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## Delhi Police Denies Mobile Jammers Deployed At Hostel Collapse

**NEW DELHI**  
The Delhi Police on Tuesday rejected claims that mobile phone jammers had been deployed at the Satya Niketan building collapse rescue site, saying networks are fully operational and rescue agencies were communicating through mobile phones without any disruption. In a post on X, the police described the claims about jammers as "completely false" and said personnel of the Delhi Police, National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and fire department were coordinating seamlessly through mobile communication. The police also said media personnel and citizens at the site were broadcasting live without any disruption to mobile connectivity. The clarification came amid claims circulating on social media alleging that mobile jammers had been installed.

# Congress protests outside KCR residence



**HYDERABAD**  
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Congress workers staged a protest outside the residence of BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) in Erravalli on Tuesday, objecting to alleged remarks by BRS MLAs Madhu and Naveen Reddy against Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar made outside the Assembly. The protestors

raised slogans against the BRS leaders and called for action in response to the alleged comments concerning the Speaker. The BRS party alleged that the police provided escorts to Congress workers during the protest outside KCR's residence. The controversy began on the opening day of the Assembly session after a confrontation between BRS leaders and officials on the Assembly.

## PM Modi Calls BJP Offices 'Shelter for Distressed' at Navsari Rally

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday said Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) offices should become centres for solving people's problems and providing hope to those facing injustice, stressing that the party's organisational work must remain rooted in public service. Addressing a rally in Navsari, PM Modi said the newly created office system should serve as a "shelter for the distressed." "Today, when an office system has been created, in a way, this should become a shelter for the distressed. A ray of hope against injustice should bloom from this 'Kamlam'," he said, adding, "If anyone feels they have received less, they come here, and no one should hesitate to solve all their problems." He said building a structure was easy, but sustaining the spirit behind it mattered more. "It is not difficult to build a building, friends. But through this building, the tradition we have been keeping alive, the vow of service we have taken, it should now find a new scope," he said, calling for such of-



fices to be "inclusive," "all-nurturing" and "a solver of all problems." Highlighting the PM SVANidhi scheme, PM Modi said it was designed with ordinary vendors in mind. "PM SVANidhi, for our street vendor brothers, those who sell vegetables, old clothes, many small-scale people," he said, adding that his own modest upbringing shaped such policies. "I have lived that life. I have known that life. I have seen that life... the public as God, from where I have been placed, I can do something for them, and from there these schemes take birth," he said. PM Modi further said the scheme has freed vendors from moneylenders. "Don't doubt their honesty. Without any guarantee, we arranged for them to open bank accounts and get money, and arranged for digital payments," he said, noting

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## Man With Gun Arrested at PM Modi's Upcoming Event Venue in Mumbai

**MUMBAI**  
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Two people were detained from the Neeta Ambani Cultural Centre in Mumbai's Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC), where Prime Minister Narendra Modi's programme was scheduled to take place, police said here on Tuesday. According to the information available, one of the detained persons, aged 24, allegedly identified himself as an official from

the Prime Minister's Office (PMO). Mumbai Police detained the two individuals and initiated an inquiry into the matter. The investigation has now been taken up by the Mumbai Crime Branch.

"Two individuals have been detained from the venue in Mumbai where Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to attend an event. A gun was recovered from one of the individuals. The Mumbai Police detained a man at the Nita Mukesh

Ambani Cultural Centre (NMACC) in BKC who was claiming to be an official from the Prime Minister's Office. The detained man is reported to be 24 years old. He was accompanied by a bodyguard who was carrying a gun. The Mumbai Crime Branch is now conducting further investigation into the matter", Mumbai police said. Further details are awaited as the investigation is underway. Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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## Kremlin Confirms Modi-Putin Meet Ahead of BRICS Summit in Delhi

**NEW DELHI**  
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Ahead of Russian President Vladimir Putin's visit to India for the BRICS Summit that gets underway on September 12 in New Delhi, Kremlin Spokesperson Dmitry Peskov has detailed expectations for the high-level engagement, confirming that Prime Minister Narendra Modi will hold a bilateral meeting with the Russian leader which is likely on Friday, September 11.

Speaking to reporters via a virtual briefing from Moscow, Peskov said, "We're looking forward to the President and Prime Minister having another bilateral meeting during the visit.

It is scheduled. It is scheduled for Friday, so first, like always, they will touch on the bilateral agenda. Trade and economic cooperation is a very wide scope." Ahead of the visit, Peskov stated that the visit is an opportunity for the two coun-

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## TRAI Recommendations Approved: Elon Musk's Starlink Likely To Launch In India

**NEW DELHI**  
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Now, the deck has been cleared for commercial satellite broadband services in India with Starlink, OneWeb and Reliance Jio, which can begin their services soon across the country. Digital Communications Commission (DCC) has approved the recommendations of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) on satellite spectrum allocation at its meeting on September 2, the sources privy to development said on Tues-

day. With this nod, these satellite-broadband services are expected to acquire spectrum now from the government, establish ground infrastructure, and demonstrate compliance with national security requirements via trials and testing. "India is moving closer to opening the door for Starlink, Eutelsat OneWeb and Jio-Eutelsat who are expected to soon gain greater clarity on spectrum allocation," the sources said. The telecom watchdog

had submitted its recommendations, putting some terms and conditions for assigning spectrum for certain satellite-based commercial communication services last year. The regulator subsequently responded to a department of telecommunications back-reference in December 2025. However, the move may pave the way for the Centre to assign spectrum to satellite communication firms seeking to launch broadband services in India.

# DAC Clears ₹1.1 Lakh Crore Defence Deals

**NEW DELHI**  
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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 (HMVs), 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 HMVs 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 DEFSAC 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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## Prajwal Revanna Sent to 2-Day Police Custody Over Phone Use in Jail

**NEW DELHI**  
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Former JD(S) MP Prajwal Revanna was on Tuesday sent to two-day police custody by a court here in connection with an alleged case of mobile phone use inside the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. Revanna, grandson of former Prime Minister H D Deve Gowda, was produced before the 42nd Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (ACMM) court along with co-accused Pratap Rai, following allegations that a mobile phone was used

inside the prison, police said. The court remanded Revanna and Rai to police custody for two days to facilitate further investigation into the alleged use of the phone inside the prison. Revanna, who is serving a prison sentence in connection with a rape case, is currently lodged at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison. The alleged mobile phone use came to light during a recent search operation by the Central Crime Branch (CCB) at the prison, following which authorities initiated an inquiry.

## 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

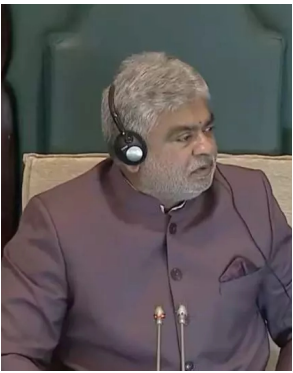
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# Angry Speaker Ticks Off Harish for Double Speak

**HYDERABAD**  
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The Legislative Assembly on Tuesday, the second day of the Monsoon Session, began amidst acrimonious scenes and the morning session ended with an adjournment with the Congress and the BRS sides hurling charges at and demanding apologies at each other over the alleged derogatory remarks on the Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar by BRS MLC Tata Madhusudhan. The day also saw the Speaker, in an unusual departure in the way he handles the House, display anger and tick off BRS deputy floor leader T. Harish Rao.

During the back and forth, when Harish Rao was vociferously insisting that the Congress government apologise to BRS women MLAs for the way the police behaved with them, the Speaker, pointedly speaking with Harish Rao, said “Why are you getting worked up? I can also get angry. My mother was named. Listen to me. I have respect for women members. I have eight sisters, I have asked for a report on the incident involving Sabitha Indra Reddy, Sunitha Laxma Reddy and Kova Lakshmi and as soon as the report comes, action will be taken.” He then added in an angry tone: “What



about me Harish? Your mother was not named, it was my mother.” This outburst from the Speaker came as the ruling and Ipposition sides indulged in angry exchanges with the Congress demanding that BRS president and Leader of Opposition K. Chandrashekar Rao come to the Assembly and apologise to the Speaker for Madhusudhan’s remarks on the

Speaker. The BRS side, led by Harish Rao, on its part, insisted that the government apologise to the three BRS women MLAs who Harish Rao said, were manhandled roughly with the sari of one of them being pulled at by the police as the BRS MLAs were trying to enter the Assembly on Monday. Amidst the heated exchanges, legislative affairs minister D Sridhar Babu said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Speaker sought reports from the police on BRS allegations and that action can be taken once the report is submitted by the police. As some Congress members, including

ministers Adluri Laxman and Danasari ‘Seethakka’ Anasuya, questioned the BRS demands and insisted on an apology from the opposition, Harish Rao explained that Madhusudhan had withdrawn his comments and expressed regret in the event of what he said causing any hurt to the Speaker. However, this was not taken to kindly by Congress members who continued to attack the BRS and as Harish Rao entered the well of the House demanding that Sabitha Indra Reddy be allowed to speak, the Speaker adjourned the house for a break.

