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MAX : 32.0°C
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Bullet Train Hub Nears Completion in Ahmedabad

AHMEDABAD
The main transit hub at Ahmedabad station for the National High Speed Rail Corridor is nearing completion, with civil works in their final stages and preparations underway for trial runs in 2027. Engineers involved in the project said they hope to launch India's first high-speed train service between Ahmedabad and Mumbai by 2028. The first service will start with a train capable of carrying about 600 passengers. Officials plan to add more coaches gradually, increasing capacity to 10 bogies by adding two more coaches as per demand in the coming days. The transit hub of the bullet train in Ahmedabad connects with Metro services on one side and the railway station of the Indian railway network on the other, both located within a gap of nearly 100 metres. From the transit hub, passengers can move on to any transport mode.

Telangana Assembly Turns Stormy as BRS MLAs Stopped at Gates

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The Telangana Assembly session began on a stormy note on Monday after police prevented BRS legislators from entering the Assembly premises for wearing black shirts carrying protest slogans. The BRS members had planned the protest to highlight what they described as the Congress government's failure to deliver on its promises after 1,000 days in power. The situation escalated when heated arguments broke out between the legislators and police personnel. BRS leaders demanded written orders from the Speaker authorising the restriction. Despite their objections, police allegedly used force to prevent them from entering. BRS working president KT Rama Rao cited Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi wearing black in Parliament and appealed to the police to allow them inside. BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao even-



tually removed his black shirt. The confrontation turned physical, with several BRS leaders, including KTR, Harish Rao and Jagadish Reddy, allegedly being pushed, manhandled and trampled. Women legislators also alleged police excesses. Former Home Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy was reportedly dragged by her hair, while Narsapur MLA Sunitha Laxma Reddy alleged that police pulled her by the pallu of her saree. The legislators

were later taken to Telangana Bhavan, where some received first aid. Meanwhile, the Assembly witnessed further disruption as BJP members protested over 22-A prohibited lands and demanded a judicial probe. Speaker G Prasad Kumar adjourned the House after BJP legislators entered the well and raised slogans. Later, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy demanded an apology from BRS chief K Chandrasekhar Rao over alleged dispar-

aging remarks made by BRS MLC Tata Madhu against the Speaker and sought action against him. Madhu later said he made the remarks in anger after allegedly being manhandled by police and withdrew them if considered offensive. BRS SC/ST legislators also complained to the SC/ST Commission, alleging abuse, humiliation and violence. The Commission directed the DGP to inquire into the allegations and submit a report within two days.

BRS women MLAs demand Revanth Reddy's apology

HYDERABAD
BRS women legislators on Monday demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy publicly apologise for the police high-handedness against them outside the Assembly and resign as Home Minister. They condemned the incident and raised questions over safety of women in the Congress government's "Indiramma Palana" (Indira Gandhi's rule). Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan here, BRS Legislature Party deputy leader and former Home Minister P Sabitha Indra Reddy termed the incident heinous. She said police acted at the Chief Minister's direction. She said the black T-shirts worn by BRS legislators contained no objectionable words and only demanded implementation of the government's promises during its 1,000-day rule.

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CM Revanth Demands Expulsion of BRS MLC Over Remarks Against Speaker

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Chief Minister A, Revanth Reddy has demanded that Legislative Council Chairman Gutha Sukhender Reddy immediately dismiss and expel BRS MLC Tata Madhusudhan from the Upper House, following his derogatory remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. The Chief Minister also demanded that demanded BRS president and Leader of Opposition K. Chandrashekar Rao tender an unconditional apology for his party member's conduct. Speaking in the House, the Chief Minister said that this was not only a personal insult to Prasad Kumar but to the dignity of the Speaker's chair, the House, and for all of Telangana. Calling it a 'dark day', Revanth Reddy said that the language that MLC Madhusudhan used against the Speaker and his family was unpardonable. "Such an incident has never happened anywhere in independent India. It is high time that this type of 'wicked mannerisms' (durmargamaina pokada) should be brought under control. KCR should immediately apologise," Revanth



Reddy said, to applause from the treasury benches. He said that the time had come for the government and entire machinery take tough action against such elements. Describing this as an insult to not just Dalits, but everyone, Revanth Reddy recalled how the BRS had remained anti-Dalit even during its tenure in power. He recalled how the BRS leadership had betrayed the community through false promises of making a Dalit community member as Chief Minister after the formation of Telangana. Revanth Reddy also recollected how Dalit community protestors were mowed down by sand-laden lorries in Nerella and farmers from the community tortured in Khammam by the BRS regime.

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DKS Urges Students to Study Abroad, Become Job Creators

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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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DAC Clears ₹1.1 Lakh Crore Defence Deals

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The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), headed by Rajnath Singh, on Monday cleared defence acquisition proposals worth ₹1,10,000 crore for the Army, Navy and the Indian Air Force, including missiles for fighter jets, Advanced Light Helicopters (ALHs) and Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) reconnaissance vehicles. For the Indian Army, initial approval, also called Acceptance of Necessity

(AoN), was granted for the procurement of CBRN Reconnaissance Vehicles, High Mobility Vehicles (HMTVs), Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers (MMLs), ALHs, Trawl Tanks and the Sarvatra Bridge System. The CBRN Reconnaissance Vehicles will be capable of detecting, identifying, monitoring and marking areas contaminated with CBRN agents. The HMTVs will enhance operational capabilities, logistic support and mobility in challenging terrains. The MMLs will achieve fast



and responsive minelaying in difficult terrains. The ALHs will execute complex missions across all terrains and operational situations for the Army and the Air Force. The Trawl Tanks and Bridge System will be utilised to provide composite crossings to fighting formations during operations in varied terrains. For the Navy, AoN was

accorded for the procurement of Arudhra Radars and for the design and development, followed by procurement, of Marine Gas Turbines (MGTs). The Arudhra Radar will replace existing Air Route Surveillance Radars at various Naval Air Stations, while the MGT, a warship propulsion system, will reduce dependency on foreign vendors. For the Air Force, approval was granted to various proposals to enhance the war-fighting capability of fighters, transports and helicopters. The DAC

also gave approval for procuring Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammers (GBMPJs) and installing the Defence Forces Secure Access Card (DEF-SAC) System. The GBMPJ will provide effective jamming against adversary radars, while DEF-SAC will replace existing paper-based identity cards, passes and permits with an interoperable RFID-based smart card system. Of the total AoNs accorded, around 98 per cent of procurements will be made from the Indian industry.

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Singapore PM Condemns Anti-Indian Racism Over Air India Debate

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Singapore Prime Minister Lawrence Wong has strongly condemned racist and anti-Indian comments that emerged online amid discussions over Singapore Airlines' (SIA) investment in Air India, warning that such prejudice must not be allowed to become normalised in the multiracial city-state. In a Facebook post on Sunday, Wong said Singapore's identity must remain "open and inclusive" and stressed that legitimate public debate should never be

used as a cover for hostility towards any community or foreigners. Wong was referring to racist comments made about Singaporeans who remain missing following devastating floods in Nepal, as well as anti-Indian abuse that accompanied online discussions over SIA's investment in Air India. "We can and should have robust debates. But we should never use seemingly legitimate arguments as a cover to fuel prejudice against any community or hostility towards foreigners," Wong said.

Silent Diplomacy: Did India Broker Russia-Ukraine Peace Talks?

