj Vashisth said. Although the local district administration had asked the people to observe the fair symbolically without pelting stones at each other, stone missiles were seen flying from both sides leading to injuries to the participants. Mr. Vashisth said that the district administration would scan through the CCTV footage to find out the violators of the prohibition rules and take necessary action against them. Official reports said that a five-year-old boy who came to the site along with his mother to witness the festival sustained injury in his head after being hit by a stone.

Modi Pushes for West Asia Peace in Talks With Pezeshkian; Flags Seafarer Safety

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday pushed for an end to conflict in West Asia and called for peace and restoration of navigation lines in the Strait of Hormuz during talks with the Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian ahead of the BRICS Summit. The PM reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. The PM also held talks with the United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG) Mr António Guterres. The talks with Mr Pezeshkian took place hours after the Iranian leader arrived in New Delhi for the BRICS Summit. This is Mr Pezeshkian's first visit to India as President and the second meeting between the two leaders in under two weeks. They had last met on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Bishkek on August 31. While the conversation between the two leaders revolved largely around the ongo-



ing conflict in the region, the two leaders also discussed various aspects of the bilateral relationship. While calling for continued efforts to ensure lasting peace and stability in the region, Mr Modi mentioned safeguarding freedom of navigation and commerce, and the safety and well-being of seafarers. PM thanked Iran for its regular, high-level participation in BRICS-related meetings despite the challenging circumstances. He noted the potential for BRICS in building the spirit of resilience, innovation, co-operation and sustainability among countries in the Global South. Mr Modi appreciated the continued co-operation between the two sides on issues of mutual interest in multi-lateral organizations, including BRICS. "The two leaders ex-

changed views on recent developments in West Asia. The PM reiterated India's consistent position that all issues must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy. He also underscored the need for continued efforts to ensure lasting peace and stability in the region, safeguarding freedom of navigation and commerce, and the safety and well-being of seafarers," the Ministry of External Affairs said after the talks. India is carefully doing a balancing act in managing its relations between Iran and United States of America amid increased hostilities. Mr Pezeshkian had urged Mr Modi to use India's extensive contacts with various parties to help end the war and get back to dialogue. "India and Iran share civilizational ties, marked by robust cultural and people-to-people bonds. As BRICS partners, the two countries are working to contribute to shared progress and prosperity," MEA spokesperson Mr Randhir Jaiswal said.

Tripura, Mizoram Hold First Talks to Resolve Long-Standing Boundary Dispute

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Friday said the chief secretaries of his state and Mizoram held their first round of talks here to find an amicable solution to the long-standing boundary dispute between the two northeastern states. Phuldungsei, a remote village in the hills along the inter-state border, is the point of dispute, with both states claiming it as part of their territory. The two states share a boundary of around 109 km. "The first round of meeting of chief secretaries of Tripura and Mizoram was held at the state guest house here on Thursday. I could not get details on the outcome of the meeting but will let you know later," the chief minister told reporters. Saha said he was hopeful of finding an amicable solution to the long-standing boundary dispute through dialogue. "During a recent meeting, I raised the issue of the boundary problem with my Mizoram counterpart Lalduma, who readily agreed to solve the issue amicably. Yesterday's meeting was follow-up action to address the problem," he said.

Finance Minister Warns of AI Influencing Elections

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Friday hit out at naysayers who continue to cast doubts about India's growth momentum. Addressing the valedictory session of Global Fintech Fest 2026, Sitharaman used Prime Minister Narendra Modi's term 'Naraz Foofa Ji(s)' to describe such critics who have a persistent habit to view India's demographic expansion through a lens of "perpetual pessimism" and rely on "vibecasting"

rather than actual numbers. "A familiar chorus that insists on measuring 21st century economic ambitions through a 20th century lens, constantly questioning whether our growth can keep pace with our movements," she said. Such people, she said, continued to assess the country's ability to convert its young population into economic growth using outdated benchmarks. They "are never short of reasons to doubt India's momentum and capabilities. Spending their time debating in television

studios whether the demographic dividend has slipped away or turned into a burden." "But while they remain stuck waiting for yesterday's answers, the young minds of this country have simply bypassed their cynicism and gone ahead and built it," she said. Sitharaman said the younger generation was not waiting for legacy yardsticks to validate its productivity and was already building enterprises, writing code and shaping India's future. "This generation is not waiting for legacy yardsticks to validate their

productivity. They are already writing tomorrow's code, building enduring enterprises, and proving that India's greatest demographic advantage is an active, unstoppable reality," she said. Citing the example of the audience in the hall, Sitharaman said it represented the 'living reality' of India's demographic dividend. "I would ask them only to look at this hall. What is here before me is the living reality of our demographic dividend," she said.

