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The court declared that Danam Nagender stood disqualified as a member of the Telangana Legislative Assembly with effect from April 23, 2024.

In the first such judgment in the state, the Telangana High Court on Friday disqualified Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender from the Assembly on the ground of defection. The court consequently declared the seat vacant. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohiuddin set aside the order of Speaker Gadhad Prasad Kumar, who had rejected petitions seeking Nagender's disqualification. The court declared that Nagender stood disqualified from April 23, 2024, under Paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule to the Constitution. The bench in its 91-page order held that Nagender, who was elected on a BRS ticket in the 2023 Assembly elections, in-

curred disqualification after contesting the 2024 Lok Sabha election from Secunderabad as a Congress candidate while continuing as BRS MLA. The High Court also directed its registry to communicate the order to the secretary to the Assembly Speaker and to the Election Commission of India. The bench also declined a plea from Nagender's counsel to keep the order in abeyance for some time to enable him to approach the Supreme Court.

The verdict came against the backdrop of petitions seeking action against nine BRS MLAs who joined the Congress, and challenging the Speaker's decision in rejecting the disqualification pleas. The BRS as well as the BJP in particular challenged the Speaker's decision in Nagender's case. BJP Assembly floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy chal-



lenged the Speaker's decision when Nagender, elected to the Assembly on a BRS ticket, had contested from the Secunderabad Lok Sabha constituency on a Congress ticket, without resigning as BRS legislator. BRS legislator Padi Kaushik Reddy filed separate a petition. The bench had reserved orders on August 21.

The ruling immediately opened another legal front. The Congress is expected to challenge the judgment before the Supreme Court, while the BJP and BRS have indicated that they would file caveats before the apex

court, seeking to ensure that no order was passed on any challenge without hearing them. While dismissing the disqualification petition against Nagender, the Speaker had based his opinion on four main points. He opined that it had to be based on the conduct within the House. He further stated that the Speaker's jurisdiction under the Tenth Schedule was confined to the conduct within the House. Conduct outside the House was only relevant if it destabilized the BRS's strength or functioning in the House. He held that Nagender's conduct of contesting elections from a different party did not amount to voluntarily giving up BRS membership under the Tenth Schedule. The Speaker's order also mentioned that Nagender continued to be a BRS

member because he never formally resigned from the party and did not enrol as a member of the Congress. Nagender continued to sit with the BRS and complied with BRS Whips and faced no disciplinary action from the party. However, the High Court held that the findings of the Speaker were in violation of the constitutional mandate under Article 191(2) of the Constitutional of India read with para 2(1)(a) and 2(1)(b) of the Tenth Schedule. The court faulted the reasoning of the Speaker on the four points on which he had relied.

First, the Bench found that the Speaker had committed a “serious jurisdictional error” in holding that conduct outside the House in such circumstances fell outside the Speaker’s jurisdiction

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A day after the US Congress passed the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act, empowering President Donald Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries such as India and China that buy Russian oil, India on Friday reiterated that it would continue to source energy from diverse suppliers. New Delhi also maintained that US tariffs imposed over its purchase of Russian oil could have implications for the overall India-US relationship.

India had said on Thursday that such tariffs could affect bilateral ties and severely disrupt global oil markets. It remains firmly committed to ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people through diversified sourcing, the government said. The government reiterated on Friday that it would work closely with Indian trade and industry bodies to address the implications of the US legislation. Steep tariffs on Indian goods



could erode their competitiveness in the lucrative US market and cause heavy losses to exporters and the wider economy. The US House of Representatives passed the Bill on Thursday by 262 votes to 159, clearing the way for it to be sent to President Trump, who has indicated that he will sign it. The US Senate passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 last month by 86 votes to 11. "The Government of India has noted the passage of the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act in the US Congress. We are monitoring further developments on this matter," New Delhi said on Thursday.

Ahead of the October 15 rollout of the new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) framework across the country, the government is engaging with payment aggregators and other UPI platforms and closely monitoring the ways to ensure that the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select UPI transactions is not passed on to consumers. The government is also mulling a mechanism in the UPI ecosystem soon, aimed at ensuring that merchants do not recover the payment charge from customers after implementation, a fi-

Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday launched a sharp attack on the Election Commission over its decision to freeze the Trinamool Congress' name and symbol, calling it a "black day" in the country's democratic history and vowing to fight the move politically, democratically and legally. Hours after the poll panel allotted her faction the name 'Mamata All India Trinamool Congress' and



the 'Football Player' symbol for the October 6 bypolls, Banerjee said she would not accept the interim arrangement as a settlement and asserted that she would fight to reclaim the party's original identity and the flowers-and-grass symbol.

She said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and AAP's

Arvind Kejriwal have contacted her following the development. The Election Commission on Friday allotted separate names and symbols to the two rival factions following its interim decision a day earlier to bar both groups from using the 'All India Trinamool Congress' name and its reserved symbol pending a substantive determination of the dispute. The rival faction led by Arup Roy was allotted the name 'Democratic Trinamool Congress' and the 'Envelope' symbol.

The Maldives has fully repaid a USD 150 million loan to India after settling the final tranche of USD 50 million in treasury bills subscribed by the State Bank of India (SBI), the Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday. External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said the final tranche was successfully settled on September 17. The treasury bills, initially subscribed by SBI in 2019, had been

extended six times, with each extension lasting one year.

“The final tranche of USD 50 million treasury bills, out of a total of USD 150 million, subscribed by State Bank of India with the government of Maldives has been successfully settled on September 17,” Jaiswal said during his regular media briefing. While the Maldivian government repaid the principal amount of the treasury bills, the interest payable on the USD 150 million over the past five years



was borne by the Indian government. According to Jaiswal, India paid nearly USD 45 million towards interest during the period.

The repayment comes amid continued financial and economic cooperation between India and

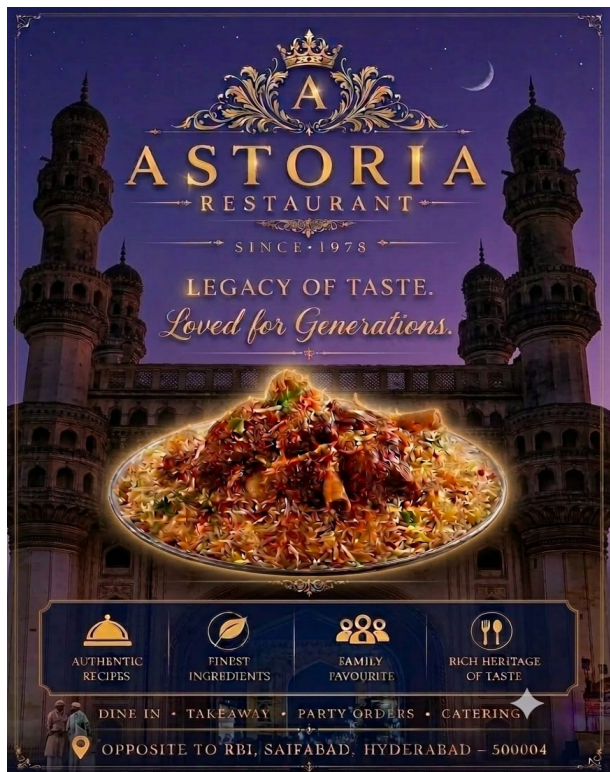
the Maldives. Jaiswal said India has also extended an Rs 30 billion currency swap facility to the Maldives to support its financial system and strengthen its foreign exchange position.

In addition, the Indian government has subscribed to USD 350 million worth of Maldivian treasury bonds, which are valid until 2029 and 2030, respectively.

Beyond financial assistance, India continues to support the Maldives through development cooperation and the supply

of essential commodities. Jaiswal described the relationship between the two countries as a long-standing development partnership, highlighting India's continued engagement with the island nation across financial, economic and development sectors.

The latest repayment marks the settlement of the USD 150 million treasury bill arrangement while other financial co-operation mechanisms between the two countries remain in place.



The ghee used to prepare the 'Tirupati Laddu' prasadam during 2019-2024 was allegedly manufactured using refined palm oil, palmolein and various chemicals, the Enforcement Directorate said on Friday, after arresting a ghee manufacturing company promoter on money laundering charges a day earlier. The agency said the ED Hyderabad office had taken Kailash Chand Mangla of Sukriti Foods into custody on Thursday in connection with the

ghee adulteration case. He was produced before a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) Special Court in Visakhapatnam, which sent him to judicial custody, PTI reported from the ED statement.

The agency found that the adulterated ghee used to prepare the laddu prasadam was allegedly manufactured using refined palm oil, palm kernel oil, palmolein and chemicals identified as MG-90, Myvacet Soft 400, mono-glycerides, and acetic acid ester.

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Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay would inaugurate the expansion of the 'Perunthalivar Kamarajar Breakfast scheme' that would bring 15,30 lakh students of classes six to eight in 15,454 government and government aided schools into the State-wide nutrition programme, aimed at stopping children from attending classes in an empty stomach, on Tuesday September 22. Presiding over the review meeting for the expansion of the pro-



gramme at the Secretariat on Friday, Vijay insisted on maintaining hygiene and cleanliness in the kitchens and dining areas of the schools where the nutritious breakfast would be served to the students.

