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Magnitude 5.0 Earthquake Strikes Tibet Days After Deadly Nepal Floods

NEW DELHI: A magnitude 5.0 earthquake struck Tibet on Thursday, days after a devastating glacier-related disaster triggered flash floods in parts of Tibet and Nepal. India's National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said the earthquake occurred 128 kilometres northeast of Jolimath in Uttarakhand. There was no immediate information on whether the tremor caused casualties or damage to property. The earthquake comes days after a catastrophic flood disaster along the Nepal-Tibet border that has left a trail of destruction across the Himalayan region.

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Revanth Promises Old City Metro Before Polls

Rs 620-Crore Steel Flyover Inaugurated, Creating 3.32-Km Signal-Free Corridor



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inaugurates the Nalgonda Crossroads steel flyover in Hyderabad in the presence of AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi, Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar and other officials.

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday accused the opposition BRS and BJP of creating hurdles to the Musi rejuvenation project and said the government had taken up the initiative with the aim of creating a night-time economy and generating employment opportunities, particularly for the economically weaker sections of the Muslim community in Hyderabad. Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the

Nalgonda crossroads steel flyover, he criticised the previous BRS government for failing to allocate funds for infrastructure projects in the city and limiting itself to laying foundation stones during its 10-year rule. "The previous government merely performed the groundbreaking ceremony and washed its hands. The KCR government did not spend a single penny on the bridge's construction. However, the people's government provided the funds and completed it," Revanth

Reddy said. Recalling his association with Hyderabad's Old City, which he described as the "Original City", the Chief Minister announced that the Metro Rail project between Gowliguda and Chandrayanagutta would be completed before the next Assembly elections. "I will visit the Old City on Metro Rail and seek votes in the next elections," he said. He said the Metro network would be expanded from Nagole to LB Nagar, Bandlaguda, Rajendranagar. ▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4

Revanth Reddy drops Konda Surekha from Telangana Cabinet

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Apart from triggering a political debate, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's decision to drop Forest Minister Konda Surekha from the State Cabinet is likely to deepen differences within the Telangana Congress, particularly along community and loyalty lines. The move has once again brought to the fore concerns among 'original' Congress leaders that they are losing ground in the party to leaders who joined from other parties. The fact that State Planning Board Vice-Chairman G Chinna Reddy has also been removed from his post has added fuel to the argument. It may be recalled that the Chief Minister had joined the Congress from the Telugu Desam Party. Both Konda Surekha and Chinna Reddy have been associated with the Congress for a long time. The manner in which the developments unfolded has not gone down well with a section of 'original' Congress leaders.

"Discipline is definitely important but, considering their seniority in the party,



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the State leadership should have invited them, discussed the issues and handled things in a better manner," said a senior leader at Gandhi Bhavan. Though the party high command gave its nod to remove Chinna Reddy from the post, the decision to drop Surekha from the Cabinet could take a community angle. "Konda Surekha hails from the BC community. Though Chinna Reddy has been sacked, why is Munugode MLA Rajgopal Reddy being spared?" a BC leader from the party asked. The leader alleged that BC leaders were repeatedly being subjected to inconvenience and cited adverse reports in a section of the media against TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud. ▶ CONTINUE ON | PAGE 4



Two Women Journalists 'Assaulted' by Delhi Police, Cops Deny Claims

NEW DELHI
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Two independent women journalists on Thursday alleged they were beaten by Delhi Police personnel in south Delhi's Saket police station. The charges were refuted as "factually incorrect" and "misleading" by the force. The journalists alleged that police teams detained them before taking them to the Saket police station, where they were assaulted. "The statement

being circulated is factually incorrect and misleading. Two women had obstructed the designated VVIP route by parking their scooter near the venue," the police said. Despite repeated requests and instructions to remove the vehicle and clear the route, they refused to comply. In view of the security and safety protocol of the VVIP route, both women were taken to the local police station for further enquiry, they said. The statement posted

from the official handle of Deputy Commissioner of Police (South) Anant Mittal said, "Claims suggesting otherwise, including allegations of assault for asking questions to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, are totally false, misleading and baseless. Citizens and social media users are advised to refrain from circulating unverified and misleading information." Several videos of the journalists went viral on social media in which both of them

KTR Assures Polytechnic Students Issue in Assembly

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Thursday assured students of Mahatma Gandhi University (MGU) and government polytechnic colleges that he would take up their concerns with the government and, if necessary, raise them in the Assembly. MGU students and representatives of government polytechnic students separately met Rama Rao near the university's main gate while he was on his way to participate in a farmers' protest in Miryalaguda. The students submitted petitions highlighting issues related to education, recruitment and em-



ployment opportunities. Polytechnic students mainly raised concerns over Government Order 97 (GO 97), which they said had created uncertainty among students of Nalgonda Government Polytechnic College. They appealed to Rama Rao to intervene and press the government to withdraw the order, stating that it was affecting students' academic prospects. The students sought continuation of the exist-

ing three-year diploma course and clarity on B.Tech lateral-entry admissions through the Engineering Common Entrance Test (ECET). They also sought clarity on the State Board of Technical Education and Training (SBTET) framework, along with improved opportunities for higher education and employment. The students urged Rama Rao to put pressure on the government to immediately reconsider GO 97 in the interest of diploma students and ensure that their academic progression was not disrupted. Meanwhile, MGU student leaders sought a probe into alleged irregularities in the university's outsourcing recruitment

process. They alleged that rules and government regulations were not properly followed during the appointments and raised concerns over transparency and implementation of the roster system. The student leaders demanded a transparent inquiry into the recruitment process and sought corrective action if violations were established. Rama Rao responded positively to the representations and assured the students that he would take up their concerns with the government. He said he would work to ensure justice for the students and assured them that their issues could also be raised in the Assembly if required.

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Karnataka Govt Withdraws Bill to Acquire Lalbagh Land

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The Karnataka Cabinet on Thursday withdrew the Karnataka Parks Conservation Amendment Bill, that aimed at taking five per cent of land of the renowned Lalbagh for a road tunnel project. The Bill was passed in the Assembly without debate, with the Opposition refusing to take part in it. The Bill was awaiting approval from Governor Thaa-warchand Gehlot. Briefing mediapersons after the Cabinet meeting,

Deputy Chief Minister Dr G. Parameshwar said the Governor would be informed about the withdrawal of the Bill. He said it would be re-introduced in the next Assembly session with amendments. The Opposition did not participate in the discussions preceding the passage of the Bill. "They could have offered their suggestions on the Bill," Parameshwar said, referring to the Opposition parties. "Instead of taking part in the discussion, the Opposition parties misled the public

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Off The Charts El Nino To Last Till Feb. 2027: WMO

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It's here, and it's not going anywhere. The World Meteorological Organization on Wednesday put paid to any remote hopes that the El Nino system, that affects the Indian monsoon, might disappear anytime soon. The WMO said that there was an "exceptionally high likelihood of nearly 100 per cent" that El Niño will persist through to February 2027. It further said that this is the first time that a WMO El Niño/La Niña Update has been so unequivocal. WMO secretary general Celeste Saulo in a press conference from Geneva,



Switzerland, said this year's El Nino was "exceptionally strong, stronger than anything since monitoring began. It's literally off the charts." She said while the El Niño would peak towards end of 2026, its impact would be felt long after that. "El Niño in Spanish means boy child – but it has the potential to deliver a massive blow to communities and economies across the

world. We are already seeing disruption and devastation from droughts and floods and we expect these impacts to increase as El Niño intensifies," she said. "The science is clear, we are issuing a call to action," she added. However, the strong El Niño, necessarily does not mean dire results in its area of influence which includes the Indian sub-continent. The chief of climate prediction at the WMO, W. Moufouma-Okia, said the certainty in forecast did not mean certainty on impact. "The impact depends on where you are the time of the year, as the impact plays out with

other climatic drivers," he said. But India could see drier than normal conditions, he added. It may be recalled that the Indian Meteorological Department too in its latest end of the season forecast – typically the southwest monsoon begins withdrawing from India mid or late September – had said that there could be mixed results, with the peninsular India experiencing dry conditions while some parts of India including West Bengal, UP, Bihar and its adjoining areas, experiencing normal rains during September.

Konda Surekha hits back at CM Revanth after Cabinet exit, alleges conspiracy

Minutes after being dropped from the Telangana Cabinet, Konda Surekha hit back at CMA Revanth Reddy, alleging a conspiracy involving his brothers. Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and others. She also accused the government of politically and administratively marginalising her.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Minutes after Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy announced that Forest Minister Konda Surekha would be dropped from his Cabinet, she hit back, charging that a conspiracy had been hatched against her by the Chief Minister’s brothers and a few others, including Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. “There is Kondal Reddy, Tirupati Reddy, Rajya Sabha MP Vem Narendra Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and others behind the conspiracy,” Surekha alleged. Explaining why she was being targeted, Surekha said the Revenue Minister had been partial towards her ever since he was appointed in-charge of the erstwhile Warangal dis-

trict. Speaking to a news channel, she termed the high command’s approval to drop her from the Cabinet ‘unfortunate’. She said there was no need for the party high command to hatch conspiracies against her. “The Chief Minister had blackmailed the AICC leadership and said he would quit if action was not taken against me,” Surekha maintained. The Forest Minister also wrote letters to AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi and other AICC leaders, seeking their intervention and justice over what she described as political and administrative suppression in the State Cabinet. Surekha charged that she was being politically and administratively marginalised as a BC Minister



under the Chief Minister. “Several decisions concerning my departments are being taken through direct instructions from the Chief Minister’s Office without consulting me,” she said in the letter. She said she had no regrets over the outcome as she had not committed any mistake. On her future course of action, Surekha said she would consult her supporters before taking a decision. The turmoil in the State Cabinet followed allegations by the Forest Minister’s daughter, Konda Sushmitha, that the Chief Minister had offered

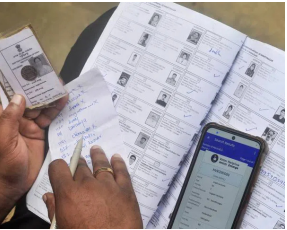
prime land to his brother’s shell company at a throw-away price. Since then, a few Congress MLAs and MLCs had demanded action against Surekha and wanted her to at least condemn her daughter’s comments. “How can I be held responsible for my daughter’s comments?” Surekha asked. Referring to Sushmitha, she said she was an adult and had every right to express her views, adding that the remarks represented the opinion of an individual. Surekha also questioned why similar standards were not being applied elsewhere, referring to a BJP MP from the former Minister D Srinivas’s family. She further claimed that many MLAs and leaders working under the Chief

Minister were unhappy and appealed to them to speak openly about the hardships they were facing. “Today it happened with me and it could happen with you (leaders) as well. You don’t get time to meet or submit a representation regarding any work. Even if it is received, there is no assurance that the work will be sanctioned,” she said. The Warangal East MLA also suggested that the Congress should conduct a ground-level survey to assess the government’s performance. “As the government failed to fulfil the promises made to the people, there is a lot of opposition. To cover up these failures, there is a need to deliver the promises,” Surekha said.

