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Delhi Building Hostel Collapse 3 Dead, 5 Critical, Many Trapped

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A nearly 50-year-old five-storey building housing a boys' hostel collapsed in a congested lane at Satya Niketan near Delhi University's South Campus on Sunday afternoon, killing two students and trapping several others under the rubble. Eight people have been rescued so far. One was declared dead on arrival at hospital, while another succumbed to injuries during treatment. Five others remain in critical condition. A rescuer injured during the operation was treated and discharged, police said. The building, known as "Hostel Daze", had a basement and five upper floors and was being used as paying guest accommodation. Repair work was reportedly underway in the basement when the structure col-



Bulldozers clear debris as rescue personnel conduct a search operation at the site following a building collapse in the Satya Niketan area in New Delhi on September 6, 2026.

lapsed around 1.30 pm. Locals alleged that rain-water had accumulated in the basement for several days, possibly weakening the foundation. They also claimed the building had structural issues and that little maintenance had been carried out. Teams from the Delhi

Police, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Delhi Fire Service and Delhi Disaster Management Authority launched rescue operations. Fire tenders and ambulances were deployed, while locals assisted rescuers in searching through the debris. The congested lo-

cality, filled with eateries and student accommodations, made it difficult for emergency vehicles to reach the site quickly. Residents said 15 to 20 people could still be trapped, while some estimates put the possible number much higher. The hostel reportedly had around 15 rooms,

with two to three students sharing each room. Many occupants were students from Kerala, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh studying at nearby colleges. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, Lieutenant Governor Taranjeet Singh Sandhu, Police Commissioner Anurag Kumar and MP Bansuri Swaraj visited the site. Union Home Minister Amit Shah expressed condolences and said he had spoken with senior officials regarding the rescue operation. Police said an FIR was being registered and teams were searching for the building's owner, who is reportedly based in Gurugram. Authorities have urged people to stay away from the site, while paramilitary personnel were deployed to facilitate the movement of ambulances and rescue teams.

Bihar floods: Over 19 lakh affected across 11 districts



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Over 19 lakh people across 11 districts of Bihar have been affected by floods, with authorities sounding an alert in downstream areas after the water level of the Ganga crossed a crucial flood mark at Gandhi Ghat in Patna, officials said on Sunday. Hathidah and subsequent gauge stations in the state are likely to be impacted over the next one to three days, as the Ganga's water level topped the 'highest flood level' (HFL) at Gandhi Ghat in Patna following heavy rain, they said. Due to the rise in water levels of various rivers in the state, around 19.57 lakh people in 330 gram

panchayats across 11 districts — Patna, Bhojpur, Saran, Vaishali, Bhagalpur, Begusarai, Buxar, Samastipur, Munger, Katihar and Araria — have been affected, the officials said. According to the latest advisory issued by the Water Resources Department (WRD), the level of the Ganga at Hathidah may also cross its previous HFL, prompting heightened vigilance in Begusarai, Lakhisarai, Munger, Bhagalpur and Katihar districts, they said. "Officials and field-level authorities have been directed to remain alert and continuously monitor water levels, embankments, vulnerable locations and low-lying areas, while taking precautionary measures as required.

FIFA Confirms Gianni Infantino Will Run in Presidential Election



PARIS Gianni Infantino will stand in next March's FIFA presidential election, despite the backlash over his now-abandoned plan to bring private investment into the World Cup, football's global governing body announced Sunday. "The FIFA President announced in April that he will stand for re-election in 2027," a FIFA spokesperson said. "Of course, nothing has changed. Mr Infantino will be standing for re-election."

DKS Urges Students to Study Abroad, Become Job Creators

BENGALURU
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Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Sunday urged students to study abroad and become job creators, not job seekers. He was speaking after launching the Skill Development Department's 'Study Abroad 2026' programme here. The programme, inaugurated at Palace Grounds, offers students opportunities to pursue higher edu-



cation at foreign universities, with more than 80 universities participating and over 300 subjects on offer. "Our talented human resources are unmatched by those in any other state in the country. We want our children to learn at the global level. We desire

that they should not merely become employees, but become employers," Shivakumar said. He said the government had opened a new avenue for overseas education and stressed that investment in knowledge was the best asset. "Human beings have limitations, but knowledge has no boundaries. Access to global-level education makes people mentally stronger," he said.

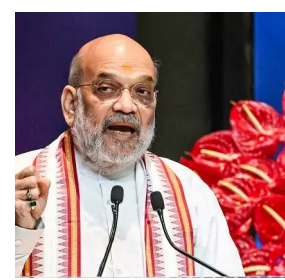
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Amit Shah Sets 2029 Target For Drug-Free India

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said it is Prime Minister Narendra Modi's objective that drug-free youth power will lead to Viksit Bharat in 2047, and asserted the Union government has prepared a roadmap to make India drug-free by 2029. The Modi government is committed to making the country drug-free to realise the dream of a developed India, just as it has worked to end the menace

of Naxalism and terrorism, Shah said. The Centre has adopted a coordinated, nationwide strategy to dismantle the entire narcotics network, from drug trafficking and financing to rehabilitation, as part of its goal of 'Drug-Free India' by 2029, he said. "It is Narendra Modi's objective that drug-free youth power will lead to Viksit Bharat in 2047," Shah said while addressing a press conference after chairing a high level meeting on narcotics that was attended by Goa

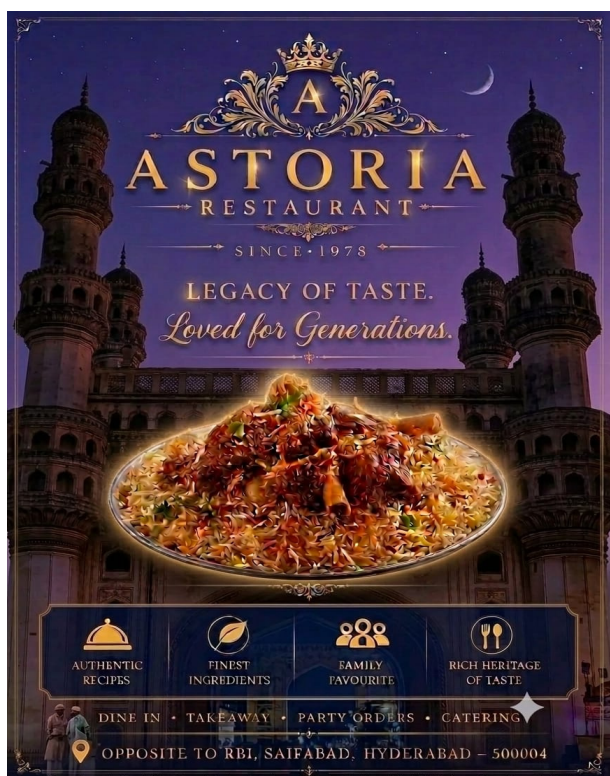


Chief Minister Pramod Sawant as well as MHA and state government officials. "Before 2014, the fight against narcotics was largely conducted in small units and isolation. Agencies were often satisfied catching small time accused. Our government

is making the fight national security priority," he said. In 2019, a four-tier National Coordination Committee for Countering Drug Trafficking (NCORD) mechanism was created at the executive, state and district levels to ensure coordinated action against the drug menace. "Dedicated Anti-Narcotics Task Forces (ANTFs) have been constituted in all states and Union Territories and local police have been linked with the national strategy," Shah said. He

said a Joint Coordination Committee was also formed in 2019 to enable central agencies and state governments to take joint decisions against major drug networks, their international connections and operational gaps. The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has been strengthened by reorganising its cadre and enhancing its manpower, zonal presence and operational capabilities, Shah said while emphasising that the fight against drugs was not just limited to enforcement.

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ECI Deleted 15% of Population: Ex-CEC Quraishi Takes Dig at SIR

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As the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) continues in several states, former Chief Election Commissioner SY Quraishi on Sunday targeted the Election Commission of India (ECI), questioning the exercise's stated purpose of detecting illegal immigrants while criticising the scale of voter exclusions. "I would like to compliment the Election Commission for completing a very difficult mission of eliminating about 14-15 crore population of India through this exer-

cise. I don't know how many illegal immigrants they have found, which was the main purpose of this exercise. It's a pity they have not disclosed this figure," he told ANI. He urged the EC to release the number publicly to showcase their "great success" in achieving something that the National Population Commission was unable to do. "I would request them to please come out with this figure, so that we know what a great success you have been, and also that you have achieved something that the National Population

India Flags Abhayrab Rabies Vaccine Batch as Substandard, Potentially Spurious

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India's drug regulator has flagged a batch of widely used rabies vaccine Abhayrab as substandard and potentially spurious after it failed a potency test, a government document seen by Reuters shows. The finding marks the second time in less than two years that concerns have been raised about counterfeit Abhayrab doses in India, a country that reports nearly 6,000 rabies deaths a year and where

the vaccine is a frontline defence against the otherwise nearly always fatal infection. Indian Immunologicals Ltd, which makes Abhayrab and holds a 40% share of the domestic rabies vaccine market, said on Saturday in a statement dated September 4 that the vials carrying the label Abhayrab that were examined by the regulator were not manufactured by the company. "The CDSCO drew vaccine samples from an unlicensed residential premises located

at Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi", Sunil Tiwari, VP of IIL, said. The vials were labelled as Abhayrab batch number KE25012, he added. In a statement on Saturday, the federal drug regulator said no part of batch KE25012 had been exported to any other country, adding that four people had been arrested by Delhi Police in connection with the case. The regulator also confirmed that the batch under investigation was seized from an unlicensed premises. IIL said

it had provided batch records to the regulator and asked authorities to trace the source of the vials and act against those responsible, while cooperating with the investigation. In an August 27 letter to state drug regulators, India's Drugs Controller General Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi asked officials to maintain "strict vigilance" over the movement and distribution of Abhayrab batch KE25012 and take regulatory action, as necessary.

