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VHP Bars Muslims From Garba, Dandiya Events Across Maharashtra

MUMBAI
The Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP) has decided to bar Muslims from taking part in 'garba' and 'dandiya' events during next month's Navratri festival across Maharashtra, and also set "guidelines" for the organisers to verify the Hindu identity of participants. These measures include checking the Aadhaar cards of attendees and applying 'tilak' on their foreheads. The Navratri festival will begin on October 11.
VHP spokesperson and joint secretary Shiraj Nair said the organisation took the decision to prevent participation of Muslim community members in garba and dandiya events.

India Rises From 'Fragile Five': PM Modi



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Sprinkling his address liberally with Gen Z-friendly phrases such as "OG", and referring to the 'Dhurandhar' Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned to Delhi University's Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) 13 years after his last speech there which gained immense traction and asserted that

that India was not only growing at 7.8 per cent but also creating employment opportunities despite wars and disruptions. This demonstrated the country's strength, Modi said, and added said that those responsible for pushing the economy into the "Fragile Five" in 2014 could not digest it. Addressing the SRCC centenary celebrations, Modi, frequently referring

to his speech of 2013 as then Gujarat Chief Minister, also said that those who once spread terror have been silenced. Today if Pakistan commits any misdeed, the Indian Army would strike back on their own soil. He said from Jammu and Kashmir to the Northeast, there is peace and Naxalism has been dismantled. Praising the SRCC's alumni, Modi

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Centre Conspired Vote Deletion in Non-BJP States: Revanth



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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of conspiring to delete votes under the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll. He alleged that non-BJP-ruled states were being targeted in an attempt to influence the outcome of future elections. He alleged that the BJP was seeking to win elections in Telangana by removing votes considered favourable to the Congress. The Chief Minister alleged that a similar strategy had been adopted in Maharashtra, Bihar and West Bengal, which BJP won recently, and claimed that the BJP was now attempting to replicate it in Telangana. Addressing Congress activists and local leaders in his home constituency Kolu-

dangal, Revanth Reddy said: "If they want to delete votes, Congress workers will not sit quietly." He urged party workers to remain vigilant and ensure that eligible voters were not removed from the electoral rolls. Revanth Reddy alleged that the BRS was supporting the BJP in its attempt to defeat the Congress. He asked Congress workers to take responsibility for protecting voters' rights and directed booth level agents (BLAs) to coordinate village-wise to ensure that eligible voters, particularly those belonging to poorer sections, were not left out of the electoral rolls. Revanth Reddy alleged that SC, ST and minority community voters were particularly vulnerable to being targeted during the revision process. He also accused the BJP of earlier using Central agencies

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Putin Orders 72-Hour Pause in Kyiv Strikes Ahead of US Envoys' Visit

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Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered a 72-hour pause in strikes on Kyiv, Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov told Russia's Tass news agency Saturday. "Putin has ordered that no strikes be carried out against Kyiv for three days, starting at midnight today," Peskov said. He said the decision was tied to preparations for U.S. envoys



Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner to visit Kyiv for peace talks. U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner arrived in Moscow on Saturday to try to revive a stalled push to end Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, Russian state news outlets reported. The

visit came as both sides escalated their aerial attacks. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said that Ukraine would halt airstrikes during the envoys' trip and urged Moscow to do the same. Washington's push to end the fighting, now in its fifth year, has lost momentum as U.S. attention has been focused for the last six months on its war with Iran.

KTR escapes unhurt after truck hits his car

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao escaped unhurt after a truck hit his car while he was heading to Karimnagar to participate in the Students and Youth conference on Saturday. Rama Rao's car was hit by a truck at Alugunuru as it was proceeding towards Karimnagar. He was in the car when the incident occurred and escaped unhurt. The car's right side rear



door was partially damaged in the incident. As there was no major damage, the BRS leaders heaved a sigh of relief and the party continued the programme as per schedule.

H-4 Work Permit Threat: Indian Techie Spouses Urged to File Renewals Early

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With the US Department of homeland security (DHS) considering a rule to end work authorisation for H-4 dependent spouses, immigration attorneys were advising current Employment Authorisation Document (EAD) holders to undertake renewals early. Immigration attorney Bhumireddy Sai Srinivas Reddy, speaking said H-4 EAD holders should not

wait for the outcome of the proposed rule before taking action, particularly as employment authorisation renewals were already facing lengthy processing times. "The USCIS approved roughly 2,28,000 initial and renewal H-4 EADs between 2023 and 2025. Research based on census data indicates that nearly 90 per cent of H-4 spouses hold a bachelor's degree, and over half hold a graduate degree. The most affected families are

Indians, waiting in the employment-based green card backlog", he said. The proposed change has not yet reached the stage of a formal rule. DHS would first have to publish the proposal, invite public comments and then issue a final rule before the policy could take effect. He said "Over the past 10 years, H-4 spouses have bought homes, started businesses, taken loans, and had children on the

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Eight engineering students killed in road accident

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Eight students of an engineering college in Tamil Nadu were killed in a road accident in central Kerala's Thrissur district, police said on Saturday. According to police, the deceased were students of an engineering college in Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, and were travelling from Guruvayur towards Kodungallur along NH-66. Police have identified six of the deceased. Four of them — Surya, Yuvasan-

jith, Vishva and Johua — were from Dindigul, while Santhosh and Prasanna were from Madurai. Police said the identities of the other two are yet to be confirmed. The accident occurred at around 11.40 pm on Friday, police said. The car, which had a Tamil Nadu registration, collided with a Maharashtra-registered lorry parked on the highway at Panambikkunnu in Kaipamangalam near here. Six students died on the spot, while two others were declared dead on arrival at a



nearby hospital, police said. The youths were pulled out of the car during a rescue operation carried out by residents, fire and rescue personnel and police. Their bodies were taken to the mortuary of Thrissur Medical College, police said.

Kaipamangalam police have registered a case against the lorry driver under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for culpable homicide. The lorry driver went into hiding soon after the accident, police said. According to the FIR, the lorry was illegally parked on the right side of the highway, and the car rammed into its rear. Police said the lorry was parked near a barricaded section where traffic had been diverted as part of ongoing construction work.

The car was travelling at high speed, and the driver apparently failed to notice the diversion barricade before hitting the rear of the lorry, police said. Police contacted the families of the deceased using the student identity cards recovered from the bodies. Some of the families were unaware that their children had travelled to Kerala, police said. Postmortem examinations will begin after the families of the deceased reach Thrissur Medical College, police said.

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Sachin Pilot Named Punjab In-Charge to Stem Feud Ahead of Polls

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The Congress on Saturday appointed Sachin Pilot as general secretary in-charge of poll-bound Punjab, replacing Bhupesh Baghel, who has been shifted to Assam. In a late evening order, the Congress also reshuffled general secretaries and in-charges of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh. The Punjab reshuffle comes at a crucial time for the Congress, which has been grappling with factionalism and differences over the state

leadership ahead of the impending Assembly elections early next year. Baghel was unable to quell the dissent in the Punjab unit. Pilot, who will take charge of Punjab with immediate effect, has his task cut out to put the house in order and ensure that the warring factions agree to a truce before the Assembly elections. In the reshuffle, the Congress has appointed Randeep Singh Surjewala as general secretary in-charge of Gujarat, where Assembly elections will be held later next year.

275 Indians remain missing after Nepal flash floods; 169 rescued: MEA

NEW DELHI
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Two hundred seventy-five Indians remained missing while 169 others were rescued following the devastating flash floods along the Nepal-Tibet border, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. The latest rescues from the Trishuli Bazaar area in Nepal's Nuwakot district since Friday include three Indian nationals: Abhijit Suresh Pawar, Dipika Abhijit Pawar, and five-year-old Samarth Abhijit Pawar, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said, adding that the Indian embassy in Kathmandu is facilitating their

return flight home. The spokesperson said 1,907 Indian nationals have safely crossed over to Nepal from China. Jaiswal also said India supplied around 95 tonnes of relief material to Nepal since the flash floods hit the country on August 26. The death toll from the floods has risen to at least 1,295 after rescue workers recovered more bodies from affected areas, according to Nepalese authorities. While emergency teams have rescued more than 12,000 people, roughly 5,000 remain missing as search and rescue operations continue. "As per our information, 275 Indian nationals re-

main missing. We continue to be in close touch with the Nepali government," Jaiswal said at his regular media briefing. "We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Nepalese authorities in this regard." Jaiswal said 169 Indian nationals have been rescued and 1,907 Indians have safely crossed into Nepal from China. "As per official sources in China, there are no Indian travellers who are stranded in the Tibetan Autonomous Region in China," Jaiswal noted. The MEA spokesperson said India will continue to help Nepal as per their requirements. "We do plan to send more foren-

sic kits, Bailey bridges and other materials that are requested by the government of Nepal," he said. Jaiswal said India has supplied around 95 tonnes of relief material on seven aircraft to Nepal till now. "In addition to the relief material, we have also sent 54 personnel to support relief and rescue efforts in Nepal. This comprises 30 tunnel rescue experts, 19 forensic experts, and a five-member medical team. Our rescue and forensic teams are deployed on the ground, and they are working closely with the Nepalese authorities," he said.

‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ not enough, Rahul Gandhi must face Telangana youth: KTR

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of deceiving unemployed youth and challenging him to visit Telangana to witness the hardships faced by students. Rama Rao accused Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of betraying youth and students by failing to fulfil their electoral promises. “Rahul Gandhi is changing colours from one State to another. You are talking about ‘Chhatron Ki Goonj’ across India. I demand you come to Telangana and listen to students’ problems. You will hear the real Goonj here,” Rama Rao said at a Students and Youth conference here on Saturday. Questioning Rahul



Gandhi over his promise to provide two lakh jobs every year in Telangana, Rama Rao alleged that Congress leaders disappeared after securing votes. “If you do not come, we will come to Delhi,” he warned. Referring to youth protests in Delhi, the BRS working president said the Centre had faced tough times. “The youth, who made even Prime Minister Narendra Modi tremble, have nothing to fear from this Revanth Reddy,” he said. Rama Rao questioned

the Congress government over the status of the job calendar, Youth Commission, unemployment allowance, youth loans, fee reimbursement and reservations for local youth in private-sector employment. “Revanth Reddy should stop making excuses and face the youth and the BRS in the Assembly with answers on every unfulfilled promise,” he demanded. He also countered the Congress’ demand for BRS president K Chandrashekhar Rao’s resignation. The Congress had

promised to implement its six guarantees within 100 days of coming to power, but 1,000 days had passed without fulfilling the assurances, he said. Similarly, the Congress had made 24 promises to youngsters under its Youth Declaration, but not a single one had been fulfilled even after 1,000 days, Rama Rao claimed. Rama Rao asked the gathering who should resign, the Chief Minister or BRS chief K Chandrashekhar Rao. “Should KCR, who achieved separate Telangana, resign?” he asked. The gathering responded that Revanth Reddy should resign. He then asked whether the Chief Minister, who had promised to fulfil the assurances within 100 days but had deceived the youth, should resign. The gathering again responded in the affirma-

tive. Rama Rao recalled that the Congress had demanded the BRS president’s resignation in 2006 as well. After he resigned from the Karimnagar Lok Sabha seat, the Congress was defeated badly, he said. “Now, Revanth Reddy is trying to lock horns with KCR. He should bear in mind that he too will meet the same fate as the Congress in 2006,” Rama Rao warned. Slamming the Congress’ demand as illogical, Rama Rao said its leaders should resign 420 times for failing to fulfil 420 promises. Referring to the Chief Minister’s decision to drop Forest Minister Konda Surekha from the Cabinet, Rama Rao said people would dethrone the Congress government in the next elections.

BJP Intensifies Fight Against Bhu Bharathi 22-A Land Restrictions

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana BJP on Saturday staged a massive Maha Dharna at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park, demanding an immediate judicial inquiry by a sitting High Court judge into alleged irregularities involving the inclusion of private, agricultural and other lands in the prohibited list under Bhu Bharathi Section 22-A. The protest was led by BJP Legislative Party Leader Alleti Maheshwar Reddy and attended by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao and several senior party leaders. Addressing the gathering, Ramchander Rao accused the Congress government of worsening the hardships faced by farmers and middle-class families through the implementation of Bhu Bharathi and Section 22-A. He alleged that nearly 50 lakh people across Telangana were unable to sell



their properties or obtain bank loans for education, marriages and other needs because their lands had been placed on the prohibited list. Rao alleged that private patta lands were being classified as government or Waqf properties and that entire survey numbers were being blocked even when disputes involved only small portions. He further alleged that corruption in removing lands from the prohibited list had increased under the present government. Criticising both the previous BRS regime and the Congress government, Rao said the BJP would continue its agitation until genuine private and

farmers’ lands were removed from the prohibited list. He described property rights as constitutional rights and accused the government of failing to provide adequate grievance-redressal mechanisms. He also alleged that the revenue administration had collapsed and claimed officials were unwilling to hear affected farmers. The protest witnessed participation from MPs Eatala Rajender, D.K. Aruna, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, Raghunandan Rao and Godam Nagesh, Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman, former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, MLAs, MLCs and other BJP leaders.

Telangana Must Assert Its Krishna Water Rights: Naveen Kumar



Telangana Rakshana Sena state leader Kamlerla Naveen Kumar has accused the State government of failing to adequately protect Telangana’s Krishna river water rights and demanded immediate action against what he described as Andhra Pradesh’s alleged diversion of the State’s share. Speaking to the media at the Telangana Rakshana Sena office in Banjara Hills on Saturday, Naveen Kumar questioned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s alleged silence over the functioning of the Krishna River Management Board (KRMB). He demanded that the government take steps to ensure Telangana receives its rightful share of Krishna waters. Naveen Kumar called for the construction of a major lift irrigation project at Jurala to enable Telangana to utilise its Krishna water allocation fully. He also demanded that the Palamuru-Rangareddy project be completed at the earliest. He alleged that KRMB decisions, including directions concerning power generation at Srisailem, were adversely affecting Telangana’s interests. He claimed Andhra Pradesh had utilised substantial quantities of water through the Pothireddy-padu Head Regulator, Nagarjuna Sagar right canal and Krishna Delta System, while Telangana’s utilisation remained comparatively low. The Telangana Rakshana Sena leader also criticised both the Congress and BRS, alleging that successive governments had failed to adequately safeguard Telangana’s Krishna water interests. He said the BRS government had earlier agreed to a reduced share for Telangana and accused the present government of continuing similar policies.

Teachers Build Future Society in Classrooms: Damodar Rajanarsimha

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Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha said teachers have a crucial responsibility in shaping the lives of students and building a strong and progressive society. Extending his greetings to the teaching fraternity on Teachers’ Day, he described teachers as the foundation of the nation’s future. The Minister paid rich tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary and recalled his inspiring journey from an eminent teacher to the President of India. He said Dr. Radhakrishnan’s life and contribution continue to inspire teachers across generations. Rajanarsimha later participated with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in the Teachers’ Day celebrations held at the Government Junior College in Kodangal. He congratulated teachers who received awards during the



programme and appreciated their dedicated service to students and the education sector. The Health Minister said teaching is a responsibility that goes beyond imparting academic knowledge. “Being a guru is no ordinary responsibility. In a teacher, children receive the care and guidance of both a mother and a father,” he said. He observed that teachers regard the achievements of their students as their own successes and play a major role in shaping the character, confidence and abilities of young people. Referring to the Indian tradition of “Matru Devo Bhava, Pitru Devo Bhava, Guru Devo Bhava,” he said respect for teachers is deeply rooted in Indian

culture. Rajanarsimha stressed that education must be supported by skills and values to bring meaningful transformation to society. Knowledge and skill development, he said, would help young people become confident, capable and responsible citizens. He highlighted the Telangana government’s efforts under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to strengthen education at all levels, including school, intermediate and higher education. With enrolment in government schools increasing, the government is focusing on infrastructure, basic facilities, teacher recruitment and better learning opportunities.

Teachers’ Knowledge Shapes Students’ Future: Jampana Pratap

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The knowledge imparted by teachers is the most powerful tool in shaping students and building the nation, former Secunderabad Cantonment Board vice-chairman Jampana Pratap said. He was speaking as the chief guest at the Guru Pujotsavam (Teacher’s Day) celebrations organised at Sri Sai Grammar School in New Bowenpally, Bapuji Nagar, on Saturday. The event was held to commemorate the birth anniversary of



former President and eminent philosopher Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Pratap paid floral tributes to Dr. Radhakrishnan and recalled the significance of Teacher’s Day, observed across India on

September 5. He said Dr. Radhakrishnan had expressed the wish that his birthday be celebrated as a day to honour teachers and their contribution to society. As part of the celebra-

tions, Pratap felicitated teachers with traditional shawls and presented them with sweet boxes as a mark of appreciation for their dedicated service. Human Foundation founder Prakash Bantia attended the programme as the special guest, while school principal Sharada Devi led the celebrations. Teachers Rajitha, Shashirekha, Farzana, Vijaya Lakshmi and Radha were among those felicitated. Local leaders and residents, including Durgaiah, Karan Singh, Srikanth and Sarath, also attended the event.

Journalists Seek Dedicated MLC Quota in Telangana

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Telangana’s journalists, who work round the clock to bring public issues, corruption and government failures to light, are seeking greater political representation and recognition. Raising the issue, Telangana Journalists Joint Action Committee founder Togari Karunakar has called for dedicated MLC representation for working journalists in the state. Karunakar said journalists serve as a crucial



bridge between society, authorities and governments, often working under difficult conditions without financial security or adequate protection for their families. Despite their contribution to public accountability and democracy, he argued, journalists have no dedicated legislative representation. He urged the

Joint Action Committee to make securing at least three MLC seats under the Governor’s quota for working journalists its primary objective. The demand has sparked discussion across Telangana’s media fraternity over whether journalists should receive formal representation in the Legislative Council. The campaign seeks to highlight the role of journalists as the “Fourth Pillar” of democracy and ensure their concerns receive a voice within the legislature.