For the first year of the expanded scheme, Rs 217.63 crore had been allotted, while the total

allocation was Rs 724 crore, an official press release said on Friday. The breakfast would be freshly prepared by members of the Self Help Groups, functioning under the Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women (TNCDW), at 447 integrated kitchens in Chennai and 2150 similar kitchens in other parts of the State. The TVK government decided to expand the scheme, launched by the previous government to serve breakfast to students of classes one to five, by bringing in pupils of classes 6 to

8 into the breakfast programme and also to name it after the late K Kamarj at a meeting on June 15.

The expansion of the Breakfast scheme was aimed at integrating the health, nutrition, school attendance and learning of the students to strengthen the foundation for school education, the release said, adding that the inclusion of students in Classes six to eight would help the students in their educational journey and also contribute to social development.

KTR challenges Revanth Reddy to prove Rs 1-lakh-crore land

BRS working president KT Rama Rao challenged Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to deposit Rs 1 lakh crore into the accounts of Telangana's poor in exchange for the K Chandrashekhara Rao family transferring all its land assets to the government

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Friday threw a bumper offer at Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his allegations that the K Chandrashekhara Rao family owned land worth Rs 1 lakh crore. Rama Rao challenged him to deposit the same amount in the accounts of Telangana's poor, and in exchange, offered to transfer their family's assets to the government. Rama Rao said the family was ready to transfer every inch of land owned in its name if the Chief Minister immediately deposited Rs 1 lakh crore into the accounts of poor people across the State. If he was unable to do so, the Chief Minister should stop the campaign and



tender an unconditional public apology, he said. "Even if one per cent of the allegations you have made were true, I am making you this offer," Rama Rao said, terming the allegations as a malicious campaign against his family. He asserted that Chandrashekhara Rao's life was an open book, and recalled the latter's role in the Telangana movement and his commitment to improving the lives of the people of the state. The BRS working president said the earlier campaign alleging that Chandrashekhara Rao

owned a 1,000-acre farmhouse had boomeranged after the Chief Minister himself admitted in the Assembly that only 67 acres formed part of the former Chief Minister's agricultural farm. He said the government was now repeating the same tactic with a fresh claim of Rs 1 lakh crore worth of family-owned land. Rama Rao stated that the campaign was intended to divert public attention from the Congress government's record after 1,000 days in power. The government could not shift the focus of people from its failure to implement 420 promises and the controversy over lands under Section 22-A of the Registration Act, he said. "There is only venom but no substance in your allegations," he said, questioning the Chief

Minister's decision to continue with allegations without any basis. Rama Rao also referred to allegations made during the previous Assembly elections of a Rs 1 lakh crore scam in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme. He pointed out that the Congress government failed to establish not a single rupee of corruption in the project so far, despite multiple investigations in last 33 months. He accused the Congress of adopting a similar line of attack against his family. The BRS leader stated that farmers were facing power cuts, a shortage of urea and difficulties over irrigation. However, he said the government was focused on the principal Opposition instead of addressing these issues. He also reminded that the

Congress promised two lakh jobs in its first year, but did not fill even 10 per cent of them after 1,000 days. He said the Congress cannot hide its failures behind wild allegations against the BRS. Rama Rao accused Revanth Reddy of making false claims in the Assembly and undermining the dignity of the legislature. He alleged that the purported Rs 1 lakh crore land scam linked by the Chief Minister to the previous BRS regime, was indeed happening under the current Congress rule following the inclusion of 1.2 crore acres in the prohibited list under Section 22-A of the Registration Act. He vowed that upon returning to power, the BRS would expose the Congress government's alleged corruption and irregularities.

Four-Storey Building Tilts Dangerously in Gopanapalli

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Concern has grown among residents of NTR Nagar in Gopanapalli after a four-storey building constructed on a narrow plot of around 30 to 40 yards reportedly tilted dangerously to one side, raising fears of a possible collapse. The incident has triggered fresh concerns over allegedly unauthorised and irregular construction in the Serilingampally area. Locals pointed out that the structure had been raised on a very small plot despite its considerable height, and questioned whether the construction complied with the prescribed building permissions and safety regulations. The development comes shortly after the building collapse incident in Anjaiah Nagar, Kondapur, keeping concerns over unsafe structures alive among residents. Locals fear that if the tilted building shifts further, it could pose a serious threat to neighbouring houses, vehicles and people in the vicinity. Residents have urged civic authorities to immediately inspect the structure and take necessary preventive measures. They also demanded strict action against buildings allegedly constructed in violation of regulations.



It is learnt that CMC officials are expected to examine the incident and verify the building permissions and construction norms. Residents stressed that authorities should identify and address dangerous structures before an accident occurs, rather than waiting for a collapse to take action.

Telangana MLAs raise concerns over power supply issues affecting farmers

In contrast to the Congress government's claims of uninterrupted power supply in the State, a few ruling party and BJP MLAs raised concerns over the hardships being faced by farmers due to power outages. Congress MLA from Nagarkurnool K Rajesh Reddy said farmers in his constituency had been facing several hardships due to insufficient power supply for the past few days. "I appeal to the Minister to address the issue at the earliest," he said during Zero Hour in the Assembly on Friday. Congress MLA from Narayankhed Sanjeeva Reddy admitted that power generation in the State was low and, accordingly, there was a severe power supply issue. "Already, protests are being staged at several places. The issue has turned into a weapon for the opposition," he said, charging that officials at the ground level were not performing their duties properly. BJP Floor Leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy charged that power issues were plaguing the State, particularly his region, Nirmal. Power was hardly being supplied for five to six hours a day, and the Deputy Chief Minister should review the situation, he stated. "As it is, farmers are troubled due to the El Nino impact. This apart, insufficient power supply and agriculture pumps not functioning are adding to their problems. Measures should be taken to avoid this," he demanded. Congress ally and CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao said a new trend of opposing thermal power stations had emerged of late, citing pollution and losses. The government was dependent on hydel projects and, due to deficit rainfall this season, there was not much power generation through hydel projects, he said.

Kaleshwaram, Tummidihatti projects rock Telangana Assembly

The Telangana Assembly witnessed heated exchanges over Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects during an El Nino debate, with the BJP demanding action on irrigation and barrage repairs. Ministers blamed the previous BRS government and sought Central assistance to tackle the water crisis.

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The Kaleshwaram and Tummidihatti projects rocked the Assembly on Friday during a debate on El Nino remedial measures, with heated exchanges between the ruling Congress and BJP over the delay in restoring the Kaleshwaram barrages or constructing the Tummidihatti project even after 33 months of the Congress government. BJP floor leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy accused the government of using El Nino to cover up its failures and urged it to stop blaming the previous BRS regime. He demanded immediate steps to utilise Godavari river water, fill reservoirs and tanks and either restore Kaleshwaram or take up the Tummidihatti project. He questioned the delay in acting on the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report and sought a clear timeline for barrage repairs. Intervening during the discussion, Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy attributed the



drought situation to the 10-year BRS rule as well as El Nino. He maintained that the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages were unsafe for storing water and not fit for use, and the government could not risk public safety by operating them. He said the BJP floor leader was misleading the House on the NDSA report, reiterating that the restoration works were delayed only as per the recommendations of the NDSA. He demanded that BJP leaders take the initiative in convincing both the Centre and the Maharashtra government for speedy construction of the Tummidihatti project. BJP MLA Palvai Harish Babu said the Congress had failed to resolve irrigation problems in its 33

months in office. Referring to the government's assessment that the State had only 462 TMCft against a project storage capacity of 808 TMCft, he questioned why Pranahita river water, which received around 607 TMCft of inflows since January, was not being utilised. Another BJP MLA, Payal Shankar, urged implementation of the PM Fasal Bima Yojana to provide relief to farmers. He also wanted the State Level Bankers Meeting convened to consider deferment of agricultural loan collections in view of the El Nino crisis. CPI floor leader Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao cautioned against turning El Nino into a political blame game.

Pratap Performs Special Pujas at Bowenpally Ganesh Pandals

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Ganesh Navratri celebrations in Bowenpally witnessed religious fervour and enthusiastic participation as former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap visited several Ganesh pandals and performed special pujas along with devotees and local organisers. Jampana Pratap visited Vigneshwara mandapams at New Bowenpally Hanuman Ji Society, TTD Quarters on Old Airport Road, Vedanta College,



Jayalakshmi Apartment, Peddathokatta, New City Colony and Vayunagar. At each venue, he offered prayers to Lord Ganesha and interacted with residents and organisers. Speaking on the occasion, Pratap stressed the importance of celebrating

Ganesh Navratri with devotion, faith and spiritual discipline. He said that sincere worship of Lord Vigneshwara gives devotees strength and confidence to overcome obstacles and complete their endeavours successfully. He also conveyed

his wishes for peace, prosperity and happiness among the people. The celebrations witnessed active participation from residents and community members. Muppidi Madhukar, Ankam Lakshmi, Ankam Srinivas Rao, Manideep, Rajesh, Nikhil, Vinay, Sai Pawan, Mohan, Sarath and Pawan were among those who participated in the rituals and coordinated the programmes. The festivities continued with devotional activities and community gatherings across Bowenpally.