## BRS, Congress supporters clash outside Bowenpally police station

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Tension prevailed at the Bowenpally police station on Tuesday evening after BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao was taken into preventive custody while he was on his way to the Erravelli farmhouse at Hakimpet. Police detained Rama Rao and shifted him to the Bowenpally police station. Soon after the news of his detention spread, a large number of BRS leaders and supporters gathered outside the station, raising slogans against the Congress government and demanding his immediate release. The situation turned tense when BRS supporters raised “Down Down CM” slogans and protested against the detention. Congress



workers also reached the police station, resulting in heated arguments and verbal exchanges between members of the two groups. The confrontation reportedly escalated, with stones and sticks being thrown during the clashes. Police personnel deployed in large numbers intervened and brought the situation under control, preventing the incident from escalating further. BRS MLA T. Padmarao Goud also reached the Bowenpally police station and met party

leaders and supporters. BRS leaders strongly condemned Rama Rao’s preventive detention, alleging that the Congress government was deliberately targeting opposition leaders and attempting to suppress democratic protests. The incident triggered heightened political tension in the area, with supporters of both parties remaining at the police station for some time. Police maintained a heavy presence around the station to prevent further clashes and maintain law and order.

## BRS workers burn Congress MLA’s effigy over controversial remark



Congress Shadnagar MLA Veerlapally Shankar’s controversial remarks against BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao have triggered a political storm in Telangana. Amid criticism over the Congress party’s alleged use of intemperate language against the BRS chief, Shankar said Congress MLAs were heading to Chandrashekar Rao’s residence at Erravalli to play “Chavu Dappu”, a traditional drumbeat associated with funeral processions. In a video circulating on social media, Shankar is seen defending the remarks, saying, “Yes, we are playing Chavu Dappu for him.” When questioned about the Congress leaders allegedly wishing for Chandrashekar Rao’s death, the MLA reportedly described the former Chief Minister as a “peeda” (infestation) for Telangana and said there was a need to “get rid of it.” The remarks drew sharp condemnation from the BRS, which demanded that Shankar withdraw his statements and exercise restraint. The controversy intensified in Shadnagar, where BRS workers gathered at Shadnagar Chowrasta and staged a protest against the Congress MLA. Despite police attempts to prevent the gathering, BRS activists assembled in large numbers. Led by former Shadnagar MLA Anjaiah, the protesters burned an effigy of Veerlapally Shankar and raised slogans against the Congress government, condemning the alleged remarks against Chandrashekar Rao.

## “No Bus, No Easy Way to School”: Sureddy Itikyala Students Seek RTC Service

**HYDERABAD**  
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Students and residents of Sureddy Itikyala village in Sangareddy district have appealed to Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) authorities to provide regular bus services to their village, stating that the lack of adequate public transport is causing serious inconvenience to students, employees and the general public. Villagers said students are struggling every day to reach schools and colleges on time, while employees and other residents are forced to depend on private vehicles or alternative modes of transport for their daily journeys. Seeking an immediate solution, students and villagers jointly brought the issue to the notice of RTC authorities through a representation and requested that buses be operated through Sureddy Itikyala at timings convenient to the public.



Demand for Morning and Evening Services The villagers have specifically requested RTC authorities to arrange bus services through the village at: 9:00 AM — Morning Service 5:00 PM — Evening Service They said these two services would provide major relief to students attending educational institutions, employees travelling to workplaces and villagers visiting nearby towns for essential needs. The residents stressed that dependable public transport is a basic ne-

cessity for rural communities and that lack of connectivity should not become an obstacle to education, employment or daily life. Appeal for Quick Action Students and villagers appealed to the concerned RTC Depot Manager and senior officials to consider their request sympathetically and take immediate steps to introduce the bus services. They expressed hope that TGSRTC would respond positively and provide the much-needed morning and evening connectivity to Sureddy Itikyala village at the earliest.

## Mother’s Feeding Room Inaugurated at Narayankhed

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In a significant step towards creating a mother-friendly and child-friendly environment, a dedicated Mother’s Feeding Room (Breastfeeding Cabin) was inaugurated at Narayankhed in Sangareddy district on Tuesday, with officials from various line departments participating in the programme. District Women and Child Welfare Officer (DWO) Smt. K. Lalitha Kumari participated in the programme and highlighted the importance of providing nursing mothers with a



safe, clean, comfortable and private space to breastfeed their babies. She said such facilities help mothers feed their infants without hesitation while away from home and also reinforce the importance of breastfeeding for the healthy growth and development of children.

The initiative reflects the Women and Child Welfare Department’s focus on maternal dignity, infant nutrition and breastfeeding-friendly public spaces. Officials stressed that creating supportive facilities for mothers is an important part of strengthening maternal and child wel-

fare services. As part of the visit, DWO Lalitha Kumari also interacted with children and frontline staff, reviewing activities related to child care and welfare. She emphasized the need for coordinated efforts among departments to ensure that women and children receive timely services and a supportive environment. Officials from various line departments, Women and Child Welfare Department personnel, frontline workers and other local officials participated in the programme.

## Congress Protest Over BRS MLC Remarks



Congress leaders and activists stage a protest at Indira Park Crossroads in Hyderabad, demanding action against BRS MLC Madhu over alleged remarks against Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.

## BRS SC/ST MLAs Approach Commission Over Assembly ‘Insults’

Strongly condemning the alleged humiliating treatment of SC and ST legislators during the ongoing Telangana Assembly sessions, BRS SC and ST MLAs on Tuesday approached the SC/ST Commission and lodged a complaint seeking action over the issue. Zaheerabad MLA Koninti Manik Rao, Boath MLA Anil Jadhav, MLA Vijayudu and MLA Kova Lakshmi participated in the programme and brought to the Commission’s notice what they described as disrespectful treatment of SC and ST public representatives inside the Assembly. The legislators alleged that SC and ST MLAs were being subjected to humiliation and were not being given due respect during the proceedings. They urged the Commission to examine their concerns and take appropriate steps to safeguard the dignity of elected representatives belonging to the communities. The MLAs asserted that the BRS would continue to stand at the forefront in protecting the constitutional rights and dignity of SC and ST public representatives. They said the party would intensify its efforts if such alleged treatment continued.

## RS Praveen Kumar lodges police complaint, seeks case against Congress MLA’s remarks against KCR

**KODANGAL**  
**Wakeup telangana**

BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar lodged a complaint with the Banjara Hills police seeking criminal action against Shadnagar Congress MLA Veerlapalli Shankar over his alleged remarks expressing a desire for the death of former Chief Minister and BRS president K Chandrashekar Rao. He also demanded that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy apologise to Chandrashekar Rao and initiate immediate action against the MLA. Praveen Kumar sought registration of an FIR against Shankar under Sections 351, 351(3), 196(1)

and 61 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). He condemned the MLA’s reported remarks that Congress leaders wanted Chandrashekar Rao to die and were planning a rally involving 1,000 drums to perform “Chavu Dappu”, traditionally associated with funeral processions. Speaking to mediapersons later at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar alleged that the remarks were part of a broader pattern of inflammatory statements against the BRS chief. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of repeatedly encouraging Congress leaders to use such language against the Opposition. He further alleged



that Congress leaders and MLAs were allowed to proceed to Chandrashekar Rao’s Erravelli residence under police escort, while BRS leaders attempting to reach the same location were stopped and arrested. Describing the developments as an alleged conspiracy to target the BRS chief, he demanded immediate registra-

tion of a case against Shankar. Praveen Kumar accused the Congress government of diverting public attention from pressing issues by targeting BRS leaders and activists. He questioned the arrests of MLCs Thatha Madhu and Naveen Kumar, stating that Madhu had already clarified his position, withdrawn his remarks and expressed regret over the controversy involving the Assembly Speaker. The former IPS officer also alleged that BRS women MLAs were subjected to “inhuman treatment” during the Assembly confrontation and questioned the cases registered against

them. He accused Congress leaders of repeatedly referring to Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar as a Dalit in what he described as an insulting manner, while claiming that BRS legislators had treated the Speaker with respect. Praveen Kumar further alleged that BRS legislators were stopped for wearing T-shirts carrying protest messages that contained no abusive or personal remarks. He questioned why similar forms of political messaging displayed by Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Gandhi in Parliament had not attracted comparable action.