Nationwide Bank Strike Disrupts Public Sector Banking Services

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Banking operations across India were disrupted on Friday as employees and officers of public sector banks observed a nationwide strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU), demanding the immediate implementation of a five-day workweek and resolution of long-pending wage and pension-related issues. The UFBU, an umbrella organisation representing seven bank unions and around 90 per cent of bank employees and of-

ficers, said the strike was necessary after negotiations failed to produce a favourable response from the government. Most branches of public sector banks remained closed or operated with limited staff, affecting routine services such as cash deposits and withdrawals, cheque processing, and administrative work. Some old-generation private sector banks were also affected. However, private sector banks largely continued normal operations, while digital services such as UPI, mobile banking and internet

banking remained available. All India Bank Employees Association (AIBEA) general secretary C H Venkatachalam said employees were disappointed that their demands had not been addressed. He alleged that bank employees were being discriminated against compared with workers in other sectors. A major demand of the unions is the declaration of all Saturdays as holidays. The proposal was reportedly agreed upon under the 12th Bipartite Settlement signed between the unions

and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) in March 2024, but the required government notification is still pending. At present, banks remain open on the first, third and fifth Saturdays of every month. The unions are also seeking improvements in pension benefits, an updated pension structure, a uniform dearness allowance formula for pensioners and an option for employees covered under the National Pension System to shift to the Old Pension Scheme.

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They also shared perspectives on key regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the conflicts in West Asia and the Black Sea region which have impacted maritime trade and the safety and security of Indian seafarers," MEA said. Since April, India seafarers have been facing significant security risk including drone and missile attacks while transiting Black Sea resulting in the death of five people. "Both leaders agreed to remain engaged in an effort to strengthen further the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two countries, which continues to register significant growth and has shown resilience in the backdrop of

geopolitical uncertainties," MEA added. President Putin invited Mr Modi to visit Russia for the 24th India-Russia Annual Summit expected to be next month, at which the Indian PM accepted the invitation. The dates of the Summit will be decided as per mutual convenience through diplomatic channels. After the talks the two leaders travelled in the same car to inaugurate the Russian industrial exhibition called INNOPROM India and underscored its importance in further expanding trade and industrial ties. The duo later attended the BRICS Business Forum meeting.

Kamataka SIR.....

According to a statement issued by the chief electoral officer's office, a total of 43,81,760 notices had been

generated across the state as of September 10. Of these, 24,97,075 notices had been successfully delivered, while 18,84,685 were yet to be delivered, resulting in an overall delivery rate of 56.99 per cent. "With regard to hearings, 7,03,710 (28.18 per cent) hearings have been completed out of the delivered notices, while 17,93,365 hearings are pending," it said. The last hearing will be conducted on September 12, while September 22 is the last date for disposal of claims and objections, the CEO's office said. Following requests from registered and recognised political parties, the lists of persons to whom notices have been issued under the 'no Mapping' and 'anomalies' categories were pub-

lished on September 5 on the CEO's website. Details of claims and objections received from the public have been published on the website, as well. A second special campaign for registration of electors will be held on September 19 and 20 in accordance with the instructions of the Election Commission of India. According to officials, the chief electoral officer held a video conference with all district election officers and electoral registration officers on September 9 to review the progress of voter enrolment.

Local Currency.....

Prime Minister Narendra Modi stressed the importance of safe and resilient supply chains for global trade while reaffirming India's

strong commitment to freedom of navigation and the safety and security of seafarers. Addressing the BRICS gathering, Modi said disruptions to global supply chains could have far-reaching consequences for economies and communities, making international cooperation essential to ensuring stability and uninterrupted trade. The Prime Minister also underlined the growing importance of BRICS countries as emerging centres of innovation and technological advancement. He said new and effective solutions were being developed across a wide spectrum, ranging from grassroots initiatives and local innovations to frontier technologies capable of addressing complex global challenges. Calling for greater collective action among

BRICS members, Modi said the grouping must move beyond discussions and convert its ambitions into tangible outcomes. He emphasised that the combined strengths, resources and capabilities of BRICS nations could contribute significantly to solving pressing global problems. "There is a greater collective action from the grouping and let us turn BRICS' ambition into action and collective strength into global solutions," Modi said. He further called on BRICS to play a constructive role in shaping a more stable, inclusive and prosperous global order, adding, "Let BRICS move forward, and take the world forward too." Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin received a warm and enthusiastic welcome from the audience.

CRIME

Traffic Chief Reviews Traffic Measures Across RC Puram, KPHB

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Cyberabad Traffic Joint Commissioner of Police Sunpreet Singh, IPS, on Friday inspected key traffic locations in RC Puram and KPHB areas and reviewed enforcement measures, road development works and congestion management strategies to ensure smoother and safer movement for commuters.

The Joint Commissioner visited the RC Puram Traffic Police Station at around 11:30 am and reviewed the functioning of the station, daily traffic regulation duties and enforcement activities. He enquired about important traffic points being monitored by personnel and assessed the measures being taken to regulate vehicle movement effectively.

Singh also compared traffic enforcement data for 2025 and 2026 and issued instructions to strengthen enforcement and im-



prove traffic management in the area. Officers were directed to focus on identified congestion points and take timely measures to prevent traffic disruptions.

The Joint Commissioner further reviewed ongoing infrastructure projects, including the RUB, Lingampally Flyover and NH-65 road development works. He directed officials to ensure proper traffic regulation around construction zones and minimize inconvenience to commuters while the works are underway.

During the inspection, Singh also visited Lingampally Railway Station and assessed traffic move-

ment around the station. He enquired about bus connectivity between the railway station and surrounding localities and reviewed passenger movement, including boarding and disembarking figures during morning and evening peak hours. The number of trains operating through the station was also examined.