NEW DELHI
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Did India play a role in facilitating the peace talk between Russia and Ukraine this week? While the Indian government remains tight-lipped, the sequence of events over the last month indicates that New Delhi may have facilitated the talks between Russia and Ukraine and likely paved the way for the United States to give a fresh push to end the ongoing war that began in February 2022. Since August, India has engaged key players of the Russia-Ukraine war at the highest level. Let's rewind and connect the dots. On August 8,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi received a call from US vice-president J.D. Vance. On the surface of it, the call appeared to be a routine conversation between the two leaders. However, there were no pressing issues before the two sides at that time for the "out-of-the-blue" call. The ministry of external affairs press statement said that the Prime Minister and US vice-president reviewed progress in the India-US comprehensive global strategic partnership. The statement noted that the two leaders reviewed sustained momentum in the high-level engagements and reaffirmed commitment to further

strengthening cooperation in trade, defence, critical and emerging technologies, energy security and critical minerals. "Mr Modi and Mr Vance also exchanged views on regional and global developments of mutual interest," it added. Thereafter, external affairs minister S. Jaishankar was in Moscow for inter-government commission meetings in the last week of August, during which he met Russian President Vladimir Putin. Then last week, Modi, during his meeting with Putin on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit in Bishkek, talked about ending the endless

war, including the Russia-Ukraine war. "We need to move from the state of endless war to the end of war... We have consistently discussed the issue of Ukraine... India supports all peace efforts and will continue to do so in the future as well. Each day spent in war pushes back humanity, whereas every step taken toward peace fills humanity with new hope and enthusiasm. We need to move from endless war to the end of war, which is a must for the wellbeing of humanity. A peaceful resolution to all issues at the earliest is the call of humanity, and this is India's message..." Modi told

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KTR holds Revanth Reddy responsible for alleged police assault on BRS MLAs

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao held Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy directly responsible for the alleged police assault on BRS legislators, particularly women members, at the Assembly. He demanded an unconditional apology and action against the police personnel involved. He stated that the BRS would approach the Governor and submit a representation on the Congress government’s high-handedness against elected representatives. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, Rama Rao said the alleged pulling of women legislators’ sarees, holding their throats and dragging them by their hair was extremely reprehensible. He questioned



whether this was the “Indiramma Rajyam” and “people’s government” promised by the Congress. He demanded that the Chief Minister, who also holds the Home portfolio, take responsibility for the incident. He stated that the ruling Congress prevented BRS MLAs from entering the Assembly because it feared exposure of its 1,000-day failures. He said the Opposition wanted to question the government over its pending 420 guarantees, six guarantees, 13 declarations and other election

promises. The BRS working president targeted Congress Lok Sabha leader Rxahul Gandhi, pointing to Congress MPs and Rahul Gandhi wearing similar T-shirts against Prime Minister Narendra Modi to express their dissent and raising slogans in Parliament. If such protests were permitted in Parliament, he asked why BRS legislators were stopped in Telangana. Rama Rao said police claimed they were acting on the Speaker’s directions and demanded clar-

ity from the Speaker on whether different rules applied to Rahul Gandhi in Parliament and BRS members in the State Legislature. He urged Assembly Speaker Gadadam Prasad Kumar to shed his partisan approach and maintain impartiality. He said the Chief Minister, despite being the Leader of the House, was also an MLA like other members and had no special privilege to escape the issues raised by the Opposition. The BRS working president said the Opposition’s responsibility was to question the government on behalf of the people and raise their grievances in the Assembly. Stating that the BRS was only fulfilling its duty, he demanded that the House be conducted for a month to allow detailed discussion on public issues.

Responding to a question, Rama Rao said the BRS had boycotted the Business Advisory Committee meeting in protest against the government’s conduct towards its legislators and women members. He said the party legislators would attend the session and continue raising the issue in the Assembly until an apology was tendered to the women legislators. He stated that BRS legislators, including himself, BRSLP deputy leader T Harish Rao, former Minister G Jagadish Reddy, Yadav Reddy, Shambipur Raju and Dr K Sanjay, were injured after police pushed, dragged and trampled them during the police action. He condemned the alleged assault on BRS women MLAs V Sunitha Laxma Reddy and P Sabitha Indra Reddy.

BRS Leaders Condemn Police Action Over Black T-Shirt Protest

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Former minister and BRS MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy and BRS Legislature Party Whip K.P. Vivekananda strongly condemned the police action against BRS MLAs and leaders during their protest wearing black T-shirts, alleging that the Congress government had resorted to “high-handed” tactics to suppress dissent. Prashanth Reddy alleged that former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) was physically manhandled and knocked down by police, while former Home Minister Sabitha Indra Reddy was also allegedly subjected to rough treatment. He said BRS leaders had staged a peaceful protest and questioned whether such treatment could be described as “Praja Palana.” He alleged that police pulled MLA Sunitha Laxma Reddy by her saree and that Harish Rao,



Jagadish Reddy and Sanjay fell during the scuffle. Prashanth Reddy said he was forcibly lifted and taken into a vehicle twice. Criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Prashanth Reddy accused the Congress government of failing to fulfil its electoral promises and described its 1,000-day rule as “fruitless.” He questioned why black T-shirts were being treated as a threat, pointing out that Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi had previously worn T-shirts carrying political messages in Parliament. He also alleged that the BJP and Congress were working together and claimed that BRS leaders

were prevented from entering the Assembly because the government feared their presence would expose its shortcomings. Vivekananda alleged that the police action had been orchestrated at the direction of the Chief Minister. He claimed that thousands of police personnel, including Greyhounds forces, had been deployed around the Assembly and accused authorities of harassing elected representatives and women legislators. The BRS leaders said they would not be intimidated and asserted that the people of Telangana would ultimately judge the government’s conduct.

Audit Director Assures Probe Into Eluru Office Complaints



Representatives of the Andhra Pradesh Mala Employees Association on Monday submitted a complaint to State Audit Department Director Eedara Kalyan in Mangalagiri, alleging administrative irregularities and discrimination and harassment of Scheduled Caste employees in the Eluru district audit office. State president Bethala Sudarshanam, Vijayawada in-charge J.J. Venkanna Kumar and Samata Sainik Dal leader Y. Narasimha Rao submitted the complaint. The representatives brought to the Director’s notice several issues concerning the functioning of the Eluru district audit office, including alleged discrimination against SC employees during special audits related to Rayalam, Chinaamiram and other gram panchayats. They also sought scrutiny of employee representations, audit objections, departmental reports and subsequent disciplinary action. The delegation urged the department to examine all relevant records to establish the facts and ensure a fair investigation. According to the representatives, Director Eedara Kalyan received the complaint positively and assured them that the allegations would be examined and an inquiry conducted. Bethala Sudarshanam said allegations involving discrimination or harassment of SC employees should not be treated merely as administrative disputes. He demanded an impartial inquiry and appropriate action against anyone found responsible.

Manhole Work Over, But Road Hazard Remains Near Rail Nilayam

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Although manhole construction work has been completed near Rail Nilayam, close to the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) office in Secunderabad, the stretch continues to pose difficulties for commuters, particularly two-wheeler riders. Loose soil, dust and scattered gravel remain on portions of the road, raising concerns over road safety. The issue was first noticed during manhole-related works on August 27, when excavation and construction activity affected traffic movement along the busy stretch. However, even days after the work was completed, leftover soil and small stones could still be seen spread across sections of the carriageway. The loose material on the road can reduce tyre grip and increase the possibility of skidding, especially for motorcycle and scooter riders. The risk becomes more serious



when vehicles brake suddenly, negotiate turns or move through the affected portions during peak traffic hours. The stretch witnesses continuous movement of motorcycles, cars, autorickshaws and other vehicles throughout the day. With dust and gravel remaining on the road surface, commuters are concerned that a minor loss of balance could result in accidents or injuries. For two-wheeler users, even a small quantity of loose gravel can make the road difficult to negotiate safely. Riders may also be forced to suddenly change

lanes or slow down to avoid the affected patches, potentially creating additional traffic risks. Commuters and local residents have urged the concerned authorities to inspect the stretch and remove the leftover soil, gravel and construction debris without further delay. They have also called for proper cleaning or mechanical sweeping of the affected portions and restoration of the road surface. While completing underground infrastructure work is essential, commuters say road restoration and cleanup should be treated as an integral part of the project rather than an afterthought. The authorities concerned are expected to take prompt corrective measures to improve the condition of the road and ensure safer movement of motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders. The work may be over, but public safety cannot be left unfinished.