Forest Beat Officer Caught in ACB Trap

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

BRS MLCs Thatha Madhu, Naveen Kumar arrested amid allegations of police excess

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Saifabad police arrested BRS MLCs Thatha Madhusudhan alias Madhu and B Naveen Kumar Reddy from their residences at the MLA Quarters and Kokapet, respectively, on Tuesday morning, a day after the police high-handedness against BRS legislators at the Telangana Assembly. Tension prevailed as large police teams arrived at both residences around 6.30 am when the MLCs were reportedly getting ready to attend the Council session. At the MLA Quarters, police allegedly attempted to enter Madhu's bedroom even as he had just finished bathing and was wearing only a towel. BRS leaders, including BRSV State president Gellu Srinivas Yadav, who had arrived to accompany him to the Council,



argued with police, alleging that Madhu was not even allowed time to get dressed. In a video which went viral on social media, a police officer could be seen arguing, "Why can't he dress with the bedroom door open," after Madhu shut the bedroom door forcibly to get dressed. A similar scene unfolded at Naveen Kumar Reddy's residence in Kokapet. His family alleged that police entered their home forcibly and dragged him out before he could even wear his shoes. Police later served arrest intimation notices on their families. According to the FIR, the case was registered following a complaint by Pollepalli Venkatesham, OSD (Officer on Special Duty) to Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, over alleged remarks made by the two MLCs during the chaos at the Assembly gate on Monday. The FIR alleged that Madhu and Naveen

Kumar used derogatory, abusive and insulting language against the Speaker, who belongs to the Scheduled Caste community, in a public area. It further alleged that the remarks were intended to humiliate and demean the Speaker and that video recordings and media coverage formed part of the evidence. Both the MLCs were arrested under Section 352 read with 3(5) of the BNS and provisions of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. They were shifted to the Saifabad police station and will be produced before the First Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate's Court at Nampally. The arrests came amid BRS allegations that police had used excessive force against its MLAs and MLCs, including women legislators, at the Assembly gate on Monday.

BRS accuses Revanth Reddy of conspiring attack on KCR's Erravelli residence

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The main Opposition BRS has accused the Congress government of plotting an attack on party chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao's Erravelli residence, with support from the police. Amid rising tensions after a large number of Congress activists led by its legislators reached Erravelli on Tuesday, BRS working president KT Rama Rao, senior leaders T Harish Rao and others rushed to the spot to prevent any untoward incidents. The BRS MLAs demanded cases against Congress legislators and police officials allegedly involved in the plan. Speaking at the Assembly media point here, former Minister and Suryapet MLA G Jagadish Reddy said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was trying to

create law and order problems by instigating the Congress MLAs to reach Chandrashekhar Rao's residence. He stated that the Chief Minister was providing police escort to those allegedly planning an attack and sending goons and rowdies against the Opposition leader. He urged police to take action against those going to the residence and against officials allegedly facilitating them, warning that those who act at the behest of the Congress will not be spared after the BRS returns to power. He alleged that BRS legislators were prevented from entering the Assembly to stop them from raising issues such as the alleged misuse of public land under the Bhu Bharati Act. He also accused police of assaulting BRS MLAs and arresting party workers heading to Erravelli to protect Chandrashekhar

Rao. Former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy said Revanth Reddy had repeatedly spoken about the former Chief Minister's death and accused the Congress of conspiring to attack him. He demanded that DGP CV Anand register a case and arrest Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar over his alleged remarks wishing for Chandrashekhar Rao's death. He also sought action against Vemula Veeresham, alleging that the MLA had threatened to attack the Erravelli residence. He said some Congress MLAs had camped around the Erravelli residence with a plan to attack the BRS chief. Challenging Revanth Reddy, he said the Chief Minister should politically confront Chandrashekhar Rao instead of allegedly using police and goons.

Abhinav Raju's Death Is Deeply Heartbreaking: BRS Leaders

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The death of Gajula Abhinav Raju in a road accident was deeply heartbreaking, said former Devarakonda MLA Ramavath Ravindra Kumar Naik and BRS state leader Kethavath Bheeya Naik. On Tuesday, the leaders paid floral tributes to Abhinav Raju's mortal remains at Devarakonda and consoled his family members. Abhinav Raju was the son of Gajula Rajesh, nephew of senior BRS leader Gajula Anjaneyulu.



Speaking on the occasion, Bheeya Naik said that Abhinav Raju's untimely death at a young age was tragic and had left an irreparable loss for his family, relatives and friends. He prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace and wished the bereaved family strength during the difficult time.

PDI Technologies CTO Raghu Bongula Outlines AI-Led Growth Vision

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

PDI Technologies Chief Technology Officer Raghu Bongula visited the company's Hyderabad office from September 7 to 9 and interacted with employees and leadership teams, outlining the organisation's technology and product priorities in India. On September 7, Bongula shared PDI's strategic vision for its Engineering and Product teams, stressing



AI-led transformation, emerging technologies, faster development processes, continuous innovation and customer-focused delivery. He urged teams to integrate AI across the pro-

duct-development lifecycle to boost productivity, accelerate decision-making, improve product quality and create greater value for customers. He also emphasised stronger collaboration between

Engineering and Product teams to respond swiftly to changing customer requirements and support long-term growth. PDI Technologies has expanded its India operations to nearly 600 employees across Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru. The teams support multiple products, global customers and strategic initiatives, strengthening the company's global Engineering and Product capabilities.

Will you insult a Dalit speaker? Mala Mahanadu strongly criticizes MLC Tata Madhu!

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

'Mala Mahanadu' has taken a strong stand against the insulting of a Dalit child on the Speaker's chair of the constitutional Telangana Legislative Assembly with inappropriate language. Protesting against BRS MLC Tata Madhu's objectionable remarks against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Mala Mahanadu national president Gadamandla Chennaiyya organized a massive agitation at the Tank Bund Ambedkar statue in Hyderabad. Demanding immediate strict action against MLC Tata Madhu, who had behaved in a way that damaged the Speaker's position and the self-respect of Dalits, leaders and activists raised slogans in front of the statue of the architect of the Constitution, Ambedkar, as a witness. Speaking on the occasion, Gadamandla Chennaiyya said that addressing the Speaker, who is a Dalit and holding a high constitutional post, in a singular manner and insulting him is not just an attack on an individual, but a grave insult to the entire Dalit community. He said that this incident is proof that BRS leaders have no respect for democracy and constitutional institutions, and that Tata Madhu, who insulted a constitutional post, has



lost his right to continue as a member of the Legislative Council and appealed for his membership to be cancelled immediately. He not only demanded that a case be registered against the MLC under the SC/ST Atrocities Act and his arrest for making obscene remarks targeting the Dalit Speaker, but also warned that Tata Madhu should immediately issue an unconditional public apology to the Speaker and the Dalit community, otherwise the tours of BRS leaders across the state would be blocked. The leaders made it clear that the society will not tolerate the insult to the Constitutional Court and the government and the Chairman of the Legislative Council should immediately intervene in this matter and take strict action. A large number of representatives and activists of Dalit organizations, along with state and district level leaders of Mala Mahanadu, participated in this protest program and expressed their protest.

Rotary Club Felicitates Physiotherapists in Bhuvanagiri

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

The Rotary Club of Bhuvanagiri felicitated five physiotherapy doctors on Tuesday on the occasion of World Physiotherapy Day, recognising their dedicated service to patients and their contribution to rehabilitation and improved quality of life. The programme was held under the chairmanship of Rotary Club President Kuchipudi Satyanarayana Reddy. Rotary Assistant Governor Pakeer Kondal Reddy attended as the chief guest and felicitated the physiotherapists for



their professional services. The five doctors honoured were Dr. Raghavendra Rao, Dr. Linga Kiran Kumar, Dr. Macha Sra-vanthi Kumari, Dr. K. Deepika and Dr. K. Naga Bhushanam, who are serving patients in Bhongir. Former Rotary Club president Gaddam Gnana Pra-

kash Reddy also participated in the programme and joined the Rotary leadership in honouring the physiotherapy professionals. Speakers highlighted the crucial role of physiotherapy in restoring mobility, promoting physical activity and supporting patients during recovery and rehabilitation.

World Physiotherapy Day is observed globally on September 8 every year. The 2026 theme highlights the role of physiotherapy and physical activity in preventing and managing cardiovascular disease and supporting stroke rehabilitation. Rotary Club Secretary Kadaru Ramesh Babu, Treasurer Pendum Venugopal, former president M. Venkatesham and other Rotary members participated in the programme and congratulated the five doctors for their continued service to the community.

SC Wing Protest Against Tata Madhu



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A protest was held on Tuesday under the leadership of the Jubilee Hills constituency SC Wing, following the directions of MLA Naveen Yadav. Activists gathered near the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue at Yusufguda Basti and burnt an effigy of BRS MLC Tata Madhu. The protesters

strongly condemned what they described as abusive and insulting remarks allegedly made by Tata Madhu against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar. They demanded action against the MLC and said elected representatives must respect constitutional positions and maintain dignity in public discourse.