Later, the Joint Commissioner inspected major traffic locations under the KPHB Traffic Police Station limits. He personally reviewed conditions at the Pragathi Nagar U-Turn and Remedy U-Turn, focusing on vehicle movement and congestion during peak hours.

Traffic personnel were instructed to maintain effective regulation, prevent bottlenecks and ensure uninterrupted movement of vehicles. The directions were aimed at improving commuter convenience and enhancing road safety across the busy RC Puram and KPHB corridors.

Avoid Loud DJ Music, Celebrate Ganesh Festival Peacefully

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana

Mudhole Circle Inspector Ravinder Naik called upon the people to celebrate the Ganesh Chaturthi festival in a peaceful, eco-friendly and joyful atmosphere, urging organisers to avoid playing loud DJ music and ensure that the public is not inconvenienced in any manner. Addressing a Peace Committee meeting held at GM Garden in Mudhole, the CI made it



clear that DJ sound systems brought from Maharashtra would not be permitted under any circumstances, in view of a previous incident in which a person reportedly died due to excessive DJ

sound.

He instructed Ganesh mandap organisers to use only local sound boxes and advised them not to take young children near loudspeakers, while urging parents to take special care of their children's safety. The CI directed mandap organisers to act responsibly by setting up mandaps at their previous locations and compulsorily submitting all required details through the Google Form provided by 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.

HC rejects bail plea of suspended inspector

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Friday dismissed the anticipatory bail petition of suspended former Jubilee Hills inspector U. Srinivasulu Reddy, who faces allegations of sexual assault, harassment, intimidation and misuse of his official position.

The case was registered at Ameenpur police station in Cyberabad following a complaint by a 31-year-old woman from Sangareddy district. Public Prosecutor Palle Nageshwar Rao submitted that the officer abused his power when the woman,

involved in a family dispute, approached him while he was serving as inspector and SHO of Ameenpur. According to the prosecution, Reddy repeatedly contacted her, threatened her by invoking his official position and sexually assaulted her against her will. She alleged continuing exploitation, physical assault, intimidation and blackmail.

The complaint further stated that she became pregnant and that the accused provided abortion tablets in January 2024. She later underwent a DNC procedure at a private hospital.

No coercive action against KTR staff: HC

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Friday directed the police not to take any coercive action against two staff members of the BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao in connection with a case registered over the September 7 Assembly session incident. However, Justice J. Sreenivas Rao made it clear that the investigation would continue. The judge was hearing criminal petition filed by the PRO-cum-media coordinator Ma-

hesh Manikya and PA to K. T. Rama Rao Mahender Kumbala alias Mahender Reddy, seeking quashing of FIR No.371 of 2026 registered at Saifabad police station on September 9. The petitioners were accused of allegedly instigating BRS leaders against police personnel and marshals and creating hurdles in the discharge of their duties during the first day of the Assembly session. The court issued notice to the complainant and adjourned the matter to September 21 for further hearing.

Fatehnagar Complaint Row Puts Alleged Extortion Network Under Scrutiny

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of an alleged "complaint-and-settlement" racket in Fatehnagar have raised serious questions over the misuse of civic complaints, municipal enforcement mechanisms and the identity of individuals claiming to be social activists.

According to allegations emerging from the area, some individuals are allegedly identifying unauthorised or disputed constructions and sub-

sequently using complaints before the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) as leverage against property owners and builders. The claims suggest that the threat of enforcement action is allegedly followed by demands for money in exchange for withdrawing or diluting complaints.

One alleged transaction involving ₹80,000 has become a key point of discussion locally. However, the circumstances surrounding the payment, the identities of

those involved and the precise nature of the complaint require verification through documentary and official records.

The allegations have also drawn political attention.

Bandi Ramesh, TPCC Vice President and Congress In-charge for Kukatpally, is reportedly taking steps to address concerns over individuals allegedly misusing the Congress party's name or political connections for personal gain. Meanwhile, attention is turning towards GHMC

officials and the Vigilance Wing, with residents and business owners seeking greater transparency in the handling of construction-related complaints.

The matter now warrants a thorough inquiry based on complaint records, withdrawal documents, financial evidence and statements from all parties. Any wrongdoing, if established through investigation, could invite appropriate legal and departmental action.

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?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



iPhone Duo: Everything to know about Apple’s Rs 3 lakh foldable

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Apple introduced the iPhone Duo, its first foldable smartphone, at its annual event on Wednesday, September 9, featuring a new design that combines a large 7.6-inch inner display with a compact 5.4-inch outer display. Here is everything you need to know about it. Apple claims the iPhone Duo is the thinnest smartphone ever when unfolded. Its 7.6-inch inner display offers a larger canvas for viewing content, gaming and multitasking, and features a premium nano-texture finish to minimise glare and reflections. When folded, the device uses 5.4 inches of outer display, which Apple

claims provides 90 per cent of the screen area of the iPhone 18 Pro while retaining a compact design. Both displays share the same aspect ratio, designed around how people use their iPhone, allowing content to scale proportionally between screens and look continuous whether the Duo is closed or open. The iPhone Duo sports two Super Retina XDR screens. Both support Pro-Motion, Always On and 3,000 nits of peak outdoor brightness. “Later this year, iPhone Duo will support Apple Pencil with USB-C, allowing users to take notes, sketch, or mark up documents on either display,” Apple said in a press release. Apple uses a carbon fibre



metal plate beneath the display to manage the stress of bending, allowing internal layers to slide past each other like the pages of a book and preventing deep creases. Notably, there is no Face ID sensor, likely a concession to the space taken up by the folding mechanism. Instead, the Duo revives Touch ID built into the side power button. The iPhone Duo is built with a grade 5 titanium frame, retaining the premium quality of the iPhone 15 Pro and 15 Pro Max, with a mirror finish,

