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PM Modi concludes Seychelles visit, strengthens strategic and maritime

PM receives Seychelles' highest honour; 19 bilateral outcomes unveiled during landmark visit

Victoria (Seychelles): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday concluded his three-day visit to Seychelles, during which he held wide-ranging talks with President Patrick Herminie to boost bilateral ties and advance a common vision for a safe and prosperous Indian Ocean region.PM Modi was seen off at the airport by Seychelles' Vice-President Sebastien Pillay and members of the Indian diaspora.Â "My visit to Seychelles has been filled with substantive outcomes that will boost the India-Seychelles friendship," Modi said in a post on X after departure.Modi said the past 50 years of India-Seychelles ties have been marked by deep trust and shared progress. "The next fifty years will be defined by innovation, sustainability and shared prosperity." During the visit, which began on Saturday, Modi attended the golden jubilee celebrations of the National Day of Seychelles as the Guest of Honour."I am happy to have joined the National Day celebrations and that too during the time when Seychelles marks 50 years of Independence," he posted after departure. The two countries unveiled 19 outcomes covering defence, maritime security, digital payments, space, healthcare, agriculture and education, during the visit.The State Visit of PM marked a significant milestone in India-Seychelles ties, reinforcing the shared commitment of deepening cooperation across sectors and advancing a common vision for a safe and prosperous Indian Ocean region," Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal posted on X on Monday.Modi also addressed the national assembly of the archipelagic nation, where he called for global action on climate change guided by fairness, responsibility and equity.



The prime minister was conferred with 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' by President Herminie for his leadership on environmental sustainability and efforts towards advancing the interests of developing countries.During the bilateral talks, both leaders reaffirmed their commitment to expanding cooperation in the blue economy, renewable energy, maritime surveillance, disaster management, and capacity building. They also discussed enhancing people-to-people ties, tourism, cultural exchanges, and skill development, reflecting the growing strategic partnership between the two nations.Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's commitment to supporting the development priorities of Seychelles under its 'Neighbourhood First' policy and the Vision SAGAR (Security and Growth for All in the Region) initiative. He emphasised that India would continue to work closely with Seychelles to ensure peace, stability, sustainable development, and maritime security in the Indian Ocean Region.Officials said the visit further strengthened India's engagement with island nations in the Indo-Pacific and underscored New Delhi's role as a trusted development partner. The agreements signed during the visit are expected to deepen economic cooperation, enhance connectivity, and create new opportunities for collaboration in emerging technologies and sustainable devel-

WhatsApp Set to Roll Out Usernames



Paris: The hundreds of millions who use Meta-owned messenger WhatsApp to chat with family, friends or businesses will no longer need to share phone numbers under a coming update, the company said Monday. Instead, people will be able to pick unique usernames to share with others, in a move "designed to protect the privacy of your phone number," WhatsApp said in a statement. Restricting access to phone numbers would mean they are not shared automatically in cases such as being added to a large group chat or messaging person or business for the first time, the company added.What's more "there's no directory to browse and no suggestions, so people need to know your exact username to contact you," Meta said. As with other social media services, the sheer number of people -- Meta claims over three billion --

HC Urges Urdu SIR Forms in Select Seats



Hyderabad: lJustice B Vijaysen Reddy of the Telangana High Court on Monday directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to consider providing Enumeration Forms in Urdu, at the option of electors, in constituencies where the population of Urdu-speaking voters exceeds 20 per centThe direction came in a writ petition challenging the decision to print and distribute Enumeration Forms for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls exclusively in Telugu outside the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation limits. Senior Counsel V Raghunath, appearing for the petitioner, contended that restricting the forms to Telugu discriminates against linguistic minorities, migrant populations and a sizeable section of Urdu-speaking voters in the State. He argued that voters should not have to depend on Booth Level Officers for translated forms and that access to forms in a language understood by voters is a constitutional righ Counsel for the ECI submitted that Telugu is the first official language of the State and that English forms are being used in Hyderabad district following consultations with political parties. It

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Kishan Reddy Says Warangal Airport Will Be Ready In A Year