BRS Leaders Condemn House Arrests, Call It Democracy Murder

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leaders from Secunderabad Cantonment on Tuesday condemned the alleged house arrests and attacks on opposition leaders, describing them as a "murder of democracy."

At a press conference, BRS leader Nivedita Sayanna, along with former Cantonment Board members Anita Prabhakar and Nalini Kiran, criticised the Congress government following the house arrest of BRS leader and former Canton-



ment Board Vice President Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy. The leaders alleged that the government was suppressing opposition voices instead of encouraging democratic debate during Assembly sessions. They also condemned the alleged treatment of

former ministers Sabitha Indra Reddy and Sunitha Laxma Reddy outside the Assembly. They urged Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to respect democratic rights, stop targeting opposition leaders and focus on Telangana's development.

HYDERABAD Wakeup telangana

Protests intensified over the remarks attributed to BRS MLC Thatha Madhu against Telangana Legislative Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, with Government Whip and Aleru MLA Beerla Ilaiah joining the demonstration dressed in black as a mark of protest. The agitation witnessed a sizeable gathering of Congress

leaders, workers and supporters from SC, ST and BC communities, who condemned the alleged remarks and demanded that the dignity of the Speaker and the Legislative Assembly be upheld. Women participated prominently in the protest, holding placards and raising slogans, while traditional dappu beats, kommu performances and folk dance added intensity to the demonstration.

Protesters said their mobilisation was intended to send a strong message against disrespect towards constitutional institutions and caste-based humiliation. Former State SC Cell Convenor and former Aleru Constituency in-charge Neelam Venkat Swamy actively participated in the dharna and joined the demand for action over the remarks attributed to the BRS MLC. Venkat Swamy said

political disagreements should be fought through democratic debate and should never descend into language that undermines the dignity of the Speaker or any constitutional office. The protesters maintained that the issue went beyond party politics and concerned the dignity of the Speaker, constitutional values and social equality. They called upon SC, ST and BC communities and all

democratic-minded citizens to stand against discriminatory or insulting political discourse. With Beerla Ilaiah in black attire, women displaying placards, traditional dappu and kommu performances, and a large gathering of Congress and SC-ST-BC supporters, the protest drew considerable attention and turned into a strong public demonstration over the controversy.

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.

UPI Is ‘Champion Of Fintech Growth’: PM Modi Calls For Global Collaboration

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Calling Unified Payments Interface (UPI) ‘the Champion of Fintech Growth,’ Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday urged stakeholders to use Fintech as a tool for financial inclusion. Global collaboration in fintech systems should be new goal to reduce transaction costs in remittances, he said. Citing French President Emmanuel Macron’s remarks, Modi said UPI was “not just a tech story but a civilisational story,” adding that the figures reflected the long journey India had covered in digital payments. “Any discussion on fintech remains incomplete without mentioning UPI, the champion of fintech growth. UPI has completed 10 years of operation and over 2.4 billion (240 crore) UPI trans-



actions were recorded last month. People who had remained outside the banking system for generations have now become partners in the growth of fintech,” Modi said while addressing the seventh edition of the Global Fintech Fest in Mumbai. “UPI is no longer limited to India; it is now operational in 11 countries worldwide. Direct UPI transactions between India and Singapore have already commenced, and we aim to extend this connectivity to other nations as well – specifically those with large Indian populations and significant trade volumes. Many In-

dians work abroad and send money home, but a portion of those funds is lost to transfer fees; UPI offers an effective solution to this issue,” Modi stated. He further added that India has taken the fintech journey to new heights, with innovation and inclusion at its core. Technologies like Genetic AI, tokenisation and quantum are opening new possibilities in the financial sector. Beyond UPI transactions, the fintech sector must now focus on areas such as credit, insurance, savings, investments and pensions, he added. The PM also called upon fintech firms to build top notch cyber security, ethical data production standards, strong Fintech regulated industry innovation ecosystem and Fintech Protection Consumer Index. Lauding the country’s

remarkable GDP growth in the last quarter, Modi said, the world has gained reassurance from India’s 7.8 percent growth despite challenging global conflicts, uncertainties and stress on global supply chains of energy and commodities. He also highlighted that the Japan Credit Rating Agency has upgraded the country’s sovereign credit rating from BBB+ to A- with a stable outlook, returning India to the A rating category after more than three decades. Meanwhile, two people were arrested by the Mumbai Police following a security scare near the GFF 2026 venue at the Bandra-Kurla Complex (BKC) in Mumbai. However, police clarified there is no established link connecting the incident to a threat against PM Modi.

Rahul Gandhi targets Modi govt over killing of Manipuri musician in Delhi

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday lashed out at the Modi government over the beating to death of a musician from Manipur here, asking what Home Minister Amit Shah’s ministry is doing to stop “growing lawlessness” and demanding a thorough probe into the incident. C Vikram Singh, a 54-year-old Manipuri musician, was beaten to death by a group of delivery workers and dhaba staff when he objected to their shouting and drinking alcohol outside his Kilkari village apartment early Monday, police said. Seven men have been arrested in connection with the killing, and one minor detained. “Chongtham Vikram



Singh ji, a renowned musician from Manipur, went downstairs to ask some men to lower the noise outside his home. He was beaten to death for it,” Gandhi said on X. A father, killed outside his own home, in his own country’s capital, he said. “After many such incidents, every Northeast family in Delhi is asking the same question today – are we safe here? “What are Shah’s MHA and Delhi Police doing to stop this growing lawlessness, especially against people from the Northeast?” ” Lok Sabha

Leader of Opposition said, and called for a swift investigation into the matter. He later spoke with the brother of C Vikram Singh to convey his condolences to the bereaved family, according to Congress’s media and publicity head Pawan Khara. “Shri Rahul Gandhi expressed his solidarity with the family and assured them that their demand for justice will not go unheard,” Khara said. Singh had been living in Kilkari village for several years. A case in connection with his death was booked at the Sunlight Colony Police Station. A preliminary enquiry revealed that Singh, who belonged to the Meitei community, objected to men creating a nuisance outside his house and was dealt blows and punches for it, the police said.

Bangladesh President Urges Swift Resolution of Outstanding Issues With India

Alamgir, the longest-serving secretary general of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, assumed office as the 23rd President on August 21.

NEW DELHI Wakeup telangana

Bangladesh President Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir on Tuesday called for quickly resolving the outstanding issues with India through discussions to further strengthen bilateral relations as Indian High Commissioner Dinesh Trivedi paid a courtesy call on him. Alamgir, the longest-serving secretary general of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, assumed office as the 23rd President on August 21. According to Bangabhaban officials, Trivedi was the first foreign envoy to meet and greet him. High Commissioner Trivedi paid a courtesy call on President Alamgir at Bangabhaban and conveyed warm greetings, wishing him success in his continued service to the people of Bangladesh, the Indian mission said in a social media post. "The discussion underscored the deep-rooted bonds between India and Bangladesh, built on shared history, close cultural ties

and strong people-to-people relations," it said. They emphasised the importance of strengthening the bilateral partnership for the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two sovereign countries, the mission said. On his part, Alamgir said mutual trust and confidence between the peoples of the two countries would increase further if matters of mutual interest were resolved through fair and mutually acceptable solutions, according to the state-run BSS news agency. He said India and Bangladesh can work more closely to achieve shared peace, development and prosperity by utilising the capabilities and potential of the peoples of both countries. Bangladesh attaches special importance to its relations with India as its closest neighbour and an important trade and development partner, the President said. Alamgir said Bangladesh is interested in building a respectful, forward-looking, mutually respectful and mutually beneficial partnership with India while uphold-

ing sovereign equality, national interests and dignity, and the welfare of the people. "There is immense scope for further expanding co-operation in various fields, including trade, water resources management, technology, connectivity, culture and people-to-people relations between the two countries," the President said. The President urged India to take effective measures to ensure a fair share of the waters of common rivers, including the Ganges and the Teesta, his Press Secretary Md Sarwar Alam said during a briefing after the meeting. The spokesman said that the Indian envoy told the president that his government was taking positive measures in this regard and added that India also attaches great importance to its relations with Bangladesh. The High Commissioner reiterated his country's commitment to further expanding cooperation between the two countries in various fields based on mutual respect, trust and cooperation.

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.

