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WEATHER

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

No BRICS currency proposal yet, says MEA

NEW DELHI

There is no proposal for a BRICS currency "as of now", while discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday. In a press briefing, MEA's Secretary, Economic Relations, Sudhakar Dalela, said: "There is no proposal in the BRICS for a BRICS currency as of now." "Discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time," he said. "We believe local currency settlement is a practical mechanism to reduce transaction costs in bilateral trade. This has been encouraged as complementary to

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BRICS Delhi Consensus Big Win for India; Slams Pahalgam Terror Hit

Calls for maximum restraint in West Asia; tacitly slams US-Israeli attacks on Iran

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In a major diplomatic victory for India, the Brics countries adopted the Delhi Declaration with complete unanimity, something that was absent during the Brics foreign ministers meeting in May this year due to differing views of member countries Iran and United Arab Emirates (UAE) in the wake of war in West Asia. Even though it was a tightrope walk for India to work out a consensus for a joint statement, the Indian diplomats worked till 4 am on Saturday to bring along rivals Iran, UAE and Saudi Arabia, having deep differences, on the same page. In May, Iran had insisted on the grouping to condemn the attack by the United States of America and Israel on Iran while accusing UAE of direct involvement in the conflict. The UAE had issues



with Iran for bombarding its territories with missiles and drones. In the latest, Iran backed Houthis have targeted Saudi Arabia. However, despite their rival positions due to ongoing conflict in West Asia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi was keen that the Brics summit should reflect solidarity and strength against nations that threaten with unilateral actions like imposing tariffs, and sanctions. It is learnt that India found support from Brazil, Russia and China in its efforts as diplomats

crafted a carefully worded statement which talked about ending wars and conflicts in a way that did not hurt the sentiments of any country and everybody's views were incorporated carefully. In fact, the success of the summit can be seen from the fact that UAE and Iran also sat together for a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the summit. "We express deep concern over the continued escalation of tensions in Middle East/West Asia and, recalling our respective national positions,

call for exercising maximum restraint, as well as avoiding actions that could further aggravate the situation," the joint statement said. It also urged to ensure the protection of civilians and civilian infrastructure and called for respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the states. Leaders called for increasing efforts, through dialogue and diplomacy, towards a long-term understanding for lasting peace, security and stability in the region. The Brics leaders also came together to condemn protectionist attitude of countries like the USA, that imposes higher trade tariffs and slaps sanctions. Leaders said trade-restrictive actions that are inconsistent with WTO rules, whether in the form of indiscriminate rising of tariffs and non-tariff measures, or protectionism under the guise of environmental objectives,

threatens to further reduce global trade, disrupt global supply chains, and introduce uncertainty into international economic and trade activities. Without naming any nation, the leaders expressed serious concerns about the rise of unilateral tariff and non-tariff measures which distort trade and condemned the "imposition of unilateral coercive measures: that are contrary to international law, saying such measures, have far-reaching negative implications. On terrorism, the leaders expressed strong condemnation of all such acts terming it as criminal and unjustifiable, regardless of their motivation, by whomsoever committed. "We condemn in the strongest terms the terrorist attack in Jammu and Kashmir on 22 April 2025, during which 26 people were killed and many more injured.

Global South Must Turn Rule Makers, Not Takers: PM Modi

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Seeking better representation for developing countries in the United Nations Security Council and global financial bodies like the World Bank, World Trade Organisation Prime Minister Narendra Modi, while speaking at the Brics summit on Saturday, said it is time for the Global South to shift from being rule takers to being rule makers. He added that the existing "pyramid of privilege" structure in global governance must give way to a "platform of partnership". PM proposed a 10-point roadmap for global governance reform with focus on representation, responsiveness, and rule-making even called for a seafarers emergency support network. Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, South African President Cyril Ramaphosa, Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah El-Sisi attended the closed door meeting.



President Xi supported Mr Modi's points saying Brics should support a multilateral trading system centred on the World Trade Organization, and reject all forms of protectionist measures. While saying the reform of the UNSC cannot be delayed anymore, the PM sought equal participation in shaping the global rules. He noted that in financial institutions too voting power, leadership positions, and policy priorities should reflect present economic realities. He added that the Global South is in the front row of global crises, but in the back row of decision-making. "Countries that drive global economic growth should also have an appropriate role in shaping global economic governance... The current structure of global governance resembles a pyramid. At

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Jarange Announces March To Mumbai From September 15

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Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange on Saturday announced that a "sea of Marathas" would march to Mumbai from September 15. He said the protesters would set out at 11 am after the pran-pratishtha of Ganesh idols at their homes and reach Mumbai on September 19. According to the proposed route, the march will halt overnight at Pa-

The protesters will begin an indefinite hunger strike at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai at 10 am on September 19: Maratha reservation activist Manoj Jarange

today in Beed district on September 15, Shrigonda in Ahilyanagar district on September 16, Hadapsar in Pune district on September 17 and Khopoli on September 18. Jarange also indicated that the march could halt at Koparkhairane before

entering Mumbai. The protesters will begin an indefinite hunger strike at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai at 10 am on September 19, he said, vowing to continue the agitation until the Maratha community is granted reservation. Jarange said the protesters would cover around 100 km a day and appealed to them to maintain peace and discipline throughout the agitation. "No stone-pelting and no arson," he said, urging

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Minister Ponguleti blames BRS for 22A prohibited land list mess

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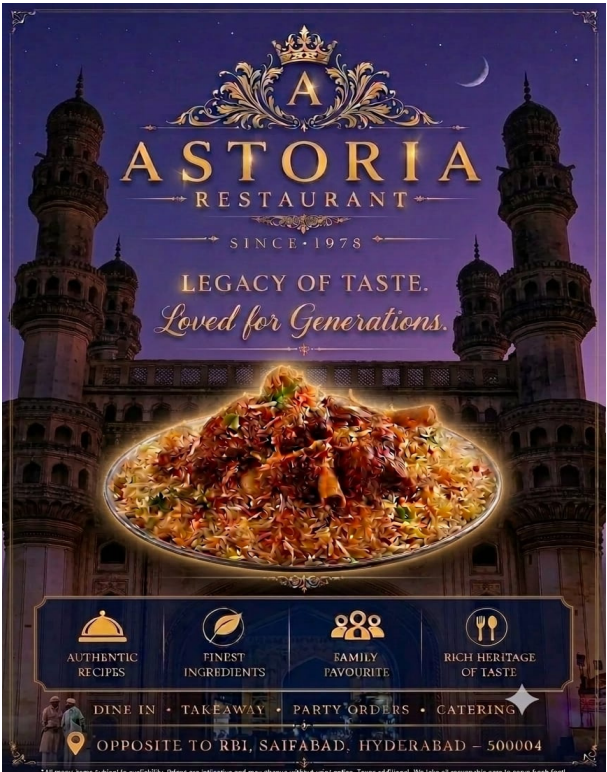
Days after blaming revenue officials for the prohibited lands controversy and apologising for the hardship caused to property owners, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday changed tack on the Assembly floor, seeking to pin the controversy on the previous BRS government. Further, he argued that the Congress government was cleaning up an inherited mess.

During a short-duration discussion on prohibited lands, Srinivas Reddy claimed that 1,02,05,250 acres were in the 22-A list as of August 31, including 96,36,777 acres of government agricultural land, 3,73,930 acres of private agricultural land, 1,94,543 acres of non-agricultural land and 5,12,792 acres of endowment land. He argued that the problem was not created by the Congress government. He said the prohibited-list extent actually fell by 47,440

acres since the BRS left office, with 23,000 acres restored to people and another 20,000 acres removed after errors in old government orders were identified. The Revenue Minister broadened the attack, accusing the BRS of exploiting the Dharani portal for land irregularities. He admitted that around 25,000 houses were covered in the 22A list and acknowledged that several decades ago the government itself had assigned land to poor people for housing.

He sought suggestions on resolving ownership issues in assigned lands. Srinivas Reddy questioned why a government that ruled for a decade had failed to resolve longstanding disputes over assigned lands. He reiterated the government's plan to complete a comprehensive land survey across Telangana within the next 18 months. Pilot surveys were already underway in 70 revenue villages in each district, he said. He alleged that both

BRS and BJP were following the same script on the 22A issue to target the ruling Congress. He criticised BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao and BJP floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy for alleging that around 42,000 acres in Yadadri Bhongir district were wrongfully included in the prohibition list. He also attacked BRS for holding a mock Assembly and found fault with the issues raised during it.