Telangana SIR likely to be extended by three weeks

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls is likely to be extended by a minimum of three weeks in the State. The Election Commission of India (ECI) is shortly expected to issue an order extending the deadline. According to Telangana Chief Electoral Office sources, the State government recently wrote to the ECI seeking an extension of the SIR process. “The ECI sought a response from us and we gave our feedback. Mostly, the SIR process will be extended by three weeks, with final electoral roll publication scheduled for the last week of November,” sources said. As per the current schedule, claims and objections on the draft electoral roll can be filed up to September 16, while the no-



tice phase and disposal of claims and objections will continue up to October 15. The final electoral roll publication is scheduled for October 19. In a letter to the Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy had said a one-month window for claims and objections would not suffice and sought an extension by four weeks. In addition, he sought three to four weeks for each elector who was served a notice to reply and produce papers. Meanwhile, Telangana CEO C Sudarshan Reddy directed officials to speed up the process of hearing and disposing of notices issued as part of the SIR

of electoral rolls, with the aim of ensuring an accurate voter list. Sudarshan Reddy, along with Additional Chief Electoral Officer Vasam Venkateshwar Reddy and Medchal district collector M Manu Choudary, inspected the hearings conducted in Narsampally of Keesara Mandal, Munirabad of Medchal Mandal, and Dommara Pochampally of Dundigal Mandal on Thursday. He instructed officials to properly verify records and applications related to voters who have not been mapped and those falling under the categories of discrepancies (anomalies) in voter cards. He also directed them to examine, as per the rules, the details of voters who received notices and appeared for the hearings, and to take further action only after verifying the required supporting documents.

Telangana minister Ponguleti hits back at KTR with corruption allegations



Telangana’s Minister for Revenue and Housing, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, on Thursday hit back at Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao after the latter raised questions over his family’s foray into the aerospace industry. Srinivasa Reddy accused the family of Rama Rao of corruption and illegal activities. The minister posted on X his reply to an earlier post by K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), who took a swipe at the launch of Raghava Aerospace & Defence. After CM Anumula brother’s aerospace & defence foray, now the Revenue Minister Ponguleti family has entered the aerospace industry. I guess these are the two brilliant companies that will provide the 2 lakh jobs promised by Rahul Gandhi, posted KTR. Well done, sir, on empowering your CM & Minister’s families humongous growth within a short span. Why don’t you go ahead and share tips on Get Richie rich quick scheme with the rest of the country’s youth, Rahul Ji, taunted the former minister. Srinivasa Reddy hit back with a stinging post, targeting KTR and his family. Kalvakuntla Academy of Corruption – All illegal activities are taught here. Professor: KTR – King of Teaching Robbery Corruption College Location: Erravelli Farm House, wrote the minister. You’ve already given the nation a masterclass in paper leaks through Globarena, linked to student suicides in Telangana, followed by the NEET paper leak and suicides nationwide, the Congress leader told KTR.

WUT Impact: Civic Authorities Swing Into Action at St. Mary’s Centenary Degree College



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Civic authorities have begun clearing accumulated construction debris from the roadside near St. Mary’s Centenary Degree College on St. Francis Street in Secunderabad, following media reports highlighting the hazard in the busy education-hospital zone. Workers were seen on Thursday removing broken stones, soil, construction material and other waste that had accumulated close to the carriageway. The issue was first highlighted by Wakeup Telangana, which reported that the debris was occupying



roadside space and causing inconvenience and potential safety risks for students, pedestrians, motorists and local residents. A Telugu daily subsequently highlighted the condition, drawing further public attention. The action has been welcomed by residents and members of nearby educational institutions, who expressed appreciation to the media for bringing the civic concern to the notice of authorities. The stretch witnesses regular movement of students, college vehicles, two-wheelers, cars and pedestrians. Keeping the roadside clear is therefore considered important for pedestrian safety, smoother traffic movement and maintaining a cleaner environment around the educational institution. The development has also highlighted the role of civic journalism in addressing local problems. Residents said timely media reports can help bring neglected neighbourhood issues to the attention of concerned authorities and encourage action on the ground. However, locals urged officials to ensure that the entire stretch is cleared and that debris generated during future road-development or beautification works is removed without delay. The public and educational community thanked the media for standing with civic concerns and helping transform a reported grievance into visible action.

Sanitation Drive Intensified in R. Itikyal to Safeguard Public Health

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

R. Itikyal: Giving priority to public health and village cleanliness, R. Itikyal Gram Panchayat carried out a sanitation drive across the village as part of preventive measures during the rainy season. Under the programme, bleaching powder was sprayed in major streets, residential colonies and surrounding areas to improve sanitation and minimise public-health risks. Gram Panchayat representatives said the initiative was undertaken as a precautionary measure during the monsoon, when stagnant water and unhygienic surroundings can contribute to mosquito breeding and the spread of infections.

Residents were urged to prevent water stagnation and keep their surroundings clean. Village Sarpanch Vemula Aparna Santosh, Deputy Sarpanch Anjaneyulu, members of the governing body and the Gram Panchayat Secretary participated in the programme and supervised the sanitation works. The Sarpanch said cleanliness and public health would remain a priority and that sanitation activities would be continued regularly across the village. Residents were also appealed to cooperate with Panchayat staff by maintaining cleanliness around their homes and public spaces, with the collective goal of building a “Clean and Healthy R. Itikyal.



BRS Plans ‘Rythu Sadassu’ in Sangareddy, Targets Congress Over Farm Issues

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The BRS is gearing up to organise a “Rythu Sadassu” (Farmers’ Convention) in Sangareddy constituency under the leadership of former MLA Chinta Prabhakar, seeking to highlight farmers’ problems and question the Congress government over the implementation of its agricultural commitments. BRS leaders alleged that the agriculture sector has been facing serious chal-



lenges under the Congress government and claimed that several assurances made to farmers have not been implemented in full. The party leaders said the proposed convention would focus on issues including Rythu Bharosa, farm loan waiver, re-

munerative prices for crops, irrigation water, seeds and fertilisers. They alleged that farmers continued to face difficulties on these fronts and demanded stronger intervention from the State government. According to the organisers, the “Rythu Sadassu on Agricultural Destruction” is intended to provide a platform for farmers to raise their concerns and bring agriculture-related problems to public and government attention.

Matoor in Mourning: Bandru Mallamma Passes Away at 80



A pall of gloom has once again descended on Mator village in Motakondur Mandal following the passing of Bandru Mallamma, aged about 80, on Wednesday evening, September 2. Mallamma’s demise has left her family members, relatives, well-wishers and villagers deeply saddened. On learning about her passing, villagers expressed their heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul. Members of the Thalka family of Mator village also expressed profound grief over Mallamma’s demise. They conveyed their heartfelt sympathies to her family members and prayed that God grant them strength, courage and peace of mind to bear the irreparable loss. The latest death has further deepened the sorrow in Mator, as the village has witnessed two deaths within a short span of time. The back-to-back losses have cast a shadow of grief over the village, with residents standing in solidarity with the bereaved families during this difficult period. Villagers and Thalka family members prayed that Bandru Mallamma’s soul rest in eternal peace and that her family members be blessed with the strength to overcome their profound grief.

KTR announces Padayatra for Nagarjuna Sagar water, sets 10-day deadline to Congress govt

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has set September 14 as the deadline for the Congress government to announce a clear schedule for releasing water from the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal. He announced that if the government failed to respond, he would lead a padayatra from Kodad to Haliya with thousands of farmers. Addressing a farmers’ protest in Miryalaguda on Thursday, Rama Rao demanded that the govern-

ment specify when and how much water would be released through the Left Canal. He said the proposed padayatra would be held drawing inspiration from a similar march undertaken by BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao from Kodad to Haliya in 2003 during the Telangana movement to press for farmers’ demands. The BRS working president pointed out that the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir had around 180 TMCft of water, but the Congress government was delib-



erately refusing to release even a drop through the Left Canal. He said the government should announce the water-release

schedule by September 14, ahead of Vinayaka Chavithi, failing which the BRS would launch the proposed march.

He also questioned the government’s handling of water availability in the Krishna River basin. He said there was around 537 feet of water in Srisailem and water had reached Nagarjuna Sagar through hydel power generation. He argued that sufficient water was available to provide irrigation for two crops. Rama Rao accused the Congress government of failing farmers despite making several promises during the elections. He questioned the fate of the Congress’s Farmers’ Declaration comprising a Rs 2

lakh loan waiver, Rs 15,000 per acre under Rythu Bharosa for farmers and tenant farmers, Rs 12,000 annual assistance for poor agricultural labourers and a Rs 500 bonus per quintal for paddy and cotton. “The Congress government had utterly failed to fulfil its commitments and had withheld Rythu Bandhu payments for three seasons. The government was not even able to ensure adequate urea supplies and provide Rs 500 bonus to farmers,” he remarked.

Forest Beat Officer Caught in ACB Trap

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials on Thursday caught Kanchanapally forest beat officer Banoth Ravi Kumar while he was allegedly accepting a Rs 30,000 bribe through a person engaged by him in Bhadradi-Kothagudem district. The ACB sleuths laid a trap following a complaint alleging that Ravi Kumar had demanded '30,000 from the complainant for extending undue favour by not obstructing podu cultivation and refraining from action such as digging trenches, thereby allowing cultivation to continue without interference. According to the ACB, Ravi Kumar instructed the complainant to hand over the bribe amount to Patan Sadiq Khan, known to him, at his residence in Ramana-jagudem of Allapally mandal. The ACB arrested the accused and produced him before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Warangal.