Wangapally Mourns Former Deputy Sarpanch Merugumalla Bala Narsaiah



Wangapally village was plunged into grief following the demise of former Deputy Sarpanch Merugumalla Bala Narsaiah on Saturday, September 5. Known for his good ethics, peaceful nature and affectionate relationship with people, Bala Narsaiah had earned respect across different sections of society. As a former Deputy Sarpanch of Wangapally Gram Panchayat, Bala Narsaiah maintained close contact with the public and remained accessible to villagers. Those who knew him recalled that he listened patiently to people, maintained cordial relations with everyone and continued his association with the community even after his tenure in public office. Bala Narsaiah was known as an active and respected personality in Wangapally. His calm approach, friendly nature and ability to maintain good relations with people were among his defining qualities. Villagers and well-wishers recalled his respect for elders, affection towards younger generations and his commitment to maintaining healthy relationships with relatives, friends and the wider community. His demise has therefore left a void not only in his family but also among those who shared a long association with him.

CM Revanth Reddy Inspects Swimming Pool at Kodangal; ENC Jagadeeshwar Joins Field



KODANGAL
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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy inspected the swimming pool facility at Kodangal during his field visit, accompanied by the district Minister, senior officials, engineers and public representatives. During the inspection, officials briefed the Chief Minister on the facility and related development works. The visit provided an opportunity for senior engineering officials to interact directly with the Chief

Minister at the field level and discuss matters connected with infrastructure development. A notable presence during the programme was Tummalapally Jagadeeshwar, Engineer-in-Chief (ENC), Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, who participated in the Chief Minister’s field inspection along with other senior officials. For Jagadeeshwar, who recently took over the higher responsibility of Engineer-in-Chief (FAC), the Kodangal visit marked an important field-level engagement in

his new role. His participation alongside the Chief Minister and the district Minister highlighted the role of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department in translating development priorities into infrastructure at the grassroots level. The Chief Minister observed the swimming pool facility and interacted with officials during the inspection. Engineers and departmental officials were present at the site to provide necessary information on the works and

facilities. The visit assumes significance as field inspections by the Chief Minister enable direct assessment of public infrastructure and provide officials an opportunity to explain progress and requirements on the ground. Officials and colleagues congratulated ENC Tummalapally Jagadeeshwar on the occasion and described his participation in the Chief Minister’s field visit soon after taking up his new responsibility as a significant beginning to his tenure.

Forest Beat Officer Caught in ACB Trap

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials on Thursday caught Kachanapally 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.

Osman Al Hajri Intensifies Anti-Dengue Drive in Karwan

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The anti-dengue and anti-mosquito campaign in Karwan Assembly Constituency has been intensified, with Hitachi excavator equipment deployed to remove dense wild vegetation, weeds, bushes and accumulated garbage from the Musi River and its adjoining areas. The cleanup operation is aimed at eliminating mosquito breeding grounds, improving sanitation and reducing the risk of dengue and other mosquito-borne diseases. The campaign has been underway across Karwan for the past 20 days, covering sanitation drives, removal of stagnant water and public awareness activities. Congress leader and Karwan Assembly Constituency Incharge Osman Bin Mohammed



Al Hajri has been actively pursuing the mosquito menace with GHMC and Entomology Department officials. He has also been conducting field visits and responding to complaints received from residents about increasing mosquito activity. The campaign is being strengthened under the leadership of Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, with the guidance of TPCC President Mahesh Kumar

Goud and Hyderabad In-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar. The latest Musi River cleaning initiative is expected to benefit residents in Ziaguda, Karwan, Gudimalkapur, Tappachabutra, Langar Houz, Golconda, Nanal Nagar, Tolichowki, Nizam Colony and Ibrahim Bagh. Members of the Rajaka community working at Dhobi Ghat near Purana Pul, who had reportedly been facing severe mosquito-related

problems, expressed gratitude to Osman Al Hajri and his team following the deployment of the excavator for the cleanup. Al Hajri appealed to residents to support the campaign by maintaining cleanliness, avoiding water stagnation and immediately reporting mosquito breeding sites to the concerned authorities. Senior Congress leaders and workers, including Thumkunta Arun Kumar, Abdullah Bin Osman Al Hajri, Roop Lal, Vinod Chowgle, Darshan Kumar, Madhavi, Mohammed Bin Osman Al Hajri, Santosh Goud, Ali Bin Osman Al Hajri, Osama Bin Osman Al Hajri, Naveen Kumar and Mahesh Madire, were present during the field visit. “A clean environment and healthy citizens are essential for a dengue-free Karwan.”

Collector Directs Officials to Complete Arrangements for Jupally’s Basar Visit

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Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to complete all arrangements on a priority basis for District In-charge Minister Jupally Krishna Rao’s visit to Basar on Sunday. The Collector visited Basar on Saturday and inspected arrangements at the Sri Gnana Saraswati Temple and along the Godavari River. He reviewed preparations with officials and instructed them to ensure that every arrangement is completed according to the scheduled programme without any shortcomings. Mishra stressed the need for effective coordination among departments and directed officials to focus on parking, security, traffic management, sanitation, drinking water, electricity and



other essential facilities. He said all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that the Minister, visitors and officials face no inconvenience during the tour. During the visit, the Collector also reviewed the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process at the Bhainsa Tahsildar’s office. He directed officials to complete the issuance of notices and other related procedures within the prescribed timeframe. He instructed officials to clearly explain the SIR process to voters, ad-

dress their doubts and extend necessary assistance. The Collector also interacted with voters directly and clarified their concerns regarding the revision process. Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, Irrigation and R&B Executive Engineers Anil and Subhash, Horticulture Officer Ramana, Basara Temple EO Anjana Devi, Tahsildar Pavan Chandra, Shashi Bhushan and officials and staff from various departments participated in the inspection.

St. Peter’s High School Celebrates Teachers’ Day



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St. Peter’s High School, Boinpally, celebrated Teachers’ Day with joy and grandeur, honouring teachers and support staff for their years of dedicated service. The event highlighted the school’s commitment to values, unity and

holistic education. The celebrations featured vibrant cultural performances, including classic plays and an AI-themed drama, showcasing students’ creativity and enthusiasm. Teachers who completed significant milestones of service were felicitated for their contribution to the institution.

BRS Assures Mareedpally Polytechnic Students of Support Over GO 97

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BRS leader Manne Krishank extended his solidarity with students of Mareedpally Polytechnic College who staged a protest at Sangeet Crossroads against the implementation of Government Order 97. The protest was part of statewide demonstrations by polytechnic students opposing GO 97, which they fear could adversely affect diploma education and their academic future.



Krishank, BRS membership enrolment in-charge for the Secunderabad Cantonment constituency, joined the protesting students and interacted with them to understand their concerns. He also directly contacted BRS working president K. T.

Rama Rao (KTR) and arranged for protesting women students to speak with him over the phone. During the conversation, the students explained their objections to GO 97 and expressed concerns over its impact on diploma courses and their

future prospects. KTR assured them that the issue would be strongly raised during the upcoming Assembly sessions and promised to put pressure on the government on behalf of the students. Speaking to the media, Krishank said that scrapping the existing polytechnic system could result in students losing an academic year. He criticised what he described as an unplanned decision that could jeopardise the future of thousands of students.

Teachers Shape Tomorrow: Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Honours 13 Outstanding Educators



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

In a fitting tribute to the men and women who shape future generations, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri celebrated Teachers’ Day on Saturday by felicitating 13 outstanding teachers for their dedicated service and valuable contribution to the field of education. The programme was organised under the chairmanship of Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri President Kuchipatla Satyanarayana Reddy, while N. Shobharani, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Zilla Parishad, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, attended as the chief guest. The teachers were honoured with shawls, certificates and mementos amid applause from Rotary members and guests, turning the occasion into a memorable Guru Poojotsavam. Speakers highlighted

that a teacher’s role goes far beyond completing a syllabus or preparing students for examinations. Teachers impart knowledge, instil values and discipline, inspire confidence and help young people discover the right direction in life. The felicitation of the 13 educators was described as a gesture of gratitude towards those who have dedicated themselves to strengthening education and shaping responsible future generations. Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Chairman – Social Media, Kakatiya Region, prominently participated in the Teachers’ Day programme and joined Rotary leaders in honouring the educators. The programme emphasised the need for society to recognise and respect teachers for their contribution not only to individual students but also to the progress of communities and the nation.

Teachers’ Day : Sathya Dhulipala Presents ‘Maa Ooru Jeevana Swaram’ to Registrar

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Teachers’ Day celebrations took on a literary touch at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University (BRAOU), Hyderabad, on Saturday, as Sathya Dhulipala paid her respects to Sri L.V.K. Reddy, Registrar of the University, and presented him with a copy of “Maa Ooru Jeevana Swaram” (మా ఊరు జీవన స్వరం). The presentation was made on the occasion of Teachers’ Day, observed across the country on September 5 in



honour of eminent teacher, philosopher and former President of India Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The day celebrates the contribution of teachers in shaping students and soci-

ety. Sathya Dhulipala described the meeting as a privileged and memorable moment, saying that presenting the book on Teachers’ Day was a meaningful way of expressing respect towards the academic community and those who guide learners in their educational journey. The book “Maa Ooru Jeevana Swaram” has a special association with BRAOU’s academic community. It is a collection reflecting village life, childhood memories, rural culture, relationships and

lived experiences, created through the literary efforts of M.A. Telugu students. Its release was earlier covered by Wakeup Telangana during a programme at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University Study Centre in Secunderabad. Presenting the publication to the Registrar on Teachers’ Day symbolically brought together Guru Samman, education and Telugu literature, while highlighting the importance of preserving the voices and memories of rural life through writing.