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KCR calls for another water war, to lead people’s movement against neglect of irrigation projects

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BRS chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao on Sunday called for another “water war” against the Congress government for deliberately neglecting irrigation and drinking water projects and depriving people of water despite its availability in major reservoirs. He will soon lead a State-wide mass movement involving lakhs of people, including farmers and party workers, if the government’s negligence continues. He said the BRS would discuss the proposed irrigation campaign with senior and district leaders and finalise the action plan soon. He also directed legislators to press the government on irrigation issues and, if necessary, stall both Houses over the matter. “We



gave three years to the Congress government, but it failed to implement electoral promises even after 1,000 days. We should not tolerate it anymore,” he asserted. Addressing a joint meeting of BRS Legislature Party members at his Eravelli residence ahead of the Assembly session beginning Monday, Chandrashekhara Rao pointed out that the National Dam Safety Authority’s (NDSA) statement that the Kaleshwaram project could be used, had exposed the Congress government’s propaganda and conspiracy to discredit the project. He

said minor repairs at Medigadda barrage could enable the Kaleshwaram project to resume operations and benefit farmers in nearly 13 districts. He questioned the government’s delay in operating the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, which he said was 90 per cent complete during the previous BRS regime. He asked why Krishna River waters were not being lifted to provide irrigation and drinking water to the people of Nalgonda, Palamuru and Rangareddy. The BRS chief also questioned the delayed

and partial release of water to Telangana farmers from Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem despite water being available in the projects. He accused the Congress government of facilitating the neighbouring State’s use of the water. He reminded that the Telangana movement itself was fought to ensure water for people of the State, but the Congress government neglected it. “Such negligence in safeguarding our water rights should not be tolerated,” he asserted. Chandrashekhara Rao directed BRS legislators to put the government on

the defensive during the Assembly session on its failure to fulfil guarantees and promises made before the elections. He asked them to raise issues including pending fee reimbursement, GO 97 affecting polytechnic education, unemployment and pending job calendar. He also directed party members to raise the inclusion of patta lands in the 22A prohibited list, alleged irregularities in the Future City initiative, corruption in Singareni Collieries Company Limited, government land auctions, the handling of the Hyderabad Metro Rail takeover and the proposed Godavari Cauvery river-link project. On drinking water, the Opposition leader accused the government of weakening the Mission Bhagiratha system amid drought conditions.

Telangana CEO seeks three-week extension of SIR, final voter list may be delayed

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has sought an extension of the timeline for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, stating that the existing schedule does not provide sufficient time for voters to submit claims, objections and supporting documents. In an earlier letter to Chief Election Commissioner of India Gyanesh Kumar, Revanth Reddy requested that the one-month period provided for filing claims and objections be extended by another four weeks. He also sought an additional three to four weeks for every elector who has been served an SIR notice to respond and submit the required documents. The demand comes amid a large-scale verification



exercise across Telangana. According to officials, SIR notices had been issued to 47.79 lakh voters till Saturday. Of these, around 32.39 lakh electors who received notices had not appeared for the hearings so far. Officials said hearings have been completed for 5,74,504 voters across the State. The figures have highlighted the scale of the exercise and the challenges involved in completing the verification process within the stipulated timeframe. Under the current schedule, voters can

submit claims and objections against the draft electoral roll until September 16. The process of issuing notices, conducting hearings and disposing of claims and objections will continue until October 15. The Election Commission has scheduled publication of the final electoral roll on October 19. The Chief Minister’s request for additional time is aimed at ensuring that electors who receive notices have adequate opportunity to appear before the authorities, clarify their status and produce necessary documents. The proposed extension would also give election officials more time to complete hearings and dispose of claims and objections before finalising the revised electoral rolls.

A Century of Life, Values and Legacy: A. Bapu Rao Passes Away at 104



A remarkable journey spanning more than a century came to an end on Sunday with the demise of Sri A. Bapu Rao, father of A.G. Sanjeeva Rao, retired Engineer-in-Chief (ENC), Panchayat Raj Engineering Department. He was 104 years old. Sri Bapu Rao passed away peacefully at around 5 a.m. on September 6, 2026, leaving his family, relatives and well-wishers in profound grief. A resident of Yelgonda in the Palwancha area of Kamareddy district, Bapu Rao belonged to a generation that witnessed extraordinary social and developmental transformation over more than a century. Government records also identify Yellapogonda/Yelgonda under Palwancha in Kamareddy district. Living to the age of 104, Sri Bapu Rao became a respected elder whose long life represented family values, simplicity, resilience and the strength of an earlier generation. For his children and succeeding generations, his passing is not merely the loss of the head of a family, but the departure of an elder whose presence connected generations. His son A.G. Sanjeeva Rao, who retired as Engineer-in-Chief in the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, along with his brothers and other family members, mourned the passing of their beloved father. As news of Sri Bapu Rao’s demise spread, relatives, friends, former colleagues and well-wishers conveyed their heartfelt condolences to A.G. Sanjeeva Rao and the bereaved family. They remembered the centenarian with respect and prayed that his departed soul may attain eternal peace.

Harish Rao targets Congress govt over fee reimbursement dues

HYDERABAD
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BRS Legislature Party deputy floor leader T Harish Rao lashed out at the Congress government for jeopardising the future of students by failing to clear fee reimbursement dues. Stating that several colleges were withholding certificates from graduates over pending dues, he demanded the immediate release of pending amounts to eligible beneficiaries. After affected students approached him and narrated their ordeal here on Sunday, Harish Rao said students who had completed engineering and other degree courses and secured jobs with packages of Rs 6 lakh to Rs 7 lakh were unable to join their jobs without their certificates. He pointed out that some students were also unable to pursue higher educa-



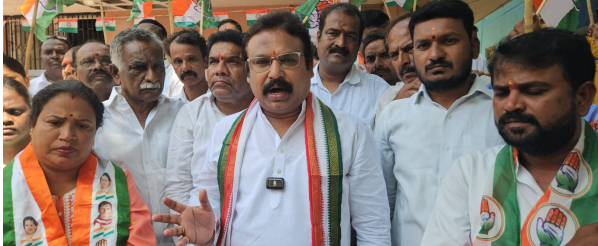
tion or go abroad despite holding appointment and admission letters. He sought the Chief Minister’s intervention to ensure that certificates were released to students to prevent the loss of jobs or higher-education opportunities. Harish Rao said the fee reimbursement scheme introduced by former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy was continued during the BRS regime as it benefited poor students. He stated that the previous BRS government had released Rs 20,576 crore towards fee reimbursement and supported over 1.98

crore students. He alleged that the Congress government was deliberately weakening the scheme and questioned its treatment of SC, ST, BC and minority students. He also accused the government of prioritising other expenditures while withholding students’ fee dues. Referring to the Chief Minister’s earlier remarks of “criminal waste”, allegedly made against engineering students, Harish Rao said the same students had now secured jobs in global companies through their merit and hard work. Stating that every rupee spent on students’ education was an investment in Telangana’s future, he questioned why students from poor families and rural backgrounds should suffer due to the government’s alleged failure to clear fee

MLA Ganesh Demands KCR Resign, Citing Dereliction of Duties

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Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh on Sunday demanded that former Chief Minister and BRS MLA K. Chandrashekhara Rao (KCR) resign from his MLA post, alleging that he has failed to attend the Assembly, remain accessible to constituents and discharge his responsibilities. The demand was made during a grand Congress dharna at Indira Park Dharna Chowk, organised to highlight what the party described as the achieve-



ments of the Congress government during its first 1,000 days in office and to expose the alleged failures of the previous BRS regime. MLA Sri Ganesh, along with Congress leaders, activists and supporters from the Cantonment constituency, participated in a large rally from his MLA camp office at Picket be-

fore joining the protest. Addressing the media, Ganesh questioned how an elected representative could continue in office while allegedly remaining absent from the Assembly and inaccessible to people. He said public representatives have a responsibility to raise public issues in the legislature and remain accountable to

their constituents. He further criticised the BRS leadership, stating that the opposition must actively fight for public interests instead of remaining away from legislative proceedings. Highlighting the Congress government’s welfare initiatives, Ganesh said schemes including free bus travel for women, free electricity up to 200 units, cooking gas cylinders at ₹500, Indiramma houses, farmer welfare measures, and initiatives in education and healthcare were benefiting people.

Ambedkar Remarks Draw Legal Action Demand

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The National Ambedkar Sena Telangana State unit has demanded legal action against Hamara Prasad, alleging that he made derogatory and objectionable remarks against Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the architect of the Indian Constitution. State president Taluka Rajesh urged the Telangana government and senior police officials to examine the alleged



social media posts, videos, websites and other digital content linked to Prasad and take action under the law. He alleged that the content could disturb social harmony and create hostility among

different sections of society. Rajesh also called upon Dalit public representatives to break their silence and raise the issue with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He demanded that authorities examine the relevant digital accounts and take appropriate steps if violations are established. He warned that the Dalit community would intensify its protest if no action was taken.

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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.