Telangana Youth to Get Job Opportunities in Japan Through TOMCOM-POGLI Pact

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Telangana Overseas Manpower Company Limited (TOMCOM) has signed a key Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Japan-based POGLI Co. Ltd to facilitate skill-based employment opportunities for Telangana youth in Japan. The agreement was signed at the Secretariat in the presence of Energy and Mines Minister Vivek Venkat Swamy and Energy Department Secretary Dasari



Harichandana. TOMCOM Managing Director Kanthi Wesley and POGLI Co. Ltd Founder and CEO Dr. Karun Malhotra signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organisations. Under the agreement, POGLI will identify employment op-

portunities in Japanese companies and establish industry linkages, while TOMCOM will handle candidate selection, registration, initial screening, documentation, Japanese language training and pre-departure orientation.

National Ambedkar Sena Welcomes Arrest of Hamara Prasad



The National Ambedkar Sena has welcomed the police action against Hamara Prasad following his alleged derogatory remarks about Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. State General Secretary G. Kamal Kumar said the arrest was a necessary step to uphold respect for Dr. Ambedkar and protect his constitutional legacy. In a statement, Kumar said the organisation would not remain silent if individuals made objectionable or disrespectful comments against Dr. Ambedkar. He stressed that the National Ambedkar Sena would take appropriate legal measures against such incidents and pursue the matter through lawful channels. Kumar further cautioned that any future attempts to demean Dr. Ambedkar's contributions or legacy would face strong opposition from the organisation. He said the Sena was committed to responding through democratic and legal means while ensuring that respect for the Constitution and its principal architect was maintained. The organisation's statement comes amid discussions surrounding the arrest of Prasad over his alleged comments, with the Sena reiterating its commitment to safeguarding Dr. Ambedkar's legacy.

Congress MLAs flag damaged roads in Assembly, seek immediate repairs

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Putting the Congress government in a spot, a few ruling party MLAs in the Assembly said roads in their constituencies were severely damaged and urged the government to take up repairs at the earliest. During Zero Hour, Congress MLA from Manakondur K Satyanarayana said neither R&B roads nor Panchayat Raj roads nor Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) road works had commenced so far. "I

promised the people that if I fail to get the Gundlachampally-Pothuru road works repaired, I will stage a hunger strike. And I will stage the protest," Satyanarayana said. He said works were being sanctioned on paper, but contractors were not taking them up, mainly due to the delay in clearing old dues payable to them. The poor condition of roads was affecting the government's reputation, he said, appealing to the Finance Minister to at least clear part of the old dues pay-



able to contractors and ensure that works commenced. Similarly, Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Rangareddy said a central road in his constituency had been dug up over a year ago. It connects nearly 10 villages, including Pol-

kampally, Nayanampally, Dandumylaram and Rapole. Though the road repair work had been sanctioned, the works were not being executed, he said. He also raised concerns over the Nagarjunasagar-Nandi Wanaparthy, Medi-

pally, Nanaknagar, Meerkanpet and Future City roads. All these roads had been sanctioned, but works were not being taken up. Action should be initiated against the contractors, he demanded. BRS turncoat MLA from Chevella Kale Yadaiah said the Shankarpally-Marpally road via Mominpet was in a bad shape. Likewise, the Himayathnagar-Vikarabad, Thangedpally and Aluru roads were also severely damaged, he said. Officials had informed him that tenders were floated,

but works had not commenced so far, he added. BRS turncoat MLA Kadiyam Srihari said the State government had introduced the HAM system to improve the road network. Tenders had been floated covering R&B and Panchayat Raj roads, and Letters of Acceptance (LoAs) had also been issued. However, the working season would commence in October, but agreements had not been signed. As a result, contractors had not commenced the works, he stated.

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.

Harish Rao Challenges
Congress Over Land Allegations

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BRS Assembly Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of using the visit of its MPs to his agricultural land in Siddipet to divert public attention from pressing issues facing Telangana. Addressing the media, Harish Rao said the allegations surrounding his land purchase were politically motivated and challenged the government to establish any irregularity in the transaction. He declared that if even a minor violation was proved in the purchase of his property, he would hand over the entire land to the government. Harish Rao said he owned 13.12 acres of agricultural land, which was purchased in different phases between 2018 and 2024. He said he had voluntarily sought an official



survey to ascertain the boundaries and actual possession of the property. According to him, the survey established that he was in possession of 13 acres and 10 guntas, which was two guntas less than the extent mentioned in the registered documents. He said the survey findings contradicted the allegations of illegal occupation being made against him. Rejecting claims that the agricultural property contained a luxurious farmhouse, Harish Rao said there was no such structure on the land and claimed that there was not even a bathroom there. He also dismissed allegations that he had personally constructed or laid a road

leading to the property. Harish Rao explained that the existing road was developed by irrigation authorities after the original village road was sub-merged due to the Rangamayakasagar project. The BRS leader questioned why Congress MPs had visited the property when the government already had an extensive revenue administration machinery to examine land records. He pointed to tahsildars, revenue divisional officers and district collectors as the authorities competent to verify ownership, boundaries and records. Harish Rao further accused the Congress government of failing to resolve problems associated with the Section 22A prohibited properties list. He said farmers were continuing to face difficulties in registering land, accessing welfare benefits and carrying out legitimate transactions. He also raised concerns over

pending development projects and alleged delays in implementing farm loan waiver commitments. Turning his criticism towards Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao referred to allegations that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had encroached upon 300 acres of land assigned to Dalits. He challenged the Chief Minister and Congress leaders to prove the allegation. Harish Rao asked whether Revanth Reddy, his ministers and Congress MLAs would resign if it was established that KCR had not encroached on Dalit-assigned land. He said the BRS would continue raising issues concerning farmers and the public, while accusing the Congress government of focusing on political controversies instead of addressing governance-related problems.

Danam Welcomes Verdict,
Ready to Face Electorate

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Khairatabad legislator Danam Nagender's disqualification took a curious turn on Friday with his welcoming the High Court verdict and expressing his readiness to seek re-election. If the High Court order prevails, it will be the second time that Nagender would pay the price for switching parties, though the first instance in 2004 was of his own making. However, Nagender was not debarred from contesting again, as his disqualification was not due to conviction in any criminal case but on the grounds of anti-party activities. Nagender sought to give the impression that he was not considering an appeal in the Supreme Court, while the Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) described the verdict as a slap on the Congress' face. They also demanded



that all other BRS legislators who had defected to the Congress should resign and seek re-election. Both the parties announced that they would file a caveat in the Supreme Court as there was a chance of either Nagender or Speaker G. Prasad Kumar filing a special leave petition challenging the High Court order. BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy and BJP Legislature Party leader A. Maheshwar Reddy, petitioners in the case, hailed the verdict, in separate press conferences, as a "landmark judgment" that safeguarded democracy and the rule of law. Speaking to mediapersons after the court ruling, Nagender said electoral battles were

not new to him and he would face the electorate once again. Though he did not respond to queries on which party ticket he would seek re-election, Nagender said approaching the apex court was not on the agenda as of now. Sources in the Congress, however, dismissed Nagender's initial reaction as a strategy to put the onus of defending his membership by challenging Friday's verdict on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Speaker Prasad Kumar, who was made a respondent in the case by the petitioners. Nagender's strained relationship with the Chief Minister was evident from his recent moves including referring to Revanth Reddy as Chandrashekar Rao, and making it appear as a faux pas, at a recent public meeting and attacking the government over shortage of power and water in the city during the ongoing Assembly session.

Ganesha Festival Promotes Peace,
Happiness: Ravi Shekhar Reddy

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AICC National Coordinator Dr. P.V. Ravi Shekhar Reddy and Banjara Hills ACP Samala Venkata Reddy offered special prayers at a Vinayaka Mandapam on the Krishnanagar-Indiranagar main road. Dr. Ravi Shekhar Reddy wished that Lord Ganesha remove obstacles and bless people with happiness, joy and good health. He said Vinayaka Chavithi represents India's rich spiritual and cultural traditions. ACP Venkata Reddy called for peaceful celebrations and



urged devotees to maintain harmony. Organizers honored both guests and presented them with Teertha Prasadam. Sub-Inspector Vijayakumar, Advocate Padma Rao, Govardhan Reddy and others attended the programme.

Market Police Conduct Road Safety Drive During Ganesh Festival

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The Market Police Station conducted a Road Safety Awareness Programme at a Ganesh mandapam in Bandi Met as part of the ongoing Ganesh Suraksha Sankalp-2026 initiative, urging devotees and residents to celebrate the festival safely and responsibly. The programme was organised at the Ganesh mandapam set up by local resident Rakesh Yadav. A police team led by Market PS Station House Officer (SHO) G.



Rama Krishna, along with Sector Sub-Inspector (SI) Nares, interacted with the gathering. Sahachari group members Rama and Shradha also participated in the awareness programme. Around 30 people, in-

cluding youth, devotees and local residents, attended the drive. Police officials stressed the importance of following traffic rules, wearing helmets, avoiding rash and negligent driving, and maintaining road discipline during Ganesh

festivities and processions. The programme concluded with participants taking a formal Road Safety Pledge, committing themselves to responsible behaviour on the roads. SHO G. Rama Krishna appealed to devotees to celebrate Vinayaka Chavithi peacefully and in accordance with traffic and law-and-order regulations. He emphasised that public cooperation is essential to prevent avoidable road accidents during the festive season.