BJP, BJYM Besiege Telangana Secretariat Over Fee Dues

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The political battle over pending student fee reimbursement dues intensified in Hyderabad on Thursday as Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM) activists and BJP leaders attempted to lay siege to the Telangana Secretariat, leading to tense scenes and police intervention. Large numbers of BJP and BJYM workers gathered near the Secretariat, demanding that the Congress government immediately clear the pending fee reimbursement arrears. Protesters raised slogans and attempted to cross police barricades, resulting in pushing and jostling between activists and security personnel. Police detained several protesters during the agitation. Telangana BJP



State President N. Ramchander Rao and BJP Legislature Party leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy were among the senior leaders taken into custody, according to reports. The Secretariat protest was the latest escalation in the BJP's statewide campaign, being conducted under the slogan "Feesula Bakayi – BJP Ladayi." The party has been pressing the government to release pending reimbursement amounts and address the financial

difficulties faced by students and their families. Earlier, Ramchander Rao wrote to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy seeking an appointment to submit representations collected from students. The BJP claimed that more than eight lakh students had submitted letters as part of its campaign. Ramchander Rao had also undertaken a 48-hour hunger strike on August 24 and 25, following which he warned that the BJP would lay siege to the

Secretariat if the government failed to respond to its demands. BJP leaders have alleged that delays in reimbursement payments are placing students and their families under financial strain and affecting access to certificates, higher education and employment opportunities. The party has cited varying estimates during its campaign, with Ramchander Rao previously demanding the release of approximately ₹12,000 crore to ₹15,000 crore. These figures represent BJP claims and have not been independently established in reports reviewed by Wakeup Telangana. Thursday's protest marks a significant escalation, taking the agitation from hunger strikes and student representations to direct action at the seat of Telangana's administration.

BC community Students Stage Protest In Hyderabad

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Backward Class (BC) community students, led by BJP Rajya Sabha MP and National BC Welfare Association president R. Krishnaiah, staged a protest in Dilsukhnagar, demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement arrears amounting to Rs 8,000 crore. Addressing the rally organised by association working president Neela Venkatesh and others, Krishnaiah questioned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's reluctance to clear the dues, terming it an "anti-BC" stance which was unprecedented. He alleged that despite repeated assurances, the Congress government has failed to allocate funds for 14 lakh BC, SC, ST, and minority



community students, leaving colleges financially in distress. The protest highlighted consequences of the delay that led to shut down of 300 colleges due to unpaid salaries for lecturers, as many as four lakh students who completed their courses are unable to obtain certificates as colleges withhold them pending fee payments, and nearly 30,000 students skipped engineering counselling out of fear over the scheme's uncertainty. Krishnaiah warned to gherav the camp offices of MLAs if the govern-

ment does not respond during the upcoming Assembly session. Krishnaiah contrasted Revanth Reddy's tenure with past chief ministers right from Jalagam Vengala Rao to K. Chandrashekar Rao, stating that they introduced or expanded scholarships, hostels, and reservation benefits for marginalised communities. He accused the current CM of rolling back existing schemes, instead of launching new ones, and demanded restoration of the old fee reimbursement system without conditions.

'Implement Labour Act, Stop Exploitation': TSA Appeals to CM



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Security Association has urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to strictly implement the Minimum Wages Act and protect security and sanitation workers from alleged exploitation. The association claimed that more than 8 lakh workers across Telangana were facing wage-related hardships due to inadequate enforcement of

labour regulations. It demanded a minimum monthly wage of ₹25,000, along with strict action against agencies violating statutory wage norms. Association representatives appealed to the government to intervene immediately, ensure timely payment of prescribed wages and strengthen monitoring mechanisms to safeguard the rights and livelihoods of security and sanitation workers.

Communists Have Led Fight Over Land, Farmers' Issues: Raghavulu

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Communists have consistently led struggles over land and farmers' issues, and Sarampalli Mallareddy was among those at the forefront of such movements, CPM politburo member B.V. Raghavulu said. Speaking at a condolence meeting for Mallareddy at Bhimaram in Warangal city on Wednesday, Raghavulu said Communists had spearheaded struggles for irrigation and water resources. The meeting



was presided over by CPM district secretary Prabhakar Reddy. Recalling P. Sundarayya's efforts in 1956 to make all regions fertile, Raghavulu said several projects and canals had come up following communist struggles. He said

Mallareddy had served as sarpanch of his village and worked to provide basic facilities. He maintained that regions without Communist movements had remained backward and credited such struggles with contributing to the devel-

opment of southern states. Raghavulu said Mallareddy had worked for the party until his final days. Recalling that Mallareddy often said staying among people helped one remain healthy, he said Mallareddy had chosen to become a Communist despite having served as a police patel because he believed the position was not enough to serve people. He said the best tribute to Mallareddy would be to continue fighting for problems faced by ordinary people.

Krishna Janmashtami Comes Alive at Shanthinikethan Model High School



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The spirit of devotion, tradition and childhood joy filled Shanthinikethan Model High School at Thimmapur village in Kothur Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, as the school celebrated Sri Krishna Janmashtami with grandeur and enthusiasm. The campus turned colourful as young students arrived dressed in traditional attire portraying Lord Krishna, Gopikas and other characters associated with Krishna's childhood. The little Krishnas, with peacock feathers, flutes and traditional ornaments, and the Gopikas in colourful costumes became the centre of attraction during the celebrations. A major highlight of the programme was the enthusiastic participation of the children in cultural activities. Beautiful dance performances based on Krishna's life and Janmashtami traditions drew appreciation from stu-

dents, teachers and those present at the celebration. The performances combined devotion with cultural learning and gave the children an opportunity to experience Indian traditions beyond the classroom. Telagamalla Chennakeshavalu, MA Telugu, a teacher at the school, played a key role in organising and coordinating the Janmashtami celebrations. From encouraging students to participate in Krishna and Gopika costumes to helping coordinate the cultural and dance programmes, his involvement contributed significantly to the success of the event. His efforts to bring Telugu culture, tradition and devotional values closer to young students through creative school activities stood out during the celebrations. The enthusiastic response from the children reflected the preparation and encouragement behind the programme.

Keerthi Reddy Accuses Revanth Govt of Destroying Democracy

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

BJP State Executive Member Jooturu Keerthi Reddy on Tuesday accused the Congress government in Telangana of undermining democracy, alleging that attacks on the BJP office, restrictions on protests and detention of opposition leaders reflected an "Emergency-like" situation in the State. Strongly condemning the alleged attack on the BJP State office and the house arrest of party leaders in



Jubilee Hills, Keerthi Reddy said the Congress government was resorting to "dirty politics" instead of addressing public and student concerns. She questioned whether raising questions against the ruling establishment had become a crime.

"Rahul Gandhi can stage protests and the Chief Minister can make remarks against Opposition leaders and Union Ministers, but why is the BJP denied the same democratic right?" she asked. Keerthi Reddy also targeted Congress leaders over their response to student protests in other States. She questioned their silence over alleged police action against students in Jharkhand and Telangana, particularly during protests by polytechnic students over their demands.

"Isn't Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy also the Home Minister? If Congress leaders are genuinely concerned about students, they should first question their own government," she said. She further alleged that police were applying different standards to the ruling party and the Opposition. Warning the Congress government, Keerthi Reddy said power was not permanent in a democracy and asserted that the BJP would continue to resist attempts to silence the Opposition.

Telangana Ambedkar Sangam Calls for Protection of Oppressed Classes' Rights



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Telangana Ambedkar Sangam has called for concerted efforts to realise the ideals of Dr B.R. Ambedkar and protect the rights of oppressed and weaker sections. The organisation demanded reservations for eligible communities in the private sector, besides free healthcare and quality education for poor families.

It also urged the government to prevent encroachments on public lands and distribute government lands to landless poor people. Meanwhile, Mallela Jayani was elected as the State President of the Telangana Ambedkar Sangam Women's Wing. Leaders said the organisation would continue working for social justice, equality and empowerment of disadvantaged communities.

Taluka Rajesh Exposes Amberpet 'Complaint Blackmail' Racket

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A suspected "complaint blackmail" racket targeting builders and local development works has come to light in Amberpet, with National Ambedkar Sena leader Taluka Rajesh urging the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to launch an immediate investigation. Rajesh alleged that certain individuals and self-proclaimed organisations were filing complaints



against local constructions, claiming that the structures were illegal. According to him, the complaints were allegedly being used to pressure builders into paying money rather than to genuinely address civic violations. He further alleged

that after extracting substantial amounts from builders, the complainants would withdraw their petitions, creating a repeated cycle of complaints, negotiations and withdrawals. Rajesh warned that such practices were disrupting development activities and placing undue pressure on GHMC's functioning. He demanded that civic authorities identify and track those misusing the complaint system for financial gain and take strict action if the allegations are established.

Damodar Rajanarsimha Reviews Medak Medical Infrastructure Works

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha reviewed the progress of major medical infrastructure projects in Medak, including the Government Medical College, Government Nursing College and hostel buildings, besides assessing the functioning of the Medak Government General Hospital. The review meeting was held at the TGMSIDC office in Koti, Hydera-

bad, with senior Health Department officials and representatives of the concerned institutions participating. The Minister examined the status of ongoing construction works and discussed issues related to the development of medical and nursing education facilities and hostel infrastructure. The functioning and performance of the Medak Government General Hospital were also reviewed in detail. Officials briefed the Minister on the hospital's services, infrastruc-



ture and other operational aspects, with directions aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery. Medak MLA Mynampally Rohith attended the meeting along with Principal Secretary Christina Z. Chongthu, TGMSIDC Managing Director Gaurav Uppal, Health and Family Wel-

fare Commissioner Sangeetha Satyanarayana, Director of Medical Education Dr. Vani and Director of Public Health Dr. Ravinder Naik. Principals of the Medak Government Medical College and Nursing College, the Superintendent of Medak Government General Hospital and other senior officials also participated in the review. The meeting assumes significance as the Telangana government continues efforts to expand medical education

infrastructure and improve public healthcare facilities. The focus on college buildings, student hostels and hospital services is expected to strengthen institutional capacity and healthcare delivery in Medak district. The review also underlined the government's emphasis on monitoring ongoing infrastructure projects and ensuring that medical education institutions and public hospitals are adequately equipped to meet the growing needs of students and patients.