CMRF Supports 35 Families in Cantonment: MLA Sri Ganesh

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister’s Relief Fund (CMRF) continues to provide crucial financial support to poor and middle-class families facing medical expenses, Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh said on Saturday. The MLA distributed CMRF cheques sanctioned by the Telangana government to 35 families from the Cantonment constituency at his camp office in Picket. He said the assistance was helping families manage the financial burden of treatment and assured residents



that the government would continue to stand by those facing economic difficulties. Sri Ganesh also assured that he would remain accessible to constituents and work for the resolution of their problems. Congress leaders, workers, beneficiaries and their family members attended the programme.

Teachers’ Day Celebrated at The Asian International School

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Teachers’ Day was celebrated in a grand and joyful manner at The Asian International School on Saturday, with teachers coming together to mark the occasion and honour the invaluable role of Gurus in shaping students, families and society. The celebrations reflected a warm atmosphere of unity, respect and gratitude. Teachers participated enthusiastically in the programme and exchanged Teachers’ Day greetings, making the occasion memorable.



On the occasion, teacher Chellappally Venkata Laxmi, who has also pursued additional education in MSc Psychology, conveyed heartfelt Teachers’ Day wishes to all her Gurus and teachers who have guided and inspired her throughout her educational and professional journey. She expressed the view that a teacher’s influence goes far beyond textbooks and classrooms. A Guru

helps students develop knowledge, confidence, discipline, values and the strength to face challenges in life. Her academic background in psychology further reflects the importance of understanding students not only as learners but also as individuals with different emotions, abilities and aspirations. Teachers’ Day, observed across India on September 5, commemorates the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, renowned teacher, philosopher and former President of India.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

St. Mary’s College of Pharmacy, Secunderabad, celebrated Teachers’ Day with grandeur and enthusiasm on Saturday, honouring around 31 faculty members for their dedicated contribution to education, mentoring and student development. The celebrations reflected the traditional spirit of Guru Poojotsavam, highlighting the significant role of teachers in guiding students from knowledge to wisdom and from uncertainty towards a purposeful future.



As part of the programme, 31 faculty members were felicitated with flower bouquets, shawls and mementos as a gesture of respect and gratitude for their academic services. Principal Y. Muralidhar Rao, B.Pharmacy Second Year

Class Teacher Reena Sowmya, faculty members Pradeep and Tejeswi, along with other teaching staff, were honoured during the celebrations. The programme emphasised that a teacher’s influence goes beyond

textbooks, examinations and marks. Through encouragement, discipline, guidance and personal mentorship, teachers play an important role in shaping the character and future of students. Students actively participated in organising and conducting the celebrations, turning the occasion into a heartfelt expression of gratitude towards their teachers. Pranathi, Sathvika, Rohith, Sudeep, Sai Krishna, Sneha, Nissi and Namita played an active role in making the event memorable. Their participation strengthened the bond between faculty and students

and added enthusiasm to the Guru Poojotsavam celebrations. Speaking on the occasion, Pranathi Thalka extended her heartfelt Pranaam to the teaching fraternity and highlighted the wider meaning of a Guru. She said that everyone who teaches something valuable in a person’s journey can be regarded as a Guru, guiding individuals from the unknown to the known, from darkness to light and from doubt to direction. The celebrations concluded on a joyful and respectful note, reaffirming the timeless bond between teachers and students.

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".

Saharanpur Mosque Demolition Local MP Says Denied Time to Move HC

SHAMIL Wakeup telangana

Samajwadi Party Lok Sabha MP Iqra Hasan on Saturday condemned the demolition of the mosque at the Saharanpur District Magistrate's office complex, saying that "if all decisions are to be made solely at the government's whim, then there is no need for law and order or the judicial system at all." Reacting to the demolition after a court upheld the administration's order, Hasan alleged that authorities did not provide sufficient time for those opposing the action to approach the High Court and said several prominent figures were placed under house arrest." After the order came from the civil court—our lower court—the entire mosque was sealed. Barricading was set up all around. And when everyone wanted us to speak with the authorities so that some time could be granted—people



wanted to approach the High Court—because that time was not granted, we were placed under house arrest here," Hasan told ANI. She alleged that prominent and responsible figures from Saharanpur district were also placed under house arrest before the demolition was carried out early in the morning."This is an extremely shameful incident. It is such a grave sin that they will surely face retribution for it; there will be no forgiveness. We will take this matter to court—that is our right," she said. Ques-

tioning the manner in which the demolition was conducted, the Kairana MP said it raised concerns over democracy, constitutional safeguards and the rule of law."But the manner in which they executed this action clearly demonstrates how democracy has been murdered, and how our Constitution and the rule of law are being completely undermined in this country and in this state," Hasan said.She criticised what she described as the use of "quick justice" and questioned the need for courts if government decisions

were to be implemented without allowing sufficient legal recourse."Quick justice' is being adopted across the board. If this is how things are to be run, then you might as well lock up the courts. If all decisions are to be made solely at the government's whim, then there is no need for law and order or the judicial system at all," she said.Hasan further alleged that the demolition was politically motivated and aimed at hurting a particular community."What has happened is utterly condemnable. But since this is tied to a specific community and intended to hurt them, this government has stooped to such depths merely to serve its own political agenda," she said.She claimed that the mosque was constructed before 1947 and argued that the Places of Worship Act and provisions relating to "Waqf by User" applied to it.

2013 Bastar Attack: NIA Court Convicts All 10 Accused After 13 Yrs

RAIPUR Wakeup telangana

Exactly 13 years and three months after a deadly Maoist ambush wiped out the top leadership of Chhattisgarh unit of Congress, a special National Investigation Agency (NIA) court on Saturday convicted all the 10 accused, including two women, in the case. Special judge of the NIA court in Jagdalpur, headquarters of Bastar in Chhattisgarh, Ajey Singh Rajput, pronounced his verdict in the case convicting all the ten accused, defence lawyer Arvind Choudhary said. The court has reserved the order on quantum of punishment for September 16, he said. He indicated that the verdict will be challenged in the high court. The nine-year-long trial in the case saw deposition of 101 witnesses and production of necessary documents by the prosecution.

Those convicted in the case are Pramila Modiyam alias Jyoti, Banjami alias Sanna, Ayata Markam alias Ayata Madkam, Madkami Deva, Kawasi Kosa, Chaitu alias Munna, Sumitra Punem Modiyam, Mukka Mandavi, Kosa Kawasi, and Mahadev Nag. One of the 11 accused, arrested in the case, died during the trial period, he added. Kin of a convicted accused however claimed that the latter was falsely implicated in the case as he was not present at the crime spot. Those who were involved in the incident are roaming free after their surrender, while innocents were falsely implicated in the case, Guddu Kawasi, brother of convicted accused Kosa Kavasi said. He claimed that his brother was busy in preparations for a wedding function in the family when the attack took place. Former chief min-

ister and senior Congress leader Bhupesh Baghel said that he respects the court verdict but the NIA investigation did not cover some big Maoist leaders involved in the incident. Mr. Baghel said that a special investigation team (SIT) was constituted to probe the conspiracy angle in the incident when he was chief minister. But his government was out of power before the SIT could make progress in the investigation, he added. Around 150-armed Maoists had ambushed a convoy of Congress leaders on the national highway at Jiram Valley in Bastar district on May 25, 2013 when the latter were returning from Sukma in south Bastar after holding the 'Parivartan Rally', a pre-poll campaign ahead of the November 2013 assembly elections in the state.

Africa Gets Bigger, North America And Europe Shrink On Maps

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

India was among 164 countries that on Friday voted in favour of a United Nations resolution encouraging the wider use of 'Equal Earth' map projections that more accurately represent the relative sizes of continents, particularly Africa, against the 16th century 'Mercator' maps. The Equal Earth map makes Africa appear bigger while shrinking North America and Europe. Because of the science on which it is based, current 'Mercator; maps show Greenland at thrice the size of Africa The resolution, sponsored by Togo, received 164 votes in favour, with the US voting against and Estonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine abstaining. The United States dismissed the initiative as part of a "radical ideological project". The resolution, titled "Correct the map: rebalancing global cartographic representation

and promoting equitable representation of the world's regions, particularly Africa", was the culmination of an African-led campaign against the 16th-century projection, drawn up by Flemish cartographer Gerardus Mercator in 1569, still one of the most widely used map projections in the world. "Maps shape our understanding of the world. They guide education, nourish the imagination, and influence collective perceptions... A fair map does not change the geography of the world; it changes how we see the world," Togo's foreign minister Robert Dussey said before the vote. The Mercator projection focused on accurate depictions of the shapes and angles of land masses, but their relative sizes were often inaccurate — in part due to the challenge of rendering a three-dimensional globe onto a two-dimensional map. It inflated northern regions and compressed equatorial ones, making

Europe and North America appear much larger, while shrinking Africa and South America. A group of cartographers launched the Equal Earth projection in 2018. It makes Africa, Latin America, South Asia and Oceania appear much larger. "Equal Earth preserves the relative surface areas of continents and, as much as possible, shows their shapes as they appear on a globe," one of the cartographers, Bojan Savric, said previously, according to AFP. The resolution does not ban the Mercator projection or impose a replacement. Instead, it encourages governments, schools, international organisations and technology companies to consider using the Equal Earth projection and other so-called equal-area maps when relative landmass size matters. It also encourages teaching the limitations of any flat map in representing a spherical planet.