Congress Holds Bike Rallies To Mark 1,000 Days Of Praja Palana



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Congress leaders and cadre led by DCC president Naresh Jadhav took out a bike rally in Adilabad town on Saturday to mark 1,000 days of the Congress government’s Praja Palana. Adilabad market committee chairman Srikanth Reddy, former Adilabad MP Soyam Bapurao, former DCC president Sajid Khan and former Adilabad market committee chairman Sanjeev Reddy participated in the rally.

Similar rallies were held in Nirmal, Mancherial and Komaram Bheem Asifabad districts, with local DCC presidents, MLAs and MLCs participating. Preamsagar Rao participated in the programme in Mancherial, while MLC Dande Vittal and DCC president Atram Suguna participated in Asifabad. During the rally, Naresh Jadhav highlighted the welfare and development schemes being implemented by the government. He criticised the previous BRS govern-

ment and its leadership, alleging that it had failed to implement welfare schemes and indulged in corruption in the name of development during its 10-year rule. In Mancherial town, Congress leaders took out a rally involving 1,000 bikes. Mancherial corporation mayor Darni Madhukar, former DCC president Surekha, market committee chairman Ramagiri Banesh, vice-chairman Jale Rayalingu, Mancherial corporation Congress president and corporator Toomula Naresh.

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.

BRS puts Congress promises on public trial with State-wide protests

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The BRS stepped up its State-wide protests against the Congress government's 1,000-day rule on Sunday, taking its attack to the streets with auto-rickshaw rallies, farmers' protests, village-level demonstrations and programmes on the latter's failures in implementing election promises and resolving civic issues. The party cadre took out rallies, staged dharnas and distributed "Dues Cards" (Baaki Cards). In Secunderabad Cantonment, BRS leaders organised a large auto rally, questioning the Congress government's unfulfilled election promises to auto drivers. The protesters demanded the implementation of election promises including annual financial assistance of Rs 12,000, insurance cover and im-



mediate financial assistance and other benefits for families of auto drivers who died by suicide because of financial and livelihood problems. A massive auto rally was organised in Nalgonda from the NG College grounds to the Clock Tower by former MLA Kancherla Bhupal Reddy. In Patancheru, MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy led a rally in which large numbers of auto-rickshaws travelled from BHEL crossroads through Ashok Nagar, Beeramguda, Ramachandrapuram, Patancheru and

Muthangi to Isnapur. Similarly, former Minister Satyavathi Rathod, who supported an auto drivers' protest in Mahabubabad district, alleged that the Congress had promised the assistance during the election but had not implemented it even after 1,000 days. In Makthal, farmers from several villages staged a dharna on the national highway near the mini tank bund, alleging low voltage and inadequate power supply for agriculture. They said the power problems had put standing paddy crops at risk.

Former MLA Chittem Rammohan Reddy supported the protest and sought uninterrupted power supply for agricultural operations. The road blockade resulted in traffic disruption on both sides. The BRS also organised protests over rural infrastructure and sanitation. In Jogulamba Gadwal district, party workers participated in sanitation activities in Rayapuram and Gattu villages before holding a rally and dharna outside Gattu gram panchayat office. They pointed to deteriorating sanitation and basic infrastructure in rural areas under the Congress rule. Similar village-level protests were reported in Nutthankal mandal, where BRS workers organised rallies in gram panchayats demanding implementation of the promises made before the elections.

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.

Ravi Kumar Mudhiraj Takes Charge as Telangana OBC Federation General Secretary

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Ravi Kumar Mudhiraj has been unanimously elected General Secretary of the Telangana State OBC Employees Federation. He said the federation would work to protect the rights, welfare and interests of OBC employees and the wider community. Mudhiraj urged the Union Government to include a separate OBC column in the upcoming caste census, saying accurate data is vital for fair budget allocations and effective welfare schemes. He also demanded abolition of the creamy layer policy and appointment of full-fledged members to the Na-



tional Commission for Backward Classes. He announced plans to collect data on OBC employees' grievances across Telangana and submit a comprehensive report to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The federation will also launch statewide programmes to promote social justice and strengthen OBC representation.

BRS Hits Streets in Regode, Targets Congress Over 'Unfulfilled Promises'

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BRS leaders and workers staged a major protest rally at Regode mandal headquarters on Sunday, accusing the Congress government of failing to fully deliver on promises made to the people during the Assembly elections. The rally was held under the leadership of former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, with State leader Manju Sri Jaipal Reddy, mandal-level leaders, party workers and supporters participating in large numbers. Addressing the gathering, BRS leaders alleged that



people had voted for the Congress believing its election assurances, but several commitments remained unfulfilled. Referring to what the party describes as the Congress's "420 promises," they demanded accountability over their implementation. The protesters highlighted issues concerning farmers, employment

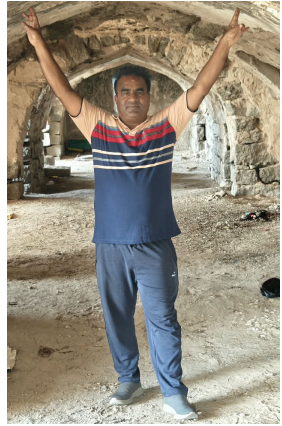
opportunities for youth, welfare schemes for women, Rythu Bharosa, farm loan waiver, pensions and Indiramma housing. They demanded that the government honour its commitments and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive the promised benefits. BRS leaders said the party would continue to raise public is-

ssues and organise democratic protests until the election assurances are implemented. Participants marched through Regode raising slogans and calling upon the government to fulfil its commitments. The rally drew participation from BRS mandal leaders, activists, party cadre and local residents, with speakers asserting that the party would continue to act as a voice for people on welfare and livelihood issues. The references to "failed governance," "420 promises" and unfulfilled commitments are political allegations made by BRS leaders during the protest.

Rotary Friends Trek Bhuvanagiri Fort

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History, adventure and nature came together on Sunday as Rotary Club members, friends and heritage enthusiasts trekked the historic Bhuvanagiri Fort, popularly known as Bhongir Fort, and explored its ancient structures atop the massive monolithic hill. Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Thalka Anjaiah and other Rotary friends and well-wishers participated in the trek. The group climbed the rocky terrain, visited the fortifications and explored the remnants of ancient structures while enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding landscape. The participants expressed admiration for the fort's historic architecture and engineering, particularly its massive stone walls, gateways, passages and water-storage structures. They noted that the construction reflects the remarkable skills of earlier generations, who relied on traditional masonry and locally available materials long before modern construction technology. Bhuvanagiri Fort is among the prominent historical landmarks of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district. The fort is associated with Western Chalukya ruler Tribhuvanamalla Vikra-



maditya VI and also has historical links with the Kakatiya period, including Queen Rudramadevi and Prataparudra. The Rotary members called for stronger scientific conservation and regular maintenance of the fort's ancient structures while retaining its original heritage character. They also stressed the need for improved cleanliness, drinking water, safety arrangements, signboards, trained guides and heritage interpretation facilities. The group said Bhuvanagiri has significant potential to become a leading heritage-adventure tourism destination, combining trekking, rock climbing, history and scenic beauty. They appealed to visitors to protect the monument, avoid littering and refrain from damaging historic structures, urging collective efforts to preserve the fort for future generations.

BRS Manne Krishank Leads Massive Auto Rally in Karkhana

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Alleging that the Congress government has failed to fulfil its promises made to auto-rickshaw workers, BRS leaders organised a massive auto rally on the fifth day of their protest programme, following a call given by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao. The rally began at the third ward of Karkhana constituency, where the leaders paid floral tributes to the statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The pro-

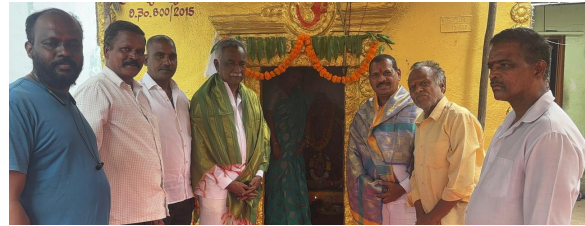


gramme was conducted under the leadership of Manne Krishank, Nivedita and Gajjala Nagesh, with a large number of auto-rickshaw drivers and workers taking part. The participants raised

slogans highlighting the difficulties faced by auto workers and alleged that the government had ignored their concerns after coming to power. They demanded immediate implementation of the assurances given to the community before the elections. The BRS leaders specifically demanded financial assistance of Rs.12,000 for every auto-rickshaw worker and insurance coverage for all auto drivers. They also sought immediate financial assistance and govern-

ment benefits for families of auto drivers who died by suicide due to financial hardships and livelihood-related problems. The leaders urged the Congress government to consider the economic difficulties faced by auto workers and take immediate steps to protect their livelihoods. They warned that if the government failed to respond to their demands, the BRS would intensify its agitation and launch stronger protests across the constituency.

Mutyalamma Temple Hosts Grand Annadanam



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A grand Annadanam was organized at the Mutyalamma Ammavari Temple in Kadak Pura, New Boinalpalli, on Sunday, attracting a large number of devotees. Former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap attended as the chief guest, offered special prayers and inaugurated the food distri-

bution. Addressing devotees, he highlighted the spiritual significance of Mutyalamma Ammavari and described the goddess as a symbol of divine power, peace and prosperity. Temple committee members and local leaders, including Kumar, Vijay, Uma Mahesh, Naveen, Madhukar, Om Prakash, Arun Yadav and Varaprasad, supported the successful conduct of the programme.