Journalist Injured During BRS Highway Protest at Alladurg

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Tension prevailed at Alladurg in Sangareddy district on Monday when BRS leaders and workers staged a road blockade on the Nanded National Highway, protesting the police action against BRS legislators during the Telangana Assembly session. The protest was led by former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran, who accused the government of attempting to suppress the opposition and demanded respect for the



democratic rights of elected representatives. Police personnel reached the spot and attempted to clear the highway. During the ensuing commotion, police moved Kranthi Kiran into a vehicle. However, he reportedly got out and returned to the

protest, joining party workers who continued raising slogans. The situation became tense as protesters and police confronted each other, resulting in disruption to traffic on the busy highway. In a significant development, journalist Veeranna was injured

after reportedly coming into contact with a police vehicle during the commotion. He was immediately shifted to Jogipet Government Hospital for medical treatment. The exact circumstances surrounding the injury have not yet been officially clarified by police. BRS leaders condemned the incident and demanded an inquiry into the journalist’s injury. Kranthi Kiran said the party would continue to fight for democratic rights and stand with its workers and the public.

Mumbai Telangana Activists Seek KK Panel Recognition



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Mumbai-based Telangana activists played a significant role in the movement for statehood and must be recognised by the KK Committee, said Jukanti

Ramachander, president of the Mumbai Kurma Sangham (Khar Bandra). Speaking at a meeting jointly organised by the Mumbai Telangana Joint Action Committee (MTJAC) and Mumbai Kurma Sangham

at Khar Adda on Monday, Ramachander recalled how activists had protested against then Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu with black flags in Mumbai, highlighting their demand for a separate Telangana state. MTJAC Co-Convenor Narapaka Laxman Maharaj said activists possess documentary evidence supporting their contribution and would soon meet the KK Committee in Hyderabad. Several Kurma Sangham and MTJAC leaders attended the meeting.

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



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.

Stagnant Water, Garbage Turn East Marredpally Bus Stop into Health Hazard

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“Is this a bus stop or a sewage pool?” — that is the question confronting commuters at a busy stretch in East Marredpally, Secunderabad, where stagnant dirty water, accumulated garbage and an unbearable foul smell have created an unhygienic environment for pedestrians and bus passengers. A ground-level photograph taken on Sunday shows a large pool of stagnant water along the roadside, while garbage and waste are piled close to the pedestrian walkway. With the usable roadside space reduced,

commuters are finding it difficult to walk comfortably or stand while waiting for buses. The situation assumes greater significance because East Marredpally is a busy urban neighbourhood with educational and healthcare facilities, including CSI Institute Of PG Studies and Shenoy Multi-Speciality Hospitals Secunderabad. Students, women, patients, employees and other commuters regularly move through the locality. The persistent foul smell makes waiting at the roadside unpleasant, while stagnant water and garbage leave pedestrians with limited walking space. With heavy vehicular



movement towards Secunderabad and other important destinations, pedestrians being forced closer to moving traffic also raises a road-safety concern.

The sanitation problem is equally worrying from a public-health perspective. Stagnant water and improperly disposed waste can create conditions conducive to mosquito breeding and other sanitation-related risks. GHMC itself recently directed field officials to intensify inspections and eliminate mosquito-breeding sources, stressing the importance of preventing water stagnation. Similar drainage and stagnant-water problems elsewhere in Hyderabad have resulted in complaints of foul smell, mosquito breeding and difficulty for pedestrians, underscoring the need for permanent solu-

tions rather than temporary cleaning. Commuters and local residents want the civic authorities to immediately remove the garbage, clear the stagnant water, disinfect the affected stretch and identify why water continues to accumulate. More importantly, they seek a permanent drainage and road-level solution so that the problem does not recur after every spell of rain or wastewater discharge. A bus stop should provide commuters a safe place to wait—not force them to choose between foul-smelling stagnant water and a traffic-filled road.

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 Ramajugudem of Allapally mandal. The ACB arrested the accused and produced him before the Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases at Warangal.

Telangana Assembly Day 1 Session Adjourned, To Resume On Tuesday

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The first day of the Telangana Assembly's monsoon session concluded on Monday, amid protests and disruptions over key issues and furore over BRS MLC Thatha Madhusudan's alleged derogatory remarks against the Speaker, Gaddam Prasad Kumar. Several legislators, including Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, and ministers, demanded an unconditional apology along with the member's expulsion from the House. Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu said a decision on the issue would be taken on Tuesday. He said the Speaker's post is one of the highest offices in the legislature and must be treated with respect. What happened, he said, was not a personal attack on Gaddam



Prasad Kumar as an individual, but an insult to the dignity of the Speaker's chair itself and, by extension, to the House and to the four crore people of Telangana. He described the day as "a dark day for Telangana," saying the language used against the Speaker and his family was unpardonable. Revanth Reddy warned that if the government's restraint was being mistaken for weakness, it would not remain a silent spectator to attempts at intimidating institutions. He formally demanded, as

Leader of the House, that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao issue an apology, that the member responsible resign, and that the member's Assembly membership be revoked over the objectionable remarks. The Assembly started on a stormy note in the morning, with the House being adjourned for 15 minutes soon after the commencement of proceedings following disruption by the opposition members. The BJP MLAs, who raised slogans, sought immediate debate on the inclusion of private lands of citizens in

a prohibitive list under Section 22 A of the Registration Act, which bars registrations and other transactions. The BJP members did not relent, though Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar appealed to them to co-operate in beginning the proceedings. Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu said the government is ready for debate on the issue but it did not help. Meanwhile, high drama prevailed outside the House as BRS members, who were wearing black T-shirts, were stopped by police. The black T-shirts had slogans like "Congress failed to deliver on its promises". BRS MLA Sunita Laxmareddy broke down, complaining that she suffered a minor injury as police were stopping them. BRS MLA Harish Rao and others took off their shirts, protesting against police stopping them.

Telangana SC/ST Commission seeks report on alleged assault of BRS MLAs

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The Telangana State Commission for SCs and STs issued notices to DGP CV Anand seeking a detailed and comprehensive report within 48 hours on the alleged assault, intimidation and inappropriate conduct by police against BRS legislators belonging to SC and ST communities at the Assembly gate on Monday. The Commission chairman Bakki Venkataiah took serious note of the complaint submitted by BRS legislators and directed the DGP to conduct an immediate and impartial inquiry, initiate action against the officials responsible and submit an action-taken report along with evidence, including CCTV footage and other video recordings. The Commission said the alleged violence, hu-



miliation or obstruction of SC/ST legislators raised serious concerns over their dignity, safety and lawful rights. The notices were served after BRS MLAs Kova Laxmi, Anil Jadhav, Manikrao and Vijayudu submitted a representation to the Commission, requesting necessary action. In their representation, the BRS legislators alleged that police stopped them while they were proceeding to attend the Assembly session and abused and physically assaulted them. They said several BRS legis-

lators sustained injuries and required medical treatment. They termed the incident an attack on the dignity and constitutional rights of elected representatives from SC/ST communities. They said the police behaved inappropriately with tribal woman MLA Kova Laxmi and physically assaulted SC/ST legislators including Anil Jadhav, Manikrao and Vijayudu. The legislators also alleged that police insisted they remove their T-shirts before allowing them into the Assembly, calling the action humiliating and an affront to their dignity and self-respect. They urged the Commission to preserve and independently examine CCTV, video and police body-camera footage and consider the medical records of the injured legislators.

SC, ST, BC, Minority Issues Must Be Resolved Immediately

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The National Ambedkar Sena has urged the government to immediately resolve long-pending issues concerning SC, ST, BC and Minority communities. At a press conference at So-majiguda Press Club, National President Manne Sridhar Rao and Telangana State President Tallapalli Rajesh demanded effective implementation of welfare schemes, timely fee reimbursements and scholarships for eligible students. They said delays in financial assistance were affecting higher education opportunities for margin-



alized students and called for strict monitoring by government departments. The leaders also demanded corrections in roster points and greater political representation, stating that the Mala community played a significant role in bringing the Congress government to power. They urged the government to act swiftly on welfare, education and reservation-related concerns.

Insulting Assembly Speaker Is an Affront to Democracy: Damodar Rajanarsimha

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Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha strongly condemned the alleged abusive remarks made by an MLC against the Assembly Speaker, stating that personal attacks on a constitutional office undermine democratic values and institutional dignity. Rajanarsimha said political disagreements and criticism of government policies are natural in a democracy, but using

derogatory language against a person holding a constitutional position cannot be justified. "Political differences may exist and policies can be criticised, but personally insulting an individual holding a constitutional office is unacceptable," he said. The Minister expressed concern that the Speaker, who belongs to the Dalit community, was allegedly subjected to insulting remarks despite occupying a high constitutional position. He said the incident



highlighted the continuing need to address discrimination, prejudice and disrespect against Dalits. Rajanarsimha said the Constitution guarantees equality, dignity and justice to every citizen, and social discrimination is contrary to these principles.