Over 100 Children Engaged In Labour Rescued By Police In Bengaluru

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Over 100 children who were allegedly engaged in labour at various establishments in the city were rescued on Saturday during a special drive to prevent child labour, police said. The special drives were conducted by teams of East and Northeast division of the Bengaluru Police following the directions of City Police Commissioner Seemant Kumar Singh, they said. The objective of the drive was to prevent child labour and identify and rescue chil-

dren engaged in labour. According to police, 85 teams headed by officers were formed to check all godowns, market places, hotels, lodges, bakeries, bus stops railway stations, apartments, construction sites etc in all police station limits of East Division. A total of 917 premises were checked and 71 children engaged in labour were rescued. Legal action has been initiated on persons who employed children for work. Verification of the age of the children is going on. After confirmation, more FIRs will be registered, a

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Indian Tourists Face Intense Scrutiny At US Airports

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Several Indian tourists travelling to the United States are reportedly facing additional questioning at airports, with some being asked to show their social media profiles during immigration checks, raising concerns among travellers about increased scrutiny at US ports of entry. The US state department has expanded online presence reviews for several non-immigrant visa categories. These include H-1B and H-4 applicants, as well as F, M and J student and exchange visitor applicants. Applicants in these categories have been in-



structed to make their social media profiles public to facilitate screening. However, no rule currently requires B-1/B-2 tourists to undergo social media screening. For Indian travellers, the reported questioning has added uncertainty to an already closely watched US entry process. Saritha, a woman from Hyderabad who went to California to visit her

family, said, "I came to the US before once, and I expected the immigration process to be routine. But after asking two questions, they called me into another room to ask additional questions. I got nervous." "I was asked multiple times about my trip, my family in the US and my financial situation. Then, they asked me to show my social media on my phone. I said I only have WhatsApp and YouTube, and they checked my WhatsApp," Saritha further said. Another tourist, who requested anonymity, said, "I had nothing to hide, but I was surprised when an officer wanted to

see my social media profiles. I showed them my Instagram profile, and they checked my following list. After a couple of minutes, they sent me out." US Customs and Border Protection officers have broad authority to question travellers about their purpose of travel, intended length of stay, accommodation, finances and other circumstances before deciding whether to admit them. Immigration consultants advised travellers to carry clear details of their itinerary, return tickets, accommodation and the purpose of their visit.

Harish Rao counters Ponguleti, questions Congress claims on 22A

The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) launched a sharp counter to Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's remarks on 22-A prohibited lands, accusing him of misleading the Assembly and shifting blame to the previous government.

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Saturday mounted a point-by-point rebuttal of Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's claims on 22-A prohibited lands, accusing him of misleading the Assembly and attempting to shift the blame for the controversy to the previous BRS government. The party demanded that the Minister spell out a clear time frame to resolve the issue rather than indulging in a blame game. Speaking to media persons at Telangana Bhavan here on Saturday, the party deputy floor leader T Harish Rao opined that Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy failed to answer the questions raised by the BRS on how many acres were added to the prohibited

list after the Congress came to power and instead spoke about the extent already in the list. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, Harish Rao said the Minister had effectively admitted that an error occurred when a list was uploaded on December 3, 2025, allegedly because officials were short of time. Yet, he said, Srinivas Reddy neither apologised to affected property owners nor gave a deadline for resolving the problem or promised a white paper on lands added to and removed from the list. Rubbishing the claim that the problem was inherited from the BRS regime, the BRSLP deputy leader asked why registrations had stopped and people had taken to the streets under the Congress regime, if the issue had ex-



isted for years. "If it happened in the past, why did you apologise, blame officials and set up a toll-free number?" he asked. He also accused Srinivas Reddy of getting basic facts wrong. A farmer suicide cited by the Minister as having occurred in Mir-doddi in Siddipet constituency, was actually in Dubbak constituency, he said. Similarly, Kondapak was wrongly described as part of Siddipet constituency, while it falls under Gajwel. Harish Rao ridiculed Srinivas Reddy's claim that

GO 76 for regularising Singareni workers' lands was issued by the YS Rajasekhara Reddy government, stating that it was brought by the BRS government. He also disputed the shifting claims over houses in prohibited lands, stating that the Congress leaders including Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy had themselves alleged that around 25,000 houses were affected and the inclusion of 42,000 acres in Yadadri. Countering the Minister's allegations concerning his father-in-law's land, the BRSLP deputy leader said the property was allotted in 1995 by the then Congress government to an ex-serviceman, followed by a No Objection Certificate issued again by the then Congress government in 2010. Registration was subsequently done after payment

through a cheque during the Congress rule, he said. He added that a part of the land was acquired by the government for the Godavari Sujala Sravanthi scheme, with compensation paid by the then Congress government and mutation completed in 2011, but not the BRS government. Harish Rao reminded that the BRS government issued pattas to 11 lakh farmers under Sadabainama, distributed podu land titles covering six lakh acres to tribals, and brought GOs 76, 58, 59 and 118 to address land rights. He alleged that the Congress government had also admitted to registrations involving assigned and patta lands without proper verification, pointing out that information indicated around 9,200 such documents.

Congress Protest in Langar Houz; Al Hajri Challenges KCR

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Congress leaders staged a protest against the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Langar Houz Division of the Karwan Assembly Constituency, demanding that former Chief Minister and BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) attend the ongoing Assembly session or resign from his Assembly membership. The protest was organised under the directions of Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee president and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud and 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 and participate in Assembly



proceedings. He alleged that KCR had remained disconnected from public issues for nearly 1,000 days and spent much of his time at his Erravelli farmhouse. Al Hajri said KCR should take moral responsibility and resign if he was unwilling to perform his duties as an elected legislator. He also demanded an unconditional apology from a BRS MLC over alleged objectionable remarks against Telangana

Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. Congress workers raised slogans such as "KCR, Resign!" and "BRS MLC, Apologise!" and condemned what they described as disrespect towards constitutional institutions. The protest was attended by senior Congress leaders, Youth Congress and Mahila Congress representatives, local division leaders and party workers.

Devotion Takes the Lead as Lenin Nagar Farmer's Son Begins Yadadri Pilgrimage



A journey of devotion and family affection began on Saturday as Dasari Pedda Narsing Rao, a resident of Lenin Nagar village in Komuravelli Mandal of Siddipet District, set out towards Yadagirigutta Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple along with his family. Narsing Rao embarked on the pilgrimage with a special purpose — to fulfil his wife's long-standing wish of having darshan of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Yadagirigutta. The pilgrimage reflected not only religious faith but also the importance of fulfilling the wishes of loved ones. With prayers and devotion, the family began their journey towards the famous Yadadri spiritual destination. Yadagirigutta, home to the revered Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple, holds a special place in the hearts of devotees across Telangana and neighbouring regions. Thousands of devotees visit the temple seeking the blessings of Lord Narasimha Swamy and praying for the well-being and prosperity of their families. For Narsing Rao and his family, the journey carries a personal significance as they look forward to seeking the blessings of the deity and fulfilling a cherished family wish. The pilgrimage began with devotion, hope and prayers for the happiness and well-being of the entire family.

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.

TDP Demands SIT Probe Into Gopi's Custodial Death

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The Andhra Pradesh Mala Employees Association has demanded a comprehensive and impartial investigation into the death of SC youth Chikati Gopi of Ponnekallu in Tadikonda mandal, amid allegations that he fell seriously ill while in police custody. Association leaders Bethala Sudarshanam, Nuthalapati Jagadeesh and Ambati Anil urged the State Government to constitute a Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by a senior IPS officer unconnected with the local



police. They said an independent probe was necessary to establish the facts and ensure public confidence. According to allegations cited by the association, Gopi was taken into police custody for questioning in connection with a theft case and allegedly

kept for nearly two days. His family has alleged that he was assaulted and subjected to physical harassment. He later developed severe illness and was shifted between hospitals before being admitted to a government hospital in Guntur, where he died.

The association sought preservation of CCTV footage, station records, medical documents, inquest and post-mortem reports, and other evidence. If the allegations are established, it demanded criminal action against responsible police personnel and examination of applicable SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act provisions. It also sought a government job for Gopi's wife, a permanent house, free education for his children, agricultural land or livelihood support, and ₹25 lakh additional ex-gratia.

Ram Prabhu Leads Miyapur Leaders' BRS Joining

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Several leaders and youth from Miyapur joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) on Saturday under the leadership of Attepalli Ram Prabhu. The joining programme was held at Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao's camp office in his presence. The new members said Telangana's development had slowed after the Congress government came to power and alleged that people were facing financial diffi-



culties. They also claimed that several welfare schemes initiated during the previous KCR government had been weakened. Expressing hope that K. Chandrashekar Rao would return to power and restore welfare and

development, they said they joined the BRS. Former corporator Madhavaram Rangarao, senior leaders Kalidindi Roja and Gangadhar, along with several party workers and youth, attended the programme.

BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy dares Ponguleti to prove land charge or quit

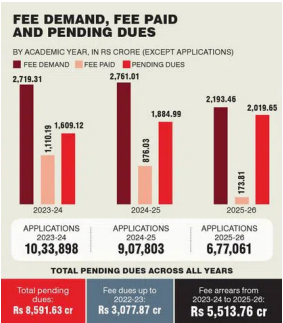
BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy on Saturday accused Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of making false allegations against him over land he owns at Vattinagulapalle, and attempting to mislead people in the State. He challenged the Minister to either prove the allegations or resign. Speaking to the media, Rajeshwar Reddy said he had entered into an agreement for 1.1 acres at Vattinagulapalle before Telangana was formed and registered it in the first month after State formation. He said a court had ruled in 2008 that the land was not Bhoodan land and a No Objection Certificate was issued by the then government in this regard. He alleged that a person acting on behalf of the Revenue Minister approached him seeking to purchase his land and, after he refused, his property was included in the 22-A prohibited list within 10-15 days to allegedly blackmail him. He said though he owned only 1.1 acre, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy made false charges that he owned 29 acres. He vowed to resign as MLA and quit politics if the allegation was established.