Abhinandan Varthaman Joins FLY91 As Commercial Pilot

The former Indian Air Force Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman (retd), who was conferred the Vir Chakra for shooting down a Pakistani fighter jet during Balakot attack has joined a Goa-based regional airline as a pilot. According to an statement, he joined the airline last month. In February 2019, Gp Capt. Vardhaman, then a Wing Commander, flying his MiG-21 Bison had brought down a Pakistani F16 in a dogfight which had intruded in Indian airspace on February 27, 2019. During the chase then-Wg Cmdr Abhinandan's MiG21 was hit and he had to eject over Pakistan-occupied Kashmir. He was captured and Pakistan's then- Prime Minister Imran Khan announced the next day that Wg Cmdr Abhinandan would be released on March 1 as a "peace gesture".

Mamata Warns BJP Of Protests In Delhi Over TMC Office Vandalism

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Former West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday condemned the alleged vandalism at TMC's Camac Street office here, and warned that her party would stage demonstrations outside the residences of BJP leaders in New Delhi if such "atrocities" continued.Addressing the issue in a Facebook Live, Banerjee charged BJP-backed men with looting documents and equipment and said the alleged attack on the Trinamool Congress office reflected the deteriorating law and order situation in the state. "We condemn the vandalism at our party office early in the morning in Kolkata. If this is the law and order situation in Kolkata, just imagine what is prevailing in rural



areas," the chief minister said. Banerjee alleged that BJP workers had vandalised the TMC's office after taking the Kolkata Police "in confidence" and had taken away important documents and equipment from the premises. "BJP goons looted our documents and equipment and vandalised our office by taking Kolkata Police in confidence," she alleged. The former three-term chief minister also accused the BJP of indulging in "total lawlessness" in West Bengal and condemned what she described as

hooliganism at Jadavpur University. "What happened at Jadavpur University was the hooliganism of the BJP. We condemn this," Banerjee said. The TMC supremo alleged that a situation was being created in which she was being prevented from moving freely. "The chief minister is stating that they will not allow me to go out of my home," she said, referring to the alleged threats and intimidation. Banerjee warned that the TMC would not remain silent if attacks on its leaders and offices continued. "If these atrocities on the TMC don't stop, we will stage dharnas outside BJP leaders' homes in New Delhi," the former West Bengal chief minister said. Her remarks came hours after TMC national general secretary Abhishek

Banerjee alleged that BJP-backed armed men vandalised the party's Camac Street office in Kolkata in the early hours of Thursday. Banerjee shared purported CCTV footage on social media, showing several men with masks and helmets on leaving the premises carrying electronic equipment, including television sets and a printer. A room inside the office was also seen in the footage with damaged furniture and electronic equipment. The police subsequently arrested six people in connection with the incident, an officer said. The allegations have triggered a fresh political confrontation between the ruling TMC and the BJP in the state, with both sides trading accusations over law and order and political violence.

India, Belgium Agree To Expand Cooperation In Trade, Defence

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India and Belgium on Thursday agreed to significantly expand their cooperation in trade, defence, critical minerals, clean energy and technologies following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's wide-ranging talks with his Belgian counterpart Bart De Wever.In his media statement, Modi highlighted India recording a 7.8 per cent growth rate in the last quarter and said the country's economic rise was a source of confidence and new opportunities for the world. The Belgian prime minister described the conclusion of the India-European Union free trade pact as a major milestone, and said New Delhi and Brussels are building a relationship that is broad and more strategic than ever before.



"Today, the world is passing through a phase of great upheaval. In many parts of the world, situations of conflict persist. Food, fuel or supply chains- uncertainty is affecting every sector," Modi said. "Even in this challenging environment, India's economy has maintained its momentum. In the last quarter, we have recorded a growth of 7.8 percent," he said. The prime minister said India's growth story is becoming "a source of confidence and new opportunities for the world". Modi once again pitched for resolving the conflicts in Ukraine and West Asia through dialogue and diplomacy.

"India and Belgium, both believe in the rule of law, dialogue, and diplomacy. Be it Ukraine or West Asia, we support all efforts for the early end of conflicts and for peace," he said. The prime minister said India and Belgium are committed to eradicate every form of terrorism. Modi also listed priorities of the two countries to expand cooperation in areas of high technologies and clean energy. "A clean energy future and reliable supply chain are our shared priorities. An MoU signed today on renewable energy will give new momentum to our sustainability cooperation," he said. "In critical minerals, we have decided to increase cooperation in processing and recycling. In semiconductors, Belgium's expertise and India's scale are complementary to each other," he added.

India Ready to Offer ‘Any Help’ to End Ukraine-Russia War: Jaishankar

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India is ready to extend "any help in any manner" to end the Ukraine-Russia war, which is now in its fifth year, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said on Thursday as he held wide-ranging talks with his Ukrainian counterpart Andrii Sybiha in Kyiv. "India has consistently maintained that this is not an era of war, and that solutions will not emerge from the battlefield," he said in a joint press statement alongside Sybiha after their talks. Jaishankar recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi just two days ago declared that endless war must now give way to the end of war during a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Bishkek on the margins of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit. "Every passing day of conflict only means more deaths and more destruction. Understandably, it is for the parties involved to find a way. But, if India can be of any help in any



manner, we are ready," he said. India has been consistently calling for ending the Russia-Ukraine conflict through dialogue and diplomacy. "In consonance with Prime Minister Modi's call for an end to war, my visit has a focus on the prospects of dialogue and diplomacy. I will be taking back the views and positions shared today by the Ukrainian side," he added. Jaishankar later called on President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and apprised him of his discussions with the Ukrainian counterpart on deepening bilateral cooperation. "Our conversation centered on approaches to end the ongoing conflict," said the minister, who had earlier mentioned that he would convey the greet-

ings and good wishes of PM Modi to the President. Earlier, the Ukrainian foreign minister welcomed PM Modi's call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war, saying his country "stands ready for diplomacy." "India is a global power and we welcome Prime Minister Modi's call to move from an endless war towards an end to the war," Sybiha said in a post on X. Jaishankar, who arrived here amid escalating hostilities between Moscow and Kyiv, said his trip has a "bilateral purpose". "But more important, it takes place in the larger context of the war that has been underway since 2022. Only two days ago, an Indian national was also killed in an attack in Kyiv.

Siliguri: 8-Hour Rescue; Expert Climbers Save Man Atop 270-Ft BSNL Tower

An unidentified man was saved by the team of expert mountaineers, who had climbed a BSNL tower. This mentally unstable individual was rescued following an eight-hour-long operation. Civil Defence team member Krishna Barman says, "We began the operation at 7 o'clock. It was very difficult. Initially, as soon as he saw us, he climbed to the very top. There is no railing or seating space up there; he simply sat on a single rod. We tried hard to reason with him, but he wouldn't listen. When we tempted him with food, he came down; the moment he descended, we grabbed him and secured him with a rope. After that, we brought him down on a stretcher..." Mountaineer Nehal Sarkar and his adventure team, along with BSNL officials, Siliguri metropolitan police, district administration joined the operation and began the tough mission to descend the man from the 270 ft BSNL mobile tower.

IOC-USA Condemns FIR Against Rahul Gandhi, Calls It ‘Deeply Troubling’

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

The Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) USA has strongly condemned the registration of an FIR against Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi over his remarks concerning a religious ritual, terming the action as "deeply troubling". The FIR was registered against Gandhi on a complaint that the Congress leader gave a casteist spin to the religious ritual held in Uttarak-

hand's Haldwani following a public meeting by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge last month. "The FIR against Rahul Gandhi is deeply troubling and appears to be an attempt to intimidate those who speak against caste discrimination and untouchability," Mohinder Singh Gilzian, President of Indian Overseas Congress USA, said in a statement. Strongly condemning the registration of the FIR, Gilzian said that instead of inves-

tigating the circumstances surrounding the alleged purification ritual and addressing the concerns raised by the Congress leadership, the authorities have chosen to target the person who questioned it. "This sends a disturbing message about the shrinking space for speaking against caste-based discrimination in India," he said. Stating that the issue is much larger than one political leader or one political party, Gilzian said the "dignity and equality

of Dalits and other historically marginalised communities are constitutional principles that cannot be compromised for political convenience." "India's Constitution abolished untouchability and guarantees equality before the law. Any practice that humiliates a person because of their caste must be questioned, regardless of who is involved. Raising such concerns cannot itself become a criminal offence," he said.

Speaker Gives Time To Rebel TMC MPs

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Lok Sabha Speaker Mr Om Birla has extended the time for 20 ex-Trinamool Congress (TMC) MPs who have joined the Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), to file a reply to petitions filed by the TMC's Abhishek Banerjee seeking their disqualification under the anti-defection law. TMC MP Ms Mahua Mitra cried foul while opposing the extension saying it al-

lows the rebel MPs to delay the matter in Supreme Court. Speaker has granted these 20 MPs led by Ms Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar time till September 22 to send their reply on his table. The time was granted by Mr Birla after the NCPI MPs asked for the extended period to reply to his August 26 notices that had sought their responses in seven days. The 20 rebel TMC MPs quit the Mamata Banerjee-led party in June following its

debacle in the West Bengal Assembly polls and joined the little-known outfit, NCPI. Mr Birla had served the notices after the Supreme Court on August 25 agreed to hear Abhishek Banerjee's plea seeking an expeditious decision by the Speaker on the petitions seeking disqualification of the rebel MPs. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana issued a notice to the 20 MPs on

Banerjee's plea, and directed that the disqualification proceedings before the Speaker be dealt with expeditiously. Abhishek Banerjee had approached the top court after filing separate petitions before the speaker in June seeking disqualification of the MPs who had left the TMC and aligned themselves with the NCPI. The Speaker's notices subsequently asked the MPs to submit their responses within seven days.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Retd Air Marshal.....

Listing development works undertaken by the Congress government in the Old City, Revanth Reddy said a three-km cable bridge at Mir Alam Tank was under construction and would be a replica of the Durgam Cheruvu cable bridge, which has emerged as a major tourist attraction. He directed officials to sanction development works requisitioned by AIMIM president Asaduddin Owaisi and announced Rs25 crore for works sought by Malakpet MLA Balala. He asked the MLA to complete the works within 18 months, assuring him that the government would provide the required funds, particularly for strengthening the education sector.

Revanth Reddy.....