Journalists' Unity is Our Strength: Dammagoni Ramesh Goud

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Highlighting the importance of unity and collective strength among working journalists, Dammagoni Ramesh Goud of Kalher Mandal participated in the TUWJ-IJU journalists' programme held in Sangareddy district. Addressing the gathering, Ramesh Goud stressed the need for journalists to remain united and collectively raise issues concerning their professional rights, welfare and dignity. He said journalists working at the mandal and grassroots



levels play a crucial role in bringing public issues to the attention of society and the administration. The programme brought together journalists and union representatives, providing a platform to discuss challenges faced by the media fraternity and the need to strengthen the journalists' union from the grassroots level.

Speakers called for greater solidarity among journalists and urged the authorities to give due attention to the legitimate welfare and professional concerns of working journalists. Dammagoni Ramesh Goud, representing the press fraternity from Kalher Mandal, said collective action and mutual support would help journalists face professional challenges more effectively. Senior journalists, TUWJ-IJU representatives and media personnel from different parts of Sangareddy district participated in the programme.

Rural NEET Achiever Felicitated by Bhupal Reddy at Nallavagu

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A rural student who achieved success in the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) was felicitated by former Narayankhed MLA Mahareddy Bhupal Reddy at Nallavagu in Sirgapur Mandal on Sunday. The felicitation programme brought together BRS leaders, local representatives and youth, who congratulated the youngster for his achievement and encouraged him to pursue his medical aspirations



with confidence. Bhupal Reddy honoured the NEET achiever and conveyed his best wishes for a bright and successful future. He said the success of students from rural backgrounds in highly competitive examinations such as

NEET was a matter of pride for the entire region. He observed that achievements by rural youth could inspire other students from villages and mandals to dream big and work towards higher education and professional careers.

He encouraged students to remain focused on their studies and develop determination, discipline and self-confidence while pursuing their goals. The former MLA said talented students from rural families should be encouraged and supported so that financial or geographical limitations do not prevent them from achieving their ambitions. He also stressed the importance of recognising academic achievements and motivating young people to strive for excellence. Several BRS leaders

and local representatives attended the programme and extended their congratulations to the NEET achiever. Those present included former MPP Mahipal Reddy, Mandal BRS President Sanjeev Rao, Sirgapur village party president Narsa Goud, Sirgapur Mandal ST Cell President Narayana Naik and Deputy Sarpanch Bhushanam. Youth leaders Mahender Goud, Anja Goud, Arjun and Pandari Naik, along with other party workers and local supporters, also participated in the felicitation.

Delhi Court Sends Swatantra Bhardwaj To One-Day Judicial Custody

A Delhi court on Sunday sent Hindutva influencer Swatantra Bhardwaj to one-day judicial custody in connection with a case registered against him. Bhardwaj was produced before the court after his arrest by the Delhi Police. The court ordered that he be remanded to judicial custody for a day. The development comes days after Bhardwaj allegedly assaulted the father of a student during a protest at Jantar Mantar, according to police sources. The Delhi Police had earlier assured the Delhi High Court that it would arrest Bhardwaj in the case. He was subsequently taken into custody. Further details of the case and the allegations against Bhardwaj were not immediately available.

Delhi Building Collapse: Guilty Will Not Be Spared, Says Delhi CM

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Sunday said 11 people had been rescued after a residential building collapsed in South-West Delhi's Satya Niketan area and vowed strict action against those responsible for the incident. Gupta, who visited the site to oversee the ongoing rescue operation, said the government's priority was to save those trapped under the debris and assess the condition of those who had been rescued. "11 people have been rescued. I am going to the hospital. We need to understand the condition of all those who have been rescued. I



can say this much: whoever is responsible for this, whether it is the building owner or an official, will not be spared," she said. Providing details about the preliminary cause of the collapse, Gupta said renovation and excavation work was underway in the old building when a pillar shifted. "The building was old, and some construction and renovation work was underway. Some kind of excavation was being carried out in the basement, due to which

a pillar shifted and the entire building collapsed," Gupta added. The Chief Minister said the building was being used as a paying guest accommodation and that children were inside when it collapsed. "The building was being used as a PG (Paying Guest), and children were inside. All agencies are continuously working," she said. "Our priority is to save the lives of these children first. The rescue operation will continue in the same manner. All officials are present here, and there will be no shortage of any kind. However, the guilty will not be spared," Gupta added. Meanwhile, two people were

killed in the building collapse near Satya Niketan, authorities said. "A total of seven people were brought to the AIIMS Trauma Centre, and one person was brought to Safdarjung Hospital. Of those brought to the AIIMS Trauma Centre, two were declared brought dead," the AIIMS Trauma Centre said. Rescue operations by the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and local authorities continued at the site to ascertain whether anyone else remained trapped under the debris. Earlier, Gupta visited the site to take stock of the situation and oversee the search and rescue operations.

Every Fourth PMJan Dhan Account Inoperative; 5.72 Cr Have 0 Balance: RTI

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Every fourth account under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana is inoperative, while nearly 5.72 crore accounts had zero balance, according to an RTI reply. More than 59 crore accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) held a combined balance of over Rs 3.15 lakh crore as of August 12, 2026. The Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, in its response to activist Chandra Shekhar Gaur's RTI application, said there were 59,03,74,907 PMJDY accounts across the country, with a total balance of Rs 3,15,179.90 crore. Of the total accounts, 32.89 crore were held by women, including transgender account holders,



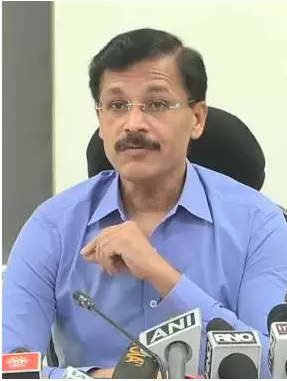
while 26.14 crore were held by men. The data showed that 5,72,35,490 PMJDY accounts had zero balance, while 15,36,77,009 accounts were classified as inoperative. The PMJDY as launched as the National Mission for Financial Inclusion in August 2014. It aims to ensure comprehensive financial inclusion of all households in the country by providing universal access to banking facilities with at least one basic bank account to every household, financial literacy, and so-

cial security cover. Uttar Pradesh had the highest number of zero-balance PMJDY accounts at 95.92 lakh, followed by Bihar (62.35 lakh), West Bengal (37.20 lakh), Assam (36.30 lakh) and Maharashtra (36.04 lakh). The five states with the highest number of inoperative PMJDY accounts were Uttar Pradesh (3.23 crore), Bihar (1.59 crore), Madhya Pradesh (1.35 crore), West Bengal (1.02 crore) and Maharashtra (97.94 lakh). Uttar Pradesh also had the highest overall number of PMJDY accounts at 10.51 crore, followed by Bihar with 7.01 crore accounts, West Bengal with 5.73 crore accounts, Rajasthan with 3.87 crore and Maharashtra with 3.85 crore accounts.

Public Health, Not Popularity, Drives Maharashtra FDA Crackdown: Mundhe

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Maharashtra FDA Commissioner Tukaram Mundhe, in the limelight for his sweeping food-safety crackdown across the state, has said that public health, and not personal popularity, is what matters most to him. Asked if his celebrity-like status following the aggressive food safety crackdown across the state is a distraction, Mundhe said, "It is not a distraction. Popularity was never my goal." "What matters to me are issues like public health. This is not about Tukaram Mundhe. This is about India and the goal to improve public health," the senior IAS officer told PTI in an interview. "The food and drugs sector affects public health. If that becomes a public agenda by my actions and role, I will be happy about it," Mundhe said. Asked if his aggressive enforcement approach makes him vulnerable to political or administration pressure, Mundhe said, "It is not



aggressive. I am doing what I am supposed to do diligently. I have been doing this across my two decades of public service." "I believe this has to become a public agenda because it is the issue of public health. Citizens at large need to make public health the most important issue," Mundhe said. "We cannot become a superpower if our human resources are not healthy," he said. Asked how many establishments have been shut, licenses suspended or cancelled, or criminal cases registered against them since he took charge as the FDA chief in May, Mundhe said the number of such entities is 12,083. Improvement notices have been given to 5,269 and suspension orders given to

603 entities, he said. In case of hotels, restaurant and eateries, there have been 1803 inspections, Mundhe said. Improvement notices were given in 948 cases and licenses were suspended in 199 cases, he added. In case of pharmacies, 740 licenses have been cancelled or suspended over various violations during his tenure, said Mundhe, who was appointed as the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner in May 2026, marking the 25th transfer of his 21-year career. Asked to name the three most common food safety violations in restaurants, Mundhe said they are hygiene and manufacturing protocols, quality of raw materials and lack of trained manpower. To a query on the responsibility of online food ordering and delivery platforms like Swiggy and Zomato to ensure food safety, Mundhe said, "Basically, they are food business operators as per the law, but they don't think so.

ISRO Staff Seek Clarity on Future Role Amid Privatisation Plans

Indian Space Research Organisation Staff Association/ISAC Employees Association among others stated they have been kept in the dark and seek an official written clarification from the Department of Space on Government policy regarding privatisation/transfer of ISRO manufacturing and operational functions, the future role of ISRO and the impact on serving employees and future generations. In a letter addressed to Dr V. Narayan, Secretary, Department of Space/Chairman, Space Commission and Chairman ISRO, Antariksh Bhavan, Bengaluru, the ISRP Staff Association/ISAC Employees Association sought a clarification on reported 120 technologies have already been transferred from ISRO to the private sector. The employees stated "Technology developed by ISRO is a national asset. Its transfer must be transparent, accountable and consistent with strategic, safety and employment consideration."