Ceramic Shield on the back and Ceramic Shield 2 glass on the front, making it three times more scratch resistant than the previous generation. The phone also comes with an IP68 rating, making it splash and water resistant. The iPhone Duo features a two-camera rear system with a 48-megapixel Fusion camera for sharp photos, along with a 48-megapixel Fusion Ultra Wide camera to capture wider fields of view. The phone shoots at 24 megapixels by default, offering what Apple describes as a balance between image quality and file size suitable for sharing. The foldable design with dual displays enables experiences that are not possible on any other iPhone, according to the company.

The phone can stand upright on its own to capture group photos automatically, and subjects can preview a shot before the shutter is pressed. The 48MP Fusion Main camera supports 4K 120fps video recording in Dolby Vision, enabling users to create smooth slow-motion effects while maintaining playback speed. Cinematic effects can also be applied to videos captured at 60fps. Apple has also introduced a new version of Siri, which can now use context from messages, emails and photos while understanding what is on display, and help users with what they need at that moment. According to the company, the all-new Siri is rolling out as a beta version with iOS 27.

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, ANAROCK 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.

Toyota Organizes All-New Hilux Boot Camp in Hyderabad

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Toyota today organized an exclusive All-New Toyota Hilux Boot Camp at Moinsabad, Hyderabad, offering adventure and automobile enthusiasts an opportunity to experience the vehicle's performance across challenging terrain. Leading Toyota dealerships from Telangana—Harsha Toy-

ota, Modi Toyota, Fortune Toyota and Headway Toyota—participated in the event. Automobile enthusiasts from Hyderabad and surrounding areas took part in the boot camp and experienced the All-New Toyota Hilux's off-road driving capabilities. The specially designed course allowed participants to test the vehicle's power,

stability, handling, and performance under demanding driving conditions. The Hilux Boot Camp will remain open to customers until September 12, 2026. Toyota invites customers and adventure enthusiasts to make the most of this opportunity and experience the performance and versatility of the All-New Toyota Hilux.



Thalassemia Awareness Programme Held at Mahboobnagar Collectorate



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An awareness programme on Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anaemia was organised at the meeting hall of the Mahboobnagar Collectorate (IDOC) to educate healthcare personnel and participants about prevention, early detection and effective management of these inherited blood disorders. The programme was conducted jointly by the Mahboobnagar Collectorate and the Thalassemia & Sickle Cell Society (TSCS). Awareness sessions were delivered by Dr. Suman Jain, Chief Medical Research Officer and Secretary, TSCS; Mrs. Ratnavali, Vice President, TSCS; and Dr. Padma, Senior Research Scientist, TSCS. The speakers explained the causes and impact of Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anaemia and emphasised the importance of

timely screening, early diagnosis, genetic awareness and appropriate medical care, particularly among communities at risk. DMHO Dr. Srinivasulu and Programme Officer Dr. Shankar attended the programme along with doctors, staff nurses, laboratory technicians, MPH staff and ANMs. Around 200 participants took part in the programme and actively participated in discussions. Participants were also informed about the upcoming GANSID International Congress, scheduled to be held at HICC, Novotel, Hyderabad, from October 23 to 25, 2026, and encouraged to attend the important international gathering. The programme concluded with a call for sustained awareness campaigns, wider screening and timely intervention to reduce the burden of genetic blood disorders.

India can be trusted global finance partner: RBI Governor

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Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra on Thursday said India has a significant opportunity to emerge as a trusted partner in shaping the future architecture of global finance, driven by its rapidly expanding fintech ecosystem and digital public infrastructure. Addressing the Global Fintech Fest 2026, Malhotra said India's financial technology sector has demonstrated strong growth and innovation and is increasingly positioned to contribute to the transformation of financial services at both domestic and international levels. The RBI Governor said the country's fintech ecosystem currently ranks third globally and has produced around 30 unicorns, reflecting the scale and maturity of India's technology-driven financial sector. Malhotra highlighted the importance of developing robust



digital public infrastructure to support the next generation of financial services. He cited the Unified Lending Interface (ULI) as an example of how technology and digital infrastructure can improve access to credit and make financial services more efficient and inclusive. According to the Governor, India's experience in building digital systems at population scale provides an opportunity to create innovative solutions that can be adopted and adapted by other countries. He also stressed that trust must remain at the heart of the financial system, particularly as fintech com-