Hyderabad: Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Monday said the Warangal airport would be operational within a year and pledged to be among the first passengers there, promising to land in the city on the inaugural flight. Speaking at the party's booth workers meeting in Warangal, he presented detailed report card of Central projects for the city and challenged claims by Congress and BRS that the Centre had neglected local development. He invited rival leaders to a public debate at Martyrs Memorial or Ambedkar Chowrasta, saying the BJP would present full project details.Kishan Reddy urged voters to opt for a double-engine government for comprehensive development. He appealed to voters to elect a BJP mayor in the upcoming municipal polls, promising to secure further funds for Warangal from the Prime Minister if the party won. He announced that construction of a 30-acre railway terminal would begin next month. Prime Minister Narendra Modi would perform the ground-breaking ceremony later this year for the proposed Sammakka-Sarakka Tribal University, he said. Kishan Reddy said Warangal, despite never having elected BJP MLAs or MPs, shared a special fondness and respect for Modi. Kishan Reddy accused successive BRS and Congress governments of neglecting the city, and stated that the Modi government has sanctioned about ₹17,000 crore to transform Warangal into a major urban centre. Giving details of the projects sanctioned by the Centre, Kishan Reddy said the long-awaited Kazipet rail coach factory has been brought to Warangal, with roughly 90 per cent of work complete and coach production expected to start by January 2027. He noted that the Warangal railway station modernisation has been completed and inaugurated by the Prime Minister, and also recalled the ₹2,909 crore sanction for the Kazipet–Ballarsha third line.

Naidu Pushes Citizen-Friendly Mana Mitra



Vijayawada: Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to make government services more citizen-friendly and ensure that public grievances received through voice messages on the Mana Mitra WhatsApp governance platform are also addressed. Chairing a review meeting with senior officials at the Real Time Governance Society in the Secretariat on Monday, he stressed the need to simplify access to government services, particularly those availed frequently by the public.Officials said the process of simplifying procedures had begun, but so far covered only 11 categories of services. Naidu called for strengthening the public grievance redressal system by making it more accessible. Officials must facilitate the submission of grievances through online platforms and the Mana Mitra WhatsApp service, including complaints received through voice messages. Reviewing mobile connectivity across the state, the CM said gaps in network coverage should be addressed on priority. Officials informed him that nearly 3,000 locations were facing connectivity issues. He directed them to coordinate matters with telecom service providers and resolve these within three months.



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Khammam Ministers failed to complete Sitarama Project: KTR

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The three Ministers in Khammam district holding powerful portfolios have failed to complete the Sitarama Project, meant to irrigate seven lakh acres, alleged BRS working president KT Rama Rao.Former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao initiated the project with an estimated cost of Rs 10,000 crore to make use of river Godavari waters. Around 80 percent works have been completed by spending Rs 8,000 crore.Government-But, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao failed to complete the remaining 20 percent works in the past two-and-a-half years, Rama Rao said.History Addressing the BRS party workers at Sathupalli in the district on Wednesday he assured that the party would take steps to complete Sitarama Project as soon as Chandrashekhar Rao comes to power in the next Assembly elections Rama Rao complained that the Congress party in the past deceived Khammam farmers by failing to execute Rajiv Sagar and Indira Sagar projects. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy went to New Delhi 72 times but could not get any funds for the State's development.
Chandrashekhar Rao was the only Chief Minister in

Two persons electrocuted in separate incidents in Khammam,

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Mulugu: Two persons were electrocuted in separate incidents in Khammam and Mulugu districts on Monday
In an incident at Cherukupalli in Sathupalli mandal in Khammam, a truck driver, Reddypogu Venkateshwara Rao (40) of Pentlam village in Annapureddypalle mandal in Kothagudem district, was electrocuted while he was driving the truck.An earth mover which the



truck
was carrying came in contact with live overhead electricity distribution lines accidentally; as a result, the driver suffered an electric shock and died in the truck cabin.In another incident at Keshapur village of Venkatapur mandal in Mulugu, a paralysed man, Mekala Ravinder (50), died of electric shock at his residence.
It was said that the deceased had placed an immersion water heater to heat a bucket of water to get bath.
He accidentally fell on the bucket while removing the water heater from the power socket; he suffered electric shock and died on the spot.