Shah Inaugurates New Goa BJP Headquarters, Event Curtailed Over Delhi Building Collapse

PANAJI Wakeup telangana

The formal function to mark the launch of the BJP's new state headquarters in Goa was curtailed on Sunday following a building collapse in New Delhi, even as Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the building. Shah, who is on a three-day tour to Goa, visited the party office at Chimbel village



near Panaji and inaugurated it. While the event was underway, Chief Minister Pramod Sawant announced its curtailment

due to a building crash in the national capital. A five-storey building housing a boys' PG collapsed in south Delhi's Satya Niketan area on Sunday afternoon, leaving one dead and several people trapped, officials said. "Since there is a tragedy in New Delhi, we have decided not to go ahead with the function," Sawant said, adding that Shah, who left the venue, had extended his best

wishes to the party workers on the inauguration of a new office building. Several leaders, including BJP Goa president Damodar Naik, Union minister Shripad Naik, and Rajya Sabha MP Sadanand Shet Tanavade, were present for the programme. Talking to reporters, Sawant said efforts are going on to rescue all those trapped under the debris at the collapse site in Delhi.

Jharkhand Declares Two-Day State Mourning For Minister Sudivya Kumar

RANCHI Wakeup telangana

The Jharkhand government has declared a two-day state mourning in honour of senior JMM leader and minister Sudivya Kumar, who died on Sunday morning, officials said. The state government has also cancelled all its scheduled programmes during the period, they said. All



Jharkhand government offices will remain closed on September 7, according to an official notification. "The state government has decided to observe two days of state mourning

on September 6 and September 7, following the death of minister Sudivya Kumar this morning," it said. The national flag will be flown at half-mast on all buildings in Jharkhand where it is regularly flown, the statement said. Jharkhand Higher and Technical Education Minister Sudivya Kumar died of cardiac arrest early Sunday, of-

ficials said. Kumar, 56, was admitted to a private hospital in his hometown Giridih at 2.30 am, and doctors declared him dead around 4 am, they said. A close aide of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, he played a key role in managing several political crises for the JMM-led government, including last month's students' protests in Ranchi.

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Shivakumar said 3,145 students had been selected to study at foreign universities following an agreement with the University of Queensland. He said scholarships were being offered by various government departments, while banks were providing education loans of up to Rs 2 crore. "More than 80 universities are participating in this programme, offering opportunities to study more than 300 subjects," he said. The CM highlighted Bengaluru's large pool of skilled professionals, saying the city had 2.6 million IT professionals, compared with 1.6 million in Silicon Valley. Karnataka, he said, produced more than one lakh engineers and 13,940 doctors annually. Referring to leaders

including Mahatma Gandhi and B R Ambedkar, Shivakumar said studying abroad had helped them acquire knowledge that they later used to contribute to the country. "Your future is the future of the state, and your strength is the strength of the country. Students are our assets. The entire world is watching us. India is being viewed through Bengaluru and Karnataka," he said. He urged students not to forget their roots, parents and teachers. "You should not forget your roots. If you forget them, you will not achieve success. Therefore, you should not forget your parents and teachers," he said. Shivakumar also said the government had decided to allow teachers to use the prefix 'Tr' before their names as a mark of respect.

"Our government has decided to add 'Tr' (Teacher) before teachers' names to honour them. I have received hundreds of calls welcoming the decision. We regard teachers as gods and have taken steps to recognise and respect their contribution," he said.

Amit Shah Sets.....

The government has linked awareness, treatment, counselling, rehabilitation and livelihood opportunities with the anti-narcotics campaign, he pointed out, adding that the 1933 MANAS helpline has been introduced to support persons with drug addiction. The government is committed to achieving the goal of 'Drug-Free India 2029' through political will, coordinated enforcement

and measures aimed at preventing addiction and rehabilitating victims, he said. The Modi government's three-year roadmap to a drug-free India is based on a four-pillared approach to destroy narcotic networks, Shah said. "These pillars include intelligence and operation-based enforcement, control on synthetic drugs, demand and harm reduction and creation of capacity and coordination," he explained. Under the Narendra Modi regime, Jammu and Kashmir is on the path to progress and development after the decline of terrorism, which is gradually approaching zero there, he said. The sentiment of separatism has lessened since the abrogation of Article 370, Shah said. The Modi government's broader inter-

nal security strategy had succeeded in addressing three long-standing challenges -- terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir, insurgency in the Northeast and Left-Wing Extremism, Shah said. "The Modi government has taken various steps to improve and strengthen internal security. Those who dreamt of a 'red' (Maoist) corridor from Tirupati to Pashupati have laid down arms and joined the mainstream," he said.

India Flags

In an August 27 letter to state drug regulators, India's Drugs Controller General Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi asked officials to maintain "strict vigilance" over the movement and distribution of Abhayrab batch KE25012 and take regulatory action, as necessary. The action came

after the government's Central Drugs Laboratory in Kasauli found that a field sample of the vaccine did not meet potency requirements and classified it as "not of standard quality" and a "misbranded" drug, according to the government document. IIL said it had received queries from healthcare professionals regarding batch KE25012 but no market complaints. It added that the original batch consisted of 83,370 vials distributed through authorised channels. IIL added that every batch of Abhayrab undergoes independent government testing before release and that vaccines supplied through authorised channels, including hospitals and licensed pharmacies, were unaffected by the issue.

CRIME

“Helmet On, Yet Photo Taken”

Journalist Questions Police, Alleges Abusive Response from ASI

Journalist seeks impartial inquiry after alleging that ASI used objectionable language during roadside interaction

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A roadside interaction between a journalist and police personnel in Sangareddy district has triggered concern among local media representatives after the journalist alleged that an Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) used abusive and objectionable language when questioned about a photograph taken during a traffic-related check. According to the journalist, he was travelling on a two-wheeler from Jogipet towards Hathnoora for work when a police constable attached to Chilipched Police Station allegedly photographed him from

behind. The journalist said he was wearing a helmet at the time and questioned the constable about why his photograph had been taken. He alleged that the constable responded that if a traffic fine was generated, he could visit the police station and have the photograph deleted. When the journalist continued to seek clarification, ASI Ramulu, who was reportedly present at the location, allegedly intervened. The journalist claimed that the ASI questioned why he was raising the issue and allegedly made remarks to the effect of, “Who are you? What if you are a jour-

nalist?” He further alleged that the officer used abusive language and told him to “do whatever you can” before leaving the spot. The allegations have not been independently verified, and no official finding regarding the incident was available in the information provided. The journalist said he later contacted the concerned Sub-Inspector (SI) by phone and complained about the alleged conduct. However, he claimed that the response was unsatisfactory and that the police personnel involved were defended. The incident has prompted local journalists to call for an impar-

tial inquiry by senior police officials in Sangareddy district. They urged authorities to verify why the photograph was taken, examine the circumstances surrounding the interaction and record the versions of all parties involved. Journalists stressed that members of the public and media personnel should be able to seek clarification regarding official action without facing disrespectful treatment, while also maintaining that police personnel should be given an opportunity to present their version. An official police response is awaited and should be incorporated once available.

CM Orders Magisterial Inquiry Into Nurse's Rape And Murder In Thukkuguda

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Wakeup telangana

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday ordered a magisterial inquiry into the rape and murder of a 21-year-old nurse at the quarters of a private hospital in Thukkuguda and directed officials to take measures for an expeditious trial through a fast-track court. Revanth Reddy said the government would stand by the victim's family, belonging to the ST community, and directed authorities to investigate all aspects of the

crime, including the circumstances leading to it, security arrangements at her accommodation, any negligence on the part of the private hospital management and implementation of mandatory safety protocols for women employees. The nurse, who was from Bhadradi Kothagudem district, was assaulted on the intervening night of August 28 and 29. Police subsequently arrested Md Sanaullah, a mechanic, who allegedly entered her room through a ventilator and assaulted her. Police said he had

been stalking her for some time. The Chief Minister directed officials to identify and rectify systemic lapses that led to the attack. Following the arrest of the accused, he asked the police to complete the investigation meticulously. Senior police officials were directed to continuously monitor the progress of the case to ensure speedy completion of the investigation, collection of forensic reports and technical evidence, and filing of a comprehensive chargesheet.

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

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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
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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

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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?

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

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

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

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



India Emerges As Europe’s Biggest Diesel Supplier

Indian refiners are filling the gap left by constrained Russian exports as US diesel shipments to Europe begin to decline.