panies increasingly rely on large volumes of consumer and financial data. Malhotra said fintech firms should view data as a fiduciary responsibility rather than merely treating it as a business asset. The RBI Governor further announced that the Reserve Bank of India, in coordination with market regulator the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), would launch the tokenisation of corporate bonds later on Thursday. The move is expected to represent another step towards the wider adoption of technology in India's financial markets and could contribute to

greater efficiency and transparency in securities transactions. Malhotra also announced that the RBI has approved the United Fintech Forum as the second Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for the financial sector. The recognition is aimed at strengthening industry standards and promoting responsible practices within the rapidly evolving fintech ecosystem. Earlier, the Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment (FACE) had been recognised as a Self-Regulatory Organisation. The RBI's growing emphasis on self-regulation reflects its efforts to encourage innovation while ensuring consumer protection, accountability and trust across the fintech industry. Malhotra said India's combination of technological innovation, digital infrastructure and a strong regulatory framework could help the country play a larger role in defining the future of global finance.

PepsiCo opens its first food factory in Assam for Rs 778 cr

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Leading food and beverage maker PepsiCo India on Thursday, September 10, opened its first food factory in Assam, set up with an investment of Rs 778 crore in Nalbari district. Inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, the unit is spread across 44.2 acres and has created 700 direct and indirect employment opportunities. “The inauguration of PepsiCo India's foods manufacturing facility in Nalbari is another important milestone in Assam's industrial growth story. This investment underscores the confidence that leading global companies have in Assam's business-friendly policies, infras-

tructure development and skilled workforce,” Sarma said. Beyond generating employment and economic activity, the project will strengthen the state's agricultural ecosystem and create new opportunities for farmers, women and local enterprises, he added. PepsiCo India & South Asia CEO Jagrut Kotecha said that with an investment of Rs 778 crore, the facility is the company's first plant in Assam and fifth in India. “Through this investment, we are strengthening our manufacturing footprint while creating a positive ripple effect across the value chain, from farmers and local businesses to women, young talent and communities,” he said.

Seven years after Galwan, Chinese President Xi to visit India

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In a strategic balancing act triggered by escalating global trade tensions, India is leveraging the two-day BRICS summit starting Saturday, September 11, to position the grouping as a complementary engine for economic growth while championing the Global South's core developmental priorities — most notably safeguarding food, energy, and supply chain security. With New Delhi putting the finishing touches on the summit, China has confirmed President Xi Jinping's attendance, marking his first trip to India after a seven-year gap. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, Russian President Vladimir Putin and

South African President Cyril Ramaphosa and his Indonesian counterpart Prabowo Subianto are among the top leaders attending the crucial meet in the national capital. However, Bangladesh has ruled out the possibility of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's visit, saying he was not invited to the BRICS Summit and the invitation was instead extended to the BIMSTEC Chair. Speaking to reporters, State Minister for Foreign Affairs Humairun Kobir claimed that the Bangladesh Premier was not properly invited to the BRICS Summit. He added that the invitation was extended to Rahman not as a prime minister but as the chairman of the seven-nation South and East Asian BIMSTEC.

Bigg Boss 20 Takes Housemates Down Memory Lane With Iconic Moments

Bigg Boss Hindi has completed two decades, and its latest season, Bigg Boss 20, is already creating its own share of drama, entertainment and emotional moments. Over the years, the reality show has taken viewers through an unpredictable journey filled with heated arguments, intense rivalries, unexpected friendships, emotional bonds, challenging tasks, romance, humour and unforgettable dialogues. As Bigg Boss 20 moves forward, the makers have brought a special twist by taking the contestants on a nostalgic journey through the show's memorable past. During the very first week, the housemates got an opportunity to revisit some of the most iconic moments from previous seasons as Bigg Boss celebrated 20 years of the reality show. The contestants watched an exclusive montage featuring some of the show's most memorable



scenes. The video included heated arguments, hilarious incidents, emotional moments, iconic friendships and viral dialogues that became a part of popular culture. Several familiar clips instantly reminded viewers of the personalities and relationships that have made Bigg Boss one of India's most talked-about reality shows. Among the memorable moments featured in the special screening was Shehnaaz Gill's much-loved dialogue, "Tuada kutta Tommy, sadda kutta kutta," which became one of the most recognisable lines from the show. Zaid Darbar's humorous dialogue, "Seedha jaa ke left le, chai bana aur sabko pila," was also part of the nostal-

gic compilation. Both moments went viral and continued to remain popular among fans even after their respective seasons ended. However, the atmosphere inside the Bigg Boss 20 house changed dramatically as the montage moved beyond fights and comedy. The screening also highlighted some of the genuine friendships, emotional connections and unforgettable bonds formed by contestants over the years. The emotional side of the show left several current housemates visibly moved. Arshifa, Mahhi, Amrapali and Asif were seen getting teary-eyed while watching the old footage. The emotional clips reminded them that the Bigg Boss house has

often been a place where contestants developed deep friendships and meaningful relationships despite the constant pressure, competition and conflicts. The special screening also highlighted an important aspect of Bigg Boss — the show is not remembered only for its winners or the trophy. Many contestants continue to remain popular because of the relationships they built, their personalities, memorable performances and moments that connected with the audience. Across 20 years, Bigg Boss has delivered countless fights, friendships, rivalries, romances, emotional reunions, funny incidents and viral dialogues. Many of these moments continue to circulate on social media through memes, fan edits and video clips. With Bigg Boss 20 now celebrating the show's two-decade legacy, the nostalgic journey has offered the current contestants a glimpse.