Surprise Rice Mill Inspections Intensified Across Jangaon

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Civil Supplies Enforcement Deputy Tahsildar Machan Raghunandan said strict surveillance and surprise inspections of rice mills would help prevent irregularities and ensure compliance with government regulations. Raghunandan, along with a Civil Supplies Vigilance team, conducted a surprise inspection at a rice mill in the industrial area of Jangaon on Friday. The



inspection was part of statewide efforts to monitor rice mills following reports of alleged irregularities at some units. Speaking during the in-

spection, Raghunandan said inspections were being carried out across all districts on the directions of the Civil Supplies Commissioner. Officials are verifying the quantity of paddy allocated to each rice mill, the stock available on the premises and whether the mill has maintained the required quantity. He warned that if the physical stock is found to be lower than the officially recorded quantity, officials would recommend registration

of cases against those responsible. Millers found misusing levy paddy for unauthorized activities would face strict action, including arrest, he cautioned. Raghunandan said enforcement had been strengthened under the Revenue Recovery (RR) Act, making the consequences for violations more stringent. Civil Supplies Vigilance officials Sridhar Reddy and Katta Sudarshan Reddy, along with DTE Srinivas, participated in the inspection.

Balanagar Police Bid Heartfelt
Farewell to Lord Ganesha



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Marking the auspicious festival of Ganesh Chaturthi, the staff at the Balanagar Police Station hosted a five-day grand celebration, installing a Lord Ganesha idol within the station premises and performing traditional daily pujas with devout devotion.

The festivities culminated on Friday as officers and staff gathered to accord a ceremonial farewell to the elephant god. Escorted by traditional drum beats, lively dances, and joyous chants urging the deity to return early next year, the idol was taken in procession for immersion.

Heavy Police Bandobast for Ganesh Immersion in Mudhole

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In view of the Ganesh immersion procession scheduled to be held in Mudhole on Sunday, the police are making elaborate security arrangements. Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, along with Mudhole CI Ravinder Naik and SI Batla Prasees, inspected the routes to be taken by the Ganesh Shobha Yatra. Speaking on the occasion, ASP Sai Kiran said that special measures were being taken to ensure that the public faces no inconvenience during the Ganesh immersion and that the



procession is conducted peacefully. CCTV cameras have been installed along the procession routes to monitor important locations and prevent traffic-related and other issues. He stated that elaborate security arrangements were being made with the

deployment of the SP, ASP, DSP, CI, SI and special police forces, along with approximately 200 police personnel. Necessary measures have been taken to maintain law and order, regulate traffic and prevent any untoward incidents during the procession.

Vigilance Inquiry Likely Into Metro Pillar Damage

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A vigilance inquiry is likely into the shoddy excavation that allegedly damaged two Hyderabad Metro Rail pillars near the Iskon-Sri Sri Radha Gopinath Mandir in Secunderabad. The move follows an inspection of the site by Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) officials on Thursday. Work continued on Friday despite the inspection, with an excavator parked inside the site and a heavy vehicle



carrying debris outside. On Thursday, only one machine — used for slab construction — was present inside the 1,000-square-yard HMRL

land. HMRL officials remained tight-lipped about the inspection, which was carried out by Zruti Solutions Private Limited, where one Ramana Reddy

is a director. A source said an official from the Vigilance Wing of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) also visited the site along with the HMRL team. Officials said a report is yet to be submitted to HMRL managing director Sarfaraz Ahmad and additional managing director B. Ajith Reddy, who will decide on further action or damage-control measures. Sources revealed that blatant violations were spotted during the inspection. The team noted damage to pillars C-1192 and

C-1193 on the Blue Line corridor connecting Nagole to Raidurg. Excavation was found to have been carried out dangerously close to the pillars — one adjacent to the temple and the other towards the main road — despite norms prohibiting any activity within a 4.5-metre radius of Metro pillars. A source added that Zruti Solutions holds parking contracts at other HMRL sites, which may be why officials were attempting to mask the observations made by the inspection team.

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

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

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-

Navigational Rights Must be Free from Coercion and Threats: India

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Navigational rights must not be subject to coercion, threats, unlawful restrictions or arbitrary interference, India has said at a United Nations Security Council (UNSC) meeting, emphasising that maritime insecurity has consequences well beyond the immediate risks. "Recent disruptions to significant global maritime routes have underpinned a fundamental reality: the security of maritime routes are vital to international peace, security and global prosperity," India's Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni said. "It has implications across regions of the globe, particularly in terms of energy and food security," Parvathaneni said. Addressing the UNSC Arria-Formula meeting on 'Safe Seas, Shared Security: Protecting Freedom of



Navigation in an Evolving Security Environment' organised here Thursday, Parvathaneni said navigational rights must not be subject to coercion, threats, unlawful restrictions or arbitrary interference. "Equally vital are coordinated evacuation frameworks for seafarers in conflict zones, with clear responsibilities among States and international organisations," he said. Amid the ongoing US-Israel conflict against Iran that has caused disruptions in the critical chokepoint of the Strait of Hormuz, India said recent experience also demonstrates that maritime insecurity has consequences

well beyond the immediate threat. "Disruptions at one chokepoint can increase pressure on alternative routes, raise freight and insurance costs, disrupt energy and food supplies and adversely affect developing countries," he said. "The international community must therefore move beyond responding to individual incidents by crafting practical arrangements to facilitate the continued movement of essential commercial and humanitarian supplies during crises," the Indian envoy said. "The objective should not merely be to restore navigation after a crisis, but to build a maritime system capable of withstanding shocks before they cascade into wider economic and humanitarian crises," he said. India voiced its strong support for a free, open, secure and rules-based maritime domain. "Rights and freedoms of navigation and overflight

should be consistent with international law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, and must be fully respected. Commercial vessels must not become targets of geopolitical tensions," he said. With seafarers coming under direct attack in the current conflict and India losing several of the maritime crew, Parvathaneni called for seafarers to remain at the centre of the international community's collective efforts. "Their safety, timely evacuation, medical assistance, crew changes and repatriation require effective contingency planning and international cooperation. Their Safety and Security require much greater attention in the present circumstances," he said. He called on countries with considerable interest in terms of safety and security of shipping and seafarers to come together. Parvathaneni said India also recognises the growing importance.

India Blames Pak Warship For Collision

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Rejecting Islamabad’s allegations against the Indian Navy, India on Friday said the Pakistan Navy ship PNS Hunain carried out “dangerous and irresponsible” manoeuvres while attempting to overtake INS Kolkata in international waters in the western Arabian Sea, causing a collision on Tuesday evening. The external affairs ministry said INS Kolkata did not suffer major damage and continued its deployment on the high seas. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal accused Pakistan of “trying to hide the truth” and resorting to its “usual prevarication”. He said India fully expected Islamabad not to acknowledge its conduct after Pakistan blamed the Indian Navy

for the incident. Jaiswal pointed out that a 1991 agreement between the two countries required ships of their navies to maintain a distance of at least three nautical miles from each other at sea. India summoned the Pakistani chargé d’affaires in New Delhi on Wednesday and lodged a strong protest over the collision. New Delhi described the Pakistan Navy’s conduct as “unprofessional and unacceptable” and asked Islamabad to comply with the 1991 agreement. The Indian chargé d’affaires in Islamabad also lodged a protest with Pakistan’s foreign ministry. Pakistan, in turn, summoned the Indian chargé d’affaires and claimed the incident occurred within its exclusive economic zone. Islamabad said PNS Hunain was participating in the bien-

nial Seaspark-26 exercise and alleged that an “aggressive manoeuvre” by the Indian vessel resulted in contact between the two ships. India rejected the claim that the incident occurred within Pakistan’s exclusive economic zone and maintained that it took place in international waters. Sources said the Pakistani vessel approached the Indian warship, which was on a routine surveillance mission in the Arabian Sea, at high speed and manoeuvred in an unsafe and unprofessional manner, causing the collision. Reports said the incident occurred about 220 km east of the Oman coast. PNS Hunain is a Yarmook-class corvette built in Romania and commissioned two years ago, while INS Kolkata is a guided-missile destroyer.

Oct 15 UPI Rollout: Govt Acts to Shield Users from MDR

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Ahead of the October 15 rollout of the new Unified Payments Interface (UPI) framework across the country, the government is engaging with payment aggregators and other UPI platforms and closely monitoring the ways to ensure that the Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on select UPI transactions is not passed on to consumers. The government is also mulling a mechanism in the UPI ecosystem soon, aimed at ensuring that merchants do not recover the payment charge from customers after implementation, a finance ministry source said on Friday. As per the new framework on UPI payment system, the MDR will apply on person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions above Rs 2,000. The standard rate will be 0.4 percent, with the charge capped at Rs 300 for transactions of Rs 75,000 and above. “We have al-



ready sought to address the concerns raised by customers that the introduction of a charge could encourage greater use of cash. The impact should be limited as only about 4 percent of total UPI transaction volume is expected to be covered by the MDR,” the source said. The government is actively focussing on customers’ benefit and will allow no MDR charges for customers for their UPI transactions. As the MDR will also be subject to 18 percent GST, officials, however, said that eligible businesses can claim input tax credit on the GST paid on MDR. “We are closely monitoring this matter and our officials will be required to ensure that the merchant-side charge does not turn into a separate cost for

users,” the source said. Besides, the source said, the government is engaging its discussion with all stakeholders such as payment aggregators, existing UPI platforms and merchant bodies to ensure smooth implementation of this new UPI framework in the country. “Issues arising from the tax treatment, if any, could be taken up by the forthcoming GST Council which is scheduled to happen before its implementation,” the source said. However, RuPay debit card transactions will continue to be free, while the new framework will leave specified categories of transactions subject to different charges. Railways, telecom, insurance and fuel payments above Rs 2,000 will carry a flat Rs 5 charge. The government has also sought to explain the rationale for introducing MDR, arguing that the new structure will provide a revenue stream for participants in the digital payments ecosystem.