The developments gained momentum after the TPCC Disciplinary Committee submitted its report to the TPCC president on August 20, recommending stern action against Surekha and Chinna Reddy on charges of violating the party's disciplinary code. Since then, there has been considerable buzz and speculation at Gandhi Bhavan. Surekha's daughter, Konda Sushmitha, had alleged that the Chief Minister offered prime land to his brother's shell company at a throw-away price. Chinna Reddy, meanwhile, alleged that Wanaparthy MLA T Megha Reddy was offered a party ticket to contest the Assembly elections after being lured by money. The remarks drew criti-

cism from party leaders, who demanded stern action against both senior leaders. Though Surekha maintained that she could not be held responsible for her daughter's comments, a few MLAs demanded action against her. The Chief Minister, Surekha and a few other Ministers travelled to New Delhi on Monday to discuss the issue. Following a series of meetings, the party high command gave its nod to drop Surekha from the Cabinet. In a related move, Chinna Reddy's appointment as State Planning Board Vice-Chairman was also rescinded. Telangana Women's Commission Chairperson Gadwal Vijayalakshmi will replace him as Vice-Chairman. A statement from the Chief Minister's Office said

Nerella Sharada had been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Women's Commission. The Chief Minister also approved the appointment of former MP G Sudha Rani as Chairperson of the Kakatiya Urban Development Authority. Karnataka Govt..... The Bill, he said, wanted to use five per cent of the land belonging to Lalbagh Botanical Gardens in Bengaluru for the government-proposed road tunnel project and in two more places but no discussion could take place on it. Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar stated: "Our government has always respected the sentiments of the people of Karnataka. The Cabinet's decision to withdraw the Kar-

nataka Parks Conservation Amendment Bill is also a reflection of this commitment to the people." He added: "In a democracy, the people are ultimate judges. It is the resolve of our government to honestly place our intentions before the court of public opinion and move forward with people's trust." BJP Lok Sabha member Tejasvi Surya thanked Shivakumar for respecting public opinion and deciding to withdraw the "draconian" Bill. He asserted "The fight is not over until the disastrous road tunnel project is officially scrapped." Surya asked the state government to also withdraw the amended Karnataka Tank Conservation Act, reducing the lake buffer zone from 30-metres to just three metres to facilitate the short tunnel project at

Hebbal lake. Magnitude 5.0..... The floods, triggered after a glacier-related collapse on August 26, swept through settlements, roads and infrastructure, leaving thousands of people missing. The disaster has also severely affected hydropower projects and other critical infrastructure along the affected river systems. Rescue teams are searching areas where workers are feared trapped in tunnels and power facilities. The latest earthquake highlights the continuing seismic and geological risks in the Himalayan region, which is prone to earthquakes, landslides, glacier-related events and other natural hazards.

CRIME

ED conducts searches at premises linked to alleged ganja supplier Neetu Bai in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday conducted searches at multiple premises linked to alleged ganja supplier Neetu Bai in Hyderabad as part of a money-laundering investigation arising from several narcotics cases registered against her and her family members.

According to sources, the searches focused on tracing the proceeds of alleged drug trafficking and properties suspected to have been acquired through illegally generated income. The agency is examining financial transactions, bank accounts, movable and immovable assets and possible money trails connected to the alleged ganja network.



The searches come against the backdrop of several cases registered by the Cyberabad police and Telangana's EAGLE Force against Neetu Bai and members of her family over alleged ganja trafficking.

Neetu Bai, who has been operating from the Nanakramguda area, has been named in multiple narcotics cases over the years. Police investigations have alleged that she

and her family members ran a retail ganja network catering to customers from the nearby Financial District and Gachibowli.

In June this year, EAGLE teams conducted surveillance and detained dozens of alleged ganja consumers who had reportedly gathered near Neetu Bai's residence to purchase the contraband. She reportedly escaped from the spot. The police subsequently initiated proceedings to attach

property allegedly linked to her.

The latest ED action assumes significance in view of the financial details unearthed during earlier investigations. Police had previously identified substantial bank deposits and properties allegedly linked to Neetu Bai and her family. In a 2024 investigation, authorities reported finding around Rs. 1.53 crore in 16 bank accounts and properties valued at several crores of rupees.

During an operation in March 2024, police also seized 22.6 kg of ganja and Rs. 22.10 lakh in cash from premises linked to Neetu Bai and her associates. Preventive detention proceedings were also invoked against her on more than one occasion.

HC Calls for Social Investigation Report for Every Child to Check Trafficking

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana High Court Chief Justice Aparesk Kumar Singh has stressed the need for a proactive child-protection mechanism, calling for a social investigation report to be prepared for every child so that vulnerabilities were identified before the children fall prey to trafficking, exploitation or delinquency. The Chief Justice said the preparation of a social investigation report should not become a mere official formality or routine paper-

work, but must provide a meaningful understanding of the child's family circumstances, social environment, vulnerabilities and needs. Such an assessment, he said, would enable the authorities to take timely and informed decisions in the best interests of the child.

Addressing the annual state-level stakeholders consultation meet on the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, organised by the Judicial Academy to mark a decade of implementation of the legislation and discuss the way

forward, the Chief Justice said protection of children could not be treated as the responsibility of any one department, the judiciary or NGOs. Justice Singh called for sustained sensitisation of citizens and all stakeholders to ensure that no child falls prey to trafficking. Emphasising that every citizen had a responsibility towards children in need of care and protection, he said that a child may be safe within his or her own family environment but unless vulnerable children in society were also protected.

Drunk man dies after touching transformer in Madhapur

A 40-year-old man died after reportedly coming into contact with an electric transformer at Sid-diquenagar, under Madhapur Police Station limits, on Wednesday. Police said the man was reportedly under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident.

His body was shifted to Osmania Hospital for post-mortem examination. As his identity has not yet been established, police have circulated his photographs among police stations across Cyberabad to identify him. Further investigation is underway.

Maredpally Police Crack Cheating Case, Accused Gets 3-Year Jail

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

M. Grace Lavanya has been sentenced to three years in prison after the XIX Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Secunderabad, found her guilty in a cheating and criminal breach of trust case investigated by Maredpally Police. The court delivered the judgment on September 1, 2026, following the prosecution's presentation of evidence establishing the accused's involvement in the offences.



Maredpally Police conducted a detailed investigation, gathered crucial evidence and effectively presented the case before the court, resulting in the conviction. The judgment underscores the police's efforts to ensure effective investigation and prosecution of criminal cases.

IED Blast In Karreguttalu Hills Claims Tribal Man's Life

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

A tribal community man was killed when an improvised explosive device (IED) exploded in the Karreguttalu hills, which has been declared Maoist-free. Police said the victim, Madakam Nageswara Rao, 55, of Nugur Colony in Venkatapuram mandal, had gone towards the Karreguttalu and Pamunuru hills on Wednesday along with five others to collect bamboo. They reportedly left their homes on Monday along with provisions

for three days. While returning with the bamboo, Nageswara Rao reportedly stepped on an IED planted along a forest path, triggering a powerful explosion. He sustained critical injuries and collapsed in a pool of blood. Despite the darkness, his companions refused to abandon him. They fashioned a makeshift sling using lungis and dhotis and, with the help of a doli, carried the injured man for several kilometres through the forest towards the Palem project area.

Bowenpally Police Tighten Ganesh Festival Rules

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Wakeup telangana

Bowenpally Police have issued strict guidelines to Ganesh pandal organizers to ensure peaceful, safe and orderly celebrations during the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi festival. The Station House Officer (SHO) of Bowenpally Police Station chaired a coordination meeting with representatives of local Ganesh pandal committees and briefed them on mandatory safety and law-



and-order measures. Police directed organizers to strictly follow designated routes and immersion schedules to prevent traffic congestion in busy residential and commercial areas.

Committees were also instructed to make adequate

arrangements for crowd management, emergency access and public safety at pandal locations. Sound pollution was another major focus of the meeting. The SHO warned organizers against exceeding permissible decibel limits and stressed

that loudspeakers, sound systems and DJ setups must comply with legally prescribed timings.

Police urged pandal committees to cooperate with law-enforcement personnel throughout the festival and immersion process. Officials said strict action would be taken against violations of safety, traffic and noise regulations. The meeting is part of Bowenpally Police's efforts to ensure that the festivities pass off peacefully without inconvenience to residents and commuters.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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The Centre's latest appointment of 48 babus at the joint secretary level across ministries looks routine on the surface. It isn't. When postings cut across agriculture, commerce, defence, civil aviation and home, it's less about filling vacancies and more about recalibrating the government's operating system. Joint secretaries sit at that crucial junction where policy leaves the drawing board and meets the real world. Change the people there, and you often change how things actually get done.

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities.

Clearly, this isn't an isolated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

There's a logic to it. Governments don't run on announcements; they run on execution. And execution, in India, is only as good as the babu handling the file. Put the right people in the right slots, and things move. Get it wrong, and even flagship schemes start gathering dust. But let's not pretend this is purely technocratic. Babu reshuffles have always doubled as political messaging. There's also the issue of churn. Move people around too often, and institutional memory takes a hit. Projects that need steady hands

don't always benefit from musical chairs. Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team, bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition,

has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



Sensex, Nifty rebound in early trade after 3-day slide; bank stocks lead recovery

MUMBAI
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Benchmark equity indices Sensex and Nifty rebounded in early trade on Thursday after three sessions of losses, helped by buying in blue-chip bank stocks and a firm trend in global markets.

The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 334.16 points, or 0.44 per cent, to 76,904.51 in morning trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty advanced 95.45 points to 24,009.90.

Tata Steel, Adani Ports, Axis Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, HDFC Bank, Power Grid, Eternal, Larsen & Toubro, Bharti Airtel and UltraTech Cement were among the major gainers from the Sensex pack. Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, Infosys,

Tata Consultancy Services, Bajaj Finance, Titan, IndiGo, Sun Pharmaceuticals and ITC were among the laggards.

Analysts said market sentiment was also supported by easing US bond yields and record foreign-currency deposit inflows under a special RBI programme aimed at strengthening foreign-exchange liquidity. “The market sentiment is likely to look up on Thursday following the slight easing of the US bond yields. A big positive from the rupee perspective is the huge mobilisation of USD 136 billion under concessional swap facility. “The USD 127 billion mobilised under the FCNR(B) scheme has come way above the consensus estimates. The implication of this



from the market perspective is that the rupee will stabilise, imparting confidence to FIIs,” said V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Investments Ltd. India mobilised a record USD 127.23 billion through foreign-currency deposits under a special central-bank programme aimed at bolstering the country’s foreign-exchange liquidity, underscoring the growing role of its overseas diaspora as a buffer during periods of market stress. Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank), or FCNR(B) deposits accounted for USD

127.226 billion in inflows as of August 31, the Reserve Bank of India said on Wednesday. Meanwhile, Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) bought equities worth Rs 6,688.37 crore on Wednesday, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) also purchased shares worth Rs 2,812.98 crore, according to exchange data.