Telangana fee reimbursement: 72% of dues for three years remain unpaid

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Students from the Backward Class, Minorities and EBC communities are bearing the brunt due to an inordinate delay by the Telangana Congress government in releasing the fee reimbursement arrears. Since the Telangana Congress party came into power during the academic year 2023-24, the fee dues payment statistics show a widening gap between the demand and payments. While Rs 7,673.78 crore had to be

released for the last three academic years, only 28 per cent (Rs.2,160.03 crore) was released so far, leaving 72 per cent (Rs 5,513.75 crore) dues. Statistics reveal a decline in the payment fee dues, which fell from 40.82 per cent in academic year 2023-24 to just 7.92 per cent during the academic year 2025-26. This raises questions about the sustenance of the scheme that aided lakhs of students in pursuing their higher education over the years. This inordinate delay in releasing the dues has been badly affecting stu-



dents, with several colleges withholding their certificates over unpaid dues. With no option left, students are being forced to shell out the entire tuition fee from their pockets and collect certificates. Further, private colleges too have resorted

to indefinite strikes, partial shutdowns, and protests demanding the government release the fee arrears. However, dues continue to shoot up. As per the department-wise statistics released by the State government, the fee dues burden is heaviest on the BCs. Even as the academic year 2025-26 concluded, 96.63 per cent of the fee dues out of Rs 922.92 crore demand has remained unpaid for 3,62,065 BCs. As for the academic year 2024-25, 98 per cent out of Rs 1176.92 crore of 4,82,524 BC students are yet to be

paid. Similarly, 64 per cent out of Rs 1207.19 crore in fee dues remained uncleared for the academic year 2023-24. The situation is grim for students hailing from minority communities. The three-year statistics show that not even a single rupee out of Rs 251.86 crore in fee arrears for 89,118 verified applications from the minorities' communities had been released during the academic year 2025-26. Academic years 2024-25 and 2023-24 are no better for minorities, as 99.89 per cent of Rs 375.80

crore fee dues for 1,19,066 students and 81 per cent of Rs 388.10 crore dues of 1,32,246 students are yet to be released. Overall, the State government owes Rs 8,591.63 crore in fee dues. During the nine long years of the BRS government, the fee dues were just around Rs 3,000 crore, with no pending dues from the academic years 2014-15 to 2018-19. However, in just nearly three years of the Telangana Congress government's rule, a staggering Rs 5,513.76 crore in fee dues piled up.

SC, ST Commis-
sion cautions BHEL
against lapses in
reservation rules

SC, ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah told the BHEL management that the Commission would not tolerate any violation in implementation of rule of reservation and roster points in recruitment and promotion of staff. During a visit to the BHEL on Saturday, Venkataiah held a meeting with the management and also with the representatives of SC and ST employees association. After accepting a representation from the SC, ST Employees over the issues being faced by them, Venkataiah directed the management to take up the recruitment of backlog posts without any delay. He observed that the management should ensure that rights provided to the SC, ST employees by the Indian Constitution are implemented strictly. South Asians & Diaspora

Sanitation Workers Protest GHMC
Garbage Collection Privatisation



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Traffic went haywire around Telangana Legislative Assembly on Saturday as Swachh Auto and sanitation workers staged protests opposing the privatisation of door-to-door garbage collection work by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corpo-

ration (GHMC). The police had beefed up security around the Assembly since morning following inputs that a large number of garbage collection workers would gather and attempt to lay siege to the premises. The protesters, who have been opposing the proposed outsourcing and privatisation of waste col-

lection, arrived in small batches at different locations and tried to move towards the Assembly. Police took several protesters, including women, into preventive custody at Public Gardens, the Police Control Room, Gun Park and near the Assembly gate. In the late afternoon, around 500 workers took

out a rally towards the Assembly. However, the police stopped them near Ayakar Bhavan. The protesters subsequently moved towards the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue at Tank Bund, where they held a brief protest. The rally led to traffic congestion on Basheerbagh Road and Tank Bund for nearly an hour, with police personnel regulating traffic and diverting vehicles at several points. The workers contend that handing over door-to-door garbage collection to private agencies would threaten their livelihoods, job security and wages. They have urged the government to stop the proposed privatisation and continue the municipal waste collection system, saying many workers have depended on the work for years.

St. Pious X School Hosts Vibrant
MÉLANGE '26 Lingua Lit Fest

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St. Pious X School, CISCE, Alwal, celebrated MÉLANGE '26 – Lingua Lit Fest Exhibition on Saturday with great enthusiasm, showcasing language, literature, creativity and India's rich cultural heritage. The event highlighted the beauty of English, Hindi and Telugu, providing students with a platform to showcase their knowledge and talents through literary presentations, cultural performances, models and artistic displays. The programme was graced by Maripally Chandana, Hon'ble Member of the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TGSCPCR), as Chief Guest, along with Principal Sister Swapna Swetha. The Chief Guest was welcomed with a sapling and memento presented by Kanishka of PP2-A. Maripally Chandana, a social worker and child-



rights professional with over two decades of experience, has worked extensively in child protection, women and child welfare, advocacy and social development. Her inspiring presence and words encouraged students to value education, language and responsible citizenship. The English Wing presented a fascinating journey through English literature, featuring story enactments, poetry recitations and innovative grammar models. The Hindi and Telugu Wings showcased mother tongues, traditions and cultural identity through

poems, folk tales, skits and creative exhibits. MÉLANGE '26 transformed learning into an engaging experience where literature came alive and students confidently expressed their creativity. Participants prepared their creative corners from 8:30 a.m., while parents and students visited the exhibition from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Under the guidance of Sister Swapna Swetha, the staff and students worked together to make the event a memorable success, fostering love for languages, literature and cultural heritage.

Eco-Friendly Clay Ganesha Idols
Distributed in Miyapur



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Yalamanchi Uday Kiran Charitable Trust organised the distribution of eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols at Prajap Shelters in Miyapur-Maktha Mahabobpet Division and Srirangapuram Colony. Congress Serilingampally constituency in-charge V. Jagadishwar Goud attended the Prajap Shelters

programme and distributed idols along with Uday Kiran and local leaders. He urged people to celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi while protecting the environment. Uday Kiran appealed to residents to promote clay idols, highlighting the message, "Our tradition is our responsibility, our festival is our environment." Local leaders, women, youth and devotees participated enthusiastically.

Inappropriate Remarks Against Dalit Speaker Shameful: P. Narasimha

ZAHEERABAD
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Zaheerabad Mandal Congress Party President P. Narasimha Reddy strongly condemned the alleged inappropriate remarks made by Tata Madhu against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. A media conference was held at the Zaheerabad Mandal Congress Party office on Saturday under the chairmanship of P. Narasimha Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the post of Assembly Speaker is a highly respected constitutional position in a democratic system, and



making personal and derogatory remarks against a person holding such a position was highly condemnable. Narasimha Reddy said that there should be limits to political criticism and that making statements aimed at humiliating a constitutional office-holder amounted to disrespecting democratic values. He al-

leged that attempts to target constitutional institutions out of political frustration would not be tolerated by the people. He also questioned whether such remarks were being made because of an inability to accept a person from the Dalit community occupying the prestigious position of Speaker of the State

Legislative Assembly. Narasimha Reddy demanded that Tata Madhu immediately issue a public apology for the remarks made against the Speaker. Former Vice-MPP Ramulu, CDC Director Mallareddy, Sarpanches B. Ravi and Naresh, Youth Congress District General Secretary Jagdishwar Reddy, senior leaders Narasimulu, Dileep Kumar, Raju, Suresh Hothi B, Subhash Reddy, Didgi Suresh, Raipally D. Sanjeeva Reddy, Sanjeev, Imam Patel, Nagaraju and Jagan, along with several Congress party workers, were present at the meeting.

Allapur Sarpanch Narayana
Yadav Distributes Saplings

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Allapur Sarpanch Narayana Yadav has launched a community-focused green initiative by distributing saplings among villagers and encouraging them to actively participate in tree plantation. The programme aimed to increase greenery in the village and create greater awareness about environmental protection and the importance of maintaining a healthy environment. As part of the initiative, saplings were distributed to residents with an appeal to plant them around their homes, along roadsides and in other suitable public spaces. Villagers were also encouraged to take responsibility for protecting and caring for the saplings regularly so that they can grow into healthy and beneficial trees. The initiative received appreciation from local residents, who welcomed the Sarpanch's efforts to promote environmental responsibility at the grassroots level. The programme conveyed the message that protecting nature and increasing green cover is not the responsibility of government departments alone, but a collective responsibility that requires active participation from citizens. Speaking on the importance of the initiative, the message emphasised that planting a



sapling is only the first step, while protecting and nurturing it until it becomes a mature tree is equally important. Trees contribute significantly to maintaining environmental balance, improving air quality, reducing heat and creating greener surroundings. Local families and youngsters were encouraged to participate in plantation and environmental activities. Residents expressed hope that the initiative would inspire neighbouring villages to undertake similar programmes. The initiative by Narayana Yadav demonstrates how local leadership and community participation can contribute to meaningful environmental protection. Continued public involvement can help Allapur become greener, cleaner and healthier for future generations.

Clay Ganesha Idols Promote Environmental Protection: Dr. Kota Neelima

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Ahead of Vinayaka Chavithi, the Ameerpet Divisional Congress Committee organised a distribution programme of eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols at Satyam Theatre Circle under the leadership of Ameerpet Divisional Congress President Sri Srikanth Yadav. Dr. Kota Neelima, TPCC Vice-President and Congress Party In-charge for Sanathnagar Assembly Constituency, attended the programme as the chief guest and distributed clay Ganesha idols to local res-



idents. A large number of devotees and local residents participated in the programme and received the eco-friendly idols. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kota Neelima urged people to celebrate Vinayaka Chavithi with devotion while giving equal importance to envi-

ronmental conservation. She said that choosing clay Ganesha idols would enable devotees to celebrate the festival with religious fervour without causing harm to the environment. Promoting eco-friendly idols, she emphasised, is a collective responsibility and an

important step towards protecting nature and preserving the ecological balance for future generations. Dr. Kota Neelima pointed out that idols made of plaster of Paris and coated with chemical-based colours can contribute to the pollution of lakes, ponds and other water bodies during immersion. In contrast, clay idols are more environmentally sustainable and can dissolve naturally in water, thereby helping minimise the adverse impact of idol immersion on aquatic ecosystems.