Vijay Deverakonda Co-Launches Unhype, Brings Science-Backed Skincare to Young India



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Actor Vijay Deverakonda has co-launched Unhype, a new skincare brand aimed at young Indian consumers, with a focus on science-backed formulations, transparent claims and affordable pricing. Announcing the venture through his social media platforms on Friday, Vijay said Unhype was built around the philosophy "No BS. Only What Works." The brand primarily targets consumers aged 18 to 30 and seeks to address everyday skincare concerns associated with Indian weather and lifestyles, including heat, humidity, sweat, sun exposure, pollution and hard water. Unlike traditional celebrity-backed beauty launches, Vijay has taken an active role in developing the products. According to the

company, he spent around nine months working through the product-development process and personally tested multiple versions before the final formulations were selected. "For ten years, people have been asking me for skincare advice, tips and suggestions. I finally have an answer. I didn't want to be the face of a brand. They asked me to co-build it — so I did," Vijay said. Unhype is debuting with two VD Signature Routines, each containing three essential products — a face wash, moisturiser and sunscreen. The Acne Safe Routine is aimed at oily and acne-prone skin, while the Brightening Routine is designed for consumers dealing with tanning and dullness. Each three-product routine is priced at ₹1,299, with the company positioning the offering as an accessible

alternative to premium celebrity-led skincare products. The brand said its formulations have undergone testing and certification, including independent third-party evaluations. Its sunscreen uses new-generation UV filters and has undergone both in-vivo and in-vitro SPF testing. The products are also dermatologically tested for regular daily use. Unhype will initially follow an online-first, direct-to-consumer model through its own website. Pre-bookings opened on September 11, while shipments and the wider product launch are scheduled to begin on September 21, 2026. With Vijay continuing to promote the brand through his personal social media channels, Unhype aims to build its identity around product performance, transparency and minimal hype.

Young Yogasana Talent from Gandeed Shines at State-Level Championship



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Young sporting talent from rural Telangana is steadily making its mark on bigger platforms. Kumari Mokshitha Goud, daughter of Jagan Mohan Goud of Gandeed Mandal, Mahabubnagar District, participated in the 13th State-Level Yogasana Sports Championship held at Kothapally in Karimnagar District. The championship witnessed enthusiastic participation from a large number of children from different parts of the state. The young participants demonstrated their skills in various yogasana dis-

ciplines, showcasing their discipline, concentration and sporting spirit. Mokshitha's participation in the state-level championship has brought pride to her family and the Gandeed community. Coming from a rural background, her participation reflects the growing interest among children in sports and yoga beyond academic activities. Her father, Jagan Mohan Goud, and family members expressed happiness over her participation and encouraged her to continue developing her talent in yogasana. Following the competitions, certificates were distributed to the partici-



pating children in recognition of their involvement and efforts. Yogasana not only promotes physical fitness but also helps children develop concentration, balance, discipline and confidence. Participation in state-level competitions provides young athletes with valuable exposure and motivation to pursue their sporting interests.

HC to examine balancing motherhood with sporting career demands

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The Delhi High Court has said it would examine and adjudicate upon the larger question of how motherhood and maternity are to be balanced against the demands of a sporting career. The question arose during the hearing of a petition by wrestler Vinesh Phogat, who became a mother in July 2025 and has returned from maternity leave, seeking permission to participate in the women's selection trials for the 2026 Senior World Championships.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma, in a late-night interim order on Thursday, refused to allow the grappler to participate in the selection trials scheduled to be held at the Indira Gandhi Stadium on September 14. It said at this interim stage, the court is of the view that the eligibility criteria applicable to all athletes ought not to be relaxed in favour of Phogat alone, particularly when such relaxation may have consequences for



other similarly situated athletes who are not before it. "This court is also mindful that selection to represent the country at an international championship carries with it considerations extending beyond the individual claim of any particular athlete. The interest of the country in ensuring that its representatives are selected through a fair, uniform and performance-based process is of paramount importance," Justice Sharma said. The judge added, "this court is also conscious that the larger question as to how motherhood and maternity are to be balanced against the demands of a sporting career, and whether an athlete ought to require to choose between mother-

hood and pursuing her career, merits careful consideration. However, that issue is yet to be finally examined and adjudicated upon in the present proceedings". Till the validity and applicability of the selection policy itself is adjudicated upon, the eligibility criteria prescribed thereunder cannot simply be set aside or wished away in the case of one athlete, and a special class cannot be carved out in favour of the petitioner, particularly when other athletes similarly placed may also face a comparable dilemma and may be required to make similar choices in the course of their sporting careers, it said. The court was of the view that granting such interim relief to Phogat alone, without first adjudicating

