

Harish Rao Offers Prayers at Khairatabad Ganesh Idol

Calls for Eco-Friendly Celebrations and Strong Immersion Safety



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Senior BRS leader and former minister T. Harish Rao visited the famous Khairatabad Panchamukha Sankata Maha Ganapathi on Thursday and offered special prayers. Former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, Amberpet MLA Kaleru Venkatesh, and other senior BRS leaders accompanied him during the visit. Harish Rao participated in the special puja and received the sacred teertha prasadam. He prayed for the well-being and prosperity of people across the two Telugu states. Speaking to the media, Harish Rao said the Khairatabad Ganesh

celebrations have become an important symbol of Hyderabad’s cultural identity and global image, alongside landmarks such as the Charminar and Golconda Fort. He said the iconic idol is widely known for its massive scale as well as the deep faith it inspires among devotees. This year, the 69-foot-tall Panchamukha Ganapathi, made entirely of clay, has conveyed an important message on environmental protection, Harish Rao said. He appreciated the organisers for promoting an eco-friendly approach and appealed to devotees to prefer clay idols that cause minimal environmental damage. Harish Rao also urged organisers and au-

thorities to exercise maximum caution during the Ganesh immersion process. Referring to the recent tragic incident during an immersion in the Patancheru area, he said such incidents should not recur. He called for close coordination between the government machinery, police, civic authorities and festival committees to ensure effective crowd management and safety arrangements during immersion activities. Harish Rao conveyed his wishes for a peaceful and spiritually fulfilling Ganesh festival and prayed that Lord Ganesha’s blessings remain with the people of both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Withdraw Additional Charges on UPI Transactions: Deepak John

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The Secunderabad District Congress Committee (DCC) organised a massive protest on Thursday opposing the Centre’s reported move to impose a 0.4 per cent Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on specified commercial UPI transactions above Rs 2,000. Addressing the protest, Secunderabad DCC President Deepak John demanded that the Centre immediately withdraw the additional financial burden on business UPI transactions. He alleged that the move would adversely affect traders, particularly small and medium businesses, by increasing their transaction costs. Deepak John expressed concern that the additional charges could ultimately be passed on



to consumers as businesses seek to recover higher transaction expenses. He said this could increase the cost of goods and services and place an additional burden on ordinary citizens. He also criticised the Centre over what he described as a policy that could benefit foreign interests at the expense of Indian consumers and traders. He demanded that the government reconsider the proposal and take measures to strengthen digital payments without imposing additional costs on busi-

nesses. Congress leaders and workers raised slogans against the proposed UPI charges and called for their immediate withdrawal. MP Mallu Ravi, along with division presidents, DCC executive committee members, senior Congress leaders and a large number of party workers, participated in the protest. The Congress leaders reiterated their demand that the Centre protect the interests of traders and consumers and withdraw any additional charges on UPI transactions.

Government plans fee-based route to unlock 22-A properties

If you are the owner of a property entered into the 22-A prohibited list, it will be cleared, but at a cost. The Telangana government is working on a fee-based mechanism to resolve cases involving properties included in the 22-A prohibited list. However, the modalities, including the exact amount to be collected, will be finalised after examining the legal and administrative aspects of the proposed regularisation and registration schemes. For 22-A-affected property owners, the immediate issue is no longer just removal from the prohibited list, but also the charges proposed to be imposed by the State government despite there being no fault on their part.

Officials involved in the 22-A relief exercise said owners seeking removal of properties from the prohibited list would have to pay a prescribed charge. The exact amount is yet to be fixed, but around 15 per cent of the government market value is being considered, on the lines of Land and Building Regularisation Schemes. The move comes against the backdrop of widespread complaints over properties being included in the prohibited list because entire survey numbers were not properly subdivided or mapped in government records, even after approved layouts were developed. The government is planning the subdivision of survey numbers to resolve genuine owners’ problems and establish a comprehensive system for HMDA, GHMC and DTCPC-approved layouts. However, this comes at a cost, as indicated by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy’s announcement in the Assembly on Wednesday. The government is seeking legal opinion before implementing the schemes to ensure that the procedures adopted do not lead to litigation in future. The fee structure is also expected to be finalised as part of this exercise.

Expert urges Telangana Governor to return CURE Bill to Assembly

Public policy expert Donthi Narasimha Reddy has urged Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to return the CURE Bill to the Assembly, raising concerns over its governing councils, ward committees, jurisdictional provisions, property tax and local self-governance.

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After opposition parties raised concerns over certain provisions in the Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, experts have appealed to Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla to return the Bill to the Assembly, citing issues with a few clauses. As flagged by some legislators in the Assembly, experts have found fault with the constitution of the Apex CURE Governing Council, which does not comprise elected representatives of the corporations. Similarly, a CURE Executive Committee, chaired by the Principal Secretary, would implement the decisions taken by the Apex Governing Council. This was unacceptable as it was ultra vires the spirit of the Constitution, Public Policy Expert Donthi Narasimha Reddy said in a rep-



resentation to the Governor. He also said the Bill would practically destroy local self-governance, as ward committees would no longer have supervisory and monitoring functions in the implementation of schemes. Section 230 (2) allows the State government, through a general or special order, to authorise any body or authority to exercise its powers outside the Core Urban Region. This was wholly unwarranted, Narasimha Reddy said. The Bill was establishing authorities purportedly for the city, but which could have jurisdiction over any other area in Telangana, he argued.

Demanding that Chapter 26 of the Bill be removed completely, Narasimha Reddy urged the Governor to refer the provisions to the Law Department or the Advocate General for an opinion before according assent. When the Bill came up for discussion in the Assembly on Friday, several MLAs expressed concerns over the provision to increase property tax annually. After considering the demands, the Bill was passed with approval for a 10 per cent annual increase in property tax. “The Bill contains no Statement of Objects and Reasons and no preamble. There is no accompanying statement identifying the specific administrative or governance problem the Bill is intended to address,” Narasimha Reddy added.

CBIT to Host National Performing Arts Festival ‘Dyuthi’

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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) is set to host its national-level performing arts festival ‘Dyuthi 2026’ on September 18 and 19. The two-day cultural extravaganza is being jointly organised by four campus clubs — Chaitanya Geethi, Chaitanya Vaadya, United Dance Crew (UDC) and Chaitanya Laasya. The festival will feature three major national-level competitions, each



offering a prize pool of ₹1 lakh. Day One will showcase Aangikam, a classical dance competition by Chaitanya Laasya, and 3T’s (Time to Tap), a hip-hop dance battle organised by UDC. Telugu filmmaker Buchi Babu Sana will

attend as Chief Guest, alongside Guests of Honour Radhe Shyam Master, Vineel Rao Vuddisetty and Chirag Samtani. The second day will feature Veni, Vidi, Vici, a Battle of the Bands organised by Chaitanya

Geethi in collaboration with Chaitanya Vaadya. National Award-winning composer S. S. Thaman will be the celebrity guest. The festival is being conducted under an advisory committee led by senior CBIT officials, with Dr. B. Sreenivasa Reddy serving as Convener. Faculty and student coordinators from the four cultural clubs are overseeing the event, which is expected to attract talented participants from institutions across India.

Praja Palana Day Celebrated Grandly in Jagiryal Village

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Praja Palana Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at Jagiryal village in Regode Mandal on September 17, with village representatives and residents participating in the programme. The celebrations were held under the leadership of Village Sarpanch Ryakala Veeramma, who conducted the flag-hoisting ceremony and highlighted the significance of Praja Palana Day. Speaking on the occasion, village representatives emphasised the importance of strengthening village development,



public welfare and community unity. They called for collective efforts to identify and address local issues and ensure that development reaches all sections of the village. The leaders also stressed the importance of people’s participation in local governance, stating that active involvement of residents can contribute significantly to the overall

progress of the village. Deputy Sarpanch Boyina Ramesh, Panchayat Secretary Pasha, Ward Members Appogipalli Sailu and Errolla Mariyamma, former Sarpanches Pampati Ramulu and Jurru Narasimhulu, Field Assistant Sooraram Anitha, along with village elders, youth and residents participated in the celebrations.

Telangana Liberation Day Marked with Flag Hoisting in Madinaguda



Local BJP workers in Madinaguda Division observed September 17 as Telangana Liberation Day with a flag-hoisting ceremony at 7 a.m. About 30 party workers, leaders and supporters attended the event. The day commemorates the integration of the erstwhile Hyderabad State into the Indian Union on September 17, 1948, following Operation Polo led by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Although India gained independence on August 15, 1947, the Nizam’s rule continued until the police action brought the state into the Union. People from Telangana, Marathwada and Karnataka regions made significant sacrifices during the struggle. While the central government observes the day as Hyderabad Liberation Day, the Telangana government has designated it as Praja Palana Dinotsavam since 2024. The BJP has long called for it to be officially recognised as Telangana Liberation Day, viewing it as a symbol of regional pride and national unity. Included BJP state executive member Dr. Ajit Kumar, former councillor Venkataramaiah and retired Deputy Collector Satyanarayana Raju. Organisers thanked all participants and paid tributes to the martyrs of the liberation struggle.

Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board receives 5.77 lakh applications for 7437 police vacancies

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The Telangana State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) has received an overwhelming response to its latest recruitment drive, with more than 5.77 lakh applications submitted by around 4.29 lakh candidates for 7,437 vacancies in the police and allied departments. The online application process, which commenced on August 19, concluded on September 16. According to the TSLPRB, a total of

5,77,064 applications were received, with candidates submitting an average of 1.34 applications each. Of the total applicants, nearly 68.45 per cent applied for only one post, while around 28.88 per cent submitted applications for two posts. The recruitment notification covers 298 Sub-Inspector (SI) and Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI)-level vacancies and 7,139 Police Constable-level vacancies. The posts are spread across several departments, including the Police Department, Special Protection Force, Fire



Services, Disaster Response and Emergency Services, Civil Defence, and Prisons and Correctional Services. The preliminary written examinations are tentatively scheduled for November and December 2026. The preliminary examination for SI Civil and equivalent posts is expected to be conducted on November 29. Around 1.61 lakh candidates are

likely to appear for the examination, which is proposed to be held at the erstwhile 10 district headquarters. Similarly, the preliminary written examination for Police Constable Civil and equivalent posts is tentatively scheduled for December 20. Nearly 3.89 lakh candidates are expected to take the test. The examination is proposed to be conducted at 15 to 18 locations, including the erstwhile 10 district headquarters. The recruitment process has also introduced Aadhaar-based Face Authent-

cation as an additional measure to prevent impersonation and ensure the identity of candidates during the recruitment process. The State government had announced significant age relaxations for eligible applicants. Candidates applying for SI/ASI-level and Police Constable Driver posts received an age relaxation of seven years, while applicants for other Police Constable-level posts were granted a 10-year relaxation. The TSLPRB estimates that these relaxations benefited approximately 1.13

lakh candidates. The Board, however, clarified that the application figures are provisional and could undergo minor changes. The final numbers may be affected by the scrutiny of duplicate applications, validation or invalidation of applications, delayed bank payment validations and court-related matters. Candidates have been advised to closely follow official TSLPRB communications for confirmation of examination dates, venues, hall-ticket details and other recruitment-related instructions.

Power Supply
Disruption in Villages
Under Kolanpaka
Feeder

Power supply has been affected in Mator and other villages coming under the Kolanpaka feeder due to a problem in the 33 KV line from Kolanpaka. According to TGSPDCL officials, the line breakdown is expected to take approximately one hour to resolve, resulting in a temporary power interruption during the day-time on September 17, 2026. Electricity department personnel are working to rectify the problem and restore normal power supply as soon as possible. Residents of Mator and other affected villages under the Kolanpaka feeder are requested to cooperate with the electricity department while repair works are underway. TGSPDCL officials expressed regret for the inconvenience caused and appealed to consumers to bear with the temporary disruption until the power supply is restored.

Telangana Liberation Day Observed
at Secunderabad Parade Ground



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Telangana Liberation Day was observed at the Secunderabad Parade Ground on Thursday, with Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan attending as the chief guest and unfurling the national flag. The event, organised by the Central Government, was attended by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Union Ministers Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Bandi Sanjay Kumar, and other dignitaries. BJP State Executive

Member Jooturu Keerthi Reddy said September 17, 1948, holds a significant place in Telangana's history as the day Hyderabad State was integrated into the Indian Union following the end of the Nizam's rule. Paying tribute to those who participated in the struggle, Keerthi Reddy said numerous freedom fighters had made sacrifices of their lives, property and personal interests for democracy and freedom. She said their contributions should be remembered and passed on to future generations. She described the libera-



tion celebrations as an occasion for people across Telangana to remember the events and sacrifices associated with the integration of Hyderabad State with India. Keerthi Reddy also referred to the role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and the 1948 military action known as Operation Polo in the integration of Hyderabad State. She said the history of the period and the sacrifices of those who fought for liberation should continue to be taught to younger generations. She alleged that political considerations had, at

times, influenced the manner in which the history of the period was presented. According to her, the Central Government's annual observance of Telangana Liberation Day provides an opportunity for people, particularly the youth, to learn about the events surrounding the integration and remember those who lost their lives during the struggle. Keerthi Reddy further said that if the BJP forms the government in Telangana in the future, Telangana Liberation Day would be officially celebrated by the State government.

Telangana Agitators Launch
Relay Hunger Strike in Alwal

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Relay hunger strikes were launched at the Alwal protest camp in Medchal district on Thursday, demanding the immediate implementation of promises made to Telangana movement participants. Former Minister Srinivas Goud, local MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy and former corporator Shanthi Srinivas Reddy attended the programme. Speaking on the occasion, Marri Rajasekhara Reddy said justice had not been done to many of those who participated in the Telangana movement. He said several movement participants had lost their properties and faced financial hardships, and urged the Congress government to address their concerns. He also said the government should support those who participated in the movement and those who lost their lives during the



struggle. Srinivas Goud said the Congress government should fulfil the assurances made to Telangana movement participants during the elections instead of delaying the matter. He warned that continued delays and excuses despite the availability of land could lead to renewed protests. He said the issue would be raised in the Assembly if the government failed to act. JAC leader Surender Reddy said the people of Alwal had demonstrated their strength during the Telangana movement. He alleged that the Congress government was making one statement and acting differently. He de-

mandated that the proposal to consider only those who had cases registered against them during the movement be withdrawn and that information available with the police be collected to identify movement participants and fulfil the promises made to them. Surender Reddy, Putnala Krishna, Doli Sudheer, Anil, Santhosh, Rasheed, Veeraswamy, Mallesha, Nirmal JAC chairman Sama Kiran Kumar Reddy, Parameshwar, Dommati Kiran, Keerthi Srinivas, Muthyalu, Narsimha, Ramaiah, Ganesh and others participated in the programme.

KCR Portrait Given Milk
Abhishekam in Zaheerabad



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A grand milk abhishekam was performed to the portrait of former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in Zaheerabad under the leadership of BRS MLA Manik Rao and former DCMS chairman Shivakumar. Speaking on the occasion, party leaders highlighted KCR's initiatives for the welfare and development of tribal com-

munities. They said his government increased tribal reservations from 6% to 10%, converted tribal hamlets into separate gram panchayats and established a Tribal Bhavan in Hyderabad. Leaders also recalled the recognition of the Sant Sevalal Maharaj flag festival as an official state festival. Several BRS leaders, tribal representatives and party workers participated in the programme.

Bidekanne Marks Praja Palana Dinotsavam, Jal Mahotsav Set for Sept. 18

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Bidekanne village in Jharsangam Mandal of Sangareddy district observed Praja Palana Dinotsavam on Thursday with patriotic fervour and community participation. The programme was organised at the Bidekanne Gram Panchayat office, where Sarpanch C. Ravinder hoisted the National Flag at 9:30 AM in the presence of public representatives, village elders, women and residents. Villagers paid their respects while recalling the his-



torical significance of September 17. The Telangana government observes the day as Praja Palana Dinotsavam, commemorating the transition to democratic gov-

ernance in the Hyderabad region in 1948. Meanwhile, the Gram Panchayat has announced a Jal Mahotsav on September 18 at 9:00 AM. The programme will be

held under the chairmanship of Sarpanch C. Ravinder with the participation of Rural Water Supply (RWS) officials as part of the Har Ghar Jal mission. The Gram Panchayat has urged villagers, public representatives and community members to participate in large numbers and contribute to the success of the water-related awareness programme. The two-day activities highlight Bidekanne's community participation in civic initiatives and public welfare programmes.

Jubilee Hills BJP Marks
Telangana Liberation
Day, PM Modi's Birthday



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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jubilee Hills Division organised a joint celebration on Wednesday to mark the 79th Telangana Liberation Day and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday. The programme was held at Gayatri Colony in Gayatri Hills, where BJP leaders, party workers and local residents gathered to commemorate the historic integration of the Hyderabad State with the Indian Union and celebrate the Prime Minister's birthday. The event began with the hoisting of the national flag, followed by a gathering of party leaders and residents. Sweets were later distributed among the public as part of the birthday celebrations of Prime Minister Modi. BJP Jubilee Hills Division Prabhari Bhoji Reddy and Division

President Seetala Anil Kumar participated in the programme. Shakti Kendra Incharge Gurubrahma and senior leader Subba Rao were also present. Booth No. 155 President Govardhan and Booth No. 154 President Mallesh, along with party leaders and workers including Venkatesh, Chandrasekhara, Appanna, Gopalakrishna, Ravi, Sambamurthy, Harikrishna Yadav, Yada-giri Reddy, E. Mallesh, Venkat Rao, Dandi Mallesh, Kanaka Raju, Prashanth, Shivakumar Goud and Sathibabu, attended the celebrations. The organisers said the programme brought together the commemoration of Telangana's historic liberation and celebrations marking the Prime Minister's birthday, with party workers and residents participating in the event.