UNGA Declares Nov 27 as Day to Eliminate Child Marriage; India Backs Resolution

The United Nations General Assembly on Friday unanimously approved a proposal to mark November 27 as the International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early, and Forced Marriage, India backed the resolution was brought forward by Sierra Leone and co-sponsored by at least 66 other countries including Cabo Verde, Morocco, Costa Rica, Namibia, Rwanda, Sudan, and Afghanistan. The resolution adopted at the conclusion of the 18th session of the General Assembly, calls for governments, UN organizations, civil society groups, and other parties to observe the day through public awareness campaigns, advocacy, and education efforts. It also encourages nations to implement holistic and multi-sectoral national strategies to abolish early marriage. November 27 is also marked in India as 'Bal Vivah Mukti Diwas', a campaign that was launched in 2024.

45-Days-Old Baby Found Alive During Nepal Flood Rescue

NEPAL Wakeup telangana

The Nepali Army has deployed extensive rescue and relief operations from Rasuwa-Dhungre camp following the devastating flash floods triggered by the Bhote Koshi surge from Tibet in late August 2026. In Rasuwa, One-and-a-half-month-old baby was rescued seven days after flash flood in the flood-affected area and brought to Rasuwa Dhangre camp. Rescuers found the infant on September 1 and took the baby to the Rasuwa Dhangre relief camp. The

army has also started taking relief materials to the settlements affected by the flood in Rasuwa. Also people are being airlifted. A viral video circulating from Nepal shows the emotional rescue of a baby girl, who was found alive after being trapped beneath flood debris. Rescue teams continue their efforts in the flood-affected areas. Amid widespread destruction of villages and civil life, the baby's safe rescue has brought a rare moment of relief and hope, while a video of rescuers carrying the infant has gone viral on social media.



7-Yr-Old Boy Dies During Dahi Handi Celebration

MUMBAI Wakeup telangana

At least one child died and over 100 were injured during Dahi Handi celebrations across Mumbai and neighbouring areas on Saturday, as thousands of Govindas took part in festivities marked by colourful processions, music and towering human pyramids. A seven-year-old boy died after a brick column of a ground-floor structure collapsed on him during a Dahi Handi cele-

bration in Malad on Saturday afternoon. The incident was reported at around 3.01 pm at Ekta Welfare Society, Room No. 23, Chikuwadi, Malvani, on Marve Road in Malad West. According to preliminary information from the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), a group of children had organised a Dahi Handi celebration on their own. The rope holding the handi had been tied between a tree and a brick

column supporting a ground-floor structure. While the children were attempting to break the handi, the column collapsed and fell on the boy. The child suffered a serious head injury and was immediately rushed to Malvani General Hospital, where he was undergoing treatment. In a separate Dahi Handi-related incident in Pune, a woman was crushed to death after a temporary iron structure erected to support a stack of loud-

speakers collapsed on her on Friday night, officials said. The deceased was identified as Salma Sallaudin Pathan, a resident of Old Sangavi in Pimpri Chinchwad. Police said workers were dismantling the iron frame after a Dahi Handi event organised by the Vighnaharta Mandal had concluded when a heavy portion of the structure fell on Pathan. She suffered a serious head injury and was rushed to a hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

FROM FRONT PAGE

India Rises From.....

Praising the SRCC's alumni, Modi said: "If I put it in your language, the alumni here are the OGs." He also said: "Dhurandhar na ho lekin dhoom machai hei (They may not be the stalwarts, but they have made a splash)". Recalling that the country was struggling on every front in 2013, Modi said corruption, terrorism and inflation were unchecked, but India was now far more secure economically and socially. However, some people's frustration was increasing after seeing this, he said. "For such people, I had given a homoeopathy dose from the Red Fort (during Independence Day address)... 'dimagi Naxal'. "When I said 'dimagi Naxal', all such people came to the forefront and started

criticising me. People who were promoting dimagi Naxalism, their true colour can be witnessed by the people," he said. The Prime Minister said the world was at that time worried about India's policy paralysis before the 2014 polls, but today was talking about India's policy dynamism. Modi said that in other words, India is not only growing, but also creating employment opportunities. "They once called us the 'Fragile Five'. Today, they are talking about India as the fastest-growing major economy," he said. "In 2013, when I came to SRCC, I presented a vision. Whatever I said back then was my conviction... I gave the example of a glass filled with water. Some people see the glass as half full... It was a time when the coun-

try was lacking hope. So I said, 'I see the glass as fully filled,' he said. "Those who saw the glass as half empty in 2013, when I had visited the SRCC, still chose to see it the same way today. Centre Conspired..... He also accused the BJP of earlier using Central agencies such as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) against political opponents and alleged that minor errors in electoral records were now being used as a pretext to remove votes of poor people. The Chief Minister said mandal-level party leaders must ensure that no eligible vote was deleted at any booth and called upon Congress workers to remain alert throughout

the revision process. He stressed that the party machinery should closely monitor the exercise and assist voters facing difficulties in establishing their eligibility. Revanth Reddy's remarks came amid the ongoing SIR exercise in Telangana. The draft electoral rolls have already flagged 73.39 lakh electors under the absent, shifted, dead and duplicate (ASDD) categories. A large number of other voters have also been flagged for various anomalies or lack of linkage with earlier electoral rolls. Revanth Reddy has repeatedly raised concerns over the revision exercise and urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide additional time for voters to file claims and objections. In a recent communication to the ECI, he

sought an extension of the deadline by four weeks and requested the setting up of helpdesks and deployment of additional manpower to assist electors, particularly in areas with a large electoral population. H-4 Work Permit..... A 2019 survey found nearly seven in eight H-4 EAD families had made at least one major life decision based on the permit." The issue is particularly significant for Indian families, many of whom have spent years waiting for green cards. H-4 spouses have also built careers, taken up professional jobs and made major financial decisions based on the ability to work. If DHS finalises the proposal, a legal challenge is widely expected. Courts could examine whether the

department has adequately explained its decision to reverse a policy that has been in place since 2015 and whether it has properly considered the reliance of families and employers on H-4 work authorisation. Srinivas Reddy said that the most likely sequence was that after the proposed rule was published, the public comment period ended and the final rule issued, it would be challenged in court with a request to pause enforcement. He said that each stage would take months, and the reasoning provided by DHS in the proposed rule and the comments submitted in response to the proposal will form the record a court reviews. "H-4 EAD holders should plan on the assumption that court relief, if it comes.

CRIME

HC Calls 72 Fixed Deposits “Unconscionable”, Orders Four FDs for Compensation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has modified an order of the Railway Claims Tribunal directing that Rs 7.2 lakh awarded as compensation to a claimant be kept in 72 separate fixed deposits, describing the arrangement as “unconscionable” and unwarranted.

Justice B. Vijayesen Reddy partly allowed a writ petition filed by the claimant and directed that the Rs 7.2 lakh instead be deposited in four fixed deposits of Rs 1.8 lakh each, with cumulative interest.

The petitioner had approached the High Court challenging a condition imposed by the Secunderabad Bench of the Railway Claims Tribunal in its compensation award dated March 13. The tribunal had awarded Rs 8 lakh, along with interest at



nine per cent per annum from the date of the accident until the date of deposit.

Under paragraph 27(i) of the tribunal’s award, Rs 80,000 along with accrued interest was ordered to be released to the petitioner through the Electronic Clearing System (ECS). The tribunal directed that the remaining Rs 7.2 lakh be divided into 72 fixed deposits of Rs 10,000 each, with deposit periods ranging from one month to 72 months.

The claimant challenged the arrangement, contend-

ing that requiring the compensation to be divided into 72 separate deposits was unreasonable and placed unnecessary restrictions on access to the awarded amount. Her counsel also sought permission for her to approach the tribunal for release of a lump-sum amount, particularly to meet expenses related to her daughter’s education.

The petitioner argued that the compensation was intended to provide financial support and that the unusually large number of fixed deposits could cause practical difficulties in accessing the money when required.

Appearing for the respondents, Deputy Solicitor General of India N. Bhujanga Rao questioned the maintainability of the writ petition. He submitted that if the claimant required money immediately for her daughter’s education or any other legitimate purpose, she could file an appropriate application before the tribunal.

The High Court, however, found the arrangement of creating 72 separate fixed deposits to be excessive and modified the tribunal’s direction. Instead of 72 deposits of Rs 10,000 each, the court ordered four deposits of Rs 1.8 lakh each, providing a more practical structure while retaining the compensation in fixed deposits with cumulative interest.

Three Dairies Lose Licences Over Unhygienic Paneer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE) has suspended the food safety licences of three dairy units and ordered them to stop operations after inspections found unhygienic conditions and suspected use of unauthorised ingredients in paneer manufacturing. The action followed a special drive by 12 enforcement teams comprising Food Safety Officers, police personnel

and H-FAST officials. The teams inspected 14 dairy manufacturing and retail units in Hyderabad’s Core Urban Region and adjoining districts. Officials found loose palm oil and glycerol monostearate in some units preparing paneer as an analogue product. They also reported pest infestation, poor hygiene and sanitation, and lack of milk procurement records needed to trace the source of milk.