upon the policy, may result in unequal treatment to similarly placed athletes. It said that permitting Phogat to participate in the trials by granting her a special dispensation would not only be unfair to other athletes across the country but would also have the effect of opening a Pandora's box with other athletes seeking similar exceptions from the prescribed eligibility criteria. Phogat, in her application filed in a pending petition, also sought a stay on the operation of a September 7 circular issued by the WFI prescribing the eligibility criteria for the selection trials. The fresh application was filed in the main petition in which the wrestler has sought formulation of a fair and structured framework for women athletes returning to competitive sports after pregnancy and maternity leave. In the application, she has sought a stay on the circular as it excludes her from participating in the selection trials for the championship scheduled to be held at Astana, Ka-

zakhstan from October 24 to November 1. The court, in its order, said "To reiterate, the criteria prescribed under the circular dated September 7, 2026 apply uniformly to all athletes. An athlete who has not participated in the prescribed competitions, for whatever reason, would not fall within the eligibility categories specified by respondent no. 1 (WFI)". It said Phogat's circumstances relating to pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum recovery would require consideration while examining the validity of the policy. However, that does not, at the interim stage, by itself entitle her to a direction permitting her to participate contrary to the eligibility criteria, it added. The WFI circular provides for women's trials in six Olympic weight categories. Phogat contended that the latest selection framework creates a closed pathway by making eligibility dependent on participation and performance in specified qualifying competitions.

BRSV protesters detained during student protest at Telangana Assembly

Police detained several BRSV leaders and students on Friday after they attempted to march towards the Telangana Assembly over pending scholarships and GO No. 97. BRSV leader Prashant Goud demanded Rs 12,000 crore in scholarships and threatened intensified protests

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Police on Friday foiled an attempt by the Bharat Rashtra Vidyarthi Samithi (BRSV) to lay siege to the Telangana Legislative Assembly, as student leaders staged a protest demanding action on pending scholarships and withdrawal of GO No. 97 concerning polytechnic colleges. BRSV leaders and students gathered near the Assembly and attempted to march towards the premises. Police personnel, who had deployed additional security around the Assembly, stopped the protesters and detained several of them to prevent them from entering the high-security area. BRSV leader Prashant Goud alleged that the State government was ignoring the concerns of students and demanded the immediate release of Rs 12,000 crore in pending scholarships. He also called for the withdrawal of GO



No. 97, which, according to the organisation, has created concerns among students of polytechnic colleges. Goud warned that the student organisation would intensify its agitation if the government failed to respond to their demands. He said the BRSV would organise stronger forms of protest in the coming days to pressure the government to address the pending scholarship issue and reconsider

GO No. 97. The BRSV leader further warned that the organisation would lay siege to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's residence if GO No. 97 was not withdrawn. The protest led to heightened security arrangements around the Assembly, with police preventing the demonstrators from advancing towards the premises. Several protesters were taken into custody as the police moved to dis-



BRSV GHMC Coordinator Mir Qurram Ali, along with BRSV leaders, staged a protest demanding the release of pending scholarships and withdrawal of GO No. 97 concerning polytechnic colleges. Earlier, as Akbaruddin's relentless questions to SC development minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar on his reply on pending scholarships and fee reimbursement issues, continued, panel Speaker Kadiam Srihari tried to stop

Akbaruddin's Questions Leave Govt Gasping

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The Telangana government has said it would call for an all-party meeting to discuss all issues related to fee reimbursement and scholarships for pre-matric and post-matric students, following a questions barrage by AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi on the subject in the Legislative Assembly on Friday. Responding to Akbaruddin's demand that the government call for an all-party meet on the issue, legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu said the government would do so. Earlier, as Akbaruddin's relentless questions to SC development minister Adhuri Laxman Kumar on his reply on pending scholarships and fee reimbursement issues, continued, panel Speaker Kadiam Srihari tried to stop



Owaisi asking him to ask his only a few questions at a time, so the minister can answer them instead of asking "20 at one time." Akbaruddin replied he was ready to do so but in such a case, he may have even more questions than what he was asking. "The ministers are capable, they can answer any questions. They have highly capable and educated IAS officers to help them. I am only a 12th class pass, I am sure they can answer the questions," he said. The barrage of questions appeared to forced Laxman Kumar to read data from his original response to questions on pending pre-matric and post-ma-

tric scholarships, fee reimbursement dues to SC, ST, BC, minorities and economically backward class students. Akbaruddin immediately pointed out that the minister has not answered any of his questions but was just reading numbers from his original answer. Akbaruddin alleged that there were large-scale irregularities in beneficiary selection, that there was utter confusion on the number of applications, the number that have been accepted and rejected with no reasons given for the rejections. He said that according to the Government of India's minimum wage guidelines skilled labour in rural areas get `1.98 lakh a year while the amount was `2.2 lakh in urban areas. Going by this criteria, there should be no beneficiary at all for fee reimbursement in Telangana.

Caste must be part of Census to eliminate inequalities: Dy CM

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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said on Friday, September 11, that including a caste census in the national Census was essential to eliminating social inequalities and ensuring justice for weaker sections. Participating in a debate on the census and the caste census in the Assembly, he demanded an explanation from the BJP members if they supported the caste census or not, media reports said.