Smart Ration Cards Distributed in Balanagar on Praja Palana Day

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Praja Palana Day was celebrated in Balanagar division on September 17, with the distribution of Smart Ration Cards to eligible beneficiaries. Kukatpally Constituency In-charge and Khamma Corporation Chairman Bandi Ramesh unfurled the national flag on Balanagar Main Road. Later, he, along with ASO Kalyan later distributed the new Smart Ration Cards at the Vinayakanagar Ration Shop.



Speaking on the occasion, Bandi Ramesh said the Congress government was committed to ensuring that essential commodities and welfare schemes reached poor families easily and promptly. He said the tamper-proof smart cards

were designed to improve transparency in the public distribution system and prevent irregularities. ASO Kalyan said the government had sanctioned 16.32 lakh new ration cards across Telangana, extending food security to an additional

61.09 lakh people. With this, the total number of ration cards in the State had reached 1.05 crore, benefiting 3.42 crore people through the public distribution system. Kukatpally A-Block President Nagi Reddy, Market Committee Chairperson Pushpa Reddy, Balanagar Division President Puli Sivakumar, Medchal District Vice-President Puli Srikanth Patel, Official Spokesperson Madhu Mohan and other Congress leaders participated in the programme.

Khairatabad Congress SC Cell
Reviews Government School



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Khairatabad DCC SC Department Chairman Bhaindla Srinivas, along with committee members, visited the Government Upper Primary School at NBT Nagar, Banjara Hills, to review the implementation of government education initiatives. They met Headmaster Ravinder Reddy and held discussions with the school staff about

facilities, infrastructure and issues faced by students. The team reviewed whether government-provided facilities and welfare measures were reaching students at the grassroots level. The leaders said the State government's efforts to strengthen government schools would help make quality education more accessible to children from poor, weaker and disadvantaged sections.

Shiva Youth Maharaj Hosts Devotional Annadanam

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A devotional Annadanam programme was organised with spiritual fervour at Thimmapur village in Regode Mandal under the aegis of Shiva Youth Maharaj. A CI attended the programme as the chief guest and served Annadanam prasadam to devotees. Speaking on the occasion, the CI appreciated the organisers for combining spirituality with a spirit of service and said that such initiatives help promote compassion, community bonding and social responsibility. A



large number of Shiva Youth members and villagers participated in the programme and offered their prayers, creating a peaceful and devotional atmosphere in the village. The organisers said the Annadanam was conducted with the cooperation of Shiva Youth members and local residents. The programme also re-

flected the spirit of unity and service among the villagers, while providing devotees an opportunity to come together in a spiritual environment. The event concluded peacefully with the participation of devotees and villagers, who appreciated the efforts of the Shiva Youth members in organising the Annadanam programme.

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha inaugurated the newly established Sports Arena at Government Medical College, Sangareddy, bringing together sports, student participation and remembrance of Telangana's history. The Minister interacted with medical students during the programme and stepped onto the cricket pitch to play a few shots, encouraging students to maintain physical fitness alongside their academic commitments. He said participation in sports can contribute to a healthy and balanced lifestyle, particularly for medical students who are preparing for



demanding professional careers. The new Sports Arena is intended to provide students with improved opportunities to participate in cricket and other sporting activities. The facility is expected

to complement classroom and clinical education by encouraging students to remain physically active and develop teamwork and sporting spirit. The programme also carried historical significance as it was held on September 17. On the occasion, Rajanarsimha conveyed his greetings to the people of Telangana and paid tribute to those who sacrificed their lives during the historic struggle associated with the end of the Nizam's rule and Razakar violence. Recalling the sacrifices of people who fought for freedom and self-respect, the Minister said the events surrounding September 17 remain an important chapter in Telangana's history. He remembered those who lost their lives during the struggle and honoured

their contribution. September 17, 1948, marks the integration of Hyderabad State into the Indian Union. The day is officially observed by the Telangana government as Telangana Praja Palana Dinotsavam and has also been referred to historically as Telangana Merger Day and Liberation Day. The programme at the medical college therefore combined two themes — promoting physical fitness among future healthcare professionals and remembering the historical events associated with September 17. The inauguration of the Sports Arena is expected to strengthen sporting opportunities on the campus and encourage medical students to balance academic responsibilities with fitness, recreation and teamwork.

Disha Salian Case: Uddhav Threatens Legal Action Over ‘Character Assassination’

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A day after Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray denied links with the Disha Salian death case, his father and party chief Uddhav Thackeray has threatened to take legal action if the ‘character assassination’ campaign targeting his family over the case continued. Meanwhile, Disha’s father Satish Salian has sent Rs 500 crore defamation notice to Aaditya and former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh from NCP (SP) for attempting to portray his ‘fight for justice’ as politically motivated. The former Maharashtra chief minister said Disha’s death was an unfortunate incident and reiterated that his family had no connec-

US House Clears Russia Bill, 100% Tariff Threat Looms Over India

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A public interest litigation has been filed in the Supreme Court challenging the Centre’s decision to impose a merchant discount rate (MDR) on specified UPI person-to-merchant transactions exceeding ₹2,000. The petition alleges that the levy was introduced without adequate statutory safeguards, transparency or public consultation. The government has introduced a 0.4 per cent fee on UPI payments exceeding ₹2,000 made to merchants, with effect from October 15. No MDR will be levied on UPI transactions of up to ₹2,000. The plea, filed by advocate Anjan Datta, challenges the Centre’s September 14 notification and the MDR framework announced on September 15. The petitioner has sought the quashing or suspen-



sion of the framework insofar as it imposes MDR on UPI transactions exceeding ₹2,000. Alternatively, he has sought its reconsideration following transparent consultation, the publication of empirical data and an impact assessment, besides safeguards for micro and small enterprises. The plea also seeks an independent review by the Reserve Bank of India and the Union government. According to the petition, the new framework provides for a 0.4 per cent MDR on general person-to-merchant UPI transactions exceeding ₹2,000, subject to a cap of ₹300 on transactions of ₹75,000

or more. It also provides for a flat MDR of ₹5 on transactions exceeding ₹2,000 in specified essential and low-margin sectors, including railways, telecommunications, insurance, fuel and agricultural inputs. Capital-market transactions will attract an MDR of 0.02 per cent, capped at ₹300. The petitioner said UPI transactions of up to ₹2,000 and all person-to-person transfers would remain free, while small merchants receiving up to ₹1 lakh a month through UPI QR codes would be exempt. The plea challenges the constitutional validity of amended Sec-

tion 10A of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, alleging that it gives the executive unguided powers to decide which electronic payment modes should receive no-charge protection. It questions the fixation of rates, transaction thresholds, caps and sectoral classifications through what the petitioner described as a press release. It alleges that the complete operative instrument prescribing the charges has not been published in the Official Gazette. The petitioner has also questioned the distinction between UPI transactions and RuPay debit-card payments, pointing out that the notification continues no-charge protection for RuPay debit cards without a monetary ceiling. The plea alleges that the framework is arbitrary and discriminatory and could adversely affect merchants, particularly

Centre Tells SC: Ready to Lower NEET-SS Qualifying Percentile to 30

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The Centre has informed the Supreme Court that it is willing to reduce the qualifying percentile for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test Super Speciality (NEET-SS) from the existing 50th percentile to 30th percentile for a proposed special stray-vacancy round. The Centre said the decision was taken after reconsidering the matter in consultation with stakeholders. The move is aimed at ensuring that available super-speciality medical seats do not remain vacant and that the existing training capacity is utilised effectively. Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya Bhati, appearing for the Union government, told the Supreme Court that lowering the qualifying percentile would make around 6,000 additional candi-

dates eligible to participate in the counselling process. According to the Centre, the expanded pool of eligible candidates would be approximately three times the number of vacant super-speciality seats. The government said the measure would provide an opportunity to fill seats that otherwise could remain vacant. The Centre also informed the court about a separate arrangement concerning 40 vacant in-service super-speciality seats in Tamil Nadu. In compliance with earlier Supreme Court directions, these seats would be returned to the Tamil Nadu government for one week to enable it to conduct its own stray-vacancy counselling. Any seats that remain vacant after the state-level counselling would subsequently be returned to the pool administered by the Medi-

cal Counselling Committee (MCC). The Centre said the MCC would conduct and complete a special stray-vacancy round for these seats and other vacant super-speciality seats within two weeks. The submission was made during the hearing of a petition challenging the alleged premature diversion of 152 vacant super-speciality seats reserved for in-service government doctors in Tamil Nadu to the all-India quota. The Supreme Court had earlier asked the Centre to reconsider its decision not to lower the NEET-SS qualifying cut-off, expressing concern over the large number of super-speciality seats that remain vacant every year. The proposed reduction to the 30th percentile is intended specifically for the special stray-vacancy round, according to the Centre’s submission.