Mohsin Raza appointed Uttar Pradesh Minority Commission chairman

BENGALURU Wakeup telangana

The Uttar Pradesh government on Tuesday appointed former minister Mohsin Raza as chairman of the Uttar Pradesh State Minority Commission, according to an official notification issued by the Minority Welfare Department.The notification, issued by Principal Secretary, Minority Welfare, Sanyukta Samaddar, stated that a nine-member commission, including the chairman, has been

constituted for a three-year term. The tenure will begin from the date on which the members assume charge. Along with Mohsin Raza, eight other members have been nominated to the commission. They are Sandeep Jain, Anshuman Kumar Singh Massey, Sardar Harpreet Singh Bedi, Mohammad Aslam, Sardar Parvinder Singh, Neha Khan, Syed Siraj Abbas Rizvi and Rumana Siddiqui.Raza has previously served in

the Uttar Pradesh government as Minister of State for Minority Welfare. He was inducted into the BJP government led by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath after it came to power in 2017. A prominent BJP leader, Raza had also been nominated as a member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Council during his political career. His appointment to head the Minority Commission comes as the state government reconstitutes the statutory body respon-

sible for addressing issues concerning minority communities. The commission is expected to play a role in examining grievances, monitoring the implementation of welfare measures and advising the government on matters related to minority communities in the state. The three-year term of the newly constituted commission will formally commence once its chairman and members assume office.

FROM FRONT PAGE

PM Modi Calls BJP.....

"Don't doubt their honesty. Without any guarantee, we arranged for them to open bank accounts and get money, and arranged for digital payments," he said, noting that vendors who repaid initial loans of Rs 15,000 became eligible for Rs 30,000 and then Rs 50,000. "Earlier, they had handcarts; now they have permanent shops... Earlier, they used to earn two pennies; now they earn twelve pennies. Life has changed, friends," he said, urging BJP workers to ensure no vendor is left out. "He shouldn't have to face trouble in life by taking money on interest; we will definitely do this work," he said. PM Modi said such schemes carry deep meaning for the distressed, comparing their impact to water of-

fered to a labourer in the heat. "A person sitting in an air-conditioned room doesn't know the value of a glass of water, friends... he feels as if he has received the nectar of life," he said. Linking service with cleanliness, PM Modi praised Navsari's villages and urged residents to carry the same spirit into the festive season. "You have made Navsari so clean, brought such great cleanliness to every village," he said, adding, "You tell me, will this year's Ganeshotsav be sparkling clean or not? Hail Lord Ganesha!" He said the cleanliness would also enhance the upcoming Navratri and Diwali celebrations. PM Modi said the BJP had instilled a culture of service among its cadre. "Society itself is supreme for us, and for me, the common people are a

form of Lord Janardan. The people are the form of God," he said. Earlier in the day, PM Modi laid foundation stones, inaugurated and dedicated to the nation development projects worth more than Rs 35,000 crore in Vadodara. Man With Gun..... Further details are awaited as the investigation is underway.Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the seventh edition of the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2026 in Mumbai at around 5:45 pm today.The Global Fintech Fest is among the world's largest and most influential annual conferences focused on financial technology.Since 2020, GFF has emerged as a major international platform bringing together policy-

makers, regulators, central banks, financial institutions, fintech companies, technology firms, investors, academics and other global stakeholders.The conference provides a platform for discussions on key issues shaping the future of the financial sector, including innovation, technology, regulation and the evolving global financial ecosystem.The seventh edition of the Global Fintech Fest is expected to bring together leading stakeholders from across the financial and technology sectors to deliberate on emerging trends and the future of fintech. Kremlin Confirms..... Trade and economic cooperation is a very wide scope.") Ahead of the visit, Peskov stated that the visit is

an opportunity for the two countries to discuss issues of bilateral relations, while also wishing India success in hosting the summit. Elaborating further, Peskov added, "In a couple of days, President Putin will begin his India visit. You know that our two leaders, Indian and Russian leaders, are in a very close personal contact. They are very pragmatic in their relationship, and they are as sincere as to be able to discuss in a very open and constructive way the most sensitive issues of our agenda and our bilateral relations. Of course, it opens additional horizons for our cooperation." "We have no doubt that the summit will be successful. Russia, we are doing our best to contribute to further development of BRICS co-

operation in the three main pillars of our interaction. So, those are policy and security, economy and finance, and cultural and humanitarian contexts. So, we are supporting the idea of inviting new countries to join different formats within BRICS," he noted.Expanding on multilateral objectives, the Kremlin spokesperson highlighted the need for cooperation in the financial sphere, alleging that certain nations were using their currency as a tool for political oppression. "The cooperation space within BRICS financial sphere is of great importance. Russia recently reached a level of 90 percent of all the payments, all the transactions with BRICS countries being made in national currencies, it's very important.

CRIME

‘Is This Respect for Women MLAs?’: HC Raps Govt on Police Excesses, Reserves Order

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday reserved its decision in an interim application filed by the state government seeking vacation of the court’s orders passed a day prior directing the DGP to take action against police staff for alleged excesses while preventing BRS legislators from entry the Assembly. However, Justice T. Madhavi Devi, during the hearing, expressed concern over allegations that a woman legislator’s sari was pulled and another was held by the neck. “Is this the respect being shown to women, particularly women legislators,” the judge asked Advocate-General A. Sudarshan Reddy, who appeared for the state. She pointed out that the women legislators were neither wearing T-

shirts displaying slogans nor carrying posters or placards, which was the stated reason for stopping the legislators. The court had on Monday found fault with the police action and observed that they had no role in obstructing legislators from entering the Assembly, as that authority rested with the Speaker. Challenging these directions, the state moved the interim application seeking their vacation. The Advocate General contended that the observations and directions of the court could have an impact on the discharge of police duties. The A-G submitted that the police had acted on the instructions of the DGP, who had received directions from the Speaker’s office to restrain legislators who were violating the Assembly’s bulletin and guidelines. Justice Madhavi

Devi, however, sought to know whether the guidelines had been issued — before or after the incident. She also asked when the Speaker’s office had communicated its instructions to the DGP. The A-G submitted that the BRS legislators had violated the guidelines by wearing T-shirts carrying messages against the government and entering the Assembly premises while raising slogans, which was prohibited. He contended that the legislators had been issued vehicle-entry passes and were expected to enter through the designated vehicles, but instead arrived in groups while raising slogans. Senior counsel Gandra Mohan Rao, appearing for the BRS Legislature Party, disputed the state’s version and questioned the authenticity and timing of a communication pur-

portedly issued by the Assembly Marshal. He submitted that a legislator had reached the Assembly premises at around 9.30 am wearing a black T-shirt carrying certain slogans and was stopped at the gate. “Where was the Marshal’s letter at that time,” he asked. He argued that the communication had been created after the court passed its orders during the lunch motion hearing. Senior counsel maintained that the Assembly Speaker and the Assembly’s marshals alone were competent to enforce the rules governing the conduct of legislators within the Assembly premises. He argued that if the police were permitted to decide whether or not a legislator had violated the Speaker’s directions or the Assembly bulletin, it could seriously undermine the independence .

Beyond Gender Binary: HC Orders Cops to Accept Transgender Job Applications

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the State Level Police Recruitment Board (TSLPRB) to accept applications from transgender persons aspiring to join the police force as constables and sub-inspectors, holding that they could not be shut out of the recruitment process merely because the online application portal followed a binary classification of gender. A division bench comprising Chief

Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G.M. Mohinuddin issued the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed by Devath Tanu Sri and three others challenging the classification of gender as only male or female in the online recruitment portal. The petitioners contended that forcing transgender applicants to choose either “male” or “female” at the threshold of the recruitment process was not only contrary to law but also compelled them to make a false declaration regarding their gender identity. The

Chief Justice questioned the state government why it had not issued guidelines or appropriate directions to various departments to move away from the stereotypical binary classification of gender and adopt a more inclusive approach while dealing with transgender persons. Senior counsel appearing for the petitioners submitted that the exclusion of transgender persons from the recruitment process was arbitrary and unconstitutional.