He stressed that insulting a Dalit holding a constitutional office should be viewed as a broader concern involving constitutional values. The Minister appealed to the Speaker to initiate appropriate action against the MLC concerned under legislative rules and procedures. He urged elected representatives to maintain decorum, mutual respect and parliamentary standards while safeguarding the dignity of democratic institutions.

BRS Submits 300 Prajavani Pleas, Targets Congress Promises



HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The BRS stepped up pressure on the Congress government by submitting nearly 300 applications at the Prajavani programme held at the Regode mandal headquarters on Monday, demanding action on public grievances and implementation of election promises. The programme was organised following a call by former MLA Kranthi Kiran. BRS leaders and workers collected applications from residents of various villages across the mandal and submitted them to the Regode MPDO for necessary action. Party leaders alleged that the Congress came to power after making several election assurances, including the "420 promises and Six Guarantees," and had promised to implement key commitments within 100 days. They claimed that sev-

eral assurances were yet to be fully implemented. The applications highlighted various local and rural issues, with BRS leaders urging officials to examine the grievances and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive government scheme benefits. The party also demanded the speedy implementation of election promises and resolution of pending grassroots-level issues. BRS leaders warned that they would intensify democratic protests if the government failed to address public concerns. BRS general secretary Sunke Ramesh, former Regode mandal BRS president Vinod, former Regode village Sarpanch Narsimlu, party leaders and workers participated. The allegations regarding the implementation of election promises were made by BRS leaders during the programme.

Employees Offer Prayers Seeking Repeal of CPS Scheme

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Seeking the repeal of the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) and restoration of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS), AINPSEF National General Secretary Machan Raghunandan performed special prayers at the Simhachalam temple on Monday. Raghunandan prayed to Lord Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy to help employees achieve their long-standing demand for the repeal of the CPS. He also appealed to the rulers



to take steps to restore the Old Pension Scheme and ensure financial and social security for government employees. Speaking on the occasion, Raghunandan said

governments had repeatedly promised to scrap the CPS, but later failed to act on their assurances. He expressed concern that the financial and social security of em-

ployees was not receiving enough attention. He said more than one crore employees across the country were opposing the New Pension Scheme and seeking the return of the Old Pension Scheme. Raghunandan said employees were also offering prayers at temples across the country, hoping that the authorities would take a positive decision on their demand. B. Govind, Bolli Shivakumar, Dudam Balakrishna, Pola Kiran and others participated in the prayers.

Five-Year-Old Kanishka Shines at India's Kids Fashion Week

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Five-year-old Kanishka, a PP2 student of St. Pious X High School, Alwal, brought pride to her school and family by walking the runway at India's Kids Fashion Week (IKFW) Season 13, held at Novotel, Hyderabad. Daughter of Congress leader and Narsimhan Foundation founder Dr. K. Narsimhan, Kanishka confidently showcased her talent at the prestigious national fashion event and received an official certificate of



achievement. The school management later honoured her at a special ceremony. CISCE Principal Sister Swapna Swetha, Vice Principal Sister Sirisha and class teacher Ms. Benita congratulated Kanishka, praising her confidence and achievement at such a young age.

BRS Demands Revanth Reddy's Resignation Over 1,000 Days

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) Cantonment constituency membership registration in-charge Manne Krishank demanded Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's resignation, alleging that the Congress government had failed to deliver during its 1,000 days in power. Krishank led a protest in the Cantonment area on Monday, where BRS leaders and workers wore black scarves and raised slogans against the government. Defending BRS legislators who wore



black T-shirts inside the Assembly, he questioned what he called Congress' "double standards." Krishank pointed to Rahul Gandhi's previous use of a T-shirt featuring industrialists Adani and Am-

bani in Parliament, arguing that BRS MLAs should similarly have the right to express democratic dissent. He said KCR and BRS have historically used resignations as part of public struggles.

"Cancel MLC Thatha Madhu's Membership Immediately": Neelam Padma

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Mahila Congress President and former ZPTC Neelam Padma Venkat Swamy strongly condemned what she described as objectionable and disrespectful remarks made by BRS MLC Thatha Madhu against the Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker, and demanded immediate action against the legislator. In a strongly worded

statement on Monday, Padma said remarks that undermine the dignity of the Speaker's constitutional office were unacceptable, irrespective of political differences. She demanded that Thatha Madhu apologise unconditionally to the Speaker and called for cancellation of his MLC membership in accordance with applicable constitutional and legislative procedures. Padma alleged that the remarks were particularly disturbing as they were directed against a Speaker



belonging to the Dalit community. "Political criticism has its limits. No one has the right to insult a constitutional office or make personally demeaning remarks," she said. She also demanded that BRS pres-

ident and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao take responsibility for the conduct of his party leaders and tender an apology. Accusing the opposition of failing to play a constructive role, Padma said political disagreements should be expressed through democratic debate rather than personal attacks. Referring to recent confrontations involving BRS leaders, Padma also sought disciplinary action against K.T. Rama Rao and Padi Kaushik Reddy, alleging

inappropriate conduct towards police personnel. She maintained that the Congress government respects women and disadvantaged communities and said political discourse must uphold the dignity of individuals as well as democratic institutions. "Differences over policies are natural in a democracy, but the dignity of the Speaker and the legislature must be respected. An unconditional apology should be offered immediately," Neelam Padma said.

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.

India-France Ties Have Reached New Heights: PM Modi

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India-France relations have reached new heights and this strategic partnership is particularly special because it rests on the solid foundation of long-standing cultural and political ties. Addressing virtually the inauguration of the Swaminarayan temple in Paris, PM Modi hoped that the grand temple in Paris will stand for centuries as a symbol of cooperation and opportunity between both the nations. "In recent years, relations between India and France have reached new heights. Together with my friend, President (Emmanuel) Macron, both nations are building a Special Global Strategic Partnership," he said. The prime minister said that from technology,



AI, and defence to space and climate action, India and France are moving forward together with new momentum and energy. "We are also celebrating 2026 as the India-France Year of Innovation. This strategic partnership is particularly special because it rests on the solid foundation of our long-standing cultural and political ties," he said. Modi said these days, there is much talk about joint venture possibilities between India and France. He said history bears witness that the sacrifice of

Indian soldiers in France remains alive in the hearts of people to this day. "Language enthusiasts also know the pivotal role French scholars played in popularising Sanskrit. Roman Rolland's writings on Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda brought our societies closer," he said. Furthermore, the prime minister said, the spiritual journey of 'The Mother' from Paris to the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry has inspired countless Indian and French seekers. He said decades ago, Srila Prabhupada Swami also visited France, opening a new chapter in spiritual connections through ISKCON. "Today, yoga has also become a bridge for people-to-people connections between our nations. Images from the Eiffel Tower on International

Yoga Day reflect yoga's immense popularity in France," he said. PM Modi said the Swaminarayan temple adds a new dimension to those possibilities - it is 'Made in India' and 'Built in France.' "Many of its stones were carved in India, blending India's ancient craftsmanship with modern engineering here in France," he said. PM Modi said he was confident that the resonant values of Indian culture originating from the newly built temple in Paris will benefit people across Europe. He said that whenever time permits in the future, he will certainly try to visit the temple and pay respects. "Now, through this magnificent BAPS temple (BAPS Swaminarayan Sanstha), another milestone is being added to our cultural relations," he said.