PM MODI Praises Sai Govt for Transformation of Tribal Bastar

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday praised Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai for the development and transformation of Bastar, a predominantly tribal region that was affected by Left-Wing Extremism for nearly four decades. According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister’s Office, Modi said Chhattisgarh’s development journey demonstrates that the country’s progress is increasingly reaching beyond metropolitan cities and major urban centres. He highlighted the changes taking place in Bastar, saying the region was now presenting a more vibrant picture as it became increasingly connected with mainstream development. Modi said the transformation showed that tribal communities could also advance rapidly when they gained greater access to development opportunities. Bastar comprises seven districts and has historically faced challenges linked to Left-Wing Extremism, which affected development and contributed to the region’s economic and social backwardness.



The Prime Minister credited the ongoing transformation to development efforts in the region and praised the state government led by Vishnu Deo Sai. He said the changes in Bastar reflected a broader shift in the nature of India’s development, with greater attention being given to areas that had remained outside the mainstream of economic growth. The PMO statement emphasised the progress of tribal society alongside the region’s growing integration with development initiatives. The remarks come as security and development efforts continue in areas of Chhattisgarh that were previously affected by Left-Wing Extremism. Bastar has remained a key focus of government programmes aimed at improving infrastructure, connectivity and access to public services. Modi’s comments underline the government’s emphasis on combining

development with the integration of tribal regions into the broader growth process. The Prime Minister said Bastar’s changing landscape represented an example of how development could reach communities and regions that had faced prolonged challenges. The Sai government has continued to highlight development in Bastar as part of its broader governance agenda, while authorities have simultaneously focused on security operations and strengthening the delivery of government services in affected areas. Development and security have remained closely linked in Bastar, where authorities have been working to restore normalcy while expanding the reach of government programmes. The region has also witnessed efforts to improve road connectivity, education, healthcare and other essential services. Such initiatives are aimed at creating greater opportunities for local communities and strengthening their connection with the wider economy. Modi said the transformation of Bastar reflected the growing participation of tribal society in the country’s development process.

Party Name, Symbol Banned for Rival TMC Factions in Bengal Bypolls: EC

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The Election Commission has directed rival factions of the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) not to use the party name and "Flowers and Grass symbol" during the West Bengal bypolls, and asked them to submit their preferred names and symbols by Friday morning. In its interim order issued on Thursday night, the Commission, after hearing leaders of the two factions led by Mamata Banerjee and Arup Roy, said the matter requires substantive determination by the poll body under provisions of the Election Symbols (Reservation and Allotment) Order 1968. "On due consideration of the totality of information available on record... the commission is of the opinion that there are two rival groups in the All India Trinamool Congress, one led by Ms. Mamata Banerjee and the other led by Shri Arup Roy," the interim order said. "Each group is now claiming to be the party, and therefore the matter requires a substantive determination by the Commission under Para 15 of the Election Symbols (Reservation

Mahua Moitra Approaches UN Rapporteur Over Exclusion Of Muslim Officers

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Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra has approached the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, alleging that senior Muslim IAS and IPS officers in West Bengal were excluded from official events during Union Home Minister Amit Shah’s visits to the state. In a letter to Prof Nicolas Levrat, Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues at the Office of the UN High Commissioner

for Human Rights (OHCHR), Moitra alleged that three senior officers were either asked to leave or instructed not to attend official programmes on three occasions during Shah’s visits in July and August. Moitra alleged that the officers were excluded while officials belonging to other faiths were allowed to participate. She claimed that religion was the common factor among the three officers who were allegedly excluded. The TMC MP named Siliguri Police

Commissioner Waquar Raza, West Bengal Police Special Task Force chief Jawed Shamim and senior IAS officer Khalil Ahmed in her letter. Moitra had earlier raised the allegations publicly on social media. Following her posts, a police complaint was lodged against her, and she was subsequently summoned to Diamond Harbour Police Station. In her communication to the UN Special Rapporteur, Moitra described the alleged incidents as a pattern of “deliberate

exclusion”. She said such actions, if established, could have wider implications for the confidence and sense of security of minority communities. She urged the Special Rapporteur to seek an explanation from the Government of India regarding the reasons and authority behind the alleged exclusion of the officers from the official programmes. Moitra also requested that relevant records connected with Shah’s visits be preserved. These included CCTV footage, tour diaries.

EC Freezes TMC Name and Symbol Amid Faction Feud

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The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Thursday barred two rival factions of the All India Trinamul Congress from using the party’s name and its reserved “Flowers and Grass” symbol for the upcoming West Bengal byelections. The decision was issued as an interim arrangement after the Commission heard representatives of both sides. The ECI said the faction led by Arup Roy and Ritabrata Baner-

jee and the group led by Mamata Banerjee would have to contest the byelections under separate names and symbols until the dispute over the party’s identity is finally decided. The Commission said both groups could select names indicating their association with the parent organisation. They would also be allowed to choose symbols from the list of free symbols notified for the byelections. In its order, the ECI said the material available before it indicated the existence

of two rival groups, with both claiming to represent the All India Trinamul Congress. It said the dispute required a substantive determination and that the interim arrangement was necessary until a final decision was reached. Neither faction will be permitted to use the name “All India Trinamul Congress”. The reserved “Flowers and Grass” symbol will also remain unavailable to both groups during the interim period. The Commission directed each

faction to submit three preferred symbols from the list of free symbols. One symbol would subsequently be allotted to each group for the byelections. During the hearing, the Arup Roy-Ritabrata Banerjee faction referred to the support it claimed to enjoy among elected representatives. The Mamata Banerjee camp, however, challenged the validity of the rival faction’s claims and maintained that the party’s organisational committees continued to remain valid under

FROM FRONT PAGE

Revanth Reddy

While praising the administrative system, Revanth Reddy made a distinction between the broader period of Nizam rule and the years associated with the Razakar movement. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday praised the administrative system of the erstwhile Nizam-ruled Hyderabad State, describing the Nizams as among the “best rulers” and highlighting their contribution to infrastructure, irrigation and education. Revanth Reddy made the remarks during a discussion in the Legislative Assembly on Section 22-A, which deals with prohibited lands. He said the Nizam administration had governed the erstwhile Hyderabad State for more

than two centuries and had developed a systematic approach to land revenue and public administration. The Chief Minister said land revenue was a major source of income during the Nizam period. He stated that about 60 per cent of the revenue came from land taxes, known as Diwani. According to him, this revenue was used for public welfare and the creation of infrastructure, while the remaining 40 per cent, referred to as non-Diwani revenue, was associated with the royalty. Revanth Reddy cited several infrastructure projects and institutions as evidence of the development undertaken during the period. He referred to the construction and development of lakes, irrigation projects and educational institutions that played a role in

shaping Hyderabad and Telangana. Patel’s Role Crucial in over more than 200 years could be considered effective, except for around 10 to 12 years during the Razakar movement. The remarks came a day before September 17, a date associated with the integration of the erstwhile Hyderabad State into the Indian Union in 1948. The day has been commemorated under different names by successive governments and political parties in Telangana. Revanth Reddy’s comments were made in the specific context of the Assembly debate on land administration and Section 22-A. By referring to the Nizam-era revenue system, he sought to highlight the historical methods through which land revenue was

collected and utilised for public purposes. His observations also drew attention to the historical legacy of Hyderabad’s infrastructure and institutions, many of which continue to form part of the state’s administrative and educational landscape. The Chief Minister’s remarks focused on the administrative and developmental aspects of the Nizam period while separately referring to the Razakar movement and the turbulent phase associated with it. Addressing the Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations organised by the Centre at Parade Grounds, Radhakrishnan said Patel played a key role in laying the foundation for a strong and unified India. He said Patel’s contribution should be viewed in the broader context of national con-

solidation at a time when the newly independent country was facing the challenge of bringing hundreds of princely states into the Union. “Only because of Patel, ‘Ek Bharat’ will be ‘Ek Bharat’ forever,” Radhakrishnan said. F-16 Crashes During The fighter jet crashed near County Road 633 and Blair Townhall Road. Authorities closed roads around the site and urged residents and motorists to avoid the area while emergency crews responded. The Hill reported that air traffic control audio suggested a possible bird strike occurred shortly before the F-16 went down. However, military officials have not confirmed that the aircraft struck a bird. Authorities have begun an in-

vestigation into the crash The incident occurred while the aircraft was carrying out a training sortie. The pilot sustained injuries in the crash and was taken for medical treatment. Authorities have begun an investigation to determine the circumstances that led to the accident. The cause of the crash has not yet been established. Officials are expected to examine the aircraft, flight data and other available evidence as part of the investigation. Details regarding the extent of the pilot’s injuries and the condition of the aircraft are being assessed. Training flights are routinely conducted to maintain pilot readiness and operational capabilities, but such missions can involve risks associated with high-performance military aircraft.

CRIME

Telangana High Court directs action over proposed Ambedkar book release

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Justice T. Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the State authorities to take necessary action in accordance with law in connection with the proposed release of the book Kalpitha Nayakudu -The Fabricated Leader – Volume 1 on B.R. Ambedkar, scheduled for September 18, after the Government informed the Court that the author, Hamara Prasad, had already been arrested and that the books had been seized.