After Uddhav Thackeray, Kanimozhi Meets Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Senior DMK leader Kanimozhi has met former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee in Kolkata. The Lok Sabha MP met Banerjee at her residence in Kalighat in south Kolkata on Thursday, a TMC leader said. "Kanimozhi held a closed-door meeting with Mamata Banerjee at her residence. Several issues were discussed," he said, without divulging the details. The meeting comes days after Kanimozhi held discussions with Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray in Mumbai and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar in Delhi. The outreach has drawn attention amid strains between the DMK and Congress and differences among several regional constituents of the opposition INDIA bloc. The TMC and Congress are constituents of the INDIA bloc at the national level, but their relationship in West Bengal has remained contentious. The two parties have recently sparred over the October 6 bypoll. The state Congress claimed that the TMC approached its central leadership with an offer.

Jharkhand HC Extends Stay on Termination of JPSC and JSSC Appointees

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Jharkhand High Court on Friday extended the stay on termination of services of candidates appointed through the 11th and 13th Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) examinations. The court also appointed former high court judge Gautam Kumar Choudhary to oversee and monitor the CID investigation into alleged irregularities in the JPSC and JSSC recruitment examinations. The high court said that

any candidate summoned by the CID's Special Investigation Team (SIT) and claiming harassment during the probe may approach the committee headed by Justice Choudhary (retd). The state government filed its counter-affidavit in the matter, which the bench took on record on Friday. The matter will be heard again on October 7. The court had stayed the execution of the government's notifications cancelling the appointments of candidates selected through the 11th and 13th

JPSC examinations on August 20. It had also stayed the cancellation of appointments of Food Safety Officers. Following the interim order, the affected candidates were allowed to continue in their respective posts. The court, however, had made it clear that candidates found to have secured appointments through foul means would face appropriate consequences, including termination from service, after the investigation is complete and in accordance with the outcome of

the proceedings. On September 15, the High Court directed the state government to file its counter-affidavit by September 18 in petitions challenging the cancellation of appointments made through the 11th and 13th JPSC examinations. The government then sought four weeks to file its response, but the court declined, observing that the matter needed to be heard on a fast-track basis as it affected a large number of candidates and government employees.

Rakesh Tikait Threatens Farmers' Agitation Over Demands

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) national spokesperson Rakesh Tikait on Thursday warned that farmers could launch a fresh agitation if the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government failed to address their long-pending demands, including a legal guarantee for minimum support price (MSP) and an increase in sugarcane prices.Addressing a farmers’ mahapanchayat at the GIC Ground on Thursday night, Tikait

said farmers were seeking an increase in the state’s sugarcane price to Rs 500 per quintal for the upcoming crushing season. He said the demand was necessary in view of rising agricultural input and production costs.Tikait also highlighted other demands raised by farmers, including an increase in land circle rates and measures to protect agricultural areas from being affected by development and other activities.On the MSP issue, the BKU leader alleged that the Centre had yet to fulfil the farmers’ long-

standing demand for a statutory or legal guarantee for MSP on crops. He said farmers had repeatedly raised the issue with the government and warned that failure to address it could leave them with no option but to resume agitation.The BKU submitted a memorandum containing 16 demands to the Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government through district officials during the mahapanchayat. The memorandum included demands concerning agricultural prices,

land-related issues and other concerns of farmers.BKU president Naresh Tikait also addressed the gathering and spoke about the issues facing the farming community. The mahapanchayat brought together farmers to press for action on their demands ahead of the upcoming sugarcane crushing season. BKU leaders indicated that further steps would be considered if the governments failed to respond to the demands raised by the farmers.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Revanth Reddy

First, the Bench found that the Speaker had committed a “serious jurisdictional error” in holding that conduct outside the House in such circumstances fell outside the Speaker’s jurisdiction under Paragraph 2(1)(a) of the Tenth Schedule. It said the Speaker had also misread the law and ignored relevant precedents cited before him. In this regard, the High Court referred the Supreme Court verdict in upholding the decision of the Bihar Legislative Council Chairman in disqualifying Congress MLA Mahachandra Prasad Singh. Elected on a Congress ticket, he had contested the elections to the Lok Sabha in March 2004 as an independent candidate. It was held that

he had thus voluntarily given up membership of the Congress and therefore was disqualified and his seat declared vacant. While mentioning the case, the High Court said noted that it was a clear case of the disqualification under para 2(1)(a) for the conduct outside of the House. Therefore, the findings of the Telangana Speaker on the point of conduct within the House could not be sustained on the permissible grounds of judicial review. On the second point, the court said that the Speaker’s finding was perverse in the eye of law regarding Nagender contesting the Lok Sabha poll on a Congress ticket. The Speaker had mentioned that the conduct taken into totality did not give rise to “irresistible inference: of voluntarily giving up of

BRS membership. The court noted Nagender had himself admitted that he had campaigned in the parliamentary elections against the BRS from which he was elected to the Assembly. The Speaker could not take any other view of the matter except that Nagender had defected from BRS, the Chief Justice-led bench said. On the third point, the High Court noted that the findings of the Speaker suffered from perversity in failing to take into consideration the material and evidence on record by which the petitioners from the BRS and the BJP had established disqualification in the absence of any denial by Nagender. India Firm on Russian The US House of Representatives

passed the Bill on Thursday by 262 votes to 159, clearing the way for it to be sent to President Trump, who has indicated that he will sign it. The US Senate passed the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026 last month by 86 votes to 11. “The Government of India has noted the passage of the Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act in the US Congress. We are monitoring further developments on this matter,” New Delhi said on Thursday. It said India had discussed the issue at high levels with various US interlocutors in recent months and clearly conveyed its potential implications for bilateral relations and the international energy market. “India has also made clear its determination to take all necessary measures to protect its trade and

economic interests,” the government said. F-16 Crashes During The agency found that the adulterated ghee used to prepare the laddu prasadam was allegedly manufactured using refined palm oil, palm kernel oil, palmolein and chemicals identified as MG-90, Myvacet Soft 400, monoglycerides, and acetic acid ester. This was subsequently supplied as ‘Agmark special grade cow ghee’ for supply to the TTD during the period from 2019 to 2024. The alleged fraudulent ghee supplies were valued at Rs 230 crore, and out of this Rs 96 crore of adulterated ghee was manufactured by Mangla, it claimed. The agency said Mangla was one of the co-conspirators in the case, facilitated

the procurement of adulterants and manufactured adulterated ghee at his factory premises. “He also coordinated the supply of adulterated ghee through various front entities, including Sri Vyshnavi Dairy Specialities, Malganga Milk & Agro Products and A.R. Dairy Foods,” the ED statement said, according to PTI. “Mangla created and maintained false records relating to the sale and purchase of ghee and refined palm oil, with the objective of concealing the actual utilisation of adulterants and creating an appearance of legitimate production and supply of genuine cow ghee,” the ED alleged. The agency has earlier arrested Vipin Jain, promoter and director of a company named Bhole Baba Organic Dairy Milk.

CRIME

HC Expanding the Scope May Leave Congress in Tight Spot

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court expanding the scope of “voluntarily giving up membership” (of the party on whose ticket the legislator was elected) while disqualifying Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender may leave the ruling Congress in a tight spot, with the Opposition now pressing to bring Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari, who campaigned for the Congress candidate in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, under the expanded scope. Srihari, who won on BRS ticket, campaigned for his daughter Dr Kavya who contested from Warangal Lok Sabha seat on a Congress ticket and won in

2024. The High Court relied heavily on previous rulings of the Supreme Court which said that the scope of voluntary resignation should not be restricted to submitting the resignation, and that certain anti-party activities were construed as voluntary giving up of membership. Then-Rajya Sabha Chairman M. Venkaiah Naidu had disqualified veteran Janata Dal (U) leader Sharan Yadav in 2017, stating that attending events organised by the Opposition party would amount to giving up membership of the original party. As per the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution of India, which deals with anti-defection, defying the party Whip and voluntarily giv-

ing up of membership formed grounds for disqualification. “Given the interpretation of the High Court, that contesting on another party’s ticket while serving as a legislator with one party amounts to voluntarily giving up of membership, anti-party activities like campaigning by the legislator of one party for the candidate of another party also falls in the expanded scope,” advocate T.V. Ramana Rao, who argued for the BRS, pointed out. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is said to met with his close aides and legal experts to discuss the High Court order while legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu called on Speaker G. Prasad Kumar

and discussed the fallout immediately after the House was adjourned sine die. Meanwhile, Nagender announced that he would seek re-election. “We can take the gamble if the byelection is restricted to Khairatabad alone,” sources close to the Chief Minister said. “The Congress will definitely have a better chance in a triangular contest and can repeat the results of Secunderabad Cantonment and Jubilee Hills by-polls,” the sources said. This will help strengthening the narrative that there was no anti-incumbency and would place the party ahead in the race for next general elections, the sources added.