Hormuz to Open When US Stops Threats, Attacks: Iran

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Iran's Supreme National Security Council Secretary Mohsen Rezaei has said Tehran will keep the Strait of Hormuz open if the United States stops threatening or attacking Iran. In an interview with Iranian state broadcaster Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB) on Sunday, Rezaei said Iran's position on the strategic waterway was directly linked to Washington's military posture towards Tehran. "Iran will commit to keeping the Strait of Hormuz open when the US neither threatens nor attacks Iran," Rezaei told IRIB. Rezaei also stated that Iran plans for a new restricted maritime area outside the Strait of Hormuz in the coming days, potentially extending restrictions into parts of the Persian Gulf. "This area starts from the US naval



blockade line to include areas of the Persian Gulf," he said. The Iranian security chief warned that ships entering the newly designated zone would face sanctions. "Any ship entering this new area will be placed on the sanctions list," Rezaei said. The comments come amid heightened tensions over the status of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, a strategically important waterway for global energy trade amid the West Asia conflict. Rezaei also claimed that Iranian forces had identified several American military targets but had

deliberately refrained from striking some of them, including the Titan base in Jordan and US bases in Erbil, amid renewed exchange of fire between the two sides in the region after weeks of no hostilities. "Iran had identified some American targets but did not intentionally strike them, such as their Titan base in Jordan and some of their bases in Erbil," he said. According to the Iranian security chief, Tehran's earlier military actions amid the conflict against US positions contributed to a shift in Washington's approach to the conflict. Rezaei also spoke about the situation in Lebanon and Hezbollah's role in the country's conflict, particularly in the south, with Israel, saying military confrontations should not be assessed solely through a series of wins and losses.

Vijay warns of legal action over personal attacks on women

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay warned against personal attacks, vulgar remarks and double-meaning language targeting women, saying violations would invite legal action.

CHENNAI Wakeup telangana



In a stern warning apparently aimed at the opposition DMK, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on Monday said personal attacks, double-meaning insults or derogatory language targeting women would draw immediate and uncompromising legal consequences. Speaking in the state Assembly, the chief minister recalled the alleged humiliation faced by late CM J Jayalithaa and condemned personal attacks amid controversies involving women personalities. Vijay was wrapping up the Assembly debate on grants for the Home department, which is held by him. In a stern tone, he made direct and indirect references to two prominent women figures — late CM J Jayalithaa and actor Trisha, the latter of whom was apparently targeted by the DMK very recently — to underscore his stance on public decorum and political ethics. Firstly, he recalled one of the darkest moments in

the history of the House, directly referring to the late Jayalithaa and reminding members of the alleged abuse and physical humiliation she was subjected to inside the Assembly in 1989, when the DMK was in power. Insisting that such disgraceful political precedents must never be repeated, he declared that toxic legislative behaviour cannot be justified by citing past practices. Secondly, addressing the recent political storm involving a top female actor, Vijay issued an indirect yet scathing rebuke of personal and vulgar attacks directed at women in public life. In his fiery and unyielding address to the Assembly, Vijay placed the dignity and respect of women at the forefront of his administration's agenda.

"Under the guise of politics, to those who personally disrespect our people, women or anyone else and speak in a very low and degrading manner, my request is please don't do that. Recently, in Tamil Nadu, it seems as though a river of vulgarity and hatred is continuously flowing. Being abusive about women, making defamatory remarks, and using double-meaning words, is wrong," Vijay said without directly naming anyone. He stressed that while harsh political criticism is welcome in a democracy, personal attacks on women would never be tolerated. "I want to tell those who do this just one thing," the chief minister said. Vijay's remarks came weeks after Leader of the Opposition DMK Udhayanidhi Stalin was released on station bail after being arrested in connection with his "double-meaning" remarks, seen as a reference to actor Trisha, while addressing party workers during a protest over the Cauvery issue.

Delhi HC Holds MCD, DU Accountable In Satya Niketan Collapse

The Delhi High Court on Monday said a building-collapse incident at Satya Niketan here that left seven people dead and several injured was "most unfortunate". The court said not only the building owners are responsible for the tragedy, but also the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the Delhi University (DU), which has failed to provide adequate housing facilities to outstation students, who are forced to take shelter in private paying guest (PG) accommodation. A bench of Chief Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia asked authorities to double up the efforts in the rescue operations so that human lives can be saved. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who represented the Centre, the Delhi government, the Delhi Police and the MCD in the matter, assured the court that all possible steps are being taken to rescue those trapped under the debris. He said the government is actively monitoring the situation and some time is needed.

UN Map Sparks Row Over Arunachal, Aksai Chin Claim Lines

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

A newly issued United Nations world map has sparked scrutiny in India after depicting Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin with separate Indian and Chinese claim lines, days after New Delhi backed a UN resolution seeking more equitable cartographic representation. The UN Map of the World, published on July 1, 2026, has drawn attention over its depiction of the two disputed regions along the India-China boundary. The issue comes shortly after India

supported the UN General Assembly's "Correct the Map" resolution on September 4, which promotes the use of the Equal Earth projection for a more proportionate representation of global land masses. According to the map, Arunachal Pradesh's southern boundary with Assam is marked as a "Chinese Line", while its boundary with Nagaland is omitted. Its northern boundary with China's Tibet is, meanwhile, marked as an "Indian Line". A similar representation appears in Aksai Chin. The map marks the region's eastern bound-

aries as an "Indian Line" and shows a "Chinese Line" that appears to separate Ladakh from Aksai Chin. India claims Aksai Chin as part of Ladakh, while the territory is currently under Chinese control. The map also depicts Jammu and Kashmir with a dotted line representing the Line of Control between India and Pakistan. An accompanying note says the dotted line approximately represents the LoC agreed upon by the two countries and that the final status of Jammu and Kashmir remains unre-

solved. No similar explanatory note appears alongside the separate Indian and Chinese claim lines shown for Arunachal Pradesh and Aksai Chin. The timing has drawn attention because India has backed the UN mapping initiative while making clear that its support does not amount to acceptance of any specific territorial depiction. The Ministry of External Affairs has said Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh must be shown according to India's official map, and any inaccurate or misleading representation would be unacceptable.

ISRO Remains Govt Organisation, Says Chairman

BENGALURU Wakeup telangana

ISRO Chairman V Narayanan on Monday said the space agency remains a government organisation and dismissed concerns over its privatisation, saying it is working with private companies and startups to expand India's space ecosystem. His reaction came after nine employee associations at ISRO wrote to the Chairman on September 4, seeking official clarification on the proposed transfer of its manufacturing and operational func-



tions to private entities. Speaking to reporters after the inaugural ceremony of the ninth edition of the Bengaluru Space Expo (BSX) here, Narayanan said India's space programme is about 64-65 years old, and that at present there are 56 space assets in the sky

serving the common man of the country, but the need is huge numbers. Recalling that since the space sector reforms were rolled out six years ago, he said that, as per that, "we are supposed to handhold the private sector, startup companies, and grow the space ecosystem." "In fact, whenever a PSLV or a GSLV is lifting off, almost 80 per cent budget is invested in Indian industries. A total of 450 industries are working for us," he said. On the concerns raised by the employee associations,

Narayanan said, "So, surely, my colleagues, whatever they have, it is a genuine concern. It is our responsibility to clarify." He stressed that India's growing space ambitions would require a significant increase in the number of launches. "The country's requirement is around 50 launch vehicles per year. We have to go ahead," Narayanan said. He clarified that ISRO is not privatised and remains a government organisation. "We are working -- it's a government investment, and we are working there.

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DKS Urges.....

He warned that such comments should not be dismissed as harmless online chatter, saying unchecked racist behaviour could become normalised, deepen mistrust between communities and weaken Singapore's social cohesion. Senior Minister and Home Affairs Minister K Shanmugam has also condemned the comments, describing them as "shameful", "nasty" and "totally unacceptable". He said police were investigating the posts and that the Ministry of Digital Development and Information would ask social media platforms to remove comments that violate established guidelines. Shanmugam said the controversy surrounding Air India's efforts to raise additional funds from share-

holders, including SIA, had triggered a wave of anti-Indian rhetoric online. He also said an online campaign had targeted Temasek's chief executive and senior management over their ethnicity, with some accusing the Indian-origin CEO of favouring Air India because of his background. The remarks come as Air India seeks additional financial support from its shareholders. A Reuters report cited by CNA said the airline was seeking around USD 1.5 billion from Tata Sons and SIA after reporting a record annual loss. SIA holds a 25.1 per cent stake in Air India. BRS women MLAs.... Sabitha alleged that police dragged her by the throat and hair and