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

India has emerged as a crucial source of diesel for Europe, supplying about 60 per cent of the fuel transiting the Bab-el-Mandeb to the region in August, as Russian exports remain severely constrained and US shipments begin to weaken, according to data from Vortexa - real-time data and advanced analytics for energy and freight.About 2,00,000 barrels per day of diesel (gasoil) transited the Bab-el-Mandeb in August on vessels bound for Europe, close to year-earlier levels after flows through the key shipping route nearly stalled in March and April. India supplied roughly 60 per cent of that volume, making Indian refineries an increasingly important source of Europe's eastern diesel supply, Vortexa said in a report. India is the world's

fourth-largest refiner, with an installed capacity of 258.1 million tonnes per annum, which exceeds domestic fuel demand by a margin. In 2025-26 (April 2025 to March 2026 fiscal year), India exported 61.5 million tonnes of petroleum products, making it one of the largest exporters of refined products globally. These fuels are now finding a market in Europe and Russia. The concern is whether that flow can be maintained. Crude and condensate shipments into India fell for a second consecutive month to about 3.8 million barrels per day in August, compared to 4.8 million barrels per day a year earlier, Vortexa data showed. Russian diesel exports, once a major source of European supply, have remained largely absent. Russia's seaborne diesel and gasoil exports averaged only about 1,50,000 barrels per day in the first 25 days of August, down



about 6,10,000 barrels per day from a year earlier and 81 per cent below the five-year seasonal average, according to Vortexa. Even a lifting or partial relaxation of Russia's diesel export ban from September 1 may not produce a rapid recovery. Ukrainian drone strikes have continued to disrupt Russian refining and export infrastructure, with 32 attacks on refineries recorded across July and August. An attack on the 2,60,000-barrel-per-day Perm refinery left only about 28 per cent of its crude distillation capacity operational, according to data cited by Vortexa. The impact extends to ex-

port terminals. The Black Sea accounted for about 44 per cent, or 380,000 barrels per day, of Russia's diesel and gasoil exports last year, but port and refinery disruptions have reduced available volumes. No diesel cargoes have been exported from Tuapse since a May strike, according to Vortexa. The port handled about 90,000 barrels per day, or roughly 10 per cent of Russia's total diesel exports, in 2025. Russia is also increasingly turning to imports to compensate for domestic refining disruptions. Its seaborne gasoline imports surged to a record roughly 1,25,000 barrels per day in August, equivalent to about 4,70,000 tonnes for the month. Around 55 per cent of those imports arrived on sanctioned tonnage, while India, Turkey and Morocco were among the suppliers. Indian gasoline (petrol) cargoes to Russia in August were carried on sanc-

tioned fleets and involved ship-to-ship transfers in the Mediterranean, highlighting how flows of refined products in and out of the region are being reshaped by sanctions, refinery outages and disruptions to conventional trade routes. For Europe, however, India's role is most important on the diesel side. The country is filling part of the gap left by Russia at a time when the US, Europe's other major source of incremental supply, is also showing signs of retreat. The US supplied about half of Europe's seaborne diesel imports from outside the region in August, or around 5,20,000 barrels per day, compared to about a quarter a year earlier. But shipments to Europe peaked at almost 5,40,000 barrels per day in the first half of August before falling to about 3,50,000 barrels per day in the second half, a decline of roughly 35 per cent.

10th Arthroplasty Summit Highlights New Orthopaedic Treatment Advances

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The 10th Arthroplasty Arthroscopy Summit 2026 brought together over 250 orthopaedic surgeons from across India to discuss emerging technologies, evidence-based treatments and innovations in joint replacement, arthroscopy and sports injury care.Organised by Apollo Hospitals, Secunderabad, under the aegis of the Telangana Orthopaedic Surgeons Association (TOSA) and Twin Cities Orthopaedic Society (TCOS), the summit was held at the Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jubilee Hills.Dr N. Somashekar Reddy, Organising Chairman, and Dr Mithin Aachi, Course



(L-R) Dr Saseendhar Shanmugasundaram, Care Sports Injury Centre, Chennai; Dr Samundeeswari, Care Sports Injury Centre, Chennai; Dr N. Somashekar Reddy, Organising Chairman, AAS 2026 & Sr. Ortho & Joint Replacement Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad; Dr Satish Murtha, Hinduja Hospitals, Mumbai; & Dr Mithin Aachi, Course Director, AAS 2026 & Sr. Ortho & Joint Replacement Surgeon, Apollo Hospitals, Secunderabad; at the 10th ARTHROPLASTY ARTHROSCOPY SUMMIT (AAS) 2026, hosted by Telangana Orthopaedic Surgeon's Association (TOSA) & Twin Cities Orthopaedic Society (TCOS), today at the Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Jubilee Hills.

Director, highlighted the need to critically assess new technologies for safety, effectiveness and affordability. Robotic knee replacement was a key topic, with experts stressing the importance of long-term outcome studies and cost-effectiveness in India. Discussions also covered injections for advanced knee arthritis, ACL keyhole procedures, synthetic ligaments, internal bracing,

PRP and regenerative therapies. Sessions further explored cartilage preservation, shoulder arthroplasty, spine surgery, trauma, joint infections, foot and ankle disorders and orthopaedic oncology.Speakers stressed that innovation must be guided by scientific evidence, appropriate patient selection and long-term outcomes.

Telugu Chef Kanthi Kiran Thamma Named Finalist for UK ‘Chef of the Year’ Award

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UK-based Telugu celebrity chef Kanthi Kiran Thamma, Chef and Director of The Spice Circuit Ltd., Brighton, has been named a finalist in the prestigious Chef of the Year category at the BIH Spotlight Awards 2026, marking a major international recognition for a Telugu culinary talent.Chef Kanthi was selected from more than 3,000 nominations received as part of the UK-wide hospitality

recognition programme. His selection highlights his contribution to promoting South Indian, particularly Telugu, cuisine on the international culinary stage. The winners will be announced at an awards ceremony on October 12, 2026, at Quaglino’s in London, bringing together leading chefs, restaurateurs, hospitality professionals and food enthusiasts from across the UK and Ireland.The BIH Spotlight Awards celebrate outstanding individuals and businesses



UK-based Telugu celebrity chef Kanthi Kiran Thamma, Chef & Director of The Spice Circuit Ltd., Brighton, UK, with the previous year Chef of the Year- BIH Spotlight Awards 2025 award, a prestigious recognition in the UK hospitality sector.

from ethnic minority backgrounds in the UK hospitality industry, recognising excellence, entrepreneurship, diversity and community contribution.

Chef Kanthi’s achievement follows another major honour for The Spice Circuit Ltd., which won Best South Asian Restaurant at the BIH Spotlight Awards

2025.Born in Guntur and raised in Hyderabad, Chef Kanthi has built a successful culinary career in the UK spanning more than 12 years. As a guest chef, he has showcased South Indian and Telugu cuisine across Sweden, the Netherlands, Spain, Germany, Italy and the United States.His culinary ventures have earned several accolades, including a Great Taste Award star for The Spice Circuit Gin, developed in collaboration with a local distillery.

His restaurants have also received Michelin Bib recognition and featured among the UK’s Top 100 restaurants.Chef Kanthi is also known for leading food and culture tours to South India and Sri Lanka, with The New York Times featuring his tours among the world’s seven best chef-led experiences.He has additionally been recognised as a community “Food Hero” in Brighton for his charitable initiatives.

Photography Workshop Highlights the Power of Light

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Understanding light is as important as knowing how to operate a camera, participants were told at a hands-on Photography Workshop organised by the School of Media, Design & Technology at Malla Reddy Vishwa Vidhyapeeth on Saturday.The workshop brought together 25 students and photography enthusiasts for practical sessions focused on studio lighting, portrait photography and professional techniques. Unlike conventional classroom learning, the programme emphasised experimentation and live demonstrations.Participants explored one-light portrait photography, lighting directions, portrait styles, studio equipment, exposure, and the creative use of light and shadow. Demonstrations showed how changes in the direction, position and intensity of light can significantly alter the mood, depth and visual impact of a portrait.Industry experts shared practical insights from professional photogra-



phy, helping participants understand how technical concepts are applied in real-world studio environments. The workshop was particularly beneficial for beginners, with complex concepts explained through simple demonstrations and hands-on activities. Participants actively experimented with different lighting setups during the session.Participant Anjaiah Thalka appreciated the practical approach, saying the clear demonstrations helped beginners understand photography beyond simply pressing the shutter button. The programme highlighted the importance of combining creativity, technical knowledge and practical experience to develop professional photography skills.

Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central Honours 10 Outstanding Teachers

Teachers felicitated with mementos and appreciation certificates: Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy joins Rotary leaders in saluting the architects of future generations

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Marking Teachers’ Day with the spirit of Guru Poojotsavam, the Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central organised a grand felicitation programme in Bhongir, honouring 10 outstanding teachers for their dedicated service and contribution to the field of education. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central President M.A. Rahim. The selected teachers were felicitated and presented with mementos and certificates of appreciation in recognition of their commitment to educating and guiding students. Those honoured on the occasion were Bussa Ramesh, S.A., Pasupally; Syed Ali, H.P., Bollepally; Thaota Chandraiah, S.A., Rallajangam; G. Laxmi Narayana, J.L., Bhongir; Ravula Rajani Kanth,



S.A., Bhongir; Ambala Krishna, J.L., Bhongir; S.P. Upender Rao, Retired Teacher; Venksrla Sreedevi, Basavapur; Peddathuri Raju, Bhongir; and Ragisi Shankar, Bhongir. Gaddam Gnana Prakash Reddy, Chairman – Social Media, Kakatiya Region, prominently participated in the programme and joined Rotary representatives in honouring the teachers. Speakers described teachers as guiding lights of society and architects of students’ futures, stressing that recognis-

ing committed educators not only honours their individual service but also encourages excellence across the education sector. Dr. Yempalla Buchi Reddy, Chairman – Membership, Kakatiya Region, also participated in the programme. Among others present were Secretary Baddam Srinivas Reddy; Past Presidents Diddi Balaji and Jillala Kondal Reddy; M.D. Haneef Memon; Treasurer Kontham Padma Reddy; and senior members Gummula Mallesham, Ch.