Jampana Pratap Urges HMDA to
Complete Civic Works in Boinapalli

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Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap urged HMDA officials and Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh to expedite several pending development works in the area. He inspected the newly completed 2.5-lakh-gallon pump house and Red Cross Hospital construction along with local residents on Saturday. Pratap said HMDA officials should construct a computer training centre, gym and wrestling rooms in



the playground, facilities originally developed under the Cantonment Sports Association. He also sought construction of a community hall beside the pump house and installation of statues of eminent personalities removed during road expansion. Raju, Varaprasad, Kumar, Mukesh and Shashi participated.

Keerthi Reddy Accuses Congress, BRS of Wasting Assembly Time

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BJP State Executive Member Juturu Keerthi Reddy on Saturday accused the Congress and BRS of wasting valuable Telangana Assembly time through political allegations instead of addressing public issues. Speaking at Jubilee Hills, she said the BRS had failed to effectively question the government, while the Congress was avoiding discussions on issues requiring accountability. Keerthi Reddy said important matters, including Polytechnic students' con-



cerns over GO No. 97, fee reimbursement arrears, implementation of election promises and 22A prohibited lands, deserved detailed discussion in the Assembly. She questioned whether there was no time to address the problems of students, farmers, em-

ployees and landowners. She alleged that Congress and BRS were engaging in political dramas to divert public attention and said the BJP would expose their actions before the people. Claiming that public confidence in both parties had declined, Keerthi Reddy said the BJP was emerging as the alternative in Telangana. She expressed confidence that people would support the BJP for development, youth opportunities, welfare and good governance, and predicted a BJP-led double-engine government in the state.

BHUVANAGIRI
Wakeup telangana

Continuous rainfall has been reported in Mator village of Motakondur Mandal since Saturday morning, bringing relief to farmers and rural communities after a prolonged dry spell. Rainwater has accumulated at several locations along roads and agricultural fields, while the surrounding countryside has turned visibly greener. The rainfall is linked to a low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal region.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has warned of heavy rainfall, thunderstorms and lightning activity in Telangana, with the possibility of thunderstorms continuing on September 13. Residents have been urged to exercise extreme caution during the ongoing rains. People should avoid handling electrical appliances with wet hands and switch off unnecessary electrical equipment. Farmers have been particularly advised to stay away from transformers, electricity poles,



starters, electric motors and fallen or wet power lines.

In case of a snapped or fallen electrical wire, residents should maintain a safe distance and immediately alert electricity officials. Electricity-related complaints can be reported through the 1912

helpline. The public has also been advised to avoid weak or damaged trees, old buildings, dilapidated structures and areas where branches could fall due to strong winds and rain. Unnecessary travel should be avoided, particularly on waterlogged or slippery roads. The rains have brought much-needed relief to farmers and may improve soil moisture and water resources. However, farmers are advised to remain cautious around electrical equipment while

carrying out agricultural activities. With Ganesh immersion programmes scheduled in Mator and neighbouring villages, devotees have been urged to take additional precautions because of slippery roads, water accumulation and reduced visibility. People should stay away from electrical wires and fast-flowing or deep water. Authorities and residents have appealed for everyone to put safety first and remain alert until the weather conditions improve.

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.

India and China are partners, not rivals: Xi Jinping

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Saturday that China and India are partners, not rivals, and opportunities, not threats, for each other's development during his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement. "In the past two years, he (President Xi Jinping) and Prime Minister Modi have met twice, guiding China-India relations from a 're-start' to a 'further enhancement'. Institutional exchanges between the two countries have gradually resumed, the co-operation list has been continuously extended, and bilateral trade has reached a new high," the Ministry added. It said that China and



India have different national conditions and can fully learn from each other's strengths, support each other, achieve mutual success, and develop together. "Faced with a complex and volatile international situation, China and India, as the world's two most populous countries and important members of the Global South, shoulder important responsibilities. Both sides should keep the future of humanity in mind and prioritise the well-being of their people, working together to promote high-quality devel-

opment of BRICS cooperation and provide more positive energy for promoting world peace, stability, development, and prosperity," the Ministry stressed. It noted that President Xi shared four points on promoting the steady and long-term development of China-India relations. "First, we should calibrate our direction with an objective and rational strategic understanding. China and India are partners, not rivals, and opportunities, not threats, for each other's development. This strategic judgment is

based on the development stages of both countries and the international environment, and it aligns with the common interests of both countries and their people," the statement said. "Second, we should achieve mutual success through win-win cooperation," it added. The Ministry said that both sides should focus on development as the greatest common denominator, strengthening friendly exchanges and mutually beneficial cooperation. "Third, we should eliminate interference with the political wisdom of mutual respect and understanding. We should commit to the parallel development and mutual promotion of bilateral relations and border issues, maintaining peace and tranquillity in border areas," the Ministry noted.

No BRICS currency proposal yet, says MEA

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

There is no proposal for a BRICS currency "as of now", while discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Saturday. In a press briefing, MEA's Secretary, Economic Relations, Sudhakar Dalela, said: "There is no proposal in the BRICS for a BRICS currency as of now." "Discussions on trade in local currencies have been underway for some time," he said. "We believe local currency settlement is a practical mechanism to reduce transaction costs in bilateral trade. This has been encouraged as complementary to the global payment and settlement system, improving overall global trade



across nations," he said. The mechanism can help reduce transaction costs in bilateral trade and is being encouraged as a complement to the global payment system. Dalela further stated that the 'BRICS MSME' co-operation portal, cooperation on global value chains, and logistics frameworks were among the key highlights during the BRICS Summit. He said that BRICS co-operation on DPI, a science and research repository, and collaboration on startups were also the key highlights. Dalela said it had been a year of robust participation and engage-

ment, with more than 350 meetings held under India's BRICS chair. He described it as a "whole-of-nation effort", with BRICS engagement taking place in more than 30 cities across the country. He further informed that there were 150 practical outcomes across four pillars from the BRICS Summit. "Strengthening food and health security, and BRICS cooperation on mental health were some of the important highlights," he said. The BRICS group of emerging economies on Saturday unanimously adopted the New Delhi Declaration, in which it voiced serious concern over the rise of unilateral tariffs and non-tariff measures that distort trade and are inconsistent with the rules of the World Trade Organisation (WTO).

Indore Stadium Denied, Cong Finds New Venue for Rahul Gandhi's Student Outreach

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

After being denied permission to use the Indore stadium, the Congress on Friday paid over Rs 10 lakh to lease alternative venue in the city for party leader Rahul Gandhi's upcoming 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme. Accusing the ruling BJP of deliberately delaying permissions out of panic, Congress leaders confirmed that the party secured a three-day lease of a 12,000 sq metres of land in front of the Regional Park from the Indore Development Authority for the student outreach event. An Indore Development Authority (IDA) official said that the land in front of the Regional Park has been temporarily leased to the Congress from September 17 to September 19 and the fee was fixed at Rs 10.08 lakh as per the prevailing rates. A letter from the IDA to Indore City Congress Committee President Chintu Chouksey stated that permission to hold the event would be



issued after the deposit of the funds, subject to the prescribed conditions. The letter also stated that the organisers would be responsible for ensuring necessary security arrangements at the venue and obtaining no-objection certificates from the relevant departments. Talking to PTI, City Congress Committee President Chouksey said, "We have deposited the agreed amount into the IDA's bank account." He alleged that the BJP government was nervous about Gandhi's upcoming event in Indore, and in this panic, it has been harassing the Congress over the venue. "We initially wanted to hold the event at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on September 12, but after not receiving permission, we had to change the date to Sep-

tember 19. We were made to run around for 10 days for the land located in front of the Regional Park," Chouksey said. The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, where the Opposition party initially sought permission for the programme, falls under the municipal corporation. "We initially wanted to hold the event at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on September 12, but after not receiving permission, we had to change the date to September 19. We were made to run around for 10 days for the land located in front of the Regional Park," Chouksey said. The Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, where the Opposition party initially sought permission for the programme, falls under the municipal corporation. Indore Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava said that under an old order of the Madhya Pradesh High Court, the stadium can only be used for sports or state-level government events.

Centre To Support Amaravati Quantum Bio Valley: Union Health Minister

Union health minister J.P. Nadda on Saturday inaugurated 10 critical care blocks (CCBs) and 12 Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHLs) in Andhra Pradesh, describing them as a major step towards strengthening AP's health-security system in dealing with pandemics and public health emergencies. Nadda declared open the facilities in the presence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and state health minister Satya Kumar Yadav. On the occasion, the Union Health minister assured that the Centre would support Andhra Pradesh's proposed Quantum Bio Valley in Amaravati. He disclosed that a technical team would visit Amaravati to discuss the Quantum Bio Valley project, describing AP Chief Minister's vision as "excellent." Nadda appreciated AP's Sanjeevani healthcare programme. He disclosed that the Centre would examine replicating Sanjeevani nationwide. The Union Health minister praised immunisation carried out in Andhra Pradesh under Mission Indradhanush and the state's progress in ensuring institutional deliveries, maternal and child health, TB control and reducing the patients' out-of-pocket expenditure.