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

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

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

Ameerpet Illegal Constructions Raise GHMC Accountability Questions

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad’s Ameerpet area is witnessing a series of alleged construction violations, raising serious questions over the enforcement of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) town-planning regulations and the functioning of local authorities. Behind the popular Ameerpet Paradise, four large commercial and residential structures have reportedly come up allegedly in violation of

zoning and construction norms. Among the major concerns are cellar constructions, which are alleged to have been undertaken without following mandatory safety and municipal procedures. In Sindhi Colony, beside Sabhnam Bakery, another cellar excavation has reportedly taken place, prompting questions over whether the required permissions and safety checks were followed. At MIGH-10 in Begumpet Airlines Colony, opposite Maitrivanam, construction activity has also come

under scrutiny. The location has reportedly witnessed a serious fire incident in the past, making compliance with fire and building safety regulations particularly important. Parking violations are another concern in the area. The CTC building near the local swimming pool is alleged to have failed to comply with parking requirements under G.O. 63, potentially adding to congestion and creating difficulties for commuters and residents. Meanwhile, a major con-

struction project in Ameerpet is reportedly progressing despite alleged violations of GHMC norms. The developments have put local town-planning enforcement under the spotlight, with questions being raised over the role of ACP T. Ramesh and whether timely action is being taken against alleged violations. Authorities are expected to inspect the sites, verify permissions and take appropriate action if violations are confirmed.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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



# Rs 37,500 crore coal gasification scheme receives seven bids in 1st round: Ministry

The Centre's Rs 37,500-crore coal and lignite gasification scheme received seven applications in its first round from major companies and PSUs. The initiative aims to promote domestic coal conversion, reduce imports, boost energy security and create investment and employment opportunities

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

The first round of the Centre's Rs 37,500 crore scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification has received seven applications from major corporates and public sector undertakings, an official statement said on Tuesday. According to the Ministry of Coal, the applications include three proposals from Adani Enterprises Ltd for urea production, while Gallantt Ispat Ltd has applied for a project producing direct reduced iron and syngas. NTPC Ltd has submitted an application for synthetic natural gas, Shyam Sel & Power Ltd for syngas and



Talcher Fertilisers Ltd for urea, according to the ministry. The ministry said the response demonstrates growing industry confidence in coal gasification as a tool for strengthening energy security, reducing imports and supporting industrial development. "When we said reports of 'no takers' were premature, we were confident that industry

would respond and it has, decisively. Seven applications in the very first round, including from some of India's largest industrial houses and public sector undertakings, are a clear vote of confidence in the scheme and in India's coal gasification mission. The market has spoken and it has spoken loudly," a senior Ministry of Coal official said.

The scheme — approved by the Union Cabinet in May — has a total financial outlay of Rs 37,500 crore and aims to promote the conversion of domestic coal and lignite into higher-value products such as syngas, methanol, ammonia, urea and hydrogen. It seeks to reduce India's dependence on imports of LNG, urea, ammonia and methanol, which together were valued at around Rs 2.77 lakh crore in FY25, the ministry said. The scheme also supports India's target of achieving 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030, including 75 million tonnes of capacity under the scheme. It is expected to catalyse

investments of up to Rs 3 lakh crore and generate direct and indirect employment opportunities. The latest scheme builds on the Rs 8,500 crore financial incentive scheme approved in January 2024 under which eight gasification projects are currently under implementation. Moreover, the government opened the second round of the scheme on Tuesday. As per the RFP, application windows will open at two-month intervals, providing eligible entities with further opportunities to submit proposals. The first-round applications were submitted after the RFP was issued on July 7, according to the government.

# White-collar hiring grows 14 pc in August led by auto, healthcare, retail: Report

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

India's white-collar hiring registered a 14 per cent year-on-year growth in August, driven by sectors including auto, healthcare and retail, a report said on Tuesday. The overall Naukri JobSpeak Index touched 3,028 compared to 2,664 in August last year, according to a report by Naukri.com, Info Edge's flagship brand. August saw hiring growth across both IT and non-IT sectors and across experience levels. However, the hiring growth needs to be viewed in the context of the festive calendar, with a larger part of the festive period falling in August last year and shifting to September this year. "We will have a clearer view of the underlying hiring trend as we move

through the festive quarter," Info Edge (India) Ltd MD and CEO Hitesh Oberoi said. The Naukri JobSpeak report is a monthly index that tracks trends in India's job market and hiring activity, based on new job postings (including free job listings) and recruiter searches on Naukri.com's platform. The report further revealed that the auto sector recorded strong hiring growth at 19 per cent, followed by healthcare at 16 per cent and retail at 15 per cent. Among other key sectors, insurance grew at 12 per cent YOY, followed by IT at 11 per cent, banking and FMCG at 10 per cent each, and BPO/ITES, oil and gas and real estate at 8 per cent each. Pharma/Biotech remained flat, while hospitality and travel witnessed a 4 per cent decline in hiring, and

education saw an 8 per cent drop, it added. Hiring remained positive at all experience levels, with fresher recruitment witnessing a growth of 15 per cent YoY, while for 4-7 years it rose 10 per cent, the report said. Mid-to-senior experience bands also recorded strong growth, with hiring up 16 per cent for 8-12 years, 18 per cent for 13-16 years and 13 per cent for over 16 years, it added. Among metros, Hyderabad led hiring growth at 23 per cent YoY, followed by Kolkata at 22 per cent, Chennai at 20 per cent, Bengaluru and Pune at 14 per cent each, Delhi NCR at 10 per cent and Mumbai at 7 per cent. While in emerging cities, including Bhubaneswar (32 per cent), Raipur (23 per cent), Surat (21 per cent) and Ranchi (19 per cent) recorded strong growth, the report added.

# 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.

# Samsung India trims workforce at senior levels, more job cuts

NEW DELHI  
Wakeup telangana

Samsung India Electronics, a leading player in the mobile phone and consumer appliances space, has laid off 8-10 mid-to-senior-level employees and plans to let go of another 40-50 staff in the coming weeks as part of a cost-rationalisation exercise amid rising input costs and muted consumer demand, industry sources said. The layoffs are taking place in the Consumer Electronics (CE) division of Samsung India, which houses its televisions, digital appliances, and home electronics businesses, they said. In the first phase, the company has laid off around 8-10 employees from the CE division, ranging from general manager, team lead and branch/area manager to even director level. In the second round, Samsung may lay off another 40 to 50 people, industry sources told PTI. The move is aimed at trimming the workforce and driving efficiency as Samsung India faces stiff competition in the CE business from rival Korean and Chinese players, with competitive intensity running high in the segment. The team has around 500 to 600 executives. A query sent to Samsung India over the development remained unanswered till the time of filing the story.

Samsung is also merging a few of its branch offices across the country, which will lead to some redundancies, they added. It has recently merged its Patna and Ranchi branches. A similar exercise is also being taken up for the Delhi-Gurgaon and Punjab-Chandigarh branches, among others that are likely to be merged, they added. Samsung, which had a revenue of Rs 1.14 lakh crore in FY25, garners 10

to 12 per cent from the CE business, and a majority, around 70 per cent, comes from its handphones business. In the CE division, though Samsung leads in the TV market, including the premium segment, and has been the top seller for nine consecutive years, in appliances such as refrigerators and washing machines, it faces very stiff competition. The Korean major tried to make a comeback in the room air-conditioner segment, but is yet to make an impact. Even in the handphones business, Samsung is facing stiff competition. In the super-premium smartphone segment, priced over USD 800 dollars, in the Indian market, Apple is the company's key rival. In the affordable and mid-range segments, competition has further intensified with the presence of Chinese smartphone brands offering feature-rich devices at competitive prices. Samsung, like other players, is also facing challenges from the weakening Indian rupee against the US dollar, making the import of components costlier amid softening of consumer demand, which has squeezed margins here. Besides, there are challenges from a sharp rise in memory chip prices over the past year, driven by strong demand from artificial intelligence (AI) applications, data centres, and high-end consumer electronics. The company's smartphone division is not expected to see immediate job losses, with Samsung anticipating a sales recovery during the festive season, though the business could be reviewed later, they added. The company had carried out a similar restructuring drive globally, and is reported to have cut over 700 jobs across its US display, smartphone and other consumer electronics operations in July.

# Deepa Jewellers shares jump nearly 25 pc in market debut trade

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Shares of Deepa Jewellers Ltd made a strong debut on the stock exchanges on Tuesday, listing at a premium of nearly 25 per cent over the issue price of Rs 177. The stock opened at Rs 221.05 on the BSE, registering a gain of 24.88 per cent from its issue price. On the NSE, the shares debuted at Rs 221, marking a 24.85 per cent premium. Following the strong listing, Deepa Jewellers' market valuation stood at around Rs 1,920.56 crore, reflecting robust investor interest in the jewellery company. The company's Rs 460-crore initial public offering (IPO) had received an overwhelming response from investors. The issue was subscribed nearly 43 times on the final day of bidding, with particularly strong participation from institutional investors. The IPO carried a price band of Rs 168 to Rs 177 per share. The public issue consisted of a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to Rs 250

crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) of more than 1.18 crore shares. The proceeds from the fresh issue are intended to strengthen the company's long-term working capital requirements, particularly for procurement, maintenance and expansion of inventory. A portion of the funds will also be utilised for general corporate purposes. Incorporated in 2016, Deepa Jewellers operates as an organised business-to-business (B2B) designer, processor and supplier of hall-marked gold jewellery. The company has established operations across key southern Indian markets, including Telangana, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala. Deepa Jewellers offers a diverse range of jewellery products through an outsourced manufacturing model. Its operations are supported by a network of skilled artisans, or 'karigars', enabling the company to design and process jewellery while maintaining a flexible production structure.