pulled former Minister V Sunitha Laxma Reddy by her saree. She questioned the alleged double standards, referring to Congress Lok Sabha leader Rahul Gandhi wearing T-shirts with photographs of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and industrialist Gautam Adani in Parliament, but the BRS legislators not being allowed to showcase similar protest. Sunitha Laxma Reddy called the incident as a dark day in the history of Telangana Assembly which was unprecedented even in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh. She stated that police pressed the throats of women legislators without any regard for them being elected representatives and women, despite standing aside. She said the incident amounted to an attack on

women across Telangana and demanded a public apology from the Chief Minister. MLA Kova Lakshmi alleged that the police manhandled several BRS leaders, including BRS working president KT Rama Rao and BRS LP deputy leader T Harish Rao. She said the BRS legislators wore black T-shirts only to seek implementation of the government's promises. She stated that police also behaved rudely with the media. CM Revanth..... He also recalled how a Dalit community leader — Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka — was humiliated after he became CLP leader, by stripping him of the Opposition status to a national

party like the Congress. Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar was overwhelmed with emotion broke down in tears in the House after panchayat raj minister Dana-sari 'Seethakka' Anasuya took up the issue. The Speaker was seen wiping his tears in the House. While condemning the remarks made against him by Madhusudhan outside of the Assembly premises before the start of the session, Seethakka said that insulting the Speaker's mother was deeply painful. The minister, who was also emotionally moved, demanded that the Legislative Council Chairman suspend the membership of Madhusudan. She also demanded that Chandrashekar Rao should suspend the MLC from the party.

Silent Diplomacy:.....

A peaceful resolution to all issues at the earliest is the call of humanity, and this is India's message..." Modi told Putin. The Russian President reacted by saying: "Thank you very much, Prime Minister. We are moving forward along this path." Days later, Dr Jaishankar visited Ukraine before travelling to Poland, where he once again talked about ending the war. At a press conference in Warsaw after travelling from Kyiv, Jaishankar said India was in continuous touch with both Ukraine and Russia and is exploring ideas and suggestions that could help mitigate or end the conflict.

CRIME

DGP Orders Security for Ganesh Festivities

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Director-General of Police C.V. Anand directed police officers to make comprehensive security arrangements for the peaceful conduct of Ganesh festivities across the state. Anand, during a video conference at the DGP office with SIs and senior police officers across the state on Monday, reviewed preparedness for the festivities, which will commence on Sept. 14 and culminate with Ganesh idol immersion on Sept. 25. The DGP said a dedicated online portal has been introduced to collect and monitor

details of Ganesh pandals. Information relating to the location of pandals, organisers and committee members, as well as vehicles being used for idol immersion, should be updated on the platform. Anand said SHOs have been provided with dedicated logins to monitor arrangements and activities relating to the pandals. Respective commissioners, DCPs and SPs should visit the pandals and enter observations and remarks in point books. Police should pay special attention to electrical safety and traffic management around Ganesh pandals and coordinate closely with the elec-

tricity, fire and other departments, the DGP instructed. Organisers should be encouraged to deploy volunteers and ensure CCTV cameras and queue-security arrangements at pandals. Officials should collect advance information on immersion routes, roads, bridges and their load-bearing capacity and ensure appropriate traffic and security arrangements for Sept. 25, the DGP said. Anand directed officers to use geo-tagging and the event application to record pandal locations and security precautions. BD teams and dog squads

should be deployed. Use of geo-tagging and checking should also be uploaded on the TG-COP platform, he emphasised. The DGP stressed the need for close coordination among police stations. Senior officials should hold meetings with Ganesh Utsav committees and peace committees and conduct brief sessions for police personnel deployed on bandobast duty. He further directed officers to keep a close watch on social media and promptly address any issues that could affect public order.

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

HYDERABAD
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

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Cyberabad Police have moved to suspend the driving licence of B Shiva Sandeep Sai Anand (23), son of art director and TTD board member Anand Sai, in connection with the fatal road accident reported near Khajaguda. Madhapur ACP Sridhar has reportedly written to the Regional Transport Authority (RTA), recommending cancellation of Sandeep's driving licence as the investigation into the crash continues. The accident

occurred on August 31 morning, on the road connecting the Nanakramguda ORR Rotary and Khajaguda. Police said one Nanda Kishor Kumar Ray, a Bihar native working as a helper at a hotel in Raidurgam, was crossing the road when he was struck by a vehicle. According to the police, Zaid Shah Qadri (21), a student who was driving an Innova Crysta, stopped after the initial collision and attempted to help Ray. Another person, Syed Amer Hussain, also stopped to assist.

IED Blast In Karreguttalu Hills Claims Tribal Man's Life

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana

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

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

Four New Police Stations Planned in Each Hyderabad Commissionerate

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The state police will add four stations each in Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Malkajgiri and Future City commissionerates to meet the demands of rapid expansion and jurisdictional changes. Officials said the move aims to strengthen citizen security and crime control. The restructuring follows the creation of the Future City commissionerate, which altered zones and boundaries, leading to jurisdictional

overlaps. Traffic divisions will also be realigned in line with law and order changes. The decision was taken at a review meeting chaired by DGP C.V. Anand with commissioners of all four units. A senior officer said boundaries will be redrawn division-wise and zone-wise, based on crime rates and population. Orders from the state government are expected soon, as the final survey has been completed. The high-level meeting examined juris-

dictional boundaries in relation to municipalities, revenue divisions and courts. In June 2023, the government set up new stations, bringing the total to 146 across three commissionerates. In December 2024, the capital's commissionerates were reorganised, creating Future City. Some zones currently have more than 10 stations, while others have only six. Malkajgiri zone, with 15 stations, covers a vast area stretching from Secunderabad Market to Kee-

sara, Jawaharnagar and Shamirpet. Officials said long distances hamper patrolling and security during major events, particularly in VIP zones. Uppal and LB Nagar zones each have seven stations, while Serilingampally in Cyberabad and Maheshwaram in Future City are considered massive areas with dense populations. The meeting also addressed confusion over names and jurisdictions, noting that Shamshabad zone has been merged with Hyderabad.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

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

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

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



CNG, Hybrids & EVs Overtake Petrol Car Retail for First Time

CNG/LPG accounted for 25.28 per cent of car retail in August, while hybrids had a share of 9.04 per cent and EVs 7.63 per cent. Diesel vehicles made up the remaining 17.21 per cent.

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

Alternative fuel passenger vehicles combined (CNG, hybrids, and electric vehicles) surpassed stand-alone petrol car sales for the first time in India's history in August 2026, capturing a 41.95 per cent market share compared to petrol's 40.85 per cent, the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations or Fada said on Monday. However, petrol remained the largest individual fuel category. CNG/LPG accounted for 25.28 per cent of car retail in August, while hybrids had a share of 9.04 per cent and EVs 7.63 per cent. Diesel vehicles



made up the remaining 17.21 per cent. The fuel shift occurred rapidly in the car market in India. In August 2025, alternative fuels had a combined share of 35.26 per cent, compared with petrol/ethanol's 46.37 per cent. Petrol was, therefore, ahead by 11.11 percentage points. The gap

narrowed considerably by July 2026, when alternative fuels accounted for 40.59 per cent of the market against petrol's 41.68 per cent. In August, alternative fuels moved ahead by 1.10 percentage points. CNG/LPG made the biggest contribution to the year-on-year change, with its share rising by 3.81

percentage points. EV share increased by 1.80 percentage points, while the share of hybrids grew by 1.08 percentage points. In comparison, the share of petrol/ethanol vehicles declined by 5.52 percentage points. "For the first time in India's history, alternative fuels -- CNG, hybrid and electric combined -- overtook petrol in the car market, at 41.95 per cent against petrol's 40.85 per cent," FADA President Sai Giridhar said. Dealers attributed the shift to the lower running costs by alternative-fuel vehicles and continued consumer concerns surrounding the transition to E20 petrol.

The car retail market rose 16.14 per cent year-on-year to 4.02 lakh units, marking the first time registrations crossed 4 lakh units in August. Fada said rural markets led the growth, with car registrations rising 24.99 per cent year-on-year. Urban car retail increased at a slower pace of 10.93 per cent. Total vehicle retail rose 17.51 per cent year-on-year to 24.23 lakh units. FADA cautioned that part of the strong annual growth came from a weak base in August 2025, when some customers had postponed purchases while waiting for the GST rate reduction.