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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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 iden-

tified 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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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
Wakeup telangana

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.

Milk Vendor Murdered in Vanasthalipuram

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

A 72-year-old milk booth operator was attacked with a sickle by a man with whom he had a property dispute in Vanasthalipuram on Friday morning. Police said the victim, D. Bhujanga Rao, survived the attack and was undergoing treatment in a private hospital in LB Nagar. Rao, a resident of Guramguda, had sold a 2BHK plot to one Shivender Singh. The duo

subsequently developed differences over the transaction, and a case pertaining to the dispute is pending before a court. At around 5.30 am on Friday, Rao was travelling towards his milk booth when Singh intercepted him near SKD Nagar X Road and attacked him with a sickle, leaving him seriously injured. Rao was immediately shifted to a private hospital in LB Nagar, where doctors admitted him to the intensive care

unit. Vanasthalipuram police registered a case and launched an investigation. Legal action is being taken against the accused, while further details regarding the exact circumstances of the attack are being ascertained. A 33-year-old driver died by suicide at Tangadpally village in Choutuppal on Friday, reportedly distressed over his wife’s death, separation from his children and financial difficulties. Police identified

the deceased as Bungalow Mahesh, a resident of Tangadpally. His wife Swapna died by suicide 16 months ago. The couple had a son and a daughter, who have since been staying at their maternal grandmother’s house. Mahesh had been living alone since his wife’s death. Following a complaint from his brother Mallesh, Choutuppal police registered a case and launched an investigation.

EDITORIAL

INDIA’S NON-ALIGNMENT REDUX

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

India has responded firmly to the US passage of the Lindsey O. Graham Sanctioning Russia and Iran Act of 2026, which authorises President Donald Trump to impose tariffs of up to 100 per cent on countries purchasing Russian energy. The legislation specifically raises concerns for major buyers such as India and China, although the tariffs are not automatic and remain subject to presidential action. New Delhi’s response marked a clear emphasis on energy security and protection of its economic interests. The Ministry of External Affairs said India remains “firmly committed”



to ensuring energy security for its 1.4 billion people through diversified sourcing and evolving market conditions. It also warned that the developments could have implications for bilateral relations and international energy markets. The government said it would work with Indian trade and industry bodies to address the possible consequences. The statement comes against the backdrop of Washington’s expanding use of tariffs as an

instrument of economic and foreign policy under President Trump. The uncertainty surrounding tariff decisions has created difficulties for countries and businesses attempting to plan international trade and investment. For India, the issue is particularly significant because Russian crude has become an important component of its energy imports. At the same time, New Delhi has repeatedly maintained that its energy purchases are guided by national requirements, market conditions and the objective of maintaining affordable and reliable supplies. The latest confrontation also comes as India seeks to maintain

relationships with multiple major powers rather than depend exclusively on any single bloc. Its participation in groupings such as BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation provides additional diplomatic and economic channels, while its longstanding relationships with Russia and growing engagement with the US remain important parts of its foreign policy. The current dispute therefore highlights a familiar principle in Indian diplomacy: strategic autonomy. Rather than accepting external pressure on a core economic requirement, New Delhi is signalling that it intends to protect its energy.



Mrunal Thakur Opens Max Fashion’s First New Identity Store in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Max Fashion has unveiled its first New Identity store in Hyderabad, opening a 13,000 sq. ft. flagship outlet at Nexus Hyderabad, Kukatpally. Actor Mrunal Thakur inaugurated the store alongside Sumit Chandna, CEO, Max Fashion, marking a new chapter in the brand’s retail journey in the city. The launch coincided with Max Project New, the brand’s festive collection curated by filmmaker and actor Kalki Koechlin and featuring original artwork created by specially-abled artists associated with the Kairassi Foundation, Chennai. Rooted in the traditional Sanganer block-printing craft of Rajasthan, the



collection was unveiled by Mrunal during the inauguration. The new outlet is designed to offer customers a more immersive and accessible fashion-shopping experience. Its redesigned interiors feature wider aisles, open displays and an easy-to-navigate layout, encouraging shoppers to browse collections at their own

pace and discover styles across categories. Speaking at the launch, Sumit Chandna, CEO, Max Fashion, said Hyderabad has remained an important market for the brand and that the first New Identity store was designed to give customers more space to explore, find inspiration and personalise their shopping

experience. He added that the festive season provided an appropriate occasion to introduce the new retail format to the city. Mrunal Thakur said the store offered an experience beyond conventional shopping, with its thoughtfully designed displays and open layout making it easier for customers to explore and

find their individual style. The Nexus Hyderabad outlet is Max Fashion’s 39th store in the city. It brings together the brand’s Fashion for All proposition, offering apparel, footwear and accessories for men, women and children under one roof. The opening comes as Max Fashion marks 20 years of operations in India. Hyderabad has been a key market during the brand’s expansion, and the new outlet further strengthens its retail footprint in the city. The Nexus Hyderabad store is also part of Max Fashion’s wider New Identity rollout across India, reflecting the brand’s efforts to refresh its retail spaces in line with changing consumer preferences and evolving fashion-shopping habits.

Design Democracy 2026 Opens at HITEX Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Design Democracy 2026, one of India’s prominent design festivals, has announced its fourth edition at the HITEX Exhibition Center in Hyderabad from September 18 to 20. The three-day event is expected to bring together more than 200 design brands, 150+ speakers and over 30,000 visitors from across the country. Organised as a platform for architecture, interiors, furniture, product design, lighting, furnishings, art and craftsmanship, the festival will feature exhibitions, installations, discussions and immersive experiences across four halls — Canvas, Muse, Atelier and Alchemy. The 2026 edition will present curated showcases including the Museum of Telangana, curated by Supraja Rao; Gallery of Sustainability, curated by



Jasem Pirani and Huzefa Rangwala; Precious Objects, curated by Monika and Sarah Choudhary; and The Art Edit, curated by Anish Gawande in collaboration with Sakshi Art Gallery. A new textile showcase, The Fabric of Design, will highlight the work of names including Gaurang Shah, Divani and Yavi. The festival’s DD Talks and DD Focus sessions will feature more than 150 architects, designers, artists, entrepreneurs and thought leaders. Speakers include Alfaz Miller, Rav-

inder Reddy, Sandeep Khosla, Ankon Mitra and Sussanne Khan. Large-scale installations, networking events, experiential showcases and The Gourmet Zone will add to the visitor experience. Design Democracy co-founders Pallika Sreewastav, Shailja Patwari and Arjun Rathi said the festival aims to strengthen India’s design ecosystem while creating opportunities for dialogue, collaboration and creative exchange.

NIT Warangal to Honour 1,997 Graduands at 24th Convocation

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal will host its 24th Convocation on September 19 and 20 at the Ambedkar Learning Centre, with a total of 1,997 students set to receive degrees across undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes. The two-day ceremony will commence at 10 a.m. on both days. Undergraduate degrees will be conferred on September 19, while postgraduate and

Ph.D. degrees will be awarded on September 20. The institute will confer 930 undergraduate degrees, 945 postgraduate degrees, 100 Ph.D. degrees and 22 exit degrees. Santhosh Kumar, Managing Director, Texas Instruments India, will be the Chief Guest at the convocation. The ceremony will be chaired by Dr. B. V. R. Mohan Reddy, Chairperson, Board of Governors, NIT Warangal, and Founder Chairman and Board Member of Cyient. The participation of industry leaders is



expected to provide graduating students with valuable insights into technological innovation, engineering excellence and emerging opportunities in the technology sector. As part of the convoca-

tion, NIT Warangal will also confer honorary degrees on two distinguished personalities. Dr. Padmanabhan K. Menon will receive the Doctor of Science (D.Sc.) in recognition of his contribution to innovative

applications of automatic control technologies to aviation and aerospace engineering. Anand Ramamoorthy will be conferred an honorary Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) for his contribution to advancing India’s semiconductor ambitions through technology leadership. The convocation will also recognise students for outstanding academic performance and excellence in project work, dissertations and doctoral research. Siddhi Barpute, a B.Tech Chemical Engineering student, will re-

ceive the Director’s Gold Medal for Academic Excellence as the topper among all B.Tech programmes. Adepu Anjali will receive the Director’s Gold Medal for Academic Excellence among M.Tech programmes. Awards will also be presented for the best B.Tech project, M.Tech dissertation and Ph.D. thesis. NIT Warangal has congratulated all graduands and award recipients and sought continued media support in highlighting their achievements and contributions.

DYUTHI 2026 Opens at CBIT with Vibrant Performing Arts



HYDERABAD
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The DYUTHI – National Performing Arts Festival 2026 opened on a grand note at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Gandipet, Hyderabad, bringing together students and artists for a two-day celebration of music, dance and performing arts. Organised by Chaitanya Laasya, United Dance Crew, Chaitanya Geethi and Chaitanya Vaadya, the festival is being held on September 18 and 19 at various venues across the CBIT campus. Students from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Karnataka participated enthusiastically in the first day’s programmes. The inaugural ceremony was held at the main stage, followed by events including Aangikam in

Junior and Senior categories, a Music Workshop and 3T’s (Time to Tap). Telugu film director and screenwriter Buchi Babu Sana attended as the Chief Guest and interacted with students, sharing experiences from the film industry and encouraging youngsters to pursue their creative interests with dedication. He was felicitated by CBIT Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimulu and faculty members. The festival also featured renowned artistes and gurus as guests of honour. The second day will include Veni, Vidi, Vici, a Dance Workshop and Musical Evening. DYUTHI 2026 is providing students a platform to showcase talent, engage with accomplished artists and celebrate India’s diverse performing arts traditions.