# Kenstar Unveils 45+ Air Fryer Range

Kenstar Launches India's Widest Range of Air Fryers, Bringing Smarter, Healthier and More Versatile Cooking to Modern Kitchens

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Home appliance brand Kenstar has launched its new Air Fryer Range, comprising more than 45 SKUs designed to offer healthier, versatile and convenient cooking options for modern Indian households. The new portfolio includes compact air fryers, dual-basket models, all-glass air fryers and high-capacity Air Fryer Ovens, giving consumers options based on family size, kitchen space and cooking requirements. The range is powered by technologies including DuoCore Intelli Heating Technology and 360-degree Turbo Air Technology, which are designed to distribute heat evenly and support better browning, crisping and uniform cooking. Kenstar CEO Sunil Jain said Indian consumers are increasingly seeking appliances that combine convenience, versatility and healthier cooking. He said the new range brings together ad-



vanced heating technology, multifunctional cooking options, enhanced visibility and contemporary designs. The air fryers support low-oil cooking and select models feature preset menus and multiple cooking modes, including reheate, grill, toast, crispy fry, tandoor, dehydrate and bake. The portfolio includes the Star Chef Air Fryer cum Oven, Duo Feast Double Basket, Pure View All Glass, Daily Cook and Celebration Gifting Series. The Daily Cook Series is available in capacities ranging from 4.5 litres

to 12 litres, while the Celebration Series is aimed at smaller households and festive gifting. The Pure View models feature a crystal-clear cooking chamber and borosilicate glass bowl, allowing users to monitor food while it cooks. The Duo Feast Series features two baskets, enabling users to prepare two dishes simultaneously without mixing flavours. The Star Chef Air Fryer Oven offers greater cooking space, multiple cooking levels and accessories for baking, grilling and air frying.

Other features across the range include digital touch controls, smart preset menus, viewing windows, cool-touch handles and easy-to-clean components. The complete Air Fryer range comes with a two-year warranty and is compliant with RoHS, ISI and ISO certifications, according to the company. Kenstar said the new products are manufactured at its facility in Aurangabad and will be available through retail outlets, Flipkart, Amazon, quick-commerce platforms and modern trade outlets. The launch further strengthens Kenstar's presence in the Small Home Appliances segment, where it already offers more than 100 SKUs, including mixer grinders, cooktops and irons. With the new range, Kenstar aims to expand the use of air fryers beyond conventional frying by offering consumers greater flexibility for everyday cooking, baking, grilling and other food preparations.

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."

Chanchalguda Jail Staff Children Shine at National Karate Championship



HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

Six children of Chanchalguda Jail staff brought pride to their families and the prison department by winning medals at the Taika Open Karate Championship-2026, a national-level tournament held at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad on September 5 and 6. The young karate athletes competed in different categories and showcased their skills, determination and sporting spirit against participants from across the country. Bandari Dhatri delivered an impressive performance in the Kumite category, securing a Silver

Medal. Her achievement at the national-level championship was widely appreciated and brought recognition to her parents and the entire Chanchalguda Jail staff. Five other participants also performed commendably in the tournament. Bakka Sujay Deep, Bakka Sahasra, Ch. Hamsalekha, Ch. Vinod Kumar and Maroju Kovindh secured Bronze Medals in the Kata category, adding to the team's medal tally. The achievements of the children were specially appreciated by Smt. Soumya Mishra, IPS, Director General of Prisons, who congratulated the young athletes for their impressive performance. She lauded their dedica-

tion and sporting spirit and encouraged them to continue pursuing their passion for karate. Soumya Mishra highlighted the importance of sports in the overall development of children, observing that participation in sporting activities helps inculcate discipline, self-confidence, determination and perseverance. She wished the young karate practitioners continued success and greater achievements in future competitions. The championship also witnessed the presence of Dr. G.S. Gopal Reddy, Founder and Director of GVR Karate Academy, along with Karim, Chanchalguda Karate Coach, and Amrutha Reddy. The medal-winning performances have become a source of encouragement for the children and their families, while also reflecting the importance of supporting sports and extracurricular activities among the younger generation.

Loknath Naik, Sai Vikas Reddy shine in HCA multi-day Super League

HYDERABAD  
Wakeup telangana

S Loknath Naik (130, 161b, 13x4, 5x6) of Team D and Sai Vikas Reddy (241 batting, 281b, 24x4, 13x6) of Team B hogged the limelight in the HCA Senior Men's Multi-Day Super League Cricket Championship here on Tuesday. Senior Men's Multi-Day Super League: Team F 226 in 73.5 overs (P Aman Rao 36, A Prateek Reddy 69, A Varun Goud 58, Madhukar Manne 3/29, Shanmuka Ashwin 4/65) vs Team H 26/4 in 14 overs. Team G 281/8 in 88 overs (Rithish Reddy 39, HK Simha 54, G Aniketh Reddy 69, T Ravi Teja 71 batting, Ruthvik Yadav 4/72).

Team D 348 in 83 overs (S Loknath Naik 130, G Rahul Singh 54, VM Dhanush 3/60) vs Team B 358/3 in 90 overs (Sai Vikas Reddy 241 batting, Aryan Krishna



64) vs Team C.

Inter-Schools & Colleges (Under-16) Tournament: Mahabodhi Vidyalaya, Venkatapuram 20 in 7.2 overs (Sachin Bishnio 7/3) lost to Army Public School, Bolarum 21 in 6 overs. Meridian School, Chengicherla 43 in 16.5 overs (Arush Ainchwar 7/19) lost to Cal Public School-Kapra 44/0 in 4.2 overs. Khammam Dist-1 44 in 18.1 overs (U Shashi Kiran 3/14, Krishna Mathur 4/2) lost to Pan-chajanya Jr C 45/0 in 6 overs (G Shreyash Goud 34 not out). Vista International School 63 in 21 overs

(M Rehaan 5/15) lost to Hyd School of Excellence 66/0 in 5.3 overs (Karthikeya 30 not out, C Jaya Prakash 34 not out). St Peters Grammer School-New Bowenpally 84 in 24.1 overs (Tejveer M 31, D Ridith Kumar 5/27) lost to St Andrews HS-Keesara 88/0 in 13.5 overs (Kunal 50 not out). Takshashila P S Secbad 86 in 18.5 overs (G Adithya 31, C Prateek Raj 5/44) lost to Slate the School, Abids 88/2 in 5.3 overs (Suhas Singh Thakur 40, C Prateek Raj 38 not out). Bhavans S A Jr College 276/9 in 50 overs (Utkarsh Bhawe 107, J De-

vendar Raj 47, J Karthik 45, Mohd Anas 6/26) beat Adilabad Dist 2 66/9 (all out) in 17.1 overs (Vedhas Varudi 3/4, John Steward 3/16). Pallavi Model School 152 in 25.2 overs (Tannish Reddy 33, Nishal Goud 51, P Sai Varshith 6/29) beat Sri Chaitanya School 103/10 in 20.2 overs (Sai Varshith P 42, P Punith 4/10). Karimnagar Dist-2 135 in 28.2 overs (Kedhar-nath 40 not out, Zahid 3/32) beat The Future Kids School-Gandipet 123 in 41.2 overs (Zain 6/35). St Joseph School Hab-siguda 441/7 in 48 overs (Deep Thanush

96, Devashvith Yadav 202, Ram Charan 5/35) beat Gowtham Jr College Tirmulagiri 162/10 in 23.4 overs (Shanthanu M 63, Devashvith Yadav 5/40). Zee High School Yadadri 314/10 in 46.4 overs (Naga Venkata Siddhartha 113, Shanthan Reddy 4/40) beat Meridian School, Kukatpally 91 in 17.2 overs (Naithik Reddy 3/4, Sudhi 3/3). GD Goenka HS 495/7 in 50 overs (Vashvardhan 233) beat National School 27/8 (all out) in 7.5 overs (Adhwik 5/4). Birla Open Minds Int School Kollur 167 in 37.5 overs (Akshaj Arora 38, M Aditha 6/18) beat Sri Chaitanya HS (ECIL) 166 in 33.5 overs (Sai Abhinav Reddy 51 not out, U Siddharth Anirudha 5/44, Shreyas Kande 5/35). Crescent H School-Hafeezbaba Nagar 449/3 in 50 overs (Azaan Shaik 60, D Mehmoodi Riyan Syed 211 not out, Ritvik Reddy B 97).

# Telangana Assembly adjourned amid uproar over police assault on women MLAs

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Assembly was adjourned on Tuesday as the Opposition and treasury benches continued to argue over Monday’s developments. The BRS members, sporting black badges, moved into the well demanding an unconditional apology from the Government for the police high-handed behaviour on Monday, while the treasury benches insisted that the Leader of the Opposition K Chandrashekhar Rao come to the House and apologise to the Chair for the remarks made by a BRS MLC.

Soon after the House commenced the proceedings, BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao sprang to his feet and demanded an apology from the government for the assault on BRS MLAs Sabi-



tha Indra Reddy and Sunitha Laxma Reddy. The BRS members were in full attendance, while the Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was not present in the House.