TN CM Vijay, Ajith Share Warm Hug on UK Racetrack

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Two men walked towards each other on the tarmac of the iconic Silverstone Circuit under the overcast skies of Northamptonshire on Saturday. One wore a crisp brownish jacket; the other a fireproof racing suit. This was a blockbuster act by two men hailed as "Thalapathy" and "Thala" by their cinema fans. Within seconds, the "Thalapathy," Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay in brownish jacket, broke into a lighthearted jog, spreading his arms wide to pull actor-racer Ajith



Kumar into a warm, lingering hug. And the video of their warm embrace went viral, gladdening the hearts of their fans, often known for sparring online. For about three decades, their names - Thalapathy (Commander) and Thala (boss) - were uttered in

Tamil Nadu with the same fierce division once reserved for the legendary MGR and Sivaji Ganesan, or Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan. Box-office clashes sparked legendary rivalries, and online fan wars raged with relentless intensity. Yet, at the fa-

mous motor racing circuit - Silverstone - located in Northamptonshire in the UK, cameras flashed and fans chanted their monikers across the grandstands, 30 years of perceived feud dissolved into a single frame of genuine warmth. The occasion was as unique as the reunion itself. CM Vijay is currently in the UK on an official state visit to attract foreign investment and inspect world-class sports facilities for Tamil Nadu's proposed Motor Sports City near Chennai. Invited as the official special guest for the Michelin Le Mans Cup.

Militant's Body Recovered as Anti-Terror Grid Tightens Across J&K's Doda-Kishtwar Belt

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

In what officials termed as a major breakthrough amid intensified counter-terror operations in Jammu's upper districts, security forces on Saturday recovered the decomposed body of a Pakistani Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) militant from the remote Seojdhar forest in eastern Doda district. "The body of the terrorist, neutralised during an earlier encounter, was

found in the rugged high-altitude stretch connecting Bhaderwah valley with Udhampur and Kathua," a police official said. The joint team—comprising the Jammu and Kashmir Police's counterinsurgency Special Operations Group (SOG) Doda, the Army's Rashtriya Rifles (RR) and the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)—also recovered a night-enabled US-made M4 rifle from the site, adding to the cache of weapons seized

in recent operations. Officials confirmed that the remains belonged to a Pakistani national affiliated with the proscribed JeM, though his exact identity has not yet been publicly disclosed. The recovery comes at a time when the Doda-Kishtwar belt has witnessed a series of high-intensity anti-terror operations aimed at dismantling Pakistan-backed militant networks attempting to revive their presence in the hilly region.

Over the past months, security forces have neutralised several key operatives, including Pakistani national Adil, a senior JeM militant killed in Kishtwar's Chhatroo area after evading capture nearly 20 times over 18 months. Adil, known for exploiting dense forests and steep terrain to escape cordons, was finally cornered and eliminated in a coordinated Army-Police-CRPF operation.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Over 100 Children.....

A total of 917 premises were checked and 71 children engaged in labour were rescued. Legal action has been initiated on persons who employed children for work. Verification of the age of the children is going on. After confirmation, more FIRs will be registered, a senior police officer said. Meanwhile, in the northeast division, during the drive, inspections were conducted at approximately 295 locations, including garages, marts, repair shops, hotels, markets, bars and restaurants. During the operation, 43 child labourers were identified and rescued, another senior police officer said. Further enquiry is in progress, and necessary legal action will be

taken against the concerned persons and establishments found employing child labourers, he said. Police said public cooperation is essential in eliminating child labour. "It is our collective responsibility to protect children's rights, education, safety and their right to a better future," they added.

Global South Must.....

"Countries that drive global economic growth should also have an appropriate role in shaping global economic governance... The current structure of global governance resembles a pyramid. At the top, power and decision-making are concentrated, while at the bottom are countries that are affected by these decisions but have little say in shaping them. We must trans-

form this 'pyramid of privilege' into a 'platform of partnership', where every country has a voice, every member has a stake," Mr Modi added. Calling for prompt response to emergency situations, particularly for the seafarers, Mr Modi said, "Seafarers make a very significant contribution to global trade, yet they often find themselves without adequate support during times of difficulty. I propose whether we can establish a seafarers emergency support network? This network could connect the maritime authorities and missions of the countries concerned. It could facilitate distress alerts, medical assistance, communication with families, and support for evacuation." The PM suggested Brics

must work on a new and ambitious agenda by strengthening its own working systems in the next twenty years and added that the change in Brics Chairship every year, should not interrupt the groups institutional momentum. For this he proposed the establishment of a Brics continuity and implementation mechanism and creating a secure digital repository in which, for every decision, the nodal point, timeline, and implementation status can be recorded. Jarange Announces...

The protesters will begin an indefinite hunger strike at Azad Maidan in South Mumbai at 10 am on September 19, he said, vowing to continue the agitation until the Maratha community is granted re-

servation. Jarange said the protesters would cover around 100 km a day and appealed to them to maintain peace and discipline throughout the agitation. "No stone-pelting and no arson," he said, urging participants to drive carefully and abide by a strict code of conduct. "We want to protest through democratic means in Mumbai and secure our rights," Jarange said, stressing that the agitation would continue peacefully until the reservation demand was met. The planned Mumbai protest is likely to pose a challenge for the state government and Mumbai Police, which will already be engaged in arrangements for devotees during the Ganesh Chaturthi festival. Jarange also appealed to affluent

members of the Maratha community and those owning four-wheelers to provide transport to protesters travelling towards Mumbai. He urged vehicle owners to ferry protesters to the outskirts of the city and return home, saying their contribution would help secure a better future for the community's children. He appealed to residents of districts along the proposed route to come out to greet and bless the protesters, but not necessarily join the march to Mumbai. He also urged salaried employees, businessmen, politicians and farmers who may be unable to travel to Mumbai to extend their support on the dates announced for the agitation.

CRIME

Ex-Hawildar Faces UAPA, Arms Act

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Malkajgiri police are preparing to invoke the Arms Act and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) against ex-hawaldar Mallesh in the Bollaram arms theft case. The accused, who was already booked in extortion and theft cases at Achampet and Nagarkurnool police stations, was produced before a magistrate and remanded in judicial custody. Police are likely to seek his custody and file a petition on Monday as part of the ongoing investigation. Deccan Chronicle enquiries found that Mallesh's criminal record predates his Army service. A police source said he was allegedly involved in extortion and arms theft cases in Achampet and Nagarkur-

nool even before joining the Army. He joined the Army in 2010 and served in different states before being posted to the Madras Regiment. During his service, Mallesh also served at Barrackpore in West Bengal, a major military cantonment near Kolkata. A police source told Deccan Chronicle that investigators would examine his activities during the posting, particularly to determine whether he had any exposure to or access to defence-related arms and ammunition establishments. Investigators believe Mallesh was familiar with the weapons and ammunition stored at the KOTE and knew what he was taking. The source said he removed weapons from one armoury and then specifically selected the corresponding am-

munition from another room, indicating familiarity with the storage arrangements and functioning of the establishment. After stealing the weapons, Mallesh transported them to his hometown, where he was constructing a house. He dug up part of the courtyard and buried the weapons there. He allegedly carried out the concealment discreetly, while his father, who was present at the house, remained unaware of it. Investigators are also keeping three other suspects on their radar, based on the possibility that Mallesh may have been in contact with them before or after the theft. Police are examining his communications to determine whether anyone else knew about the stolen weapons or assisted in concealing or disposing of them.

Meanwhile, Mallesh's mobile phone is likely to be sent to the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) for detailed analysis. At an earlier press conference, DGP C.V. Anand said Mallesh had deleted his WhatsApp chats and call history, which investigators suspect was an attempt to erase evidence. A source said Mallesh had contacted a Class X schoolmate and allegedly told him that he possessed arms. The schoolmate panicked and disconnected the call. Mallesh also spoke to others about possessing weapons. When asked whether he had contacted anyone to sell them, he reportedly said, "I did not contact anybody yet." However, a police source said investigators believe Mallesh intended to sell the stolen weapons.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

Telangana HC Rejects Bail In Ganja Trafficking Case

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Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has ruled that prolonged incarceration alone cannot be treated as a ground for bail in cases involving illicit trade or international trafficking of ganja and marijuana. The court said bail can be granted only if there are reasonable grounds to believe the accused are not guilty and unlikely to commit offences while on bail. Justice B.R. Madhusudhan

Rao reiterated that "jail is the rule and bail the exception" in NDPS cases, while dismissing regular bail petitions filed by Mohammed Rasheed and Mohammed Ibrahim. Both face charges under Sections 8(c), 20, 23, 27A, 28 and 29 of the NDPS Act. Counsel for the petitioners argued they were first-time offenders with no criminal antecedents, and that only 6.75 kg and 6.85 kg of ganja were recovered from their trolley

bags — below the 20-kg threshold for commercial quantity. They claimed the accused were mere carriers and that the prosecution case rested on statements recorded during DRI custody. The court noted that the accused had earlier sought bail, which was dismissed on May 4, 2026. It held that successive bail applications without change in circumstances amounted to seeking a review of the earlier order, which was impermissible.

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 Palleshwar 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.