Skoda Expands Bengaluru Network with Peenya Facility



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Skoda Auto India has strengthened its presence in Bengaluru with the inauguration of a new Customer Touchpoint in Peenya, launched in partnership with PPS Motors Pvt. Ltd. The facility combines a new service workshop with Bengaluru’s first Skoda Certified Pre-Owned (CPO) Cars showroom. The 1,000 sq. ft. CPO facility has display space for two vehicles, while the 11,700 sq. ft. service centre features 20 service bays, a paint booth and an express bay. Designed in line with Skoda Auto’s global Modern Solid design philosophy, the facility aims to provide customers with a convenient and enhanced sales

and after-sales experience. With the new centre, Skoda Auto now operates 20 Customer Touchpoints across Bengaluru and 34 across 12 cities in Karnataka. Its nationwide network has expanded to more than 346 Touchpoints across 193 cities. Ashish Gupta, Brand Director, Skoda Auto India, said the new facility would bring the company’s complete product range and service standards closer to customers in Bengaluru and Karnataka. Rajiv Sanghvi, Managing Director, PPS Motors Pvt. Ltd., said the new workshop and CPO showroom would further strengthen the company’s commitment to accessible, quality and customer-focused after-sales services.

McDowell’s Soda Unveils ‘Yaari Ki Nayi Vibe’ Campaign with Vijay Deverakonda

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House of McDowell’s Soda has launched its latest campaign, ‘Yaari Ki Nayi Vibe’, featuring actor and long-time brand ambassador Vijay Deverakonda, as it seeks to give its longstanding friendship platform a contemporary expression. The campaign focuses on how friendship among today’s younger generation is increasingly shaped by spontaneity, shared experiences and the desire to create memorable moments together. The brand has sought to move beyond the conventional idea of friends simply spending time together, highlighting the experiences and energy that emerge when friends come together. At the centre of the campaign is a new brand film featuring Vijay Deverakonda and his friends. The film begins with an ordinary plan that takes an unexpected turn, with the twist of a McDowell’s Soda can becoming the catalyst for a series of new experiences. The campaign uses a reimaged version of the iconic “Aao Twist Karein” to give a contemporary feel to a familiar



cultural cue. The launch also marks a refresh of the McDowell’s Soda visual identity. The redesigned can adopts a more premium appearance, incorporating distinctive shades of orange, teal and silver. According to the brand, the refreshed packaging and campaign are intended to create a more contemporary expression while retaining its strong association with friendship. Aanandita Datta, VP Marketing and Category Head, Dia-geo India, said friendship has

always been at the heart of House of McDowell’s Soda. She said the new campaign seeks to reflect how friendship is evolving, with experiences and memories becoming an important part of modern-day relationships. Vijay Deverakonda said the campaign captures the energy of friendships that often turn small moments into lasting memories. He added that its spirit reflects the willingness among friends to constantly try something new. Kartik Smetacek, Chief Creative Officer, Saatchi & Saatchi India, said the brand had undergone a significant re-invention and that the campaign was designed to communicate this transformation. He described the McDowell’s Soda can as a symbolic catalyst for the new experiences portrayed in the campaign. With the refreshed identity and ‘Yaari Ki Nayi Vibe’, House of McDowell’s Soda is positioning its established friendship narrative around a more contemporary interpretation of yaari, centred on spontaneity, shared experiences and new energy.

Food Service Held for 60 Elderly



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A food service programme was held for around 60 elderly residents at Prashantha Nilayam Sisters Charity in Bijinapally mandal, with members of the Social Justice for World Human Rights Council serving meals to the residents, staff and sisters. The programme was orga-

nised under the guidance of National Chairman Dr. Koppula Vijay Kumar and Telangana State In-charge M.D. Sadiq Ali, and led by Nandyal Town Chairman M. Ramakanth. Sadiq Ali said caring for the elderly and supporting those in need were important social responsibilities. He urged members to work beyond organisational positions and actively serve society.

Radhika Apte highlights need for women to make time for themselves

Actress Radhika Apte has opened up about why women often struggle to make time for their own desires while balancing work, motherhood and household responsibilities. Speaking about the subject in the context of ‘Lust Stories 3’, she emphasised the need for women to have space to pursue their interests and live beyond their roles and responsibilities. Asked whether men have more time to think about their sexual desires and whether working women also have little time to think about their own desires, Radhika agreed, saying women often have “zero time” because of their hectic routines. “I think what you said is so true because women have zero time, it’s so hectic, and that’s the problem,” she told IANS. Referring to ‘Lust Stories 3’, Radhika said the film also explored the idea of women making space for their own desires. She recalled a line from the story in which her character Coco asks whether it was time to do something for themselves and their desires. According to Radhika, such desires could be as simple as wanting to take a walk or explore something new. “Whether that’s a sexual

pleting a long day at work, men may return home and rest, while women often continue with cooking, cleaning, childcare and other household duties. She explained, “After working for 12 hours, a man comes home, has dinner, and goes to sleep. But that is not the case with women. After working a 12-hour shift, a woman comes home, cooks food, serves dinner to everyone, cleans the house, changes the bed-sheets, prepares for the next day and takes care of all the household responsibilities. “And I know many women who have children, while their husbands want to get a good night’s sleep, so they sleep in another room because they have to go to work. And you know what? I go to work, and it’s way easier to go to work than to spend 12 hours at home with your child. It’s exhausting. So, I think that’s why, if the duties are shared, this won’t happen,” added Radhika. Radhika Apte featured in the ‘Lust Stories 3’ segment directed by filmmaker Vikramaditya Motwane, which premiered on Netflix on September 18. The segment explores themes of husband-swapping and female solidarity.



Radhika Apte sitting on a wooden structure, holding a child.

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.

Hyderabad District Karate Tournament Sees 492 Student Participants

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The 70th S.G.F. Inter-School Karate Tournament and District-Level Selections for 2026–27 were successfully conducted at St. Dominic’s High School, Moosarambagh, Hyderabad, with 492 student athletes from schools across the district taking part. Organised under the aegis of the Hyderabad District School Games Federation (HDSGF), the tournament covered Under-14 and Under-17 categories for both boys and girls. The responsibility for conducting the event was entrusted to GVR Karate Academy under the leadership and guidance of its Founder and Director, Dr. G. S. Gopal Reddy. The inaugural ceremony was attended by Deputy DEO, Saidabad Mandal, Sri Pomiya Nayak; St. Dominic’s School Director Ms. Ankita Reddy; and HDSGF Secretary



Srinivas Goud, Section Secretary Ms. Sai Kumari and Event Convener Shyam Rao also played key roles in ensuring the smooth conduct of the tournament. The participating students showcased their karate skills, discipline, confidence and sportsmanship throughout the competitions. The district-level selections also provided talented athletes with an opportunity to advance to higher levels of School Games competitions. The Referee Commission was headed by WKF Referee Chief Kanakaraju, with Senior

Hyderabad Riders Clear EFI National Qualifier

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Hyderabad riders have successfully cleared the National Qualifier conducted by the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) at the Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy, taking a major step towards the Junior National Equestrian Championship (JNEC) 2026. Several city-based horse-and-rider combinations delivered composed performances in Dressage and Show Jumping, meeting the prescribed qualification standards for the national championship. Around 50 horses participated in the qualifier, highlighting the growing popularity and competitive strength of equestrian sport in Hyderabad. The event also provided riders an opportunity to demonstrate their skills

and consistency at the national qualifying level. Clearing the National Qualifier marks an important milestone for the successful riders as they continue their preparations for JNEC 2026. Their performances reflect months of disciplined training, commitment and co-ordinated efforts involving coaches, parents, clubs and support teams. The Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy congratulated all the successful riders and horse-and-rider combinations and wished them success in their preparations for the championship. The successful conduct of the qualifier also underlined Hyderabad’s growing prominence as a competitive equestrian hub in India, with local riders increasingly participating at higher levels of the sport.



NISA Holds Passing-Out Parade for 115 CISF Personnel

Harpreet Kaur Sohi, director, NISA, administered the oath, while Anil Damor, deputy director, NISA, presented the course report. The parade was attended by senior CISF officers, civil and police dignitaries, stakeholders, faculty members and families of the trainees.

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The National Industrial Security Academy (NISA), CISF, Hakimpet, hosted the passing-out parade of the 19th batch of Assistant Commandants (Departmental Entry) and the 14th batch of Sub-Inspectors/Fire on Friday, marking the successful completion of professional training by 115 CISF personnel.