Siddiramulu, Gudur Bal Reddy, S.P. Upender Rao and Nagam Kondal Reddy, along with other Rotary members. The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri Central congratulated all the honoured teachers and appreciated their continued commitment to students and society. The Teachers’ Day programme carried a powerful message: “Teachers don’t merely teach lessons — they build character, inspire dreams and shape generations.”

BRICS Summit forces GST Council meeting reschedule

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The 57th meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council, which was scheduled for September 12, has been postponed and is likely to be held on October 7 in the national capital. The meeting has been postponed because BRICS Leaders’ Summit is scheduled for September 12-13 which clashes with the date that was fixed for the GST Council meeting, according to reliable sources. Preparatory meetings of GST officers have been scheduled for October 5 and 6. The first meeting is expected to take place October 5, while the second is scheduled for October 6. An official notification confirming the new date will also be issued and Delhi is expected to remain as venue for the meeting. The preparatory meetings of government officers for the GST meeting will now be held on October 5 from 3 pm and on October 6 from 11 am onwards,

ahead of the Council meeting on October 7, according to an office memorandum sent to council members, said sources. The October meeting is expected to focus on several pending issues related to input tax credit (ITC), refunds and GST compliance. These include proposals to ease restrictions on certain ITC claims and address the problem of accumulated credits under the inverted duty structure, among other issues. This is the first meeting of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council since the rationalization of GST slabs from four to three in September 2025 as part of the far reaching GST 2.0 reforms. Under the overhaul, most goods and services were moved to two main tax slabs of 5 per cent and 18 per cent. The Council also created a special 40 per cent rate for a limited set of demerit and luxury goods, replacing the earlier 28 per cent slab plus compensation cess on those items. The new rates came into effect on September 22, 2025.

PNGRB, EESL ink MoU to deploy smart PNG meters in CGD sector

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The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to give a technology push to City Gas Distribution (CGD) sector through deployment of smart domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) meters. The initiative is expected to usher in a new generation of gas metering with advanced features including digital monitoring, tamper alerts, leak detection, remote operations and cybersecurity safeguards, making the PNG ecosystem more efficient and transparent being safer and more

secure.The initiative is expected to benefit the stakeholders of all States, including Telangana. Former Director General of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Ajay Mathur welcomed the PNGRB-EESL partnership. He stressed that it was a timely and significant step towards a consumer- centric, technology-enabled and future-ready CGD ecosystem. He congratulated PNGRB Secretary Anjan Kumar Mishra and EESL CEO Akhilesh Kumar Dixit for the initiative, observing that smart PNG metering would contribute not only to energy efficiency and transparency but also to energy security and cybersecurity.

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

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



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

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

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

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

Salman Khan tells Isha Rikhi: Focus on yourself, not ex-husband Badshah in BB20 house



MUMBAI
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Bollywood actor Salman Khan welcomed the contestant of 'Bigg Boss 20' into the house on Sunday, and as he was interacting with actress Isha Rikhi, he advised her to leave her past behind and not to mention her ex-husband, singer and rapper Badshah, inside the Bigg Boss house. Salman told Isha, "Don't be sad. kiske breakup nhi hote aapke saamne hi dekhlo (referring to himself). Nobody should get credit of hurting you. The other person has moved on long time ago." He told her not to raise this issue or mention Badshah inside the house. Salman said, "I want to see Isha Rikhi in BB20, not Badshah's ex-wife."

Isha also expressed her desire to establish her own identity and let people know her for who she really is, and not just because of her past relationship. For the unaware, Isha and Badshah recently announced their separation via a joint post on social media. The two issued a statement on their respective Instagram handles that read, "I and Isha Rikhi have mutually decided to part ways and move forward on our separate paths. This decision has been made with mutual respect, and we request everyone to kindly respect our privacy during this time". "This will be our only statement on the matter. We sincerely request that there be no further speculation or assumptions regarding our relation-

ship" they further wrote. Isha and Badshah got married in a close-knit ceremony in March 2026, after reportedly being in a relationship for around four years. Before Isha entered the 'Bigg Boss 20' house as one of the contestants, she dropped an Instagram Story, saying, "There are many rumors circulating about my marriage. Its shocking to hear and read the news reports appearing in certain quarters. I request certain sections of the media not to spread any rumors regarding my marriage or separation. I also urge the general public not to believe anything they read or hear unless the information comes directly from me or through my official social media handles. Thank you."

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



valencia
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Barcelona continued their outstanding start to the La Liga season with a commanding 5-0 victory over Valencia away from home on Sunday. Lamine Yamal scored twice, while Fermin Lopez delivered an impressive performance with a goal and two assists as the defending champions maintained their perfect record. The result took Barcelona to 12 points from four matches, giving them a three-point advantage over second-placed Real Madrid. Valencia, meanwhile, remain at the bottom of the table with only one point from their opening four games. Barcelona needed just six minutes to open the scoring.

Fermin Lopez produced a clever pass into the penalty area, allowing Yamal to lift a composed finish over Valencia goalkeeper Stole Dimitrievski from a difficult angle. The visitors doubled their advantage in the 22nd minute. Anthony Gordon set up Fermin, who struck from around 18 yards to make it 2-0 and underline Barcelona's dominance. Barcelona continued to control proceedings after the interval and added a third goal in the 50th minute. Yamal found Fermin with a pass behind the Valencia defence, and Fermin delivered a low cross across the six-yard box for Raphinha to tap home at the far post. Fermin and Raphinha continued to

combine effectively, with Fermin creating further opportunities for the Brazilian forward. Dimitrievski made an important save to deny one effort, while Raphinha was unable to make clean contact with another chance. Barcelona's attacking pressure remained relentless. Rodri came close to adding another when his header struck the crossbar before Pedri finally made it 4-0 in the 79th minute. There was also a notable debut for Gabriel Jesus, who came off the bench following his move from Arsenal. Barcelona saved the final flourish for Yamal. The teenage star completed his brace by sweeping the ball home from close range, sealing an emphatic 5-0 victory. With 17 goals in their first four league matches, Barcelona have made a powerful statement at the beginning of their title defence, combining attacking firepower with a flawless record.

Ishan Kishan's guidance helped me rebuild innings, says Shikhar

NEW YORK
Wakeup telangana

Young Jharkhand batter Shikhar Mohan credited East Zone captain Ishan Kishan's constant guidance for helping him produce a fluent 85 on his Duleep Trophy debut, as East Zone took firm control of the 2026/27 Duleep Trophy final against a star-studded South Zone on the opening day. East Zone ended the first day at a commanding 385/4 in 79 overs, with Kishan unbeaten on 111 and Kumar Kushagra not out on 63. Mohan played a crucial role in rebuilding the innings after being drafted into the playing XI as a replacement for his Jharkhand teammate Virat Singh. Mohan and Kishan stitched together a valuable 94-run partnership for the third wicket, steadying East Zone's innings and laying the foundation for a big first-innings



total. Speaking to reporters after the close of play, Mohan revealed how Kishan's advice helped him negotiate the South Zone attack. "Ishan bhaiya was giving me a lot of advice while batting. He was telling me what shot is on and what is not. Thanks to that, we had a great partnership," Mohan said. The 85-run knock continued what has been an impressive start to Mohan's first-class ca-

reer. The youngster enjoyed a breakthrough Ranji Trophy campaign, scoring 613 runs at an average of 55.72 in his debut season. Although Mohan is primarily an opener, he showed considerable adaptability by taking up the number three position for East Zone. "My journey has been very good so far. My first season in Ranji Trophy went very well, so coming into this match, I just wanted to carry that for-

ward. I was looking to maintain that form from the Ranji Trophy," he said. Mohan added that he had no difficulty adjusting to the new batting position, saying his priority was to contribute wherever the team required him. "I didn't face any problem. The openers are Abhimanyu bhai and Vaibhav bhai, so obviously there is no space as an opener. My mindset was that wherever I get a chance, I should do

well for the team," he said. South Zone tried to unsettle Mohan after lunch by deploying a short-ball strategy, with five fielders positioned on the leg side. The batter initially handled the tactic patiently before eventually falling to Chama Milind after an inside edge off a bouncer. "They had five fielders on the leg-side. The plan was that I would leave the ball first, and when they get tired, they will give me chances to score runs. I made a poor decision and got out," Mohan admitted. The youngster also credited his experience in the Jharkhand T20 league for helping him remain composed before a sizeable crowd at Chennai's MA Chidambaram Stadium. "I think it helped a lot. The crowds there were also very good, so today when there was a big crowd, it felt normal to me," he said.

Assembly from Today: Focus on 22A Row, Welfare & KCR’s Absence

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy-led Congress government’s welfare and development initiatives during its 1,000-day rule, the revenue department’s goof-up on inclusion of private properties in the prohibitory list under Section 22A of the Registration Act and inter-state river water disputes are expected to dominate the Monsoon Session of the Assembly commencing on Monday. The session will be for a short duration though the number of days and the business to be transacted would be decided at the Business Advisory Committee meeting. This session too will not see BRS supremo and Leader of Opposition K. Chandrashekar Rao



with his party announcing that he would not attend the session. The BRS announcement came on the day the Congress organised a maha dharna at Dharna Chowk, Indira Park, on Sunday demanding the resignation of Chandrashekar Rao for failure to perform his duties as Leader of Opposition. Gaining strength from the recent political developments, and renewed confidence posed in him by the Congress high command, as reflected in the ouster of endowments and forest minister Konda Surekha from the Cabinet, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy would aggressively push a two-pronged strategy during the session – highlighting the government’s initiatives and attacking Chandrashekar Rao for what he called s running away from the Assembly. There was hectic political activity in both the ruling party and BRS on Sunday

with the Chief Minister holding a marathon meeting with revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, senior department officials and collectors of Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy districts on the highly contentious 22A inclusions. The BRS and the BJP are expected to launch scathing attack against the government, in particular the revenue minister, over the issue. Chandrashekar Rao on the other hand held a legislature party meeting in his Erravalli farmhouse and asked party legislators to highlight what he called the overall failure of the Congress government. “We will thoroughly expose the government’s failures, lies and inaction on the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme besides delay in the Palamuru project,” BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao told mediapersons. With regard to the official business, the state government is all set to introduce the titled Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026 (known as the CURE Bill). It was necessitated by the formation of three corporations in place of the GHMC. The Bill will replace the old Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Act of 1955. The government also wants to change the existing land acquisition policy, paving way for a path-breaking land-pooling model with ratio of 60:40 land share between government and land owner. However, sources said the Bill may not be introduced in this session.