Mudhole Police Reunite Vulnerable Woman with Family

NIRMAL
Wakeup telangana

The Mudhole Police have once again demonstrated their commitment to public service and humanitarian values by safely reuniting a vulnerable woman found wandering in the town with her family. The woman was noticed in a distressed and vulnerable condition, following which the Mudhole Police team immediately responded and took steps to ensure her safety and well-being. Showing compassion beyond their routine duties, the police personnel began efforts to identify her and trace her



relatives. The team coordinated with Navipet Police and the Binola Sarpanch to gather information and locate the woman's family members. After successfully tracing her relatives, the police

ensured that she received necessary medical attention by arranging her admission to a Government Hospital. Following the medical care and required assistance, the woman was safely reunited with her family members. Nirmal SP appreciated Mudhole SHO B. Persis and the entire police staff for their prompt intervention, dedication and compassionate approach. The SP commended the team for going beyond their official responsibilities and ensuring the woman's safety, dignity and reunion with her loved ones.



RBI rejects Tata Sons’ bid to surrender NBFC licence, setting stage for mandatory listing

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank has rejected Tata Sons’ application to surrender its core investment company registration, killing the Tata Group holding company’s attempt to avoid a mandatory stock-market listing and setting the stage for it to become publicly traded, sources said on Saturday. The rejection was conveyed in a letter received by Tata Sons’ company secretary and chief financial officer on Saturday, the sources said, closing out an application the company filed in March 2024 seeking to deregister as a non-banking financial company. Tata Sons and the RBI did not immediately respond to requests for comment. The decision means Tata

Sons will remain classified as an Upper Layer NBFC, a category subject to enhanced regulatory requirements, including mandatory listing. The RBI first classified Tata Sons as an Upper Layer NBFC in September 2022, with such entities required to list within three years. The original deadline for Tata Sons was September 30, 2025. Tata Sons had sought to exit the NBFC framework before that deadline. It repaid more than Rs 21,000 crore of debt in 2024 and applied to surrender its registration, effectively seeking to operate as an unregulated holding company rather than comply with the listing requirement. The RBI kept the application pending and continued to include Tata Sons in its Upper Layer NBFC lists. The central bank’s rejection



tion now removes the key regulatory route Tata Sons had been pursuing to remain private. The company has assets well above the Rs 1 lakh crore threshold under the RBI’s revised framework for automatically qualifying large NBFCs for the Upper Layer, making an exemption increasingly difficult. A public listing would mark a fundamental change for the holding company of one of India’s oldest and largest business groups. Tata Sons owns significant stakes in listed and un-

listed Tata companies spanning information technology, automobiles, steel, consumer products, aviation, hospitality and financial services. The move could also bring far greater scrutiny of Tata Sons’ finances, capital allocation and investments. A listed holding company would face regular disclosure requirements and greater pressure from public shareholders for clarity on the value of its investments and returns on capital. The roots of the current issue trace back to October 2021, when the RBI introduced a scale-based regulatory framework for NBFCs, sorting lenders into base, middle, upper and top layers with progressively stricter oversight. In September 2022, the central bank placed Tata

Sons – alongside firms including Bajaj Finance and Shriram Finance in the Upper Layer category, a classification that carries a hard three-year deadline to list on the stock exchanges, originally due to expire on September 30, 2025. Tata Sons pushed back. It repaid more than Rs 21,000 crore of debt in 2024, becoming debt-free, and filed to surrender its Core Investment Company registration altogether – a move that, if approved, would have let it exit the NBFC framework entirely and remain privately held. The RBI left the application pending through 2025, even as it kept including Tata Sons on successive Upper Layer lists, each time noting the listing did not affect the outcome of the deregistration review.

Bank of Baroda unveils AI-powered bob World 2.0 mobile banking app

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Bank of Baroda has launched bob World 2.0, its next-generation mobile banking application, marking a major step in the bank’s digital transformation journey. The app was demonstrated to Department of Financial Services (DFS) Secretary Sanjay Lohiya and Bank of Baroda MD and CEO Dr Debadatta Chand at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai on Friday. Powered by artificial intelligence, bob World 2.0 is designed to offer customers a smarter, more personalised, conversational and secure banking experience. The application is built on a modern microservices-based digital architecture and forms the foundation

for a unified omnichannel digital banking ecosystem that will gradually expand across mobile and internet banking platforms. According to the bank, the new application combines intelligent financial services with enhanced customer-centric features. It aims to simplify banking, improve financial management and provide experiences tailored to different customer segments. The platform is built around four key capabilities. The first is voice-enabled payments and navigation, allowing customers to initiate transactions and access banking functions through voice commands. The second is a comprehensive Personal Financial Management (PFM) module, which gives customers a holistic view of their fi-

nances and helps them better understand and improve their financial wellness. The third is hyper-personalisation and persona-based banking, with experiences designed around the specific requirements of customer groups such as senior citizens, women, NRIs and millennials. The fourth is a multi-layered security framework offering real-time protection to safeguard customers and their transactions. With bob World 2.0, Bank of Baroda aims to create a future-ready digital banking ecosystem that combines AI, personalisation, convenience and security while progressively integrating services across its digital channels.

Zomato adds Rs 5-Rs 20 fee for cash-on-delivery orders

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Zomato has started charging customers an additional fee of Rs 5 to Rs 20 for choosing the cash-on-delivery (COD) option, as the food-delivery platform looks to generate additional revenue from payment methods amid growing competition in the market. The new “pay on delivery fee” is dis-

played separately in the bill summary on the Zomato app when customers select cash payment at the time of delivery. While screenshots and multiple reports indicate that the charge is commonly Rs 5, some customers have reportedly been charged Rs 7, with the fee going up to Rs 20 in certain cases. The COD charge is separate from other com-

ponents of a customer’s bill, including Zomato’s platform fee, restaurant packaging charges and Goods and Services Tax (GST). Customers opting for online payments are not required to pay the additional COD fee. Zomato currently handles an estimated 2.3 million to 2.5 million food orders every day. The company is facing increasing competition

as newer platforms expand their presence in the food-delivery segment. Rapido’s Ownly has been gaining traction, while Flipkart is also reportedly piloting its Eat In food-delivery service. Zomato’s primary rival, Swiggy, has not introduced a similar cash-on-delivery charge so far. However, it remains uncertain whether Swiggy could adopt a

comparable pricing model in the future. Food-delivery platforms began introducing platform fees in 2023, with Swiggy initially charging Rs 2 per order before Zomato followed the model. Zomato subsequently increased its platform fee to Rs 14.99 per order from Rs 12.50 earlier this year, with GST charged separately. Given the companies’

high order volumes, even relatively small increases in customer charges can potentially generate significant additional annual revenue. The latest move comes amid broader organisational changes at Zomato. The company reportedly laid off around 250 employees in August following a review of its customer delight operating model.

Goutham Urges Youth to Ride for Heart Health

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Kazipet software engineer Potharaju Goutham has urged youngsters to reduce excessive social-media use and make physical activity a regular part of their lives, promoting the AJ Pedals World Heart Day Virtual Ride 2026 from September 15 to 21. With the theme “Ride • Run • Love Your Heart,” the seven-day virtual fitness challenge encourages participants to walk, run or cycle at their own pace and according to their fitness levels. Goutham said small and consistent activities such as walking, running and cycling can contribute significantly to a healthier lifestyle. He expressed concern over youngsters spending long hours on smartphones and social media while neglecting physical activity. “Social media can be part of life, but it should not replace an active lifestyle. Let us spend some time every day for our health,” he said. Participants can choose walking or running dis-



tances of 10 km, 21 km or 42 km, while cycling options include 25 km, 50 km and 100 km. Those who complete their selected challenge will receive a Finisher Medal and E-Certificate. Registration costs ₹279, including taxes and delivery charges, with bulk registration also available. Goutham said his interest in innovative initiatives began in childhood and credited his parents, retired railway employee Potharaju Rajeshwar and homemaker Potharaju Damayanti, for their continued encouragement. He also appealed to media organisations and social-media users to share the initiative and spread awareness about heart health.

AIPC-MSME Sets 15-Day Work Plan for District Heads

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AIPC-MSME Telangana has issued a structured protocol and accountability framework for all District Heads, directing them to build active MSME networks, conduct regular programmes, document their work and maintain continuous co-ordination with the State Body. The guidelines emphasise performance, grassroots engagement and measurable outcomes rather than merely holding organisational positions. Under the new framework, every District Head must organise a major district-level MSME programme within 15 days of assuming responsibility, involving around 200–300 entrepreneurs, business owners, startups and professionals. The AIPC-MSME Telangana State Body should be formally invited to participate. District Heads are also expected to immediately establish coordination with local MLAs, DCC leadership, District In-charges and AIPC district-level leadership.



In addition, every District Head must conduct at least one meaningful MSME activity every 15 days. Activities may include entrepreneurs’ meets, startup interactions, industrial-area visits, women entrepreneurs’ meetings, MSME awareness programmes, professional interactions and business-issues roundtables. The focus should remain on understanding genuine concerns and working through the process of Issue → Solution → Representation → Follow-up. The guidelines also stress organisational discipline and leadership protocol. Major programmes and important initiatives should be coordinated

with the relevant Congress leadership, AIPC leadership and the AIPC-MSME Telangana State Body. Publicity material should follow a uniform organisational hierarchy and approved design, with leadership photographs and AIPC-MSME representation displayed appropriately without allowing any individual to dominate the communication. District Heads have also been asked to ensure strong social-media visibility for their activities. Programmes should be supported by photographs, short videos, activity notes and relevant social-media posts. Official organisational accounts and appropriate leadership

handles should be tagged wherever necessary. A fortnightly performance report must be submitted to the State Body, covering programmes conducted, entrepreneurs connected, major issues identified, photographs and social-media links, representations made, action taken, pending follow-up and the next 15-day action plan. District Heads are expected to focus on issues including bank finance, delayed payments, government schemes, market access, technology, compliance, employment and startup support. Continued inactivity, failure to respond to State communications or repeated non-submission of reports may lead to a performance review and, if necessary, reassignment of responsibility. The core working formula is: Connect → Listen → Organise → Represent → Publicise → Report → Follow Up. The vision is clear: “Every District Active. Every Entrepreneur Connected. Every Genuine Issue Represented.”