The Writ Petition before the Court by way of a lunch motion filed by journalist A. Gnana Chendren Mouli, who sought urgent intervention apprehending that the title, cover page and promo-



tional material relating to the book, which concerns Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, could lead to protests and disturbance of public peace.

The petitioner sought a direction to the competent authorities to urgently assess the law-and-order implications of the proposed book release, including its disputed title and cover page, promotional material, proposed venue and digital dissemination, and to take lawful and proportionate preventive measures to prevent any breach

of peace. During the hearing, the Court questioned the Government as to whether copies of the book available through online platforms, including Amazon, would also be removed.

The Government Pleader for Home informed the Court that the author, Hamara Prasad, had already been arrested by the police. The Government further submitted that he would be produced before the jurisdictional Magistrate and that the police would seek his remand in accordance with law. The Government also informed the Court that physical copies of the book had been seized and that necessary action would be taken with regard to the digital versions and online dissemination of the mate-

rial.

The Court, after taking note of the submissions made on behalf of the State and the steps already taken by the authorities, concluded the hearing, expressing satisfaction with the action taken by the Government. The petition arose against the backdrop of controversy surrounding the proposed publication of Kalpitha Nayakudu, which has been promoted as The Fabricated Leader.

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21-year-old woman, father crushed to death by tipper lorry

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A 21-year-old woman and her father were crushed to death under the wheels of a speeding tipper lorry at Aramghar crossroads on Wednesday night, turning their family's wedding preparations into a tragedy just a week before the woman was scheduled to get married.

The victims were identified as Bushra Begum, 21, and her father Ismail Khan, residents of Attapur.

The father and daughter were reportedly out attending to wedding-related work when the accident occurred.

According to police, Ismail Khan and Bushra Begum were travelling on a TVS Champ motorcycle towards Attapur when the tipper, carrying a load of gravel from Hayathna-

gar towards Attapur, reached Aramghar crossroads at high speed. The driver allegedly lost control and rammed the motorcycle while the father and daughter were travelling along the side of the road.

The impact threw the motorcycle off balance and the tipper dragged the victims for some distance before they came under its rear wheels. <

Hyderabad court sentences man to life imprisonment for 2020 SR Nagar murder

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A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikasuri Colony home on February 1, 2020. Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off. The SR Nagar police investigated

2 Minor Boys Face POCSO Cases After Girls Found Pregnant

MAHABUBABAD
Wakeup telangana

Police have registered cases under the POCSO Act against two minor boys for allegedly sexually assaulting two minor girls in separate tribal villages in Bayyaram mandal of Mahabubabad district.

According to police, the boys allegedly sexually assaulted them on multiple occasions. Medical examinations confirmed that both girls were pregnant, Bayyaram SI Prashanth said on Thursday.

Acting on information received from district ICDS supervisor K. Vijaya a week ago, child welfare officials visited the villages and conducted an inquiry. The girls were subsequently taken for medical examinations, which confirmed their pregnancies. The ICDS official lodged a complaint on Wednesday, based on which cases were registered, the SI said. District ICDS officials shifted the girls to child protection centres, where they are being kept under supervision.

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
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Two labourers were killed, while three others, including the driver of a speeding hatchback, were injured after the car went out of control and hit the workers near Shri Ram Chowk along the Dwarka Expressway early Thursday, police said. The accident occurred when the labourers were installing iron grilles to secure the divider near Shriram Chowk. After positioning the grille, two of them were tightening the screws while the other

two stood holding it in place when they saw a white Chevrolet Beat approaching from Delhi direction and going out of control.

The car, allegedly driven by a 20-year-old Delhi University student, ploughed straight into the youths who were standing by the crash barrier, leaving two youths dead on the spot, police said. The other two workers leapt towards the green belt along the middle of the expressway to save their lives. The car then came to a halt after crashing into a wall.

SC Permits Removal of Invasive Trees From Delhi's Central Ridge

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Thursday permitted the Delhi government's forest department to remove invasive tree species from the Central Ridge, regarded as one of the national capital's green lungs. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V. Mohana accepted the department's contention that invasive species such as vilayati keekar,



or Prosopis juliflora, babool and eucalyptus needed to be uprooted to make way for indigenous species such as neem, banyan, peepal, jamun and amaltas.

The court directed the department to carry out the work under the Delhi Eco-restoration Plan, 2026-30, prepared

by the Forest Research Institute, Dehradun. The exercise will be supervised by the Delhi Ridge Management Board. The forest department was directed to submit an interim compliance report.

The FRI director was asked to constitute a team of experts to examine the implementation of the plan. The Supreme Court also stayed contempt proceedings initiated by the Delhi High Court. Additional Solicitor-General Aishwarya

Bhati, appearing for the forest department, said the Central Ridge covered a large area and about 13,000 invasive trees still needed to be uprooted before indigenous trees could be planted.

Lt Col. (ret'd) Sarvadam Singh Oberoi, managing trustee of the Aravalli Bachao Citizens Movement, had filed a contempt petition before the High Court alleging violations of court orders relating to construction, clearing and excavation

EDITORIAL

INDIA FACES ANOTHER TARIFF BLOW

HYDERABAD
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Tariffs are the new weapons of modern trade wars. United States President Donald Trump has been using this weapon to bully foes and friends alike. India, which has been bearing the impact of his tariff tantrums, is up for another challenge now. The US House of Representatives has given Trump another weapon to launch a fresh tariff war and disrupt global trade.



It passed the 'Lindsey O Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026' by 262-159, empowering Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on buyers of Russian oil. The Bill is designed to squeeze Russia's revenue from oil and gas exports amid the war in Ukraine.

However, this legislation could have major implications for India's economy and oil markets, as Moscow remains a major supplier of crude oil to New

Delhi. It could also have implications for the US-India trade ties if Trump imposes further levies. A 100 per cent tariff would severely hit Indian manufacturing sectors—including textiles, electronics, and gems—by destroying price competitiveness in the vital American market. India has saved billions by importing discounted Russian crude oil, which helps stabilise domestic inflation for its 1.4 billion citizens. However, these energy savings risk becoming a liability if the US levies massive export penalties. It is estimated that a full-scale tariff implementation could knock nearly 0.8 per cent off India's GDP growth over the next couple of years.

India currently imports 88 per cent of its crude requirements, with Russia being one of its major suppliers. In fact, when Moscow began its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russian crude oil became a significant part of India's crude import basket. According to data from the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI), India imported \$40.8 billion worth of Russian crude in FY2026 — nearly a third of its total crude imports.

It must be pointed out that India buys Russian oil to secure affordable energy for the country, not to finance any war, and these purchases have helped stabilise global supplies and prices. If the Trump administration goes

ahead with imposing a 100 per cent tariff, it would be in addition to the 10 per cent that America currently imposes on imports from India as a penalty for not doing enough to stop the import of goods made using forced labour. The Bill is a dangerous attempt to pressure India to sign a bilateral trade agreement on one-sided terms.

India has built some insulation against shocks from US tariffs through new trade deals with key markets in the EU and elsewhere. But the threat of 100 per cent tariffs from a critical export destination could deal a big blow. The impact would be felt through Indian exporters, the rupee, refinery margins and the trade balance. India can find alternatives to Russian crude, but replacing it at scale would come at a price.

Trump's new tariff move could raise energy costs, hurt exports, affect economic growth and strain trade ties.



Tata Trusts rejects Chandrasekaran’s reappointment, calls resolution illegal

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Wakeup telangana

In a dramatic turn of events, the Tata Trusts on Thursday said the resolution to re-appoint N Chandrasekaran as Chairman of Tata Sons is illegal and his decision not to offer himself for reappointment upon the conclusion of his current tenure on February 20, 2027, has been duly accepted and has attained finality. Reports earlier claimed that Tata Sons’ board backed a fresh five-year term for Chandrasekaran and cleared the company’s long-pending listing plan. In a statement, Tata Trusts said that on August 12, Chandrasekaran communicated to the Tata

Sons Board, “his own decision not to offer himself for reappointment—a decision that was freely taken, clearly expressed and not the outcome of any process of review”. The decision was made public without prior intimation or any deliberations with the shareholders of the company. “Once such a decision has been publicly communicated, it has consequences which cannot be afterwards undone, since the Group’s employees, its lenders and counterparties, the market and the majority shareholder have all proceeded on it,” Tata Trusts said. The Tata Trusts “formally placed on record



their acceptance of the decision the following day and advised Tata Sons to initiate the process for setting up a Selection Committee for appointing a successor, in accordance with the Articles of Association of Tata Sons”. It further stated that the Trusts’ position remains unchanged, as a considered judgement of a majority shareholder. “This position was reiterated in today’s board meeting by the Chairman, Tata Trusts.