Commandant Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE). Another 85 personnel were selected as Sub-Inspectors/Fire through the SSC CPO Examination. The Assistant Commandants underwent a rigorous 26-week training programme at NISA. The course covered in-

dustrial security management, aviation security, disaster management, VIP security, urban operations, jungle warfare and advanced weapon handling. The training was designed to strengthen their operational capabilities and prepare them for leadership responsibilities in diverse security environ-

ments. The Sub-Inspector/Fire trainees completed 21 weeks of industrial security training at NISA, followed by 34 weeks of specialised fire training at the Fire Service Training Institute (FSTI). Their specialised curriculum included firefighting, rescue operations, emergency response and industrial fire safety. Addressing the trainees, Ranpise urged them to shoulder their enhanced responsibilities with integrity, discipline, professionalism, courage and dedication. He called upon the newly trained personnel to lead from the front and uphold the traditions and ethos of the CISF while

protecting critical national assets and infrastructure. Harpreet Kaur Sohi, Director, NISA, administered the oath to the trainees, while Anil Damor, Deputy Director, NISA, presented the course report. The passing-out parade was attended by senior CISF officers, civil and police dignitaries, stakeholders, faculty members and family members of the trainees. Outstanding trainees were also recognised during the ceremony. SI Ankur received the All-Round Best award, while SI Kapil Joshi was adjudged Best in Outdoor. SI Wekuzo Wezah was named Best in Indoor.

Protest Over GHMC Garbage Collection Privatisation

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Tension prevailed at the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) head office near Tank Bund on Friday as Swachh Auto Tipper (SAT) drivers, sanitation workers and rickshaw workers staged a protest against the proposed privatisation of door-to-door garbage collection. The protest was organised by the Telangana Swachh Auto Tipper and Rickshaw Workers' Union, which opposed the decision to hand over garbage collection operations to Re Sustainability Limited, formerly known as Ramky Enviro Engineers Limited. The union claimed that the move could affect the livelihoods of around 50,000 families whose primary earners depend on sanitation and garbage collection work. A large number of women workers also participated in the demonstration, urg-



ing the GHMC and the State government to continue garbage collection under the existing system rather than assigning the responsibility to private agencies. The situation became tense when some protesters attempted to enter the GHMC chambers through the parking area. Police intervened to prevent them from moving further, resulting in a scuffle between the protesters and police personnel. During the confrontation, Kathravath Gopal Naik, GHMC president of the union, reportedly lost con-

sciousness. He was subsequently shifted to NIMS Hospital for medical treatment. Addressing the protesters before the demonstration, Gopal Naik urged the government to withdraw the proposed privatisation plan. He expressed concern over the impact of the decision on sanitation workers and their families and called for the continuation of the existing system of door-to-door garbage collection. The union also raised concerns about the alleged mental distress among workers.

TG SAFE raids unlicensed medical shop in Musheerabad

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Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE), Drugs Wing officials, acting on credible information about the illegal sale of medicines, conducted a raid at Mahaveer Medicals in Bakaram, Musheerabad, on Friday. The shop was allegedly being operated without a valid drug licence. According to TGDCA, Jayesh Arvind Jain was found running the medical shop without a valid drug licence. Drug inspectors detected unauthorised stocking of a large quan-

tity of medicines for sale. A total of 32 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, antihypertensives, antifungal drugs, analgesics and other medicines, as well as expired medicines, were found stocked for sale at the premises. DCA officers lifted samples for analysis. Further investigation will be carried out and action taken as per law against the offenders, the TGDCA said in a statement. Wholesalers and dealers who supply medicines to unlicensed shops are also liable for action under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Stringent action will be taken against wholesalers

and dealers who fail to verify whether medical shops or wholesale dealers hold valid drug licences before supplying medicines to them, the statement said. The Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE), Drugs Wing, issues drug licences for the stocking and sale of medicines in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The public can report complaints on the toll-free number 1800-599-6969 between 10.30 am and 5 pm.

Ganesh idol installed amid sewage leak in Shaikpet colony

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What should have been a time of joyful celebration has turned into a public health nightmare, forcing residents into a painful dilemma. Residents of Vinayak Nagar Colony in Shaikpet were compelled to install their traditional 10-foot Ganesh idol right next to pooling, overflowing sewage, enduring the deeply repulsive stench of flowing drain water daily. The residents criticised Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) officials for fail-

ing to address sewage leaks and overflowing manholes ahead of the festival. Residents pointed out that multiple complaints had been ignored even as other civic bodies undertook road and manhole repairs and tree-pruning work. "We have lodged multiple complaints with the water board but all of them were ignored ahead of the festival," Maryala Ajay Kumar, UFER-WAS member and joint secretary of Vinayak Nagar Colony Welfare Association, told Telangana Today. Ajay Kumar alleged that although a budget of Rs 23 lakh had been sanctioned for

HMWSSB, officials had failed to begin the work. He said residents were facing intolerable conditions because of bureaucratic negligence and failure of execution rather than a lack of resources. Residents said their requests had received no response despite officials being given sufficient time to resolve the problem. Residents and United Federation of Resident Welfare Associations (UFERWAS) members have slammed the water board's absolute apathy, calling the forced celebration in such unhygienic, sacrilegious conditions a deep insult to their faith and community.



Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy inspected the special intensive revision (SIR) 2026 hearings in Uppal and Habsiguda on Friday and directed officials to conduct the process in accordance with regulations.

Advertisement for AL BUSHRA PERFUME CENTER. The ad features the text 'AL BUSHRA PERFUME CENTER' in large, bold letters. Below it, it says 'ONLY CENTRE FOR FAMOUS AND PURE SANDAL AND ATTAR IN HYDERABAD'. At the bottom, it says 'PROPRIETOR: MD AKRAM ALI' and 'MACHLI KAMAN, CHARMINAR ROAD HYDERABAD'. There are also phone numbers: 9966806010 and 9966228274.

Murders on the Rise, Law and Order Failing in Hyderabad: Balala

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The AIMIM on Friday slammed the state government saying the law and order situation in Hyderabad was worsening by the day with the city witnessing increasing incidents of murder. Speaking during the Zero Hour in the Assembly, AIMIM member Ahmed bin Abdullah Balala said there were two murders in his constituency on Thursday night with a father and son being killed. "Hyderabad is seeing more and more murders. Law and order

are failing in the city," Balala said. He added that one of the reasons for the sorry state of affairs was that the police were not following up in cases of murders and nor filing chargesheets in time, enabling the arrested accused to get out of prison in three to four months. Addressing Speaker G. Prasad Kumar, Balala said "I am urging you to fix accountability, I am asking you to do this as there are rumours that you will be the next home minister. The CM too must review the situation."

Gandhi Hospital Manages High-Risk Pregnancy In Woman With Eisenmenger Syndrome

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Doctors at Gandhi Hospital managed the pregnancy and delivery of a 22-year-old woman with a rare and severe heart condition. She delivered a healthy baby boy at 37 weeks despite having Eisenmenger syndrome and severe pulmonary hypertension. According to a hospital statement, the patient was diagnosed with a serious cardiac ailment, described as 'large perimembranous ventricular septal defect (VSD), measuring 1.9 cm, with severe pulmonary arterial hypertension, severe tricuspid regurgitation and mitral regurgitation'. She was diagnosed with the

condition at 12 weeks of pregnancy and was started on treatment at Gandhi Hospital. She subsequently underwent regular antenatal check-ups under Unit 2. At term, she was admitted and underwent an elective Caesarean section on September 3 at 11.19 am, following a cardiac management protocol. The baby boy weighed 2.3 kg at birth. Following delivery, the mother was kept under intensive care and underwent regular cardiac monitoring. She was discharged on the 15th post-operative day in stable condition, along with her healthy baby. The doctors said Eisenmenger syndrome, a severe form of pulmonary

hypertension caused by certain congenital heart defects, makes pregnancy particularly high-risk. International guidelines classify Eisenmenger syndrome among conditions associated with extremely high maternal risk and recommend specialist, multidisciplinary care. Dr Janaki, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, and her team managed the patient throughout the pregnancy and delivery. The hospital said Eisenmenger syndrome is extremely uncommon among pregnant women, with an incidence cited at around two in one lakh pregnancies.

Cyberabad civic body demolishes 14 unauthorised constructions

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Cyberabad Municipal Corporation enforcement teams demolished 14 unauthorised structures and served two notices during inspections across its three zones including Kukatpally, Serilingampally and Quthbullapur on Friday. A press release stated that

CMC officials demolished six structures in Quthbullapur zone and four each in Serilingampally and Kukatpally zones. Notices were issued in cases requiring further action under prescribed procedures. CMC Commissioner G Srijana also directed officials and enforcement teams to maintain continuous field monitoring

and ensure timely follow-up on identified unauthorised constructions. Enforcement action will be coordinated with the departments concerned and taken in accordance with applicable building regulations, it said. The officials said inspections and enforcement activities would continue across CMC body limits to curb unauthorised.



Janwada farmhouse belongs to me, not KTR, says owner Pradeep Reddy

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Amid reports of the Congress leaders planning to inspect his farmhouse amid a controversy over its ownership, its owner Pradeep Reddy clarified that the farmhouse belonged to him and has no connection with BRS working president KT Rama Rao. He said he had leased his property to Rama Rao, who was his childhood friend. He said the property had a legally clear title and there were no disputes concerning the land. If the government or officials had any doubts, they could issue him a notice seeking clarification, he said. In a statement, Pradeep Reddy said he was ready to submit all relevant documents through legal procedures if sought by authorities. However, he objected to political leaders visiting a private property in the name of inspection and turning the issue into a political controversy. He reiterated that Rama Rao had no ownership interest in the property and was only the lessee.