Bhatti said that after the Congress government came to power in Telangana, it conducted a comprehensive survey across the state to assess the people's social, economic and political conditions. He said that as the Dep-

uty Chief Minister in charge of the Planning Department, he reviewed the process on a daily basis. He recalled that even Opposition members had appreciated the survey when its report was presented in the Assembly. Bhatti said that while the Congress has been demanding that a caste census be conducted across the country on the lines of the survey undertaken in Telangana, and CMA A. Revanth Reddy has visited Delhi over the same, there has been no response from the Centre.

Bank strike hits branch operations in Hyderabad on September 11

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Customer-facing banking services were affected across Hyderabad on Friday, September 11, 2026, as thousands of employees and officers of public sector banks joined a one-day nationwide strike called by the United Forum of Bank Unions (UFBU). Several bank branches across the city remained closed as employees participated in the strike. At branches that were open, services were largely managed by the branch in-charge, with

minimal lighting and limited staff presence. Customer footfall was also noticeably low, as many account holders appeared to have planned their transactions around the strike. The strike affected routine services such as cash deposits and withdrawals, cheque-related work and other branch-based banking requirements. However, digital banking services, including internet banking, mobile banking, ATMs and other electronic payment channels, continued to remain available to customers.



Employees of different banks protest near SBI Bank Complex on Bank Street in Koti, Hyderabad, on Friday.



The Telangana Excise Department on Friday, September 11, arrested a woman for drug peddling in Hyderabad and seized 2.10 kg of ganja from her. The accused was identified as K Rajeshwari, who was arrested during a raid on Sitaram Bagh Road while selling ganja from inside a car.

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Hyderabad cop held for cheating woman after 11-year relationship

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A Hyderabad police constable was arrested for allegedly cheating a woman with a false promise of marriage after being in a relationship with her for 11 years. The accused, identified as Arun, was in a relationship with the woman since they met while pursuing an M.Tech. The woman approached the Uppal police and filed a complaint stating that she was pregnant several times; however, Arun

forced her to have an abortion, claiming that they couldn't have a baby at that time. The complainant claimed that Arun had also paid an advance of Rs 50,000 to a function hall for their wedding on November 1, 2026. However, the woman alleged that the constable married another woman on July 1. Based on the complaint, the Uppal Police investigated the matter and arrested Arun, who has now been sent to judicial custody.

HYDRAA launches portal offering FTL check, other services

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The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on Friday, September 11, launched a portal enabling home buyers to check full tank levels and buffer zones in case they purchase properties near lakes in Hyderabad. HYDRAA Commissioner, AV Ranganath, launched the agency's official website on Friday, bringing information on its services, activities, emergency assistance, lakes, land and disaster management together on a single platform. The portal provides direct access to the Hyderabad Metro-



politan Development Authority (HMDA) Lakes Portal, allowing users to check FTL details of lakes and other water bodies. Information on FTL and buffer-zone regulations is also available, helping residents understand the restrictions applicable around lakes before purchasing property or undertaking construction and development activities. The website also allows

residents to view maps of waterlogging and flood-prone areas. Separate maps are available for areas under the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation and Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation. Residents would be able to identify vulnerable locations, particularly during heavy rains and flooding.

Telangana passes bill to co-opt trans persons in civic bodies

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The Telangana Legislative Assembly on Friday, September 11, passed a bill to enable the co-option of transgender persons in municipal corporations. State Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu, who moved the bill on behalf of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, said the Telangana Municipalities (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2026 would provide representation to transgender persons in municipal administration and the decision-making process. The bill proposes the co-option of transgender persons in nine municipal corporations outside the Core Urban Region (CURE) of Hyderabad, he said. He said one transgender person would be nominated as a co-opted member in each corporation. To facilitate this, the minister introduced the Bill proposing an amendment to the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019. Sridhar Babu said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has undertaken several initiatives to bring transgender persons, who face social discrimination and marginalisation, into the mainstream and ensure their greater participation in public life.

HMWSSB to permanently fix sewage inflow in Durgam Cheruvu

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The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewage Board (HMWSSB) is targeting dry-day sewage leaks into Durgam Cheruvu, with officials ordered to block and locate all waste channels and divert them toward treatment plants. K Ashok Reddy, the Water

Board Managing Director, on Friday, September 11, visited the lake and conducted a field-level inspection of the drains leading into the lake, sewage treatment plants (STPs), nalas, stormwater drains, sewage inflows, and other ongoing works. He directed officials to provide a permanent solution to prevent sewage from entering the Durgum

Cheruvu and avoid relying on temporary fixes. Reddy held extensive discussions with officials, ordering them to accurately record the volume of water entering the lake. He instructed them to track inflows from various channels and differentiate between sewage and rainwater inflow. To ensure no sewage flows into drains on non-

rainy days, he suggested exploring the feasibility of completely diverting incoming sewage through dedicated pipelines to STPs. He directed that all flow paths from the starting points of drains to the lake be identified and a comprehensive flow map prepared within 24 to 48 hours. He suggested examining the capacity of

existing pipelines, flow levels, gravity-based water flow, STP capacities, and preparing proposals to establish new sewage lines and trunk mains wherever necessary. Reddy said a long-term plan should be formulated not only for current needs but also for the projected increase in sewage volume by 2047.