TG SAFE lifted 21 samples on suspicion of adulteration. Food articles

worth ₹7.19 lakh were seized, including around one tonne of palm oil, 476 kg of glycerol monostearate, 1,760 packs of cooking cream and 150 kg of skimmed milk powder. The licences of Laxmi Foods at Gaganpahad, Dhana Lakshmi Dairy Products at Maillardepally and Natraj Milk and Milk Food Products at Alwal were suspended, with instructions to stop business operations immediately in the interest of public health.

Drunk man dies after touching transformer in Madhapur

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

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

Cyberabad Police seek driving licence cancellation of Anand Sai’s son in hit-and-run case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Police have moved to suspend the driving licence of B Shiva Sandeep Sai Anand (23), son of art director and TTD board member Anand Sai, in connection with the fatal road accident reported near Khajaguda.

Madhapur ACP Sridhar has reportedly written to the Regional Transport Authority (RTA), recommending cancellation of Sandeep’s driving licence as the investigation into the crash continues. The accident

occurred on August 31 morning, on the road connecting the Nanakramguda ORR Rotary and Khajaguda.

Police said one Nanda Kishor Kumar Ray, a Bihar native working as a helper at a hotel in Raidurgam, was crossing the road when he was struck by a vehicle. According to the police, Zaid Shah Qadri (21), a student who was driving an Innova Crysta, stopped after the initial collision and attempted to help Ray. Another person, Syed Amer Hussain, also stopped to assist.

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.

Woman Arrested in Zaheerabad House Theft Case

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Zaheerabad Town Police solved a house theft case within a day by arresting a woman accused of breaking into a residence and recovering the entire stolen property.

The theft occurred on September 3 at Ahmed Nagar in Zaheerabad Town when complainant Shakeel Pasha, 30, a private teacher, had left his house unattended. Taking advantage of his absence, the accused allegedly broke open the main door



lock using a rod and screwdriver and entered the house.

She reportedly forced open a cupboard and stole a 2-masha black-bead necklace, 20 tolas of silver chains and two silver anklets before leaving the premises.

Following a complaint, Zaheerabad Town Police registered a case under Crime No. 380/2026 under Sections 331(3) and 305 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and launched an investigation. As part of the probe, Sub-Inspector Lava Kumar,

along with the ID Party and other police personnel, traced and apprehended the accused, identified as Jayashri, wife of late Kanwar, on September 4.

Police said Jayashri works as a coolie and is a resident of Shedem Road, Bharat Thanda, in Kalaburagi district of Karnataka. The police recovered the complete stolen property from her possession and produced her before the court. She was subsequently remanded to judicial custody.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

lated reshuffle; it’s part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

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

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

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a

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



Large Corporates Managed Geopolitical Shocks In Q1 As MSMEs Continue To Suffer

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Large corporates in India have largely managed geopolitical shocks during the first quarter of FY27, supported by healthy balance sheets, strategic capacity utilisation and a growing shift towards premiumisation and specialised products, according to India Ratings (Ind-Ra). However, the rating agency has flagged concerns over the credit health of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), uneven consumption and uncertain demand conditions. Abhishek Bhattacharya, Head of Large Corporate Ratings at Ind-Ra, said most large companies had navigated recent geopolitical disruptions relatively

well. Companies have increasingly adopted tactical measures such as flexible capacity utilisation, premiumisation and specialisation to protect profitability and manage demand-related risks. Capex activity is also showing signs of a gradual recovery. Export-oriented large corporates in sectors such as chemicals and textiles have responded to tariff-related pressures and the impact of wars by diversifying markets and adopting modular capex strategies. These measures have helped companies improve capacity utilisation while limiting exposure to external shocks. Consumer-facing companies, meanwhile, are increasingly relying on premium products to offset potential



demand slowdowns. Premiumisation has emerged as an important growth driver across automobiles, residential real estate, consumer durables, retail and healthcare. Infrastructure-focused companies are also turning towards specialised projects to counter sluggish tendering activity. Large corporates recorded relatively healthy financial performance in Q1 FY27, partly supported by inventory gains and selective price increases. Ind-Ra has consequently revised its outlook for the textile

sector to neutral from deteriorating, while retaining a neutral outlook for chemicals. Despite these positive developments, risks remain for the second half of FY27. Elevated input and freight costs could put pressure on margins, particularly if demand remains subdued. In infrastructure-linked sectors, including engineering and construction, intense competition and weak tendering activity continue to weigh on pricing power and profitability. The situation is more challenging for MSMEs. Businesses at the lower end of the corporate spectrum, particularly in auto components, real estate and consumer durables, continue to face finan-

cial pressure. The widening gap between large corporates and MSMEs is emerging as a key concern. Ind-Ra expects certain pockets of the chemicals, fertilisers and construction materials sectors to experience stress. Government support for MSMEs and policy measures aimed at strengthening broad-based consumption will therefore be crucial during the second half of FY27. Overall, while large corporates appear resilient amid global uncertainties, MSMEs remain vulnerable to weak credit conditions, uneven consumption and unpredictable demand, making targeted policy support an important monitorable for the remainder of the financial year.

RBI approves LIC’s plan to acquire up to 9.99% stake in ICICI Bank

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved state-owned insurer Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to acquire an aggregate holding of up to 9.99 per cent of the paid-up share capital or voting rights in ICICI Bank, the private lender said in a regulatory filing on Saturday. ICICI Bank said it received a copy of the RBI’s approval letter — dated September 4 — at 9:09 pm on the same day. The approval allows LIC to acquire the stake within one year from the date of the RBI approval letter, failing which the approval will stand cancelled. However, the approval is subject to certain conditions, in-



cluding compliance with applicable statutory and regulatory provisions, the bank said. Moreover, the central bank’s nod does not mean LIC has immediately increased its holding in ICICI Bank to 9.99 per cent. Any acquisition will have to be undertaken in accordance with the conditions laid down by the central bank and other applicable regulatory norms, according to the private bank. In a separate development last month, RBI had approved LIC’s application to acquire up to 9.99 per cent of HDFC

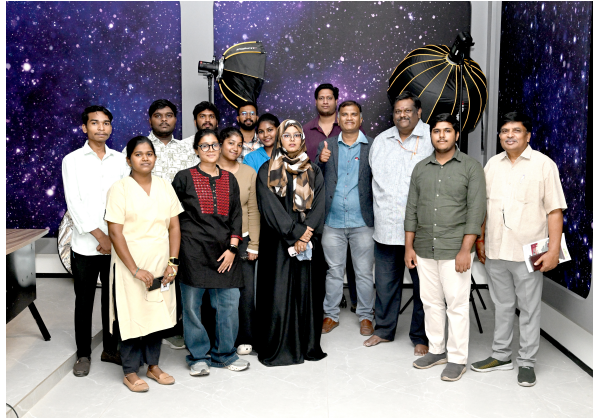
Bank’s paid-up share capital or voting rights. HDFC Bank had said LIC held 4.11 per cent of its total share capital as of August 14. The approval for ICICI Bank gives LIC flexibility to increase its holding in the private sector lender, subject to applicable regulatory and statutory requirements. Shares of LIC on Friday ended at Rs 415.25, a decrease of more than one per cent on the BSE. The stock has touched a 52-week high of Rs 468.30 and a 52-week low of Rs 361, according to the exchange. While ICICI Bank shares closed at Rs 1,423, down 0.14 per cent on the aforesaid exchange. The stock recorded a 52-week high of Rs 1,479.90 and a 52-week low of Rs 1,187.55.

Photography Workshop Draws Students at Malla Reddy University

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The School of Media, Design & Technology at Malla Reddy Vishwa Vidhyapeeth conducted a hands-on Photography Workshop on Saturday, receiving an enthusiastic response from students and industry professionals. Around 25 students participated in the workshop, which focused on practical photography techniques and professional studio practices. The programme provided

participants with an opportunity to move beyond classroom theory and gain first-hand experience with cameras, lighting and studio equipment. A major focus of the workshop was professional studio photography, particularly the use of lighting to create effective portraits. Students were introduced to one-light portrait photography, different lighting techniques and their applications, various types of portrait photography and the use of studio



equipment. The sessions also examined the important relationship between light, shadow and exposure. Participants learned how

these elements can influence the mood, depth and overall visual impact of an image. The hands-on format allowed students to ob-

serve and experiment with lighting setups, equipment and composition. Instead of relying solely on theoretical explanations, the workshop encouraged participants to understand photography through practical demonstrations and direct experimentation. The involvement of industry professionals further strengthened the learning experience. Their interaction gave students valuable insights into real-world studio practices and the creative decisions professional

photographers make while working on assignments. Participants also had the opportunity to ask questions and explore the technical and creative aspects of photography, including lighting direction, exposure, composition and equipment selection. The workshop reflected the School of Media, Design & Technology’s focus on practical learning, industry exposure and skill development in creative and media-related fields.