Vijayakumar noted that an interesting feature of Wednesday’s market decline is that the 141-point dip in Nifty happened despite Rs 9,500 crore of institutional buying, with FIIs buy figure of Rs 6,688 crore and DII buy figure of Rs 2,812 crore. “So, it is obvious that the brunt of the selling came from retail investors, proprietary traders

and bears who used the market weakness to hammer the stocks down. This is likely to reverse on Thursday,” he added.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, slipped 0.17 per cent at USD 95.47 a barrel.

In Asian markets, South Korea’s Kospi, Shanghai’s SSE Composite index, and Japan’s Nikkei 225 index traded higher, while Hong Kong’s Hang Seng index quoted lower.

US markets ended higher on Wednesday. The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 373.93 points to settle at 76,570.35 on Wednesday, while NSE Nifty slumped 141.35 points to end at 23,914.45, extending their losses to a third consecutive session.

Cody Rhodes Leads Global Hunt for John Cena in Clash of Clans

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

WWE Superstar Cody Rhodes has enlisted millions of Clash of Clans players and fellow WWE stars to track down John Cena’s loot-filled in-game village as part of the game’s second collaboration with WWE.

The global hunt, running from September 1 to September 30, challenges players to locate and successfully raid Cena’s base. Successful raids can earn players an exclusive, one-time-only Cody Rhodes statue for their village, adding a competitive twist to the WWE-themed event.

Rhodes and Cena are both longtime Clash of Clans players, with their gaming rivalry reportedly dating back nearly a decade. Rhodes has now expanded the competition beyond the WWE ring by calling on the game’s millions of daily players to



help find Cena’s elusive base.

Cena has also embraced the rivalry, joking about their long-running gaming competition and challenging players to take on his village.

The crossover features six WWE Superstars reimagined as iconic Clash of Clans Heroes. Cody Rhodes returns as the Barbarian King, while Alexa Bliss becomes the Archer Queen, The Undertaker the Grand Warden, IYO SKY the Royal Champion, Jey Uso the Minion Prince, and Kane the

Dragon Duke.

The event also introduces WWE-themed temporary troops, a special village theme inspired by WWE Money in the Bank, WWE chests and exclusive rewards. Players can obtain items including Action Figure Equipment, Challenge Tickets and a guaranteed Cody Rhodes skin. With WWE stars such as The Undertaker and IYO SKY joining the search, players worldwide have until September 30 to raid, compete and help Rhodes finally locate Cena.

Monsoon Snacking Can Harm Teeth, Says Dr. Sonia Datta

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The monsoon season is synonymous with comfort foods and frequent snacking, from hot chai and crispy pakoras to roasted corn and sweet treats. While these seasonal indulgences are a cherished part of rainy-day traditions, dental experts caution that increased snacking habits during the season can impact oral health if proper care is not maintained. According to leading dental practitioner Dr. Sonia Datta, frequent

consumption of sugary and starchy foods can increase the risk of plaque buildup and tooth decay. "Monsoon often changes our eating patterns.

Many people tend to snack more frequently throughout the day while enjoying seasonal favourites. Every time we eat, particularly foods rich in sugar and starch, bacteria present in the mouth produce acids that attack tooth enamel. When snacking becomes frequent, these acid attacks also become more frequent, increasing the



risk of cavities and other oral health concerns”. The expert emphasized that while there is no need to avoid monsoon delicacies altogether, maintaining good oral hygiene is crucial to keeping teeth and gums healthy. "Simple

practices such as rinsing your mouth after consuming snacks, staying adequately hydrated, and brushing twice daily can go a long way in protecting oral health. Consistency is key, especially during the monsoon when our dietary habits tend to change," Dr. Datta added. Dental experts further recommend incorporating a reliable toothpaste into one's daily oral care routine. Dabur Red Toothpaste, powered by trusted Ayurvedic ingredients such as Laung (Clove) and Shunthi (Ginger),

helps provide comprehensive oral care. Clove is known for its germ-fighting properties and helps relieve tooth discomfort, while Ginger supports healthier gums by helping reduce inflammation. Backed by the Indian Dental Association (IDA) Seal of Acceptance, Dabur Red Toothpaste offers consumers an effective Ayurvedic solution for maintaining healthy teeth and gums as part of their everyday oral care routine.

As families continue to enjoy the simple pleasures

of the rainy season, dentists advise that a balanced approach of mindful snacking and consistent oral hygiene can help ensure that monsoon cravings do not compromise long-term dental health. "The monsoon season should be enjoyed without worrying about oral health issues. A few good habits, combined with a strong oral care routine, can help keep teeth and gums healthy while allowing you to enjoy your favourite seasonal treats." concluded Dr. Datta.

RBI Dy Gov Murmu Asks NBFCs To Diversify Funding, Invest In Cyber-security

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu on Thursday asked non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) and housing finance companies (HFCs) to diversify their funding sources, strengthen underwriting standards, and invest in strong cyber-security to protect customer data and maintain trust.

In his keynote address at the 7th NBFC and HFC Summit here, Murmu said that NBFC and HFCs will face new challenges alongside new opportunities. He listed five areas critical for sustainable growth: governance and culture; liquidity management; asset quality and credit risk; customer protection and fair conduct; and digital transformation and cyber resilience.

Murmu said that past liquidity events have shown how exposed NBFCs and HFCs can be to shifts in market sentiment and funding concentration. He asked entities to diversify their funding sources. “A deep, liquid corporate bond market will help, and we will keep working

with market participants to build one. Securitisation should also grow beyond a liquidity tool — into a genuine way to transfer risk and free up capital, with proper skin-in-the-game and transparency rules.”

On governance, he said boards and senior management must build a culture of compliance and ethics across their organisations. “As the sector scales, its strength must scale with it,” he said. As credit growth speeds up, so does the risk to asset quality.

He said lenders need to use rigorous stress testing, early-warning systems, and dynamic provisioning. AI and machine learning tools to detect early signs of borrower stress. “Let me be clear: growth must never come at the cost of underwriting standards.”

He said while technology adoption must keep deepening — from blockchain in supply chain finance to AI in fraud detection, cyber resilience must stay a top priority. He urged entities to invest in strong cyber-security to protect customer data and maintain trust.

Rupee gains for fifth straight session, rises 14 paise to 94.59

The rupee gained 14 paise to close at 94.59 against the US dollar on Thursday, extending its winning streak to five sessions. Strong foreign currency deposit inflows and foreign institutional buying supported the currency, while crude prices capped gains

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Indian rupee extended its winning run for the fifth consecutive session on Thursday, appreciating 14 paise to close at 94.59 (provisional) against the US dollar, supported by improved balance of payments conditions and strong foreign currency inflows. A key factor behind the rupee’s strength was the record mobilisation of USD 127.23 billion through FCNR(B) deposits under a special Reserve Bank of India programme aimed at strengthening the country’s foreign exchange liquidity. When overseas foreign currency borrowings (OFCB) and external commercial borrowings (ECB) are included, total inflows under the measures stood at USD 136.377 billion, according to RBI data. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.30 and moved between an intraday high of 94.26 and a low of 94.59 before settling at 94.59, marking a 14-paise gain over its pre-



vious close. The local currency has maintained a steady upward trajectory throughout the week. On Wednesday, it gained 22 paise to settle at 94.73. On Tuesday, it appreciated 27 paise to close at 94.95. The rupee had also gained 21 paise on Monday and two paise on Friday, extending its current five-session winning streak. According to Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst at Mirae Asset Sharekhan, the rupee strengthened significantly due to large FCNR deposit inflows and buying by foreign institutional investors (FIIs). A weaker US dollar and declining US Treasury yields, along with a sharp appreciation in the Japanese yen, also provided support to the Indian currency. Choudhary said the rupee could continue trading with a positive bias, supported by expectations of

increasing foreign inflows, improved risk appetite in global markets and further softening of the US dollar.

However, he cautioned that elevated crude oil prices and any fresh escalation in tensions between the US and Iran could limit the rupee’s gains. Market participants are also expected to monitor key US economic indicators, including trade balance figures, weekly unemployment claims and the ISM services PMI. Meanwhile, the US dollar index, which measures the greenback against a basket of six major currencies, was trading at 99.22, down 0.38 per cent. Renewed US-Iran tensions contributed to safe-haven demand and influenced currency-market movements.

Crude oil prices also remained elevated amid geopolitical concerns. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.85 per cent higher at USD 96.44 per barrel in futures trading. Concerns over a possible disruption to oil supplies through the Strait of Hormuz, amid escalating US-Iran ten-

sions, supported crude prices.

A rise in crude prices remains a concern for the Indian currency because India imports a substantial share of its crude oil requirements. Higher oil prices can increase the country’s import bill and put pressure on the current account and the rupee.

On the domestic equity market, investor sentiment was comparatively weaker. The Sensex declined 417.49 points to settle at 76,152.86, while the Nifty fell 41 points to close at 23,873.45.

Despite the decline in benchmark indices, foreign investors continued to provide support to Indian financial markets. Foreign institutional investors purchased equities worth Rs 6,688.37 crore on a net basis on Wednesday, according to exchange data.

The combination of strong foreign currency inflows, FII buying and a softer US dollar has therefore provided significant support to the rupee. Market participants, however, will continue to closely watch crude oil prices.

Free Photography Session at Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Photography enthusiasts and camera lovers in Hyderabad have an opportunity to participate in a free, interactive photography session at Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Suraram, on Saturday, September 5. The special session, to be held at the MRV Studio, is limited to just 20 participants, making advance registration and confirmation essential for those wishing to attend.

The programme is designed as a creative and practical photography experience rather than a formal training course. Participants will get an opportunity to explore studio photography through demonstrations, interaction and hands-on exposure.

The session is expected to cover key aspects such as studio lighting, composition, camera handling

and creative photography techniques. Beginners, students, aspiring photographers, content creators and photography enthusiasts can participate, with no professional experience indicated as a requirement.

The venue for the programme is MRV Studio, Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, Suraram, Hyderabad.