MLRITM Hosts Grand Freshers Day ‘Sarang 2026’



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Marri Laxman Reddy Institute of Technology and Management (MLRITM), Dundigal, Hyderabad, celebrated its Freshers Day, ‘Sarang 2026,’ with great enthusiasm and grandeur on Saturday. The event was organized to warmly welcome newly admitted students and give them a memorable beginning to their college journey. The celebrations brought together students and faculty members in an atmosphere filled with joy, excitement and camaraderie. A range of cultural and entertainment programmes added colour to the occasion, with students showcasing their talents through music, dance and other performances. The event also provided an opportunity for freshers to interact with seniors and faculty members,

make new friends and become familiar with the MLRITM family. The vibrant celebrations reflected the institution’s emphasis on creating a positive and inclusive campus environment. Director Dr. P. Sridhar and Principal Dr. R. Murali Prasad congratulated the newly admitted students and extended their best wishes for a successful academic journey. They encouraged students to make full use of the opportunities at MLRITM while developing knowledge, skills, confidence and leadership qualities. Chairman Marri Laxman Reddy, Founder Secretary Marri Rajashekhar Reddy, Malkajigiri MLA, Board of Directors Mrs. Anu Shreya Reddy and Marri Dheeran Reddy, and Treasurer Mrs. Marri Mamatha Reddy also conveyed their best wishes to the students.

High-Mast Light Inaugurated in Zaheerabad Ward 13



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A new high-mast light was installed at Ghadi area in Ward No. 13 of Zaheerabad Municipality to improve public safety and convenience. Municipal Chairman Mohammed Younus and Ward Councilor Atiq Haqqani jointly inaugurated the facility. Chairman Younus said the municipality was committed to providing essential infrastructure in

all wards, with special focus on street lighting to ensure safer night-time movement for women, senior citizens, students, pedestrians and motorists. He said lighting facilities were being strengthened across the town ahead of Ganesh Navratri celebrations. Development works are being prioritised based on public needs, including roads, drainage, drinking water, sanitation and street lighting.

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.

Salman Khan's 'Maatrubhumi' awaits CBFC nod



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Salman Khan's forthcoming war drama, 'Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace', which was earlier called, 'Battle of Galwan', is one of the most anticipated films, adding to the buzz with every update. As movie buffs wait with bated breath for some new update regarding the project, the sources claim that the makers will be announcing the release date for the Salman starrer as soon as (CBFC Central Board of Film Certification) watches the film. The source further claimed that the work for 'Maatrubhumi' is almost finished, with only some VFX portions re-

maining. A source close to the film shared, "Maatrubhumi: May War Rest in Peace is almost ready. Just a few portions of the VFX are still in process, and the film is going to offer an absolutely spectacular theatrical experience like never before. As soon as all the relevant departments, including the CBFC, have watched the film, the makers will announce the release date. As of now, the censor board has not seen the film. Further updates will follow once the film reaches its final stage ahead of its public release." Made under the direction of Apoorva Lakhia, the movie is a cinematic adaptation of the 2020 Galwan Valley clash on June 15, 2020, when

our Indian soldiers clashed with Chinese troops in the Galwan Valley. The movie will focus on Colonel Santosh Babu (Played by Salman Khan) and the 16 Bihar Regiment, who were tasked with enforcing a disengagement agreement along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Backed by Salman Khan Films, the film also stars Chitrangda Singh as the leading lady. Salman's lineup further includes Vamshi Paidipally's 'SVC 63', co-starring Nayanthara, and an untitled thriller with Raj & DK. In addition to this, Salman has returned as the host for the beloved reality show 'Bigg Boss 20'.

Christian Harrison, Neal Skupski claim US Open men's doubles crown

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American Christian Harrison and Britain's Neal Skupski captured the 2026 US Open men's doubles title, defeating the German duo of Kevin Krawietz and Tim Puetz 6-4, 7-6(6) in Saturday's final. The victory gave Harrison and Skupski their second Grand Slam title of the year, after they won the 2026 Australian Open men's doubles title in January. The American-British pair held their nerve when it mattered most to defeat the German duo and claim the trophy. In Saturday's final, Harrison and Skupski let slip a break point at 4-3, 40/30 in the second set but held their nerve in the tie-break, saving a set point at 5/6 before powering to victory in one hour and 39 minutes. "Congratulations to Tim and Kevin on a great tournament," Harrison said during the trophy ceremony. "It is never easy playing you guys. But making the final is a lot to be proud of... And thanks to my partner Christian. It



has been great to get two major titles this year. I'm speechless, having done this at home." Through the fortnight, the champions did not drop a set, defeating Mark Wallner and Jakob Schnaitter in the third round, fourth seeds Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori in the quarter-finals, and top seeds Harri Heliövaara and Henry Patten in the semi-finals before beating Krawietz and Puetz in the final. The fifth seeds won all five of their tie-breaks at the hard-court major this year. By completing the run without losing a set, Harrison and Skupski became the third men's team in the Open Era to win the title without dropping a set, after Peter Fleming

and John McEnroe in 1983 and Bob Bryan and Mike Bryan in 2008 and 2010. The victory also offered redemption for Skupski, who reached last year's final with Joe Salisbury but fell to Marcel Granollers and Horacio Zeballos after the pair squandered three championship points. "I don't know what to say as I am still in shock," Skupski said following the win. "The speech gets a little bit easier once you have won. Having match points in last year's championship final [it was hard]. It was a tough part of my career, but it is amazing what a year does in tennis."

Bumrah needs game time to regain confidence after injury, says Iyer

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

India skipper Shreyas Iyer said returning fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah's focus is entirely on match readiness and winning championships as he prepares to return to international action in Sunday's T20I opener against Afghanistan at the Arun Jaitley Stadium. Bumrah's return after missing England's third ODI and the Sri Lanka Test series delivers a crucial boost for India, whose T20I form has faltered since June, with defeats against Ireland and England before winning the series in Zimbabwe. The two-time T20 World Cup winner boasts 121 wickets in 95 T20Is, a record highlighted by his Player of the Tournament performance in 2024 and a Player of the Match display in this year's final against New Zealand. Iyer also noted that even established players require time on the field to regain match sharpness following a lay-off. "See, as a player comes out of an injury, it's important that he gets game time and you need that sort of confidence when you are coming into the game. He has played so



much cricket over the years. "He is immensely experienced, but at the end of the day, if you would ask me as an individual who is coming out of an injury, I would want more game time and more confidence leading up to a certain tournament. Definitely, I interacted with him yesterday. He is in that mindset where he wants to come and perform for the team and see to it that we win championships," said Iyer at the pre-match press conference on Saturday.

The right-handed batter was optimistic about the squad's preparation overall, highlighting that high-intensity training sessions over the past two days had gone well despite ongoing workload management considerations. "See, as I mentioned, we are just focusing on tomorrow's game at the moment. Looking at every individual who has come out of an injury, they are looking fit and fine. They are in great shape. "We had two high-intensity sessions yesterday

and the day before yesterday. So, I honestly can't tell you how we are going to manage it. But all I can assure you is that the team is looking promising. We are having great preparation. I want to be optimistic in terms of how we approach the game." Iyer praised the inclusion of fast bowler Yash Thakur, who was called up to the squad following a fresh thigh injury to Harshit Rana. Nagpur-based Thakur made his T20I debut in July against Zimbabwe and picked up two wickets in as many games. Thakur has also been with the Punjab Kings, a franchise Iyer has captained in the IPL since 2025. "As you see, Yash, he has been playing a lot of domestic cricket as well. He has performed consistently for his team, Vidarbha. They have won championships, and he has been someone who has been consistent throughout. So, he definitely deserves to be here. Leading up to the Asian Games, his name was already there as a backup. "So, he is someone who is a quality bowler who has experience bowling in the domestic and also in the IPL. We have all seen him. He is a fantastic

fielder as well. So, looking at all these qualities, I feel that he is the right match-up against a quality opponent and definitely, he has got the mindset of a champion," he said while replying to a query from IANS. While reflecting on the absence of star all-rounder Hardik Pandya, Iyer pointed to the return of fellow all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy as a major positive for the team's balance. "See, definitely we know how much impact Hardik has on the team. As I mentioned earlier, players getting injured is not in our control, and I have been in that position as well because the efforts that one player puts in for the team are second to none. "So, whoever gets the opportunity in place of them, they have to see to it that they seize their position and definitely help the team to victory. I am glad that Nitish is back from his injury, and he is looking in great shape, and the efforts that he put in yesterday, I saw the workload was pretty intense. Yes, looking forward to seeing him in this series and then all the games going forward."