Madhavanji Colleges Celebrate Teachers’ Day with Grandeur



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Teachers’ Day was celebrated with enthusiasm at all colleges of Madhavanji Integrated Health City in Mohabbatnagar village of Maheshwaram mandal on Saturday. Students and faculty of the Nursing, Physiotherapy and B.Ed colleges participated actively in the celebrations. At Madhavanji College of Nursing, the services of former President and eminent educationist Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan were remembered. Floral tributes were paid to his portrait. Coordinator Amarnath, Principals Swathi and Shwetha highlighted the

important role of teachers in shaping students’ futures and nurturing discipline, service-mindedness and human values. Nursing students felicitated the principals, coordinator and lecturers with shawls and garlands as a mark of gratitude. Similar celebrations were held at Madhavanji College of Physiotherapy. Director Pasunuri Hari Prasad, Coordinator C.H. Amarnath, Vice-Principal Manojnya, Professor Dr. Raghunath Reddy and Dr. P.C. Hanumantha Rao addressed the gathering. Students felicitated the faculty and expressed their gratitude for their guidance and dedication.

Mahavir Hospital Wins Gold for Sustainable Healthcare Campaign



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Mahavir Hospital & Research Centre has won a Gold award at the e4m Indian Marketing Awards South 2026 in the Sustainable Marketing for Healthcare category for its innovative ‘Mindful Morning’ campaign. The award recognises the hospital’s efforts to promote environmental responsibility through a simple everyday habit—switching from plastic toothbrushes to eco-friendly bamboo alternatives. Rekha Oswal, Senior Vice President and Trustee Member of Mahavir Hospital, received the award on behalf of the organisation. Launched around World Environment Day last year, the ‘Mindful Morning’ initiative sought to demonstrate how small personal choices can contribute to a more sustain-

able environment. The campaign highlighted the environmental concerns associated with the disposal of billions of plastic toothbrushes globally each year. The Dental Department at Mahavir Hospital, Masab Tank, distributed bamboo toothbrushes and awareness leaflets among patients, visitors and staff. The initiative aimed to turn environmental awareness into an immediate and practical action. Conceptualised and executed in collaboration with Tempest Advertising, the campaign combined a simple insight with purposeful communication. The recognition underscores Mahavir Hospital’s broader commitment to responsible healthcare, extending its focus beyond patient care to community well-being and environmental sustainability.

Students Step Into Teachers’ Roles on Teachers’ Day

Students Become Teachers for a Day, Celebrating Knowledge, Respect and Learning

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Teachers’ Day celebrations across schools, madrasas, colleges and universities took on a meaningful dimension as students stepped into the roles of their teachers, showcasing lessons in knowledge, confidence, discipline and responsibility. Maulana Mufti Dr. Hafiz Mohammad Sabir Pasha Qadri, Khatib and Imam of the Telangana State Haj House Mosque, Nampally, Hyderabad, appreciated the students’ presentations and said the activity offered a glimpse of the teachers, researchers, scientists, writers and responsible citizens of tomorrow. Students portrayed teachers of Urdu, Arabic, Telugu, English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies with enthusiasm and confidence. The presentations highlighted the importance of different fields of learning while giving students an opportunity to



understand the responsibilities carried by educators. Maulana Sabir Pasha Qadri said taking the teacher’s role was more than a symbolic performance. It helped students experience the responsibility of guiding others, communicating knowledge, encouraging curiosity and shaping young minds. He said the activity demonstrated that education extends beyond textbooks and examinations, contributing to personality development, communication skills and self-confidence. He noted that the portrayal of Urdu teachers reflected the richness of language and literature,

while Arabic represented intellectual and cultural heritage. Telugu highlighted the importance of the mother tongue and English the value of connecting with the wider world. Mathematics promoted logical and systematic thinking, Science encouraged research and inquiry, and Social Studies strengthened awareness of society, history and civic responsibilities. Addressing teachers, Maulana said students are a reflection of their educators’ efforts. Confidence, discipline, courtesy, knowledge and good conduct among students are important indicators of effective

teaching. He urged teachers to continue nurturing these qualities among the younger generation. He also advised students to honour their teachers not merely through celebrations but by adopting their best qualities, developing good character, pursuing knowledge and working towards a bright future that would make their teachers proud. Maulana congratulated the students, teachers, women teachers and managements of educational institutions for organising the Teachers’ Day activities. He particularly appreciated students who portrayed educators from various disciplines. He said such initiatives encourage youngsters to respect teachers, appreciate diverse fields of knowledge and express their abilities with confidence. These values, he added, are essential for developing an aware, responsible and morally upright generation capable of contributing positively to society and the nation.

Women Empowered Through Free Tailoring Training



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Empowering women with skills and creating opportunities for self-employment, the Avani Vatsalyam Trust successfully completed a free tailoring training programme conducted in Safilguda. Certificates were distributed to the women who successfully completed the training at a programme held on Saturday. Avani Vatsalyam Trust founder-president Raghu

Sharma presented the certificates to the trainees and appreciated their efforts in acquiring a practical skill. Speaking on the occasion, Raghu Sharma said tailoring training could play an important role in helping women become financially independent and stand on their own feet. He said the skills acquired through the programme would enable women to pursue self-employment and improve their economic prospects.

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

Cast: Sumanth Prabhas, 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 Prabhas 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 Prabhas 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.

CAG Survive Punjab & Sind Bank Scare; PSB Held to 4-4 Draw



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Last year's runners-up Comptroller & Auditor General of India (CAG) survived a major scare from Punjab & Sind Bank, edging them 5-4, while defending champions Petroleum Sports Promotion Board (PSPB) were held to a thrilling 4-4 draw by Punjab National Bank (PNB) on the second day of the 6th Hockey India Senior Men Inter-Department National Championship at the Gachibowli Hockey Stadium here on Saturday. Punjab & Sind Bank started strongly and dominated proceedings early, taking a 2-0 lead through Gautampal Singh (10th minute) and Yuvraj Singh (14th). CAG responded

through Trishul Ganapathi H (27th) and Deepak (32nd) before Parmod put them ahead in the 43rd minute. Manjeet then struck twice in the 46th and 57th minutes to strengthen CAG's position. Punjab & Sind Bank fought back through Prabhdeep Singh (55th) and Sukhwinder Singh (60th), but CAG held on for a narrow victory. PSPB and PNB produced an equally competitive contest. Sudeep Chirmako gave PSPB an early lead in the second minute, followed by Dipsan Tirkey in the 14th. Diblar Barla added another in the 30th minute. PNB, however, staged a strong comeback through Sachin Sachin (35th), Gursimran Singh (42nd) and Panchal Prikshit (55th). Talwinder

Singh restored PSPB's lead in the 51st minute, but Mahipal's 60th-minute strike earned PNB a well-deserved draw. Sports Authority of India defeated Central Reserve Police Force 5-0, while Railway Sports Promotion Board registered the biggest win of the day, thrashing Tamil Nadu Police 12-1. Central Board of Direct Taxes beat Services Sports Control Board 5-2, and Central Secretariat defeated Sashastra Seema Bal 5-1. All India Police Sports Control Board blanked Steel Plant Sports Board 4-0, while Food Corporation of India defeated Central Industrial Security Force 4-0.

Sabalenka Interrupts US Open Match Over Cannabis Smell

NEW YORK
Wakeup telangana

World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka experienced an unusual interruption during her US Open third-round match on Friday after a strong smell of cannabis drifted onto the Louis Armstrong Stadium court. Sabalenka, the tournament's top seed, was facing Uzbekistan's Kamilla Rakhimova when she paused play during her second service game to alert chair umpire Eva Asderaki-Moore. Sabalenka had made a quick start, moving 3-0 ahead, when she noticed the strong odour. "Someone is smoking weed," Sabalenka told the umpire while serving at 30-0. She then asked whether officials could address the issue, saying the smell was particularly strong. Play subsequently resumed, and Sabalenka maintained her focus to defeat Rak-



himova in straight sets and advance to the fourth round. Speaking to reporters after the match, Sabalenka said she was not opposed to people enjoying themselves but urged spectators to avoid smoking near the tennis courts. "I was like, Guys, you can do whatever, you can smoke whatever, you can relax as much as you can, but please do not do it around the tennis courts," Sabalenka said with a

smile. She explained that the smell could make it difficult for players to concentrate while competing at the highest level. Sabalenka said she had noticed the smell of cannabis during the tournament before, but Friday's incident was particularly strong. She suggested that windy conditions may have carried the odour into the stadium from outside the venue or from the surrounding

crowd. The presence of cannabis smoke has previously been reported as an unwelcome distraction at the US Open. Although smoking is prohibited inside the tournament grounds, recreational cannabis use is legal for adults aged 21 and over in New York. Smoke from areas around Flushing Meadows-Corona Park can occasionally drift toward the tennis complex. World No. 3 Jes-

sica Pegula, who was playing at nearby Arthur Ashe Stadium at the same time, also acknowledged the issue. Pegula said the chaotic atmosphere was part of New York's character but argued that factors outside the match should not interfere with players' performances. She also addressed concerns surrounding influencers and content creators at major tennis events, saying spectators should understand basic tennis etiquette. On the cannabis issue, Pegula was more direct: "You probably just shouldn't do that. I feel like that should be a known thing." The incident has once again highlighted the challenges players face in maintaining concentration amid the increasingly lively atmosphere surrounding the US Open.