After Series Of NRR Arrests, BJP Vows To Intensify Protests

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BJP Telangana president N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday said repeated arrests would not deter the party from intensifying its protests against the Congress government. The BJP stepped up its campaign against the Revanth Reddy government, which recently completed 1,000 days in power, focusing on issues concerning students, farmers, employees and other sections. Rao was arrested while attempting to submit letters from reportedly written by eight lakh students to the government at the Secretariat during a protest he led. It was the third time within a week that he was detained or placed under house arrest. Rao accused the state government of attempt-



ing to suppress the Opposition’s voice. He claimed that the Revanth Reddy government’s actions against the BJP’s protests had strengthened party workers’ morale and asserted that the protests would continue. The BJP has intensified its political campaign through a series of agitations, citing the repeated detention of its state president to accuse the Congress government of adopting a “repressive” approach. The party is seeking to expand its presence in the three corporation elections in the

CURE limits and the forthcoming MLC polls, while preparing for the next Assembly elections. The campaign gathered momentum after Rao recently met BJP national president Nitin Nabin in New Delhi. The national leadership asked the state unit to remain among the people, strengthen grassroots mobilisation and intensify protests on issues concerning students, farmers, employees and other sections. Rao subsequently stepped up protests and district tours over fee reimbursement arrears, the prohibition of lands under Section 22-A and other issues. Union minister G. Kishan Reddy, meanwhile, increased his visits to highlight infrastructure and development projects supported by the Centre.

Revanth Lauds PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud's Role In Party

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy congratulated MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud for completing two years as PCC president of Telangana. "From an ordinary worker to the party's state charioteer... The decision to entrust the reins of Telangana Congress to a BC son... This is not merely about assigning a position, but



a testament to the Congress party's commitment to social justice..." the CM posted on X. He continued: "From the day he took on that responsibility... Under the leadership of

AICC President Sri Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge garu, and the guidance of Sri Rahul Gandhi @RahulGandhi garu, the journey of Mahesh Kumar Goud garu in strengthening the party, standing as a support for the workers, is commendable. With the same dedication, wishing to reach even more milestones in public service, heartfelt congratulations to Mahesh Kumar Goud garu."

MP's Brother, SRH Manager Arvind Yadav Booked as Pub Brawl Leaves 3 Injured in Jubilee Hills

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A quarrel over tables after the closure deadline triggered a group clash reportedly involving M. Arvind Yadav, the brother of Rajya Sabha member Anil Kumar Yadav, and over 150 persons at the Cara Cara Pub of Daspalla Hotel early on Sunday, Jubilee Hills police said. The clash spilled out on to the streets and lasted for over three hours, leaving three persons injured, two of them grievously. Arvind Yadav is stated to

be the team manager of Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH). He has been booked along with his followers, police said. The fight reportedly broke out during rush hour when Arvind Yadav reportedly asked two persons sitting at an adjacent table to shift to make space for his supporters. The other customers refused. During this time, the leg of one of the patrons touched Arvind Yadav. This sparked a quarrel between the group led by Arvind Yadav and the other group reportedly led by one



Shameem of Nampally. An official quoting witnesses and from CCTV footage said the groups hurled abuses at each other before using liquor bottles, chairs, tables as weapons. Glass doors, windows and fixtures were smashed by 3 am before the management dial-

led the police for help. Police said they had detained over 30 persons for questioning, and that details would be released after investigation. Police took up investigations after registering a suo motu case following a complaint by Jubilee Hills sub-inspector Sandeep Reddy. Further action would be taken as per law, police said. Sources said that the bar, mandated to close by midnight, had stayed open allegedly unlawfully until 3 am. "Despite several appeals, the establishment functions beyond per-

mitted times. The local police are unconcerned while we spend sleepless nights due to weekly nuisance," complained G. Spandana, a resident along Road No. 37, CBI Colony, Jubilee Hills, where the pub is located. The pub management reportedly told the police that the bar had closed when a group demanded that alcohol be served. After staff refused service, the group allegedly attacked bouncers at the pub. Several suspects were identified as rowdy sheeters from Mallepally.



BRS leaders led by former Nizampet Deputy Mayor Dhanraj Yadav and party president Ranga Raya Prasad staged a protest at the Quthbullapur-Nizampet Circle of office over stalled garbage collection. Carrying bags of accumulated waste, they dumped garbage outside the Deputy Commissioner’s office, demanding immediate sanitation services and warning of intensified protests if authorities fail to restore collection.

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Chief Secretary Jaju directs joint Metro-RTC pass in Hyderabad

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Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju has directed officials to immediately introduce a joint pass for Metro Rail and RTC bus travel in Hyderabad. Sanjay Jaju on Sunday held a coordination meeting with officials and travelled by Metro Rail today from Begumpet to Paradise, inspected the commercial complexes and parking areas at the stations and offered suggestions for their further development. He also inspected the elevated corridors being constructed by the HMDA on NH-44. The Chief Secretary instructed Metro and RTC officials to make the nec-

essary arrangements to issue monthly and daily passes in a manner that ensures convenience for the public. Officials from L&T Hyderabad Metro Rail and TGSRTC informed that they were technically prepared to issue a joint pass for Metro and RTC passengers and have finalised arrangements for its implementation at any time. The Chief Secretary enquired about the current status of road widening works for the Old City Metro corridor and directed that the expansion works in the 7.5 km Old City corridor be expedited and that the Metro project activities commence swiftly.

Congress Leader Slams KCR Over Assembly Absence

HYDERABAD
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AICC National Coordinator Dr. P. V. Ravisekhara Reddy has demanded that former Chief Minister and BRS chief K. Chandrashekar Rao immediately resign as MLA, alleging that he has drawn an MLA salary for nearly 1,000 days without attending the Assembly or being accessible to people in his constituency. Speaking at a public programme on Sunday, Dr. Ravisekhara Reddy strongly criticized KCR for allegedly remaining at his farmhouse while neglecting public issues. He questioned how an elected representative could continue in office without actively participating in the Assembly or addressing



the concerns of constituents. Under the leadership of Venugopal Swamy, Congress leaders and workers organized a large rally to highlight what they described as the failures of the previous BRS government and explain the welfare and development initiatives being undertaken by the Congress government. The programme began with the garlanding of Dr.

B. R. Ambedkar’s statue at Panjagutta, followed by a rally to the Indira Gandhi statue on Necklace Road. AICC KKC Chairman Dr. Udit Raj attended the rally as the chief guest. Dr. Ravisekhara Reddy said the BRS had no moral right to criticize Congress after allegedly leaving Telangana with a heavy debt burden following ten years in power.

RERA Directs EVK Projects To Refund Money to Homebuyer

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG RERA) has directed EVK Projects to refund Rs 9.36 lakh to a homebuyer with 10.70 per cent annual interest after finding that the developer failed to establish that construction had commenced at its EVK Avasa project in Kollur. The authority also directed its secretary to investigate the project after finding that EVK Avasa was not registered with it. The order followed a complaint filed by N. Sneha, who entered into an agreement of sale with EVK Projects in November 2021 for a 1,170-sq. ft two-bedroom flat in the project. Of the agreed sale consideration of Rs 37.44 lakh, she paid Rs 9.36 lakh. The complainant stated that the developer had promised to complete the flat within 36 months. However, the project had not commenced, and there was no major construction activity at the site. The developer also failed to provide documents showing that the required approvals had been obtained. Invoking Section 18 of the RERA Act, the Authority directed EVK Projects to refund Rs 9.36 lakh along with interest at 10.7 per cent per annum.

Uppal Nalla Cheruvu Likely to Open in November

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HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath said that restoration work at the Nalla Cheruvu in Uppal was likely to be completed in two months, and would be inaugurated by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy in November. The

agency said that the lake was subjected to severe encroachment, and was limited to less than 50 acres of water limit, but the land was reclaimed and the lake has been expanded to 67.31 acres. “The lake, along the Warangal Highway, was previously a garbage and industrial effluent dump



yard. This is now transformed into a fresh water lake, and would be made a tourist hub generating huge employment”, Ran-

ganath said. Officials said the lake is being developed with inlets to let stormwater in and fill the lake, and outlet gates to ensure excess water is deviated efficiently and make sure the surrounding areas do not get water inundated. HYDRAA also said a 2.4 kilometer bund and walking track is being

developed around the lake, along with gazebos and playing areas. Ranganath also inspected Madhapur’s Thammidikunta and Sunnam Cheruvu on Saturday. He urged authorities to improve greenery around the lakes, and create a more peaceful environment.