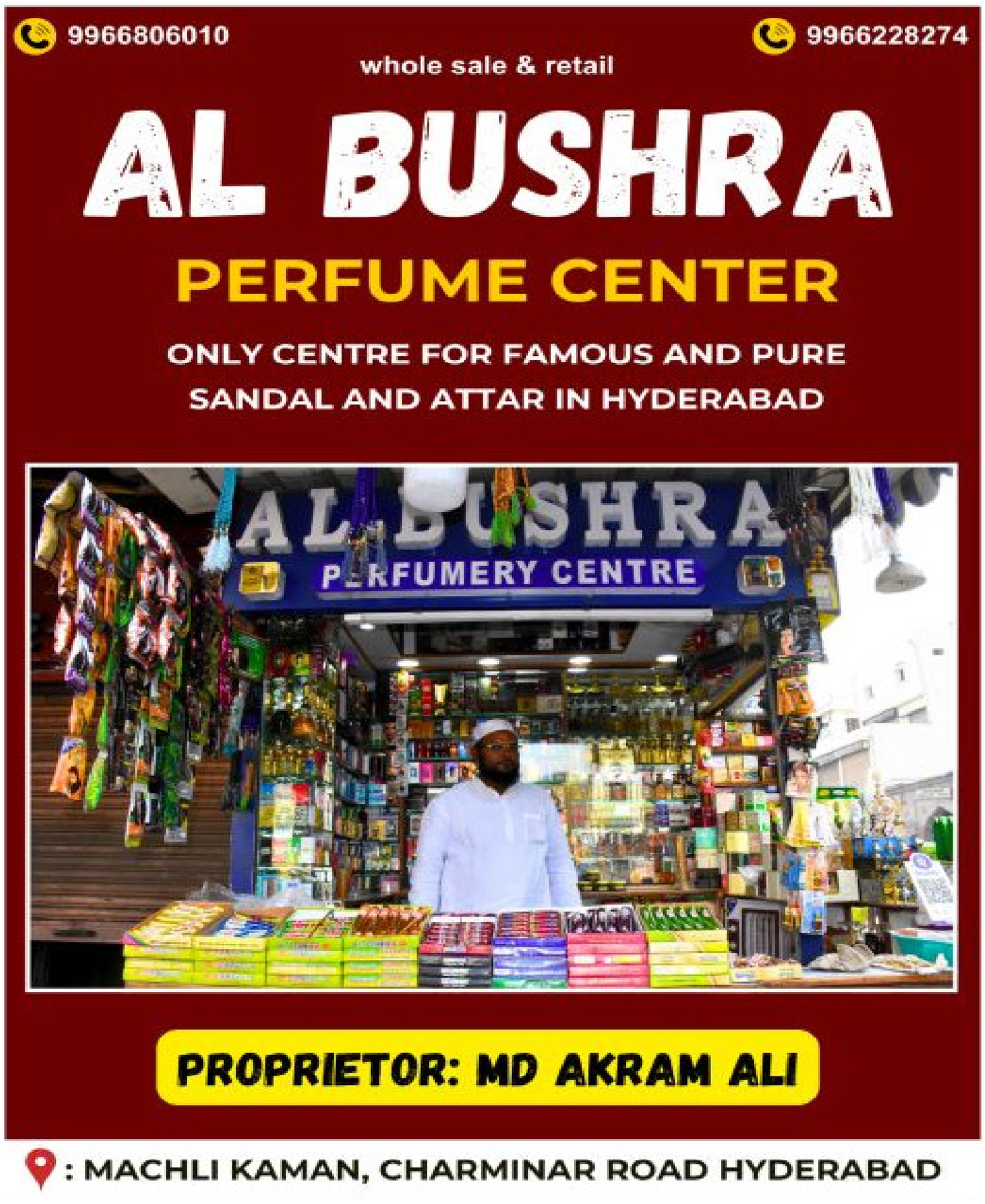


Telangana HC directs ECI to consider printing SIR forms in Urdu



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Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court on Monday, June 29, directed the Election Commission of India (ECI) to consider printing enumeration forms in Urdu, noting a substantial Urdu-speaking population in Hyderabad.ECI's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) electoral rolls process began in Telangana on June 25 and will continue till July 24.A single bench consisting of Justice Bollam Vijaysen Reddy is hearing a writ petition filed by social activist MA Mujeeb Ayyub.The petitioner has questioned ECI's decision to print the forms in English and Telugu and not in Urdu, despite Urdu being widely spoken by 20 per cent of Hyderabad's voters.Hyderabad is a metropolitan city and people from several places in like Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Karnataka, have settled down. This could significantly and inadvertently impact citizens who are not fluent in either Telugu or English, the petitioner argued.ECI's defence Avinash Desai, appearing for the Election Commission, told the High Court that the body was following "standard policy."The election body reasoned that the SIR forms were printed in Telugu as it is the official language in Telangana, and in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area, the forms are in English. Further, to print in Telugu and English was a unanimous decision taken at a meeting attended by representatives of all political parties.Booth Level Officers (BLOs) have been instructed to carry five to 10 dummy enumeration forms in Urdu to help electors better understand and fill out the forms, the counsel said. The High Court adjourned the matter for next week.During the hearing, the court observed that electoral processes should be as inclusive and accessible as possible, particularly in a multilingual city like Hyderabad. The petitioner argued that providing enumeration forms in Urdu would enable a significant section of voters to participate in the revision process without language barriers and help ensure that no eligible elector is excluded due to difficulties in understanding the forms.
The Election Commission maintained that adequate assistance was being provided through Booth Level Officers, who have been instructed to explain the contents of the forms and assist voters