The resolution seeking to reappoint Mr N Chandrasekaran in the Board meeting today, with four Directors voting in favour and Mr Noel Tata against, was a legal nullity in view of the provisions of the Articles of Association of Tata Sons,” the statement noted. The statement further stated that the Board, accordingly, cannot lawfully hold a meeting or pass a resolution on the Chairman’s appointment or reappointment unless both nominee directors are present, and cannot validly pass such a resolution unless both nominee directors vote in favour. “Given that Mr Noel Tata, being one of the

Trust nominee directors, voted against the proposal, it was rendered legally void and without any basis. Noel N Tata further submitted a legal opinion obtained from Justice Dr DY Chandrachud (former Chief Justice of India) regarding the correctness of the Trusts’ stand,” the statement said. The development decision comes weeks after the Reserve Bank of India directed Tata Sons to proceed with a listing. In addition, the RBI had classified Tata Sons as an upper-layer non-banking financial company, requiring it to list within three years, in 2022.

Poompuhar Handicrafts Expo at Shilparamam from Sept. 19

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A five-day “Mega Handicrafts Expo” organised by the Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd. (Poompuhar) will be held at Shilparamam in Hyderabad from September 19 to 23, offering visitors an opportunity to explore the rich traditional craftsmanship of Tamil Nadu. The expo will be inaugurated on September 19 by P. Madhan Rajaa, Tamil Nadu Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. Senior officials from the state’s Handlooms, Handicrafts, Textiles and Khadi Department, along with S. Amrutha Jyothi, Managing Director of Tamil Nadu Handicrafts Development Corporation Ltd., are expected to attend the event. Announcing the expo, C. Gopikannan, Assistant



Manager (Sales), Poompuhar, said the exhibition is aimed at bringing Tamil Nadu’s diverse handicraft traditions closer to the people of Hyderabad. The corporation, a Tamil Nadu government undertaking, is facilitating the participation of skilled artisans from different districts of the state. The exhibition will feature an extensive range of traditional and contemporary handicraft products. Visitors can explore bronze statues, brass lamps, Thanjavur paintings, Thanjavur art plates, papier-mâché dolls, wooden and stone sculp-

tures, brassware, clay and terracotta products, among several other traditional crafts. The expo will also showcase cane furniture, banana-fibre products, jute articles, palm-leaf crafts, fashion jewellery, incense, spices, handmade textiles and handloom products. Organisers said the event will provide Hyderabad residents with an opportunity to appreciate and purchase authentic handicrafts while supporting traditional artisans and preserving Tamil Nadu’s centuries-old craft heritage.

Axis Bank Launches Sparsh Week 2026 with ‘Act with Speed’ Theme

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Axis Bank has launched the fourth edition of its flagship customer engagement initiative, Sparsh Week 2026, with the theme “Act with Speed.” The five-day programme, scheduled from September 7 to 11, aims to strengthen customer relationships, gather actionable feedback and accelerate service improvements across the bank’s nationwide network. Axis Bank plans to con-

duct more than 2.5 lakh customer conversations during the week through engagement programmes, leadership interactions and community outreach initiatives covering diverse customer segments and geographies. More than 90 senior leaders are expected to participate in frontline engagements across locations from Kashmir to Kanyakumari and Kutch to Kohima. Leaders will interact with customers and employees at branches, loan centres, offices and other key touch-



points. Axis Bank MD & CEO Amitabh Chaudhry said Sparsh has evolved beyond a customer engagement programme into an organisation-wide initia-

tive focused on converting customer insights into action. He said this year’s theme reflects the bank’s emphasis on faster responses and improved customer experiences.

As part of the initiative, the bank is introducing a simplified Auto and Two-Wheeler financing journey for eligible customers. The fully digital and paperless process is designed to enable application-to-disbursement within 30 minutes, using automated decision-making, digital documentation and dealer integration. Sparsh Week will also feature Senior Citizen Open Days, NRI forums, Women Entrepreneur Connects, MSME roundtables, wealth management discussions,

farmer-focused Tractor Loan Carnivals and community outreach programmes. Employees will participate in AI masterclasses, hackathons, design-thinking workshops, customer experience simulations, recognition programmes and leadership conversations. Axis Bank said Sparsh reflects its broader effort to embed customer-centric thinking into everyday decision-making and reduce the time between customer feedback and action.

CII IWN Telangana Conclave Explores AI-Powered Leadership



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The CII Indian Women Network (IWN) Telangana hosted the 12th edition of the CII IWN Telangana Leadership Conclave 2026, themed “Power of AI: Own Your I,” bringing together industry leaders and women professionals to discuss leadership, technology and inclusive growth. Ms Harichandana Dasari, IAS, Secretary, Labour, Employment, Training & Factories, Government of Telangana, stressed the need to increase women’s participation in the workforce and build an enabling ecosystem for their professional advancement. She said technological progress must go hand in hand with social responsibility and support for women. CII Telangana Chairman M Goutham Reddy said women have a crucial role

in shaping India’s future and called for greater opportunities in leadership. He noted that AI would create new forms of employment, making continuous skill development essential. He also highlighted the importance of sustainability and inclusive growth. Dr BVR Mohan Reddy, Founder Chairman and Board Member, Cyient, urged leaders to view AI as a tool that can multiply human intelligence. He emphasised identity, purpose, trust and lived experience as uniquely human qualities, urging women not to outsource their identity to society, organisations or algorithms. CII IWN Telangana Vice Chairwoman Tanuja Aburi highlighted collaboration and the importance of remaining deeply human while embracing technology.

Rupee slips below 96, recovers to settle 3 paise lower at 95.94

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The Indian rupee came under pressure on Thursday, briefly slipping below the 96-per-dollar mark before recovering some of its losses, amid likely intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). The domestic currency ended the session at 95.94 (provisional) against the US dollar, down three paise from its previous close. The rupee opened at 95.88 and weakened to an intraday low of 96.10, breaching the 96 level for the first time since July 24. It later recovered to an intraday high of 95.78 before settling at 95.94. Forex analysts attributed the volatility to a combination of global and domestic factors. The rupee remained under pressure from foreign fund outflows, geopolitical uncertainty and concerns over



global trade. Sentiment was also affected after the US House of Representatives cleared legislation authorising President Donald Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on India and other countries importing Russian oil. The local currency also faced pressure following the US Federal Reserve’s interest-rate hike, its first increase in three years, amid continuing inflation concerns. Dilip Parmar, Senior Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, said the rupee initially weakened following the Federal

Reserve’s hawkish stance and broader weakness among Asian currencies. However, he noted that intervention by the central bank helped limit the losses and stabilise the currency towards the end of the session. According to Parmar, the USD/INR pair remains in an overall upward trend after its recent rise, although the currency pair could enter a period of short-term consolidation. He identified support around 95.45 and resistance near 96.30. The rupee had closed at 95.91 on Wednesday, marking its seventh consecu-

tive session of decline. Over the previous six sessions, the currency had fallen by 148 paise, or more than 1.4 per cent, from its September 4 closing level of 94.43. Meanwhile, the dollar index edged down 0.05 per cent to 99.92. Brent crude futures also declined 1.29 per cent to USD 104.47 a barrel, providing some support to the rupee. Domestic equity markets remained largely stable. The Sensex declined 21.86 points, or 0.03 per cent, to close at 74,314.59, while the Nifty gained 53 points, or 0.23 per cent, to finish at 23,270.60. Foreign institutional investors continued to remain sellers, offloading equities worth Rs 2,032.61 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

From Trainee to Titan

Raavi Vijay’s Journey in Precision Mining Tools

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Raavi Vijay’s journey from a young trainee to a prominent industrial entrepreneur in Balanagar is a story of perseverance, technical expertise and entrepreneurial determination. Vijay arrived in Hyderabad from Andhra Pradesh in 1986 with little more than the ambition to build a successful career. His professional journey began with a two-month stint at SV Automobile Spare Parts, where he gained his first exposure to the automotive sector. He later joined Hindustan Machine Tools (HMT) as a trainee, an experience that helped him develop a strong foundation in precision engineering and manufacturing. The technical knowledge acquired during this period proved crucial in shaping his future career. Driven by a desire to establish an independent enterprise, Vijay subsequently launched Sri



Sai Heat Treatment. The unit specialised in heat-treatment processes for ferrous and non-ferrous metals and operated as a job-work facility until 1995. Nearly a decade of hands-on experience in metallurgy and heat treatment helped Vijay develop a detailed understanding of metal strength, durability and performance. These skills later became instrumental in his transition into the manufacturing of specialised drilling and mining equipment. Over the years, Vijay expanded his expertise and built a reputation in the engineering sector, particularly for precision tools used in challenging mining and borewell applications.

Rajadhiraaj Krishna Leela Theatrical Show to Debut in Hyderabad



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Hyderabad is set to witness the grand theatrical production Rajadhiraaj Yatra – Krishna Leela Aapke Dwar, celebrating the timeless stories and divine leelas of Lord Krishna. The production will be staged at Shilpakaala Vedika, Hitech City, from October 2 to 4. The Hyderabad edition was unveiled at a curtain-raiser event at Hotel Plaza, Begumpet, on Thursday. Brought to the city by Raag Rang Raas founders Ritu Shah and Romit Shah, the three-day pres-

entation is expected to draw more than 10,000 visitors. Conceptualised by Dhanraj Nathwani, the production combines theatre, music, dance and visual storytelling to portray different chapters from Krishna’s life. The show features a cast and crew of more than 120 members, over 500 costumes and 20 original songs. The production has previously travelled to Ahmedabad, Surat, Bengaluru, Chennai, New Delhi and Dubai, completing 33 sold-out shows with more than 37,000 tickets booked.