Police Foil ABVP, BRSV March To Assembly Over Student Demands

Student Groups Demand Fee Dues, Scholarships; Oppose Polytechnic Merger Plan



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Police on Saturday foiled attempts by members of the Akhil

Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV) to march towards the Telangana Legislative Assembly in support of stu-

dent demands. The student groups were seeking the release of pending fee reimbursement dues and scholarships and demanding the withdrawal of

Government Order (GO) No. 97. The order proposes merging polytechnic colleges with the Young India Skills University under a public-private partnership model. Police took the protesting students into preventive custody before they could reach the Assembly premises. Security was strengthened around the Assembly following the proposed protests. BRSV president Ramu Yadav alleged that the government was neglecting the problems faced by students. He warned that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would have to pay a political price for failing to address their concerns. The protesters demanded immediate clearance of fee reimbursement and scholarship dues and urged the government to reconsider the proposed changes affecting polytechnic colleges.

AIMIM Seeks 22A Cover for Waqf Lands

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The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) on Saturday urged the Telangana government to bring Waqf properties, including the disputed Raidurgam lands, under Section 22A of the Registration Act to prevent their sale or transfer. The demand was raised during a short discussion in the Legislative Assembly on issues relating to Section 22A, which identifies properties that cannot be registered. AIMIM MLA Ahmed bin Abdullah Balala said the government had a responsibility to protect Waqf properties and ensure that lands belonging to religious and charitable institutions were not alienated. Referring specifically to the Raidurgam lands, a portion of which was re-

cently auctioned by the government, Balala asserted that the property belonged to Jamia Nizamia and had been dedicated as Waqf. He said the land was donated to Jamia Nizamia in 1958 and had continued to remain under Waqf. "It was the government's responsibility to protect Waqf lands," he said, stressing that appropriate steps should have been taken to safeguard the property. Balala also called for greater transparency in the implementation of Section 22A. He demanded that the government publish comprehensive details of all properties currently included in the prohibited list so that genuine landowners could verify their claims and seek corrections where necessary. He pointed out that private properties belonging to genuine owners should

not remain in the Section 22A list because of technical errors, procedural lapses or loopholes in the Revenue Department. The AIMIM MLA urged the government to establish a mechanism to examine such grievances and resolve genuine cases within a fixed timeframe. He further demanded accountability from officials responsible for errors in land records and called for strict action wherever negligence or procedural lapses were found. The demand comes amid continuing disputes over the status and ownership of several lands listed under Section 22A, with Balala stressing the need to balance protection of public and Waqf properties with the rights of legitimate private landholders.

KT Rama Rao questions Telangana Police over sexual harassment case against BRS leaders

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Saturday questioned the Telangana Police over the registration of a sexual harassment case against BRS MLAs and MLCs following an altercation at the Assembly entry point. Referring to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy as the "cheap minister of Telangana", he described the case against the BRS legislators as an abuse of



law through the police. He asserted that the party would fight the rubbish cases in court. However, Rama Rao questioned DGP CV

Anand over the status of the sexual harassment allegations involving Miss England against Congress leaders who allegedly misbehaved with her during the Miss World contest in Hyderabad two years ago. He asked whether the Telangana Police would continue to shield those accused in that case. "Any answers, Mr Rahul Gandhi?" he asked, directly questioning the Congress leader over the issue.

Telangana Assembly clears CURE Bill amid MLAs' concerns

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Telangana government has decided to increase property tax by 10 per cent with the passage of the Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026 in the Legislative Assembly on Saturday. The bill had initially proposed a 20 per cent increase, but "with the permission of the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the provision had been amended to cap the increase at 10 per cent", Legislative Affairs minis-

ter D Sridhar Babu told the Assembly during the prolonged discussion on the bill. The minister sought to allay the apprehension of the steep property tax hike, assuring that people need not worry as the property tax would not increase substantially. Defending the proposed rates, he said around 20 per cent was levied in Mumbai and 17 per cent in Chennai. The House saw an intense discussion on the issue for over four hours with Opposition members expressing concerns over the proposed increase in

property tax. Cutting across party lines, several MLAs expressed concern over the initially proposed annual 20 per cent increase in property tax. The main Opposition party BRS MLAs were not present in the House, as they were suspended en masse for the rest of the session. Sridhar Babu maintained that the apprehension over an abnormal rise in property tax was unfounded, explaining that hitherto annual rental value method was being followed to calculate property tax within GHMC limits, while the capital

value method was followed in the districts. The new Bill proposed a uniform method of calculating property tax on capital value method, he said. Under the proposed system, property tax would be calculated at 0.15 per cent of the capital value for residential buildings and 0.75 per cent for non-residential buildings. If a structure measured 375 sq ft, the annual property tax for poor people would be Rs 101, he said. "Cannot we collect Rs 101 per year?" he asked. He informed the House that the initial 20 per cent proposed hike was slashed to

10 per cent with CM's intervention and this would not be an annual feature, Sridhar Babu added. Earlier, AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi pointed out that Clause 78 of the Bill proposed a 20 per cent annual increase in property tax. Describing it as unfair, he urged the government to reconsider the provision. He said the new Bill provided for an annual increase in property tax based on annual rental value, the new Bill proposed calculating it based on the capital value.



Hyderabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) D. Joel Davis interacting with media persons in Hyderabad on Saturday. The Hyderabad traffic police on Saturday said over 30 lakh devotees were expected to visit during the 10-day Ganesh Chaturthi festival. Devotees are advised to utilise public transport like Hyderabad Metro Rail, MMTS and RTC buses to prevent traffic congestion.

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Hyderabad Gets Ready to Host Ganesha Fest With 1.5 L Idols

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Hyderabad is gearing up for Ganesh Chaturthi festival, with around 1.5 lakh idols expected to be installed at mandaps across the city even as the HMDA distributed 1.3 lakh eco-friendly Ganesha idols across the city. Organisers are also preparing for the arrival of idols at mandaps, with brass bands, lighting and fire-crackers forming part of the processions. Devotees also participate in dances during the processions. Several large mandaps, meanwhile, are making the idols at the venue itself because of their height. Artisans were sourced from Pune, Na-

shik and Aurangabad to work on large idols. Narsingh Matree, an artisan who has arrived in the city with his team to make idols at several places, said, "These are the big size Ganesha idols. We have been in Hyderabad for the last four months. Each idol cost us around Rs 10 to Rs 15 lakh. Organisers wanted new ideas to give the devotees a divine feel when they look at the Ganesha Idol." Charminar, Begum Bazaar, Bazar Ghat, Hanuman Tekdi, Sultan Bazaar, Kacheguda, Chikkadpally, Chappal Bazaar, Ram Nagar, Chintal Basti and Himayatnagar are among the areas where organisers expect large numbers of visitors.

Revanth Asks Officials to Arrange Security for Ganesha Festival

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday directed the police and civic authorities to put in place fool-proof security and traffic arrangements for the nine-day Ganesh festivities beginning September 14. The Chief Minister asked Ganesha mandap organisers to share advance details of

their locations and invited guests to enable deployment of adequate security personnel and precautionary measures. Addressing a review meeting with ministers, officials and Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samiti representatives at the Conference Hall of the Legislative Council, Revanth Reddy directed the police and municipal administration officials to

continuously monitor the situation until the celebrations conclude. He said advance information on mandap locations and guests would help the police anticipate crowd movement, make security arrangements and respond quickly to any unforeseen incidents. It would also facilitate traffic management and deployment of personnel at sensitive and high-footfall locations.

The Chief Minister suggested setting up a dedicated control room at the government's Integrated Command Control Centre and appointing special officers for coordination and supervision of the arrangements. Revanth Reddy said the government had revived the practice of holding a review meeting with Ganesha festival organisers to understand their problems

and ensure that the celebrations were conducted smoothly. Stressing that Hyderabad could attract investments only if peace and law and order were maintained, he appealed to mandap organisers to cooperate with the authorities in ensuring a peaceful festival. He said the government was ready to address their issues to ensure the smooth conduct.

BJP Leader Slams Congress, BRS Over Telangana Liberation Day

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BJP Secunderabad Mahankali District President Gundagoni Bharat Goud on Saturday accused the Congress and BRS of indulging in vote-bank politics by refusing to officially celebrate Telangana Liberation Day on September 17. Addressing a press conference, Bharat Goud alleged that both parties were acting under the influence of MIM and deliberately avoiding an official celebration of the historic occasion. He recalled that Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel played a key role in integrating Hy-



derabad State into the Indian Union on September 17, 1948. Bharat Goud criticised former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao for promoting family rule and alleged that the present Revanth Reddy government was encouraging political exploitation by ministers and their associates. He further alleged that illegal immigration and the creation of fake voter

identities were taking place in areas including Bholakpur, Padmarao Nagar and Mettuguda, claiming there was a conspiracy to turn Secunderabad into another Old City and strengthen AIMIM's influence. He announced that a massive women's bike rally would be organised from Bhagyalakshmi Amma-vari Temple to the Patel statue to mark Liberation Day.

BRS Lets Off Steam at Mock Assembly Session

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BRS MLAs, who were suspended from the monsoon session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Saturday, held a mock Assembly session at their party headquarters — Telangana Bhavan. The session may have been a mock one, marked by exchanges between the 'treasury' and 'Opposition benches' — with the two sides comprising the suspended BRS MLAs and two of the party's Legislative Council members who too were suspended for the mock session, which the party tried to make anything but. The party went to great lengths to recreate a mock-up of the Assembly hall — in which the sessions are regularly held — down to the Speaker's podium, and the session was held in all seriousness. Only, every discussion on every issue raised mocked the Congress government, with the 'opposition' and the 'ruling' sides thoroughly enjoying themselves. The members in the 'mock House' may have had their laughs during the 'session', but the exercise was done in all seriousness in protest against the BRS MLAs' suspension from the real Assembly.