Harish Rao drew the attention of the House to the registration of cases against Sabitha Indra Reddy and Sunitha Laxma Reddy, despite them being attacked by the police. “This is not an attack on just two MLAs but on the entire womenfolk in the State. This is not right,” Harish Rao argued. His comments elicited an

immediate response from the Chair with the Speaker Prasad Kumar asserting that he had immense respect towards the women MLAs. “I sought a report from the police over the attack on the two women MLAs,” he informed.

Legislative Affairs Minister D Sridhar Babu intervened to say that the government had also sought a report on the incident and assured that action would be taken accordingly. SC, ST Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman demanded that BRS

chief K Chandrashekhar Rao should come to the House and tender an unconditional apology for BRS MLC comments against the Speaker. Panchayat Raj Minister D Seethakka charged that BRS leaders had deliberately pushed the two women MLAs before the police and strategically stood behind them. “The two women MLAs should also introspect,” she said.

Amidst these charges, Harish Rao reminded that the BRS MLC had withdrawn his comments and regretted his action. The police have already booked cases against him and taken him to the police station, he said. “We have immense respect for the Chair and personally towards you. But what action has been taken against the police for their overzealous action against women MLAs. The government should apolo-

gise,” Harish Rao told the Speaker.

As the BRS MLAs were demanding an apology from the government, the Chief Marshal went to each BRS member and took away placards from them. In the middle of this, BJP Floor Leader A Maheswar Reddy demanded a debate on 22 A row. The BJP MLAs holding placards squatted on the floor.

He wanted the Congress government to apologize to the women MLAs and also said BRS should reciprocate for its MLC’s comments against the Speaker. Amidst this, the BRS MLAs led by Harish Rao approached the podium. A heavy marshal force obstructed them and in the middle of this melee, the Speaker announced that the House had been adjourned for 15 minutes.

# Women MLAs’ Dignity Must Be Protected, Says Akbaruddin Owaisi

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

AIMIM floor leader in the Telangana Legislative Assembly Akbaruddin Owaisi on Tuesday condemned the alleged mistreatment of BRS MLAs Sabitha Indra Reddy and Sunitha Laxma Reddy, demanding a comprehensive inquiry and strict action against the security personnel allegedly involved in the incident.

Raising the issue in the Assembly, Owaisi said the dignity of women, particularly elected representatives, must be respected under all circumstances. He urged Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to order a detailed inquiry and seek a report on the incident.

“No matter what, a woman’s dignity is dignity. They are members of this House. It is not



right. There should be some restraint,” Owaisi said.

Referring to the alleged confrontation, he claimed that one of the legislators’ hair was pulled and her sari was stepped on. Describing the two MLAs as his “sisters”, Owaisi said such treatment of women legislators was unacceptable and called for strict disciplinary action against officials found responsible.

Meanwhile, the Assembly passed a resolution condemning alleged derogatory and unparliamentary remarks made by BRS MLCs Tata

Madhusudhan and N Naveen Kumar Reddy against Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar on September 7.

The resolution described the alleged remarks near Gate No. 3 of the Assembly premises as highly derogatory and insulting. It also condemned the alleged removal of T-shirts by the two MLCs in the presence of women, terming the conduct highly objectionable.

The House further urged BRS leader and Leader of Opposition K Chandrashekhar Rao to take responsibility for the alleged conduct and tender an unconditional apology to the Speaker. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka also met the Speaker and expressed solidarity with him.

## DJs, firecrackers banned, mandatory CCTVs in every Ganesh pandal

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

The Attapur Police, on Tuesday, September 8, has banned DJ systems and firecrackers and mandated CCTV cameras at every Ganesh pandal within its jurisdiction.

In a coordination and review meeting with Ganesh pandal organisers, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Rajendranagar Zone, S Srinivas, said organisers must submit prior information about their pandal setup to the police station. Every Ganesh pandal is permitted a



maximum of two sound boxes. Loudspeakers can operate till 10 pm. Bursting of firecrackers at pandals and during immersion processions is strictly prohibited, police said.

Pandals must not obstruct traffic on main roads, and must ensure clear passage

for ambulances and other emergency vehicles. Organisers should keep adequate quantities of sand and water as a fire-safety measure and ensure that electrical wires do not pose any hazards.

In case of suspicious objects, unidentified persons or law-and-order issues, police must be immediately alerted. Police appealed to festival committees, volunteers and the public to cooperate with the department to ensure the festival is celebrated peacefully and smoothly.

# Telangana Eyes Rice Export Boost to Philippines

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday met Francisco P. Tu Laurel Jr., secretary of agriculture of the Republic of the Philippines, in New Delhi to discuss prospects of increasing rice exports to the south-eastern nation. The two leaders held detailed discussions on expanding rice exports and trade between Telangana and the Philippines. Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had emerged as one of India’s



leading paddy-producing states, with modern milling infrastructure and the capacity to supply high-quality rice in substantial quantities.

Secretary Laurel responded positively, indi-

cating that the Philippines would examine sourcing larger quantities of rice from Telangana. Both sides discussed taking the proposal forward through government agencies, recognised importers, ex-

porters and rice millers. Earlier, Uttam Kumar Reddy told the Assembly in March 2026 that exports had realised ₹81.90 crore at ₹3,600 per quintal, amounting to about 22.75 per cent of the proposed one lakh million tonnes quantity shipped, leaving about 77,250 million metric tonnes (MMT) against the original target.

Official sources said Philippine rice consumption was about 17.6 MMT in 2025–26, while domestic paddy production was estimated at 19.52 MMT, translating to lower

milled-rice availability. The country remains heavily dependent on imports, with 2.38 MMT imported between January and May 2026, 16.5 per cent higher than the same period in 2025. “The future prospects for Telangana are promising, particularly for competitively priced non-basmati varieties. Telangana has the advantage of large paddy surpluses, established milling capacity and India’s strong position in the global rice export market,” sources said.



Heaps of garbage dumped near the Chandulal Baradari filter have become a major nuisance for residents, who complain of foul smell, unhygienic conditions and health problems in the area.

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## Merugu Shivakrishna facilitates prosthetic limb support for accident victim

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A differently-abled man from Guntur, Tirumal, who lost his right leg in an accident five years ago, was provided with an artificial limb through the initiative of Telangana Disabled Rights Achievement Committee state general secretary Merugu Shivakrishna.

After learning about Tirumal’s difficulties through ABN State Bureau representative Naresh, Shivakrishna approached the Bharat Vikas Parishad Disabled Rehabilitation Centre Trust for assistance. With their support, an artificial right leg was provided and fitted to Tirumal on Tuesday. Tirumal expressed happi-



ness and said the prosthetic limb would help him carry out his daily activities more easily. Bharat Vikas Trust manager Narendra, technicians Raghu, Madhu and Swamy, Media Balagam TV CEO Chintala Vijay Kumar, Star News TV9’s Raghuvaran and others participated. Shivakrishna appealed to donors to extend support to needy persons with disabilities in areas including education, employment, medical treatment and marriage.

## Sewage Overflow Sparks Complaint in Karwan

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

BRS Gudimalkapur Division President Sumeir V. has urged the concerned authorities to take immediate action over a persistent sewerage overflow problem at Jamia Masjid Taleem, Amlapur Basti Dawakhana, Hospital Lane in the Karwan constituency.

The affected stretch, located between H.No. 13-5-400 and 13-5-422, has reportedly been facing continuous sewage flow onto the public road, causing inconvenience to residents, pedestrians and motorists.

Sumeir V. demanded that officials immedi-



ately inspect the sewerage line, identify the cause of the overflow and clear any blockage. If the existing line is damaged, he sought its repair or replacement with a new sewerage line.

He also urged authorities to stop the discharge of sewage onto the road, take action

against those responsible for any illegal discharge or obstruction, and restore and clean the affected portion of the road. He further called for preventive measures to ensure the sewerage problem does not recur and to protect public health and sanitation in the locality.

## Arrest BRS MLC, Punish Errant Cops: Bandi Sanjay

**HYDERABAD**  
Wakeup telangana

Union minister of state for home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday demanded action against BRS MLC Tata Madhusudhan for his derogatory remarks against Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, while also calling for action against police personnel accused of behaving high-handedly with BRS women MLAs Sabitha Indra Reddy and Sunitha Laxma Reddy. Speaking to mediapersons, Sanjay said democratic-minded people could not tolerate the use of abusive language by political leaders. He demanded that Madhusudhan, along with BRS leaders who manhandled police personnel, be arrested and sent to jail, and said action should be taken in accordance with law.

He accused both the Congress and BRS of engaging in political diversion and using “street language” while public issues remained unresolved. He said people were suffering due to the controversy over Section 22A lands, alleged large-scale land dealings involving ministers and ruling party leaders, and pending fee reimbursement dues and certificates, which he said were causing hardship to lakhs of students.