Mahhi Vij Reveals Mani Ratnam Cast Her in 'Yuva' Before Kareena Kapoor

Popular television model and actress and the current contestant of the Bigg Boss 20, Mahhi Vij recently made a shocking revelation about her early career in the movie industry. At the beginning of her career, she featured in several music videos before starring in many South Indian movies as well. In the latest episode of the show, while having a conversation with fellow contestant Kanika Mann, Vij opened up about her initial days in the entertainment industry. She recounted her early days, moving from music videos to South Indian films and later to a movie which could've been her Bollywood debut, before the role was given to another popular actress, Kareena Kapoor. Mahhi Vij said, "I went to Bombay and got a music video as soon as I arrived. It was the one where I wore the pink dress, 'Tu Tu Hai Wahi.' That was my first music video. After that, I did a lot of music videos in my career, and all of them were hits." She then mentioned her transition from music videos toward movies in the South, where she worked with some of



the big names in the South Indian film industry, such as Prabhu Deva and legendary Malayalam actor Mammootty. "From there, I was finalized for Yuva. Mani Ratnam selected me for Yuva," she added. As per Vij, she had been selected for the role of Meera in Yuva, which was eventually played by Kareena Kapoor. The character, Meera portrayed the love interest of Arjun Balachandran in the movie, played by Vivek Oberoi. Meanwhile, She also shared that she lost the part after a falling-out with someone connected to the project. "For the role that Kareena played, opposite Vivek Oberoi. But some equi-

ations with someone had gone a little sour there so it did not materialize," she added. Vij further stated that after missing out on Yuva, she chose to head back to Delhi. Meanwhile, she remained in talks for a couple of other films, but those were canceled too. Later, Mahhi established herself as a successful TV actress, gaining popularity for her work in Laagi Tujhse Lagan, Balika Vadhu, and Sehar – Hone Ko Hai. Afterward, she also participated in some reality shows, such as Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa, Khatron Ke Khiladi, and Nach Baliye 5, which she won with her ex-hus-



band, Jay Bhanushali. The actress has since built a career primarily in television, becoming a familiar face among Hindi television audiences. Her participation in Bigg Boss 20 has now brought renewed attention to different aspects of her personal and professional journey. During her conversation with Kanika Mann, Vij reflected on the path she took before achieving recognition on television. Her account of moving between music videos, regional cinema and Hindi film opportunities provided viewers with a glimpse into the challenges she faced during the initial stages of her career.

Controversy Surrounds Bigg Boss Remarks Following CM Vijay's London Trip



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Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay Joseph returned to Chennai after completing his London visit, following the last-minute cancellation of a planned Tamil community award event in the UK. According to the information provided, the event was cancelled after local police raised safety concerns in the wake of official advisories. The cancellation came amid controversy surrounding remarks made by actor Vijay Sethupathi during a recent episode of Bigg Boss Tamil 10. During the episode, Sethupathi was reviewing contestant Shathiga's performance as house captain and questioned her approach to leadership. He criticised what he described as making promises without considering the consequences and then

shifting blame when difficulties emerged. His comments quickly drew attention on social media, with some users interpreting the remarks as an indirect reference to Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay. The remarks triggered criticism from sections of social media users, with some demanding a public apology from Sethupathi. Amid the online controversy, the Bigg Boss Tamil 10 team issued a clarification. The makers said the conversations and interactions shown on the programme form part of the evolving narrative of the reality show and should be understood within their on-screen context. The team further clarified that statements made during the programme should not be interpreted as commentary on individuals, institutions or political developments outside the show. It also

said that any association made beyond the entertainment context was neither intended nor endorsed by the producers. The controversy surrounding Sethupathi's remarks emerged while the Chief Minister was in London. The planned Tamil community award function was subsequently called off at the last minute, with local police reportedly citing safety concerns. Vijay later returned to Chennai after concluding his overseas visit. The developments have generated discussion on social media over the interpretation of comments made on entertainment programmes and their possible connection to real-world political figures. The Bigg Boss team's clarification sought to draw a distinction between the show's scripted entertainment environment and political or public affairs outside the programme.

St. Francis Wins Women's Swimming Championship



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St. Francis College emerged as the women's overall champion at the Inter-College Swimming Tournament 2026-27 organised by Badruka College of Commerce and Arts under the aegis of Osmania University. The two-day competition for men and women was held at the GHMC Swimming Pool in Amberpet. St. Francis College secured the women's overall championship with 15 points, showcasing strong performances across multiple events. In the women's 50-metre backstroke, P. Nipunitha of CBIT secured first place with a timing of 42.66 seconds, followed by Anya Parikh and Y.S. Parinisthaa of St. Francis College. In the 50-metre breaststroke, G. Saharsha of St. Francis finished first in 43.20 seconds, while Tanusri.K. also from St. Francis, took second place.

Sudiksha Krishna of Tapasya College dominated the 50-metre butterfly and freestyle events, clocking 30.01 seconds and 28.57 seconds respectively. She also won the 100-metre freestyle in 1:03.27. In the 100-metre backstroke, P. Nipunitha of CBIT secured the top position with 1:23.46. St. Francis athletes continued their strong showing in the 100-metre breaststroke, with Harshita taking first place in 2:28.58. The 200-metre freestyle saw G. Sahasthra of St. Francis emerge victorious with a timing of 2:54.10. At the closing ceremony, Prof. B. Sunil Kumar, Principal, UCPE, OU, presented the overall championship trophy to the women's team of St. Francis College. Prof. K. Deepla, Secretary, IUT, OU; Dr. B. Mohan Kumar, Principal, Badruka College; Sri B. Manoj Kumar, Assistant Professor, Badruka College; and Naseer, Manager, Badruka College, were also present.

India thrashes Afghanistan by 127 runs to complete 3-0 T20I series sweep

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India completed a commanding 3-0 T20I series victory over Afghanistan after defeating them by 127 runs at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Thursday. Nitish Kumar Reddy and Ravi Bishnoi claimed three wickets each as Afghanistan were bowled out for just 94 in 14.1 overs while chasing 222. Earlier, India posted an imposing 221/7 in 20 overs, powered by a sensational century from Ab-



hishek Sharma. The left-hander smashed 108 runs from only 34 deliveries, including a record-breaking hundred from 30 balls. Abhishek's effort made

him the fastest T20I centurion among batters from a Test-playing nation and also the fastest Indian men's batter to score a T20I hundred. He sur-

passed Rohit Sharma's previous Indian record of 35 balls, set in 2017. India's innings also received valuable support from Sanju Samson, who contributed a quick 50. Afghanistan managed to pick up wickets regularly during the second half of the innings, preventing India from pushing the total even higher, but the target of 222 remained a daunting challenge. Afghanistan began their chase positively, with Rahmanullah Gurbaz finding two boundaries in

the opening over from Nitish Kumar Reddy. Ibrahim Zadran added a six as 15 runs came from the first over. However, their momentum disappeared rapidly once India's bowlers struck. Axar Patel dismissed Gurbaz with his first delivery, before Sediqullah Atal fell shortly afterwards. Jasprit Bumrah then produced a sharp yorker to remove Darwish Rasooli, while Yash Thakur accounted for Zadran, who scored 25.

Hitesh Reddy Qualifies for EFI Junior National Equestrian Championship

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The Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) National Qualifier for the Junior National Equestrian Championship 2026 began at the Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy in Hyderabad, with young riders competing across various categories. The event commenced following the mandatory veterinary inspection and featured Children-II and Children-I Dressage competitions. Nearly 50 horses and riders from

leading equestrian clubs are participating in the qualifier. In the Children-II Dressage category, Siddharth Dutta, riding Willbur for HPRC, topped the standings with an impressive score of 68.750%. Ananya Gupta, riding Achilles, secured 63.469%, while Samyukta Vanapalli with Alaba and Dhruva Potineni with Grace both recorded 63.281%. In the Children-I Dressage event, Anet Salomi Castilino, riding Bella for HPRC, led with 64.211%. Hyderabad rider Janampally Hi-

tesh Reddy, riding Centaur, followed with a score of 60.822%, meeting the prescribed qualification standard for the Junior National Equestrian Championship. Yuvraj Rohit Gupta, riding Achilles, scored 56.447%. Riders from HPRC, Covai Stables and The Ashva Collective showcased skill, discipline and sportsmanship. The qualifier will continue at Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy with further competitions across scheduled categories.



Telangana allows adult family members to attend SIR electoral roll hearings

Telangana has allowed adult family members to attend Special Intensive Revision electoral roll hearings on behalf of voters and submit necessary documents. CEO C Sudharsan Reddy directed officials to accept such documents and resolve notices, while ensuring compliance with ECI rules.