Organisers have shared 7795817538 for registration enquiries. Since the number was reportedly unreachable on September 3, interested participants are advised to contact the organisers again and confirm their entry before travelling to the venue. With seats restricted to 20, the session offers Hyderabad’s photography enthusiasts a chance to step into a studio environment, observe professional practices, experiment creatively and interact with fellow camera lovers.

Sustaining 7% Growth Uphill Task For India: Duvvuri Subbarao

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Sustaining growth rates above 7 percent over the next decade will be an uphill battle for India without a robust private investment cycle, finds former RBI governor Duvvuri Subbarao. The structural disconnect between output and employment, uneven distribution of wealth created in the past decade, research and development deficit and innovation deficit will work against India’s demographics.

Capital investment is a long-term bet on the future; businesses will place those bets only when they have deep confidence in both long-term demand and the stability of the regulatory environment. Without a robust private investment cycle, sustain-

ing growth rates above 7 percent over the next decade will be an uphill battle, Subbarao said in an article written for the IMF. The bulk of recent growth is coming from public capital expenditure, while private corporate investment remains stuck at about 11 percent of GDP, far below its historical peak of nearly 17 percent in 2008.

This imbalance matters, because public spending can kick-start an economy, but it cannot sustain it indefinitely.

Further, the structural disconnect between output and employment is widening. The ultimate test of India’s economic model is not the headline GDP growth rate, but whether that growth generates productive employment for its massive workforce.

Romanchakam Review: A Patchy Love Story That Gets Some Laughs but Misses the Thrill

Cast: Sumanth Prabhaskar, Ananthika Sanilkumar, Upendra Limaye, Narendra Ravi, Mani Aegurla, Venkatesh Kakumanu, Sai Sohan, K. V. Anudeep and others
Director: Venu Gopal Reddy

Romanchakam, produced by director Sandeep Reddy Vanga's banner, arrives with some curiosity because of its association with the production house behind Arjun Reddy. The film attempts to blend romance, comedy and thriller elements, but the result is uneven. While the lead pair and a few friendship-driven comedy scenes work reasonably well, the romance lacks emotional depth and the suspense fails to generate the intended impact. Sumanth Prabhaskar plays a young man who falls in love with Ananthika Sanilkumar through an online connection. Their relationship develops through conversations before she decides to travel to Hyderabad. However, the story takes a darker



turn when Ananthika's character, Mythili, suddenly goes missing, leaving Sumanth and his friends desperate to find out what happened. Sumanth Prabhaskar is one of the film's positives. He fits comfortably into the role of a young lover and brings an easy charm to the character. His chemistry with Ananthika works better in the initial portions. Ananthika looks appealing and delivers a decent performance, although her character is not given enough depth. Despite spending considerable time establishing their relationship, the writing does not create enough emotional investment in

the couple. The film's more enjoyable stretches come from the friendship track. Sumanth and his group of friends share some entertaining conversations, particularly during their drinking sessions. Narendra Ravi and Venkatesh Kakumanu make these portions lively, while the buddy comedy provides the film with much-needed energy whenever the central narrative slows down. The missing-person storyline attempts to introduce suspense, but the thriller element remains underwhelming. The audience is made to wait for answers about Mythili's disappearance, yet the

eventual revelation does not deliver the shock or emotional payoff expected from the build-up. Upendra Limaye, following his comic role in Sankrantiki Vasthunam, once again plays a humorous cop. He gets a few amusing moments, but the performance feels familiar rather than fresh. The repeated references to "Gen Z" also do little to make the film genuinely contemporary. At its core, Romanchakam remains a fairly conventional romantic story, with limited freshness in its writing. The first half benefits from the friends' banter, but the second half struggles to balance romance, comedy and suspense. Overall, Romanchakam has a likeable lead performance and some entertaining comedy stretches, but its weak emotional connect and ineffective thriller track prevent it from becoming a compelling romantic entertainer. **Verdict:** A patchy love story with a few laughs, but not enough romance or thrill to leave a lasting impact.

Shehnaaz Gill on exploring Bengali culture through 'Singh Vs Kaur 2': 'I enjoyed it a lot'

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Actress Shehnaaz Gill has opened up about her character Jasneet Kaur in "Singh Vs Kaur 2." Speaking exclusively to IANS, she shared what made portraying the Bengali-rooted character an interesting experience for her. Jasneet Kaur comes from a Bengali background, while the story of the film travels across Punjab, Kolkata, and Canada. Speaking about the character, Shehnaaz shared that the role gave her an opportunity to explore different cultures, languages, and personalities. Gill stated, "It was a lot of fun, and it was a very interesting character. And I enjoyed living in that culture. And seriously, when you watch the film, the way we have presented Kolkata so beautifully, you will find it very interesting. When you watch the film on 11th September, you tell me how much you found my character interesting. I enjoyed it a lot." Shehnaaz has opened up about being part of the 'Singh vs Kaur 2' franchise and addressed the possibility of comparisons with the first film.



The actress said she does not feel any pressure, as her character Jasmeet is different from the one portrayed in the original. The actress explained that while the first installment featured a different character named Jasmeet, the sequel introduces her in the role. "I think, as far as comparisons are concerned, in Singh Vs Kaur, the first character was a girl named Jasmeet, who was someone else. Now, it's me. So, I don't have any

pressure about this at all. And I don't think there will be any point of comparison because, of course, some things have a lot of impact on the audience's minds. But when people see me, trust me, they will fall in love with me too," said Shehnaaz. Directed by Navaniat Singh, 'Singh Vs Kaur 2' stars Gippy Grewal and Shehnaaz Gill in the lead roles. The film is slated for a worldwide release on September 11, 2026.

Khachanov stuns Auger-Aliassime to reach US Open third round



NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

World No. 50 Karen Khachanov earned his first Top 10 scalp of the year at the US Open in New York, upsetting World No. 4 and last year's semi-finalist Felix Auger-Aliassime in a second-round match on Thursday. Khachanov came back strongly after losing the first set in a tie-break to oust the Canadian star Auger-Aliassime 6-7(5), 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 at the Louis Armstrong Stadium. With this, he also took a 3-2 lead in their head-to-head series. Khachanov arrived in New York having lost all three hard-court matches that he had played since his third-round defeat at Wimbledon in July. The 30-year-old is also competing at No. 50 in the PIF ATP Rankings this week, having been inside the

Top 10 last year at the hard-court major. Despite enduring a tough season, the 30-year-old produced a dominant second-round win over Auger-Aliassime to advance to at least the third round at all four majors this year. "I am not sure, but maybe he had some physical issues, and that is part of our sport," Khachanov said in his on-court interview. "I wish him to feel better and have a speedy recovery if he is injured. I don't know. What I can say from my side is I tried to give my best performance. Fighting, and I am super happy to get this win." Khachanov, who is 18-18 on the year, was rock solid from the baseline and benefited from an out-of-sorts performance from the third seed. Auger-Aliassime sprayed 47 unforced errors and

quickly faded from the three-hour, 16-minute clash after dropping the second set. Canadian Auger-Aliassime was unable to find his timing and was dominated on his second serve, winning just 41 per cent of points behind that delivery. After reaching the semifinals at the US Open 12 months ago, Auger-Aliassime is likely to fall in the ATP Rankings. Auger-Aliassime performed well at Roland Garros and Wimbledon this season, losing in the quarterfinals at both events, including a fifth-set tie-break defeat to Novak Djokovic at SW19. The 26-year-old was chasing his 50th major win and was trying to join Denis Shapovalov and Milos Raonic as just the third Canadian man to achieve that feat. It is the first time Khachanov has advanced to the third round at Flushing Meadows since he reached the semi-finals in 2022. The seven-time tour-level titlist will next meet Peruvian star Ignacio Buse or Frenchman Benjamin Bonzi. "The last month didn't go well for me, so we have been practising, and I am sure I am fit," Khachanov added.

Telangana Junior Water Polo Team Set for National Championships

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana State Junior Water Polo team is all set to compete in the 52nd Junior National Aquatic Championships, scheduled to be held from September 7 to 12 at the International Swimming Pool, Pipliyehana Square, Sector-F Ring Road, Indore. As part of its support for the team, 7Seas Entertainment Limited sponsored and distributed T-shirts and water polo kits to the players, coaches and manager at



the Gachibowli Aquatic Stadium on Thursday. Lingamaneni Anirudh has been appointed captain of the Telangana Junior Water Polo team, which

will participate in the boys' category at the national-level championships. The Telangana team was selected following trials conducted during

the 11th Telangana Juniors Inter-District Water Polo Championship at the Gachibowli Stadium swimming pool. The kit distribution pro-

gramme was attended by P. Chandra Sekhar Reddy, President of the Telangana Juniors Water Polo Team & Swimming Association, General Secretary G. Umesh, Treasurer T. Krishnamurthy, 7Seas Entertainment Ltd Managing Director L.M. Shankar, Team Manager T. Kiran Kumar, Coach Syed Mukhtar Ahmed and Tala Babu. Association officials expressed confidence that the young players would showcase their talent and secure success for Telangana at the national championships.

Naomi Osaka beats Siniakova to reach US Open third round

NEW YORK
Wakeup telangana

Four-time Grand Slam titlist Naomi Osaka debuted a new day-time kit for her second-round match and then recovered from losing the second set to overcome Katerina Siniakova in the decider, progressing to the third round of the US Open in New York on Thursday. Osaka, the two-time champion in New York with titles in 2018 and 2020, recovered after losing a 5-3 lead in the second set to defeat Siniakova 6-2, 5-7, 6-1 in 2 hours

and 2 minutes. While her first-round walkout outfit was inspired by Allen Iverson, with sweatbands and a hoodie embellished with news-making moments from her career, in addition to a long tulle skirt, Thursday's 'fit' was a bit more understated. The white outer layer is collared and adorned with beaded tennis racquets, and features a long mesh train with strips of fabric that fluttered as she walked. Things were not as smooth on the court once again. Osaka had needed two tiebreaks to scrape



past No. 101-ranked Anastasia Zakharova, who broke the former World No. 1's serve four times, in the first round; after that tussle, she admitted to being "so nervous" during it. Against Siniakova, she did not face a break point through her first seven service games — but then

dropped serve three times in a row before resetting in the decider. With this, Osaka made the third round of the US Open for the eighth time in 10 main-draw appearances. Having also reached that stage of the Australian Open followed by career-best showings at Roland Garros (fourth round) and Wimbledon (quarterfinals), this marks the second time in Osaka's career that the 28-year-old has reached the third round of all four majors in a single season (following 2018).