TCS to Build India's Largest Data Centre in Hyderabad by 2028

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana will host the country's largest AI data centre campus, with TCS subsidiary HyperVault and its partners investing up to ₹70,000 crore in a one gigawatt (1,000 megawatt) facility spread over more than 250 acres in Future City. This is the largest single investment in the state's AI and data-centre infrastructure sector. The project is expected to create around 7,000 direct and indirect jobs and is planned to be inaugurated on June 2, 2028, on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced the mega investment after a meeting with senior representatives of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) and HyperVault here on



Saturday, during which the government and the company signed a memorandum of understanding for developing the campus. Setting a firm deadline, Revanth Reddy said the government wanted the country's largest AI data centre to be inaugurated exactly 21 months from Saturday, on June 2, 2028, Telangana Formation Day. "This is a historic project not just for Telangana but for India," the Chief Minister said,

describing the announcement as one of the biggest investments in artificial intelligence (AI) and Future City. He said Hyderabad was now at the forefront of the global AI revolution and that access to AI models and computing capacity was rapidly becoming a form of public infrastructure. Having such computing capacity located in Telangana, he said, would provide the state with a significant strategic advantage.

The Chief Minister also highlighted the 50-km Radial Road-1, connecting the Outer Ring Road with Future City through Kongarakalan, saying it would be among the best roads in India and could potentially serve as an emergency runway. He said the road had been dedicated to Bharat Ratna Ratan Tata, recalling his announcement at the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2025 that a major road would be dedicated to an organisation investing ₹1 lakh crore in Telangana. TCS CEO K. Krithivasan, COO Aarthi Subramanian, HyperVault president V. Rajanna and HyperVault CEO and managing director Deepesh Nanda participated in the meeting. OpenAI chief technology officer Uday Rudraraju joined through videoconference

from the United States. IT and industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu, ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Adhuri Laxman Kumar, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju and government adviser K. Ramakrishna Rao were among those present. Recalling his meeting with Tata Sons Chairman N. Chandrasekaran at the World Economic Forum in Davos in January, Revanth Reddy said he had asked Chandrasekaran to bring "big news" for Telangana in terms of investment. "He smiled and accepted. He promised me that he would announce it shortly," the Chief Minister said. He explained that the state government had deliberately refrained from announcing the investment until the Tata Group formally made the announcement.

Governor Unveils Higher Education Renewal Journal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

How universities can renew their academic systems, respond to technological and global changes, and strengthen research and innovation constitutes the latest issue of the Telangana Journal of Higher Education (TJHE), released by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Saturday. The Volume 2, Issue 1 (January-June 2026) issue, titled "Universities in the Twenty-First Century: Renewal, Reforms and Roadmaps," is an international, peer-reviewed biannual journal published by the Telangana Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). It focuses on contemporary issues and emerging developments in higher education. Releasing the journal, Shukla said academic



platforms such as TJHE give scholars, teachers, researchers and policymakers an opportunity to deliberate on emerging challenges, exchange knowledge and explore innovative approaches to advance higher education. The Governor appreciated TGCHE chairman Prof. V. Balakista Reddy and his team for promoting research, academic scholarship and informed discourse through the journal. He also appreciated the council's initiatives to strengthen research culture and academic excellence in Telangana. Shukla expressed the hope that TJHE would

contribute to "evidence-based research and policy dialogue" and emerge as a significant scholarly platform for higher education in Telangana and beyond. Reddy said the journal reflected TGCHE's commitment to strengthening research culture, promoting academic excellence and facilitating meaningful policy dialogue in higher education. TGCHE secretary Prof. Sriram Venkatesh was also present. Reddy also briefed the Governor about the Research Education Advancement Conclave in Hyderabad (REACH Conclave), scheduled for September 26. The conclave will bring higher education institutions and other stakeholders together to discuss research, innovation, collaboration and the future of higher education.



A majestic white tiger becomes the centre of attraction as a large number of visitors gather to catch a glimpse of the rare and magnificent animal at Nehru Zoological Park in Hyderabad on Saturday.

Bandi Sanjay Slams Congress, BRS Over 'False Tears' on Teachers Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union minister of state Bandi Sanjay Kumar urged Congress and BRS leaders to stop shedding "crocodile tears" over teachers with false assurances and promises, accusing them of being responsible for the collapse of the education system in the state. Alleging that chief minister A. Revanth Reddy and BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao had been lying on

Teachers Day, Sanjay said if they were genuinely concerned about teachers, the government must release pending dearness allowance instalments, announce pay revision, clear dues, and ensure timely payment of retirement benefits. He questioned whether Congress and BRS were not equally responsible for the miseries faced by students, claiming that many had been forced to discontinue higher education



midway due to the non-release of fee reimbursement dues. "The BRS is responsible for burdening the state with ₹8 lakh crore debt, and the Congress, in a short span of 32 months, has raised another ₹3 lakh crore.

Is it not the Congress and the BRS who are responsible for the closure of many government schools and the dismantling of the education system in the state?" he asked. "Does KTR have the guts to tell Gen Z that he has never taken drugs and to urge the student community not to take them? KTR must openly apologise for the suicides of Intermediate students," Sanjay said. "He must also admit regret for removing

self-employment schemes for youth, the leakage of question papers, and the non-release of unemployment allowance." Sanjay claimed that during his seven-year stint as MP, he managed to secure ₹22,000 crore for the development of Karimnagar, and after the BJP secured the mayoral seat in Karimnagar, he managed an additional ₹840 crore for the town's development.



BRS leaders and activists stage a protest at King Darbar in Monda Market, Secunderabad, opposing the Congress government's "1,000 Days of Administration" and raising slogans against its performance.

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CMC earmarks IDL Lake for Ganesh immersion, reviews arrangements

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Devotees within Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) limits can use IDL Lake for Ganesh idol immersion, according to a press release. CMC commissioner G Srijana on Saturday visited the lake with Kukatpally zonal commissioner, deputy commissioner and representatives of Ganesh Utsav Committee to earmark the immersion point and review arrangements. Officials reviewed devotee movement and access, sanitation, waste management, lighting, traffic management, safety and other essential civic facilities. Srijana directed them to deploy adequate manpower, machinery and essential equipment at the immersion point well in advance. Teams were instructed to ensure continuous cleaning and prompt waste clearance throughout the immersion period, keep the premises clean and accessible, and provide safe and smooth immersion arrangements and necessary civic and safety measures for devotees.

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HMWSSB, CMC identify major sewage inlets into Durgam Cheruvu during inspection

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) have prepared an action plan to permanently prevent sewage from entering Durgam Cheruvu. During a joint inspection on Saturday, officials examined channels carrying water into the lake and identified four major inflow points: Madhapur Interception and Diversion nala, Silent Valley Interception and Diversion nala, Vittal Rao Nagar box nala and a route from the TSIIC layout. They assessed sewage flows at the



inlets and planned remedial measures, the press statement said. Officials said the existing sewage treatment plant at Durgam Cheruvu was operating at full capacity, while sewage generation had increased significantly because of rapid residential and population growth nearby. During the monsoon, excess sewage enters

the lake along with rainwater. HMWSSB joint managing director Mayank Mittal directed officials to expedite measures to stop sewage inflow completely. A detailed study of the surrounding topography, hydrology and other factors will be conducted to formulate a permanent action plan.

ICICI Prudential Life Posts 27.8% Profit Growth in Q1

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

ICICI Prudential Life Insurance reported a strong financial performance for the first quarter of FY2027, with Profit After Tax (PAT) rising 27.8% year-on-year to ₹386 crore. The insurer paid total benefits of ₹4,666 crore to customers during the quarter, underscoring its focus on customer protection and financial security. The company's retail protection business also recorded significant momentum, with its Term plan business growing 60.4% year-on-year in Q1-FY2027. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance further reported an industry-leading claim settlement ratio of 99.3% during the quarter. Meanwhile, the company's Board approved a proposal to rename the insurer as 'ICICI Life Insurance Limited'. The proposed name change is subject to the necessary regulatory and statutory approvals. The results highlight the company's continued growth across key business segments while maintaining strong customer-focused performance.

Khairatabad Ganesh Utsava Panel Readies for 50 Lakh Devotees

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Anticipating 50 lakh devotees at Khairatabad Bada Ganesh, the Khairatabad Ganesh Utsava Committee has made elaborate arrangements for the Navratri celebrations from Sept. 14 to 25. Separate arrangements will be made for devotees, VIPs

and VVIPs arriving from districts across the state and the country. Instructions were issued to ensure strict adherence to protocol whenever the Governor, Chief Minister, Union and state ministers, public representatives and senior officials visit the deity. A separate route will be arranged for VIPs and common people, and



robust arrangements will ensure every devotee gets an opportunity for darshan, the committee said. At a coordination meet-

ing on Saturday, advance plans were drawn up keeping past experiences in mind. Directives covered police security, barricading, uninterrupted power supply, drinking water, decorative lighting, sanitation, traffic control, loose wiring, road repairs, street lighting, cultural performances and continuation of daily rituals in-

cluding Vedic chanting by scholars under the endowments department. Police officials were instructed to implement traffic management plans in advance to prevent congestion by diverting vehicles to designated parking zones. Special measures are being put in place for prasadam distribution.