Rupee falls 7 paise to close at 94.50 against US dollar amid crude oil surge

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The rupee fell 7 paise to close at 94.50 (provisional) against the US dollar on Monday as surging crude oil prices and global headwinds offset support from strong FCNR dollar inflows. Forex traders said the rupee saw modest gains in initial trade on foreign inflows, but a negative trend in domestic equities and rising crude oil prices weighed on investor sentiment. At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 94.40 against the US dollar. During the day, the local unit touched an intraday high of 94.38 and a low of 94.50. The rupee finally settled at 94.50 (provisional), down 7 paise from its previous close. On Friday, the rupee set



tled higher by 8 paise at 94.43 against the US dollar. "The Indian rupee traded flat to positive on foreign inflows and a soft dollar. However, a weak tone in domestic markets and a surge in crude oil prices capped sharp gains," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan. According to Choudhary, the rupee is likely to trade with a positive bias on optimism over foreign inflows and a weak dollar. "Iran said that the deal with Oman regarding the Strait of Hormuz is in its final stages. This may ease crude oil prices, which may further support

the rupee. However, tensions between the US and Iran may continue to presurise the rupee at higher levels. Investors may now focus on inflation data from the US and India," he said. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 98.90, down 0.27 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.58 per cent higher at USD 96.84 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equities market front, the Sensex dropped 382.62 points to settle at 76,132.81, while the Nifty fell 118.55 points to 23,779.15. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,111.94 crore on a net basis on Friday, according to exchange data.

RBI absorbs Rs 3.53 lakh crore as banking system sees surplus liquidity

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday absorbed over Rs 3.53 lakh crore through an overnight Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auction with a one-day tenor to drain excess liquidity from the banking system, according to a central bank statement. While the notified amount for the reverse repo auction was Rs 5 lakh crore, the bids received amounted to Rs 3,53,390 crore. The RBI

absorbed the entire amount, which works out to over 70 per cent of the notified sum. It accepted the full amount at a cut-off rate and weighted average rate of 5.24 per cent, the statement said. A VRRR auction is a monetary policy tool used by a central bank to absorb excess liquidity from the banking system and ensure financial stability in the economy. The RBI has stepped up liquidity absorption operations as the banking system has been flooded with funds following large in-



flows through the special FCNR(B) deposit scheme. The RBI's special dollar-rupee forex swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits, Overseas Foreign Currency Borrowings

(OFCB) and External Commercial Borrowings (ECB), launched on June 8 this year, has driven an unprecedented surge in foreign exchange inflows into the country, to the

tune of \$73 billion in less than 11 weeks since its launch. FCNR(B) deposits alone accounted for \$65.40 billion, underlining the overwhelming response of non-resident Indians to the scheme. The scheme's success underscores the strength of the Indian diaspora, which has reposed faith in the Indian banking system by channelling savings into FCNR(B) deposits at a pace that has consistently exceeded expectations. Having reached \$73 billion in under 11 weeks,

this stands out as the largest and fastest foreign-currency mobilisation exercise undertaken by India, comfortably surpassing the scale and pace of the RBI's 2013 FCNR(B) swap scheme, which raised about \$26 billion over roughly three months. The response was strong enough for the RBI to advance the closure of the FCNR(B) window from September 30 to August 31, having already achieved its objective ahead of schedule.

Sensex, Nifty fall 0.5pc as crude prices, US-Iran tensions weigh

HYDERABAD
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Stock market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty ended lower on Monday as elevated crude oil prices, escalating US-Iran hostilities and concerns over a possible US interest rate hike weighed on investor sentiment. The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 382.62 points, or 0.50 per cent, to settle at 76,132.81. During the day, it fell 544.91 points, or 0.71 per cent, to 75,970.52. The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 118.55 points, or 0.50 per cent, to end at 23,779.15. Among the 30 Sensex firms, Infosys, Tech Ma-

hindra, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finserv, UltraTech Cement and Tata Consultancy Services were the major laggards. Larsen & Toubro, Bharti Airtel, Maruti and Power Grid were among the gainers. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, climbed 0.61 per cent to USD 96.87 per barrel. "Indian equity markets ended lower as elevated crude oil prices and persistent geopolitical uncertainty continued to weigh on investor sentiment. Markets remained under pressure throughout the session amid sustained risk-off positioning.

Jaguar Land Rover to cut 4,000 jobs globally over two years

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Tata Group's British luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover on Monday said it will reduce its global workforce by around 4,000 roles over the next two years. The company, a subsidiary of Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd, said it is targeting approximately £1.7 billion in savings over the next two years to reduce its break-even point towards 300,000 units. JLR currently employs 43,000 people globally. The savings are designed to enhance JLR's ability to deliver sustainable, profitable growth against the backdrop of increasingly competitive and rapidly changing markets and continuing geopolitical uncertainty. The programme will reduce organisational complexity and underpin the commitment to

invest between £15 billion and £18 billion in electrification, digital technologies, advanced manufacturing and enhanced customer experiences over the next five years. "As a result, JLR will reduce its global workforce by around 4,000 roles over the next two years. The reduction, which is not expected to impact direct manufacturing jobs, will be achieved through voluntary means wherever possible," a regulatory filing by Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles said. "JLR is today beginning consultation on the first round of reductions and will provide support to all colleagues affected by the changes and engage with trade unions and employee representatives throughout the transition," the filing added.

Storytelling Meets AI at MRV Workshop

Storytelling Is the New Superpower: MRV Workshop to Bridge Human Creativity and AI

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

In an era flooded with information, the ability to tell a compelling story is emerging as a powerful communication skill. The School of Media at Malla Reddy Vishwavidhyapeeth (MRV) will organise an open Storytelling Workshop on September 11, focusing on the connection between human creativity, storytelling and artificial intelligence. The workshop will be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at L-201 on the Suraram campus. It aims to help participants understand how a simple idea can be developed into an engaging narrative and how storytelling principles can be applied to digital content and AI-assisted creative work. According to Dr. N. Gopi Sathya of the School of Media, storytelling goes beyond simply putting words on paper. A



strong story requires a well-developed plot, clear structure, memorable characters, conflict, emotion and a sense of progression that keeps audiences engaged. These skills are becoming increasingly important across the modern media landscape. From screenwriting and journalism to social media, filmmaking and generative AI, creators need to communicate ideas clearly and creatively. The workshop will introduce participants to key elements of storytelling, including plot development, story structure, characteri-

sation, conflict, emotion and narrative progression. It will also examine how these elements can be converted into effective prompts for AI-powered creative tools. The programme seeks to encourage participants to look beyond simply writing stories and understand how narratives are conceived, structured, visualised and communicated through different media platforms. The workshop is open to everyone and is expected to be particularly useful for students, aspiring writers, journalists,

filmmakers, photographers and digital content creators. It will also benefit anyone interested in improving their communication and creative skills. The programme will be held on September 11, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at L-201, Malla Reddy Vishwavidhyapeeth, Suraram Campus. Participants can contact 99 88 66 9281 for further details. As artificial intelligence becomes increasingly involved in content creation, the workshop highlights an important distinction: while AI can generate content, human creativity remains central to deciding what is worth saying and how it should be presented. The ability to develop ideas, understand audiences and shape narratives could therefore become one of the most valuable skills in the evolving media and communication industry.

Social Media Revenue Used to Provide Food to the Needy



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Turning social media earnings into a means of community service, the Ayyappa devotees' spiritual service platform 'Sarvam Shabarigireesha' organised a food distribution programme at Aliaabad in Shamirpet Mandal. Around 50 underprivileged people living on the roadside were provided with food packets as part of the initiative. Organisers said the programme was aimed at using revenue generated through social media not only for personal needs but also to support people in need. The organisers thanked followers for supporting 'Sarvam Shabarigireesha' by viewing, following and sharing its content, saying

their encouragement motivates the group to undertake more welfare activities. The programme was attended by social media coordinator Someshwar, Guruswamis Satyam, Narasimha, Nandish, Bhanu Chander, Sunny and Manikanta, along with their family members. According to the organisers, 'Sarvam Shabarigireesha' has a strong social media following, with more than 2.30 lakh followers on Instagram, 28,000 on Facebook and 23,000 on YouTube. The group said it would continue promoting Ayyappa devotion, spiritual awareness and community service with the message, "Our devotion, our service, our responsibility."