Asad Demands Extension Of Deadline For SIR In Telangana

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi on Thursday demanded an extension of the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana, saying the time given till October 17 for the final voter list was insufficient for voters to address discrepancies. Speaking at an event after the inauguration of the Chanchalguda-Santoshnagar flyover by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Owaisi stated that the current timeline did not give citizens enough time to verify their entries and respond to notices from the Election Commission of India. While pushing for an extension of the date, Owaisi also urged citizens



to be proactive, carry their Aadhaar cards to designated verification centres and respond to notices issued by electoral registration officers (EROs) to ensure their names remained on the final voter list. During his visit to the Yakutpura constituency to inspect the functioning of the centres to hear voter woes with Yakutpura MLA Jaffar Hussain Meraj on Wednesday, Owaisi asked the people to check the draft

electoral roll and respond to notices if their names appeared under anomalies list, and immediately submit Form 6 for inclusion as new voters if they were marked as ‘Absent’ or ‘Shifted’. Owaisi said the AIMIM was committed to ensuring that every genuine voter’s name is included in the final electoral roll and appealed to party workers to continue guiding and assisting the public.

We Support Congress Party Only Because Of Revanth Reddy: Asaduddin Owaisi

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

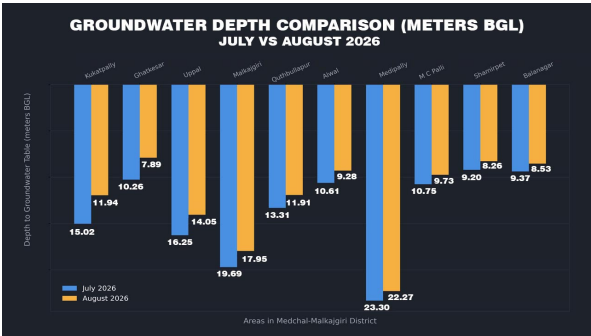
All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi has made a major political statement praising the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led government for the development works in Hyderabad. He made it clear that his support is not for the Congress party but for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Asaduddin Owaisi said this while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Saidabad Steel Flyover, constructed from Nalgonda X-road to Santosh Nagar Owaisi Junction here. Asaduddin Owaisi mentioned Revanth Reddy’s regime. He announced

that they are supporting Revanth Reddy only because he is in the Congress party. Owaisi suggested that Revanth Reddy should govern in his style. He also asked him to reach out to the people. He wanted Hyderabad and Telangana to develop under Revanth’s rule. Owaisi said that he did not want the communal ideology that is currently seen in the country to grow in Telangana. He said that if communal sentiments increase here too, it will be difficult for Telangana to develop. On this occasion, Asaduddin appealed to the Chief Minister to complete various development works in the old town at the earliest.

North-eastern Hyderabad faces growing groundwater stress amid weak monsoon

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BhaThe absence of adequate rains this monsoon season has ended up adding little to the groundwater table in the north-eastern parts of Hyderabad, with residents continuing to report worries over groundwater availability across several areas. The situation has raised concerns over the sustainability of borewells and day-to-day water access as groundwater levels did not record much rise, with markedly lesser rains this season so far. The Ground Water Department reports measuring the water table using piezometers show a marginal rise in the last one month in the 15 mandals of Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The GWD report between July and August stated that groundwater has been observed at an incremen-



tal rise of 3 metres below ground level (BGL) to 0.35 metres BGL. Kukatpally mandal stood top in groundwater rise with 3.08 metres below ground level (BGL), while Bachupally area registered the lowest rise of 0.35 metres BGL. A GWD senior official told Telangana Today that the groundwater resources remain under pressure due to massive borewell digging that creates a water crisis by draining underground aquifers faster than nature can refill them. “The rainfall reported in this monsoon in the north-eastern parts of

Hyderabad couldn’t refill the groundwater,” the official said. House owners in residential areas are allowing borewells to be drilled indiscriminately and illegally, leading to massive groundwater extraction, said the official. Residents’ Welfare Associations (RWAs) in Malkajgiri have urged the Telangana government to address a sharp rise in unauthorised borewells over recent months, saying the practice has depleted the local water table, dried up existing residential borewells and caused severe water scarcity for households.

Charminar Leaders Protest 1,000 Days of Congress Failures

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Leaders and karyakarthas of the Charminar Constituency staged a strong protest against the ruling Congress Government, alleging that it has failed to fulfil its promises during the last 1,000 days in power. The protesters particularly raised concerns over the non-implementation of the Six Guarantees and 420 commitments made to the people during the elections. They demanded that the government be held accountable for its



assurances and immediately take steps to fulfil the promises. The protest was conducted by Pusthe Srikanth, Mohammed Omer Khan, Zubeer Amoodi, Syed Mohammed Ahmed, Ravishver Amer, Gopi Goud and Vishnu Goud,

under the leadership of Ali Masqati. The protesters said people had the right to question the government and demanded action rather than assurances. “1,000 Days of Failure — Time to Answer the People,” they said.

Harish Rao sends selfie from pending KLIS canals to Revanth Reddy

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Former Minister T Harish Rao, who clicked a selfie with pending canals of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) at Reddipalli and Manthur villages in Narsapur constituency, has sent the picture to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to inform him about the negligence of the Congress in completing the leftover works of KLIS. Speaking to reporters after inspecting the canals on Thursday, Harish Rao said that the Congress government had failed to



complete a yard of KLIS works during the last three years. Stating that the BRS government completed 85 per cent of the tunnel works in the 18th and 19th packages, Rao

said that former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhhar Rao wanted to impose Singur waters and further take Godavari water to Nizam Sagar by completing these two

packages. However, the former minister said that Revanth had developed a grudge against the erstwhile Medak district and stalled the entire works. Even though Revanth participated in Zaheerabad and Sangareddy public meetings in recent months, Rao said that the Chief Minister did not utter a single word on KLIS, which reflected his ignorance of pending irrigation projects. He further said that the works of Sangameshwara and Basaveshwara Lift Irrigation Projects, through which Chandrashekhar Rao

wanted to provide irrigation water to 5 lakh acres in Sangareddy and Medak districts, remained incomplete. Referring to the proposals to increase the height of Ghanpur anicut and Haldi Project, he further exposed Congress’s negligence on irrigation projects in Medak district. Even though just 20 per cent of the lift irrigation project was pending in Dubbak when Congress came to power, Rao said Revanth failed to complete it even after repeated appeals from the local MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy.



Backward Class (BC) community students, led by BJP Rajya Sabha MP and National BC Welfare Association president R. Krishnaiah, staged a protest in Dilsukhnagar, demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement arrears amounting to Rs 8,000 crore.

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BRS protests against Congress government in Serilingampally

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BRS leaders and workers held protests and rallies across several areas of the Serilingampally constituency, alleging that the Congress government has failed to fulfil its election promises. The protests were organised under the leadership of Maraboina Ravi Yadav in areas including Serilingampally, Gopinagar, Nehru Nagar, Babu Nagar, Adarsh Nagar and Prashanti Nagar. BRS leaders alleged that several promises made during the elections, including Shaadi Mubarak, Kalyana Lakshmi and scooters for women, have not been implemented as promised. They raised



slogans demanding that the government fulfil its commitments to the people. Speaking during the protest, Ravi Yadav accused the Congress government of delaying the implementation of its promises and said the BRS would continue its fight over public issues. A large number of BRS leaders, workers and women participated in the rallies held across the constituency.

BRS Krishank Demands 6,000 Indiramma Houses on Cantonment Land

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Cantonment membership registration in-charge Manne Krishank accused the Congress government of failing to implement its welfare promises and alleged that government land was being targeted for “commissions” instead of being used for public housing. Krishank demanded the immediate construction of 6,000 Indiramma houses for poor families in the Cantonment constituency on 8 acres of government land under Survey No. 157/1. BRS leaders Parasani Shyam Kumar and K.V. Shankar Rao organised a protest in Ward 7,



where party workers displayed placards and raised slogans against the government, demanding housing for eligible beneficiaries. Krishank alleged that the Congress government had failed to fulfil its election promises despite completing nearly 1,000 days in office. He said farmers, women, youth and employees were facing serious difficulties due to the govern-

ment’s policies. He claimed growing public opposition would result in the Congress being defeated in the next elections. Krishank said the BRS would continue questioning the government and fighting until poor families received welfare benefits in full. Several Cantonment BRS leaders, including Gajjala Nagesh, Nivedita, Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy, Anita Prabhakar, Nalini Kiran, Pandu Yadav, Shyam Kumar, Lokanatham, K.B. Shankar Rao, T.N. Srinivas, Satyanarayana Goud, Madhuri, Kiran Kumar, Kumar Mudiraj and Anand, participated in the protest.

Hyderabad Ganesh immersions: Hydreaa deploys 51 teams, 394 expert swimmers



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (Hydraa) has deployed 51 disaster response force teams, 21 bike-borne teams and 394 expert swimmers for Ganesh idol immersions across Hyderabad on September 25 and 26. The arrangements cover 103 lakes in the Core Urban Region Economy (CURE) comprising the GHMC, CMC and MMC limits. Immersions are scheduled for September 25 across the three civic bodies. Hydraa Commissioner AV Ranganath reviewed the arrangements and instructed officials to keep trained swimmers on standby, prioritising devotee safety. Swimmers will be stationed at Durgam Cheruvu, IDL Cheruvu, Malkam Cheruvu, Gangaram Cheruvu, Lingam Cheruvu and Dundigal Pedda Cheruvu.

Ganesh Utsavam 2026: CMC Reviews Preparations Across Cyberabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A coordination meeting was held to review preparations for Ganesh Utsavam 2026 across Cyberabad. Cyberabad Municipal Commissioner Dr. G. Srijana, IAS, and Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Sunpreet Singh, IPS, along with



Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee members, CMC officials and representatives of various departments, participated in the meeting. Officials reviewed arrangements at 54 Ganesh immersion points across Cyberabad, focusing on traffic management, cranes, sanitation, lighting, barricading, pothole repairs, safety and emergency arrangements. The meeting stressed better coordination between departments and timely completion of arrangements to ensure smooth traffic, crowd control and safe immersion of Ganesh idols. Officials said all necessary measures would be taken to ensure safe and hassle-free Ganesh Utsavam celebrations across Cyberabad.

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