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Attending hearings related to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has been made easier in Telangana, with authorities allowing an adult family member of the concerned voter's family to appear on the voter's behalf. Under the revised arrangement, an adult member of the concerned voter's family can attend the in-person hearing before the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) and submit the required documents. Earlier, the individual elector was required to personally appear before the election authorities for such hearings. Telangana Chief Electoral Of-



ficer C. Sudharsan Reddy on Thursday directed officials to accept relevant documents submitted by an adult family member on behalf of the elector. Officials have also been instructed to take necessary steps to address issues relating to notices issued during the electoral roll revision process. The CEO said the instructions had already been communicated to District Election Officers across the state. He

asked the officials to review the notices issued to electors and take steps for their timely resolution. The move is expected to provide greater convenience to voters who may face difficulties in personally attending hearings. Allowing an adult family member to represent the elector will enable the submission of required documents even when the concerned voter is unable to appear in person. The CEO also

issued directions regarding pending and future Form-6 applications, which are used for inclusion of names in the electoral rolls. Sudharsan Reddy directed election officials to make it mandatory to collect the prescribed declaration form along with all pending and future Form-6 applications. Officials were instructed to consider October 1, 2026, as the qualifying date while processing the applications. The CEO further directed election authorities to take all necessary measures to ensure that the electoral roll revision process is conducted strictly in accordance with the rules and procedures prescribed by the Election Commission of

India. District-level election officials have been asked to implement the directions and ensure that notices and applications are processed according to the prescribed guidelines. The latest instructions form part of the ongoing electoral roll revision exercise in Telangana and are aimed at streamlining the hearing and documentation process for electors. Attending Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral roll hearings has been made easy. Henceforth, any adult family member of the voter concerned can attend in person hearing before the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) or Assistant ERO and submit necessary documents.

NIMS resident doctors to continue OPD, elective services boycott on Friday

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With their demands for improved security facilities yet to be met, the members of the Resident Doctors Association (RDA) of Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) announced on Thursday that they will continue to boycott outpatient (OPD) and elective services on Friday. The resident doctors boycotted their duties from Thursday morning following an incident where an on-duty junior doctor was allegedly verbally abused and threatened by patient attendants. The emergency/casualty services, however, will continue to function normally. Following demands and protests, the NIMS hospital administration registered First Information Reports (FIRs) regarding two separate incidents, one on August 31 and another on Wednesday, September



16, wherein on-duty senior residents were threatened and abused by patient attendants. Despite the FIR from NIMS management, the resident doctors are not satisfied with the measures and decided to continue their protests on Friday. The RDA said that the NIMS administration proposed to form a committee to discuss the issue of deploying the Special Protection Force or Rapid Action Team. "We are not satisfied with the response from hospital management. We are pressing for a strict, time-bound guarantee that trained security forces will be deployed

within a week. We want such assurances in writing from the authorities. There is a need for institutional accountability and NIMS management should take ownership whenever hospital doctors are targeted while performing official duties," senior residents of NIMS said. NIMS resident doctors will continue boycotting OPD and elective services on Friday over security concerns after an on-duty junior doctor was allegedly threatened and abused. The RDA said it wants written assurance that trained security forces will be deployed within a week. Geographic Reference

Minority Issues Raised with Telangana Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Ubaidulla Kotwal

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Al Faiz Welfare Society president Jahangir Baba and members met Telangana Minority Finance Corporation Chairman Ubaidulla Kotwal at Haj House in Hyderabad on September 17 and discussed various issues concerning minority communities. The delegation raised concerns related to minority welfare schemes, financial assistance and matters concerning the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. They urged the chairman to ensure that eligible minority families, students, poor people and economically weaker sections receive timely government support. Jahangir Baba also requested assistance in resolving issues faced by deserving



beneficiaries and facilitating access to available welfare programmes. He said the discussions on minority welfare were positive. The society members congratulated Ubaidulla Kotwal on his nearly four decades of public service and conveyed their greetings on the Congress government completing 1,000 days in office. Society secretary Mohammed Yaqoob, Sahal Khan, Nasrulla and Ghulam Haider were among those present.

Malkajgiri civic body gears up for Ganesh immersion arrangements at Saroornagar Lake

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Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) Commissioner T. Vinay Krishna Reddy on Thursday inspected arrangements being made for Ganesh idol immersion at Saroornagar Lake and directed officials to complete all preparations well in advance. During the inspection, the Commissioner instructed officials to maintain continuous supervision of the immersion activities and ensure that cranes deployed at the lake function properly. He



stressed that idols should be handled carefully and transported safely to the designated immersion points. Officials were directed to keep trained swimmers, medical teams, support personnel and emergency

equipment ready throughout the immersion process. The Commissioner also called for adequate safety measures to deal with any emergency situation during the festivities. Traffic management was another key focus of

the inspection. Vinay Krishna Reddy instructed officials to install traffic indicators and signboards at appropriate locations to guide visitors and regulate the movement of vehicles. Officials were asked to take steps to prevent traffic congestion and avoid overcrowding around the lake, particularly during peak immersion hours. Proper coordination among municipal, traffic and support teams was emphasised to ensure the smooth movement of devotees and vehicles. The Commissioner also reviewed sanitation arrange-

ments at the immersion points. He directed municipal staff to remove accumulated silt, sludge and debris from the designated areas before the immersion activities begin. Wherever necessary, desilting operations should be undertaken to ensure that the immersion points remain accessible and safe, he said. He further instructed officials to maintain cleanliness around the lake throughout the immersion programme and ensure that waste generated during the festivities is cleared regularly.



On the occasion of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday celebrations, former Jambagh corporator Rakesh Jaiswal organised a blood donation camp at Bhanji Kheraj Blood Bank in Koti, Hyderabad.

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CII Summit Focuses on Clean Tech, Electrification and Net Zero

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The 25th edition of the CII Energy Efficiency Summit 2026 brought together policymakers, industry leaders, technology providers, academia and sustainability experts to deliberate on accelerating India's transition towards a net-zero economy through energy efficiency, clean technologies and sustainable practices. The next phase of India's transition would require accelerated electrification, wider deployment of clean technologies, greater adoption of digital solutions and stronger collaboration between government, industry and institutions. Krushna Chandra Panigrahy, Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), said, the past

25 years provide lessons to build on as India enters a transformative phase of growth and that energy must remain affordable and reliable to support this growth. Tejpreet Singh Chopra, Chairman, CII Energy Efficiency Summit 2026, said "AI and digital tools are becoming a catalyst for everything this Energy Efficiency Summit stands for, compressing the time between identifying an efficiency opportunity and acting on it." P V Kiran Ananth, Executive Director- Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy & Green Entrepreneurship, CII Godrej GBC said 720 industry respondents invested around Rs.5,700 crore over last three years and achieved savings of more than Rs.7,100 crore.

NAFSCOB chief Ravinder Rao sends legal notice to CM Revanth over Assembly remarks

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NAFSCOB chairman Konduru Ravinder Rao has issued a legal notice to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, demanding unconditional withdrawal of allegations made against him in the Telangana Assembly on September 16 and a public



apology within seven days. He also asked Revanth Reddy to refrain from making further allegations of corruption, illegality or wrongdoing

Father Stabbed to Death After Confronting Daughter's Harasser in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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A 55-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death by a youth after he confronted him over the alleged harassment of his daughter in Bagh-e-Jahara, under the Madanapet police station limits in Hyderabad's Old City, on Thursday, September 17. The deceased, identified as Hasmath, reportedly questioned the youth, Mohammed, and warned him against allegedly harassing his daughter. According to the preliminary information, the confrontation esca-



lated and Mohammed allegedly attacked Hasmath with a knife. The victim sustained serious injuries and died at the spot. When Hasmath's son Umar attempted to intervene and protect his father, the accused allegedly attacked him as well. Umar suffered serious injuries and was immediately shifted to a private hospital, where he is undergoing treat-

ment. Following the incident, Madanapet police reached the location and began an investigation. Police are examining CCTV camera footage from the surrounding area to establish the exact sequence of events and trace the accused. A case has been registered in connection with the incident. Police are gathering evidence and recording statements from witnesses as part of the investigation. Further details regarding the motive and circumstances leading to the fatal attack are awaited as the investigation continues.

Congress MPs, MLCs likely to visit KCR's Erravalli residence on Friday

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Amid verbal duels over lands and properties owned by ruling and opposition leaders, a group of Congress MPs and MLCs are likely to visit BRS chief K Chandrashekhara Rao's residence at Erravalli in Siddipet on Friday. City & Local Guides It is learnt that the MPs and MLCs would board a bus specially arranged for them at the CLP Office on the Assembly premises. They are expected to check land records at the local revenue office and the Collector's Office in Siddipet before heading to the BRS chief's residence. "There is a buzz in Gandhi Bhavan that Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi will lead the group. But, so far, there is no official confirmation about the visit," a senior Congress leader said. The proposed visit by Congress elected representatives to Erravalli assumes significance as the Assembly session is continuing on Friday.