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
Wakeup telangana

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
Wakeup telangana

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.

Hyderabad Gears Up for Ganesh Chaturthi

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

With Ganesh Chaturthi approaching, Hyderabad is witnessing a surge in festive activity as devotees make their way to Dhoolpet, one of the city's most prominent hubs for traditional Ganesh idols. Carrying newly purchased idols on two-wheelers, autos and other vehicles, devotees are returning to their neighbourhoods with plans to install the idols at mandaps and residential pandals.

Dhoolpet has once again turned into a bustling centre of activity, with idol makers and traders working round the clock to meet the growing demand. Idols of Lord



Devotees carry Lord Ganesha idols purchased from Dhoolpet, Hyderabad, as they prepare for the grand installation of Ganesh idols at their mandaps ahead of Ganesh Chaturthi.

Ganesha in various sizes, designs and artistic styles are being displayed across

the locality, attracting devotees from different parts of Hyderabad and

neighbouring areas. Many devotees have been carefully selecting idols

according to the size of their mandaps and the theme of their celebrations.

Traditional clay idols continue to remain popular, while eco-friendly options are also drawing attention among families and organisers seeking to celebrate the festival responsibly.

The sight of devotees carrying idols home marks the beginning of the final preparations for the grand festival.

Community organisers are busy completing mandap decorations, arranging lighting, preparing cultural programmes and co-ordinating other arrangements ahead of the installation ceremonies.

BRS Leaders Assulted Cops, Insulted Speaker; KCR Must Take Blame: Minister Sridhar Babu

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Launching a blistering counter-attack on the opposition, Legislative Affairs and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu on Monday condemned BRS MLC Tata Madhu's disparaging comments against Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, stating that the regional party had stooped to language repulsive to civilised society. Addressing a press conference alongside senior party leaders, Sridhar Babu said BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao bore direct responsibility for the outrage. "If KCR fails to condemn this incident, people will naturally suspect that the attack was orchestrated at his behest," the minister warned. Accusing the BRS of



unprecedented rowdiness on the Assembly premises, Sridhar Babu alleged that BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao and other legislators physically assaulted police personnel on duty. "Television footage clearly shows a senior legislator grabbing a uniformed officer by the collar. Visuals indicate that KTR raised his hand against the police, seemingly trying to throttle a personnel member. Such unruly behaviour towards law enforcement never occurred even in the combined state. People's representatives must conduct themselves with decorum; the BRS

members' conduct was disgraceful," he said. Defending the security curbs at the gates, Sridhar Babu pointed out that the ban on carrying political badges, placards, and slogan-bearing T-shirts into the legislature was introduced under rules framed by the previous BRS regime itself. "The Speaker merely acted according to existing service and security rules. While KTR questions why rules differ for Rahul Gandhi in the Lok Sabha, the truth is Rahul Gandhi never enters Parliament wearing slogans printed on his T-shirt. The BRS MLAs wore slogans that lowered the dignity of the House," he noted, adding that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had already taken serious cognizance of security lapses after women legislators

ECG Paper Shortage Hits Gandhi Hospital Services

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

At 9 pm on Sunday, the emergency ward at Gandhi Hospital was witnessing the usual rush, with patients and attendants moving between departments for urgent tests. A white paper pasted on a pillar directed patients to ECG, ABG and 2D Echo services. However, patients undergoing ECGs are reportedly being asked to use their mobile phones to photograph the readings as no printed reports are being provided. In one instance, a

70-year-old unconscious patient was brought to the emergency ward on a stretcher and an ECG was conducted. However, the operator reportedly asked the patient's attendant to bring a smartphone so that the ECG reading could be photographed. When Decan Chronicle asked why printed reports were not being provided, a nurse reportedly said there was no stock of ECG paper. "Earlier we gave reports, but now we have no paper stock. It has been days that we are asking patients to click photographs on their phones," she

said. The lack of basic services has raised questions over accountability and supervision at the hospital, which did not have a full-time superintendent for more than a month.

Only on Monday evening did the government post Dr T. Usha Rani as superintendent of Gandhi Hospital. The government also relieved Dr Ch. Raja Kumari, additional DME, Gandhi Hospital, from her duties with immediate effect and directed her to report to the Director of Medical Education.

Autorickshaw JAC Disappointed After Talks With Ministers

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A meeting between the Autorickshaw Drivers Joint Action Committee (JAC) and Telangana Transport and Labour Ministers Ponnampallam Prabhakar and Vivek Venkateswamy on Monday ended without a clear resolution, leaving drivers and union leaders disappointed over the delay in addressing their long-pending demands. The meeting was held after the Transport Department had urged the

JAC on August 23 to withdraw its proposed strike and had indicated that a fare hike would be considered. However, JAC representatives questioned the department's decision to forward a fare revision proposal to the Special Chief Secretary without consulting them. Representatives of autorickshaw and cab unions placed several grievances before the ministers and senior officials. Transport Minister Ponnampallam Prabhakar assured the unions that the govern-

ment was sincerely working to resolve drivers' problems. He also dismissed rumours of a proposed "last-mile connectivity policy" involving e-autos through TGSRTC, stating that there was no truth in such claims. Prabhakar clarified that fares had not yet been revised, but said the government was ready to increase them considering prevailing conditions. He said a committee comprising transport officials and union representatives

would prepare proposals and submit a report, following which the fare revision would be implemented. JAC leader Sathireddy expressed dissatisfaction with the process, stating that drivers were unaware of the proposed hike or the basis on which it was calculated. He alleged that no driver representatives had been included in the discussions and claimed the revision had already been decided. The Transport Minister further said the govern-

ment would hold discussions with the Labour Department on insurance coverage for drivers in cases of accidents and natural deaths. A special insurance policy for autorickshaw drivers is reportedly being considered. JAC leader Ravishankar said there was no discussion on guidelines or the promised annual financial assistance of ₹12,000 to drivers. He alleged that their demands had been pending for nearly two years.



BRS leaders and workers staged a protest at Mahadevpuram Junction in Gajularamaram, condemning the alleged detention of BRS MLAs and MLCs while they were on their way to attend the Assembly session. As part of the statewide protest, the BRS cadres burnt an effigy of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and raised slogans against the Congress government.

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Chief Secretary Jaju directs joint Metro-RTC pass in Hyderabad

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.

Pay Fee Reimbursement Dues Immediately: Kavitha

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Rakshana Sena founder-president Kalvakuntla Kavitha led a rally in Hanamkonda on Monday, demanding resolution of students' problems and immediate release of pending fee reimbursement and scholarship dues. The rally was organised from the Ambedkar statue to the collectorate along with students under the leadership of TRS leader Nadipelli Venkateshwar Rao. The protesters first paid floral tributes to Dr B.R. Ambedkar at the Ambedkar Centre before marching towards the collectorate, raising slogans demanding that the government



address students' grievances. They staged a brief sit-in at the collectorate. Kavitha sought permission to submit a memorandum to the collector along with the students. After police granted permission, she and the students submitted the memorandum and explained their grievances. Speaking on the occasion, Kavitha alleged that the government was causing hardship to students by failing to clear fee reim-

bursment dues. She said lakhs of students who had completed degree and professional courses were unable to obtain their certificates due to pending fees, resulting in the loss of job opportunities. She urged the government not to jeopardise students' futures. Kavitha also criticised the Chief Minister over statements regarding changes to the intermediate education system and the proposed merger of polytechnic colleges with a skill university. She demanded justice for polytechnic students and said the fight against the Congress government would continue until all fee reimbursement dues were cleared.

OU VC Invites Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla for 85th Convocation



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Osmania University Vice Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram invited Governor and Chancellor Shiv Pratap Shukla to the university's 85th Convocation, scheduled for Tuesday. Prof. Molugaram called on the Governor at Lok Bhavan on Monday and extended the formal invitation ahead of the convocation at Tagore Auditorium on the OU campus. As part of the university's outreach ahead of the convocation, the Vice Chancellor also invited N. Sridhar, OU alumnus and principal secretary to the Chief Minister, to attend the event. The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by OU controller of examinations Prof B. Sudhakar Reddy.