Around 50 Matoor Farmers Asked to Submit Documents for Rythu Bharosa Data Updation

Agriculture Department officials of Motakondur Mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District, have identified around 50 farmers from Matoor Village whose records are pending for Rythu Bharosa data updation.The officials have requested all concerned farmers to submit the required documents immediately to the Agriculture Department so that their records can be updated without delay and they can receive the benefits under the Telangana Government's Rythu Bharosa scheme.Required Documents:Xerox copy of Land Passbook (Pattadar Passbook)Xerox copy of Aadhaar CardXerox copy of Bank Account Passbook/Bank Account DetailsAgriculture Department officials stated that prompt submission of these documents is essential for verification and updation of beneficiary records. Farmers are advised not to postpone the process and to contact the concerned

GHMC Commissioner inspects SIR 2026 activities in Hyderabad

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Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R V Karnan conducted an inspection of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Hyderabad on Sunday, June 28.The inspection was carried out at Polling Station No. 153 in Osmanshahi, Gowliguda, which comes under Ward No. 51 of the Goshamahal Assembly constituency.
Commissioner reviews SIR activities
During the visit, the Commissioner reviewed the ongoing SIR activities at the polling station.Several election officials were present during the inspection. Some of them Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) Uma Prakash, Assistant Electoral Registration Officer (AERO) Mahesh Kulkarni, AERO and In-charge ACP B. Mahender, Supervisor Balakrishna, and Booth Level Officer (BLO) Arvind Kumar.What is the SIR and why does it matter? The SIR is a comprehensive, ground-up revision of electoral rolls ordered by the Election Commission of India (ECI). Its twin goals are to weed out names that no longer belong on the rolls – deceased voters, those who have permanently shifted, duplicates and non-citizens. Telangana is part of SIR Phase-III, the ECI's nationwide rollout covering 16 states and three Union Territories, announced in May this year. The Supreme Court, in a ruling last month, upheld the exercise as legally sound and constitutionally grounded under Article 324 and the Representation of the People Act, 1950.Forms can be filled online Voters who prefer not to wait for BLO visits can submit their enumeration forms digitally through the ECI app or at website. Forms submitted online are received directly at the concerned polling station or Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) level. That said, offline forms submitted to the BLO remain equally valid.For Non-Resident Indians (NRI), the process has been kept accessible. NRIs can fill the form online themselves or have a family member complete and sign it before handing it over to the BLO.Election officials have advised all eligible voters to verify their personal details carefully before submitting the enumeration form to avoid errors or delays in the revision process. They emphasized that accurate information will help ensure the preparation of an updated and error-free electoral roll, enabling every eligible citizen to exercise their democratic right to vote in future elections without inconvenience.The Election Commission has also appealed to citizens not to wait until the last date for submission of forms. Voters are encouraged to complete the process at the earliest and extend full cooperation to Booth Level Officers during the verification exercise. Officials said the special re-

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Inspects UGD Pipeline Restoration Works at Masjid Banda



Wake Up Telangana |Rangareddy District |Srirangam Venkatesh-Hyderabad: PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi conducted a late-night inspection of the ongoing repair and restoration works of a 450 mm RCC Underground Drainage (UGD) pipeline damaged on the main road at Masjid Banda in Serilingampally Division. He was accompanied by senior leader Maraboyina Raju Yadav and officials from the Water Board.Speaking on the occasion, Gandhi said the damaged UGD pipeline had caused inconvenience to the public and directed officials to expedite the restoration works. He instructed them to complete the repairs at the earliest while ensuring minimum inconvenience to commuters.The PAC Chairman also stressed the importance of maintaining quality standards during the repair works, implementing proper traffic diversion measures, and taking preventive steps to avoid similar incidents in the future.Senior leaders Maraboyina Raju Yadav, Mallesh Yadav, Kodicherla Ramulu, Mallesh, Ramulu Goud, and others participated in the inspection.During the inspection, Gandhi interacted with Water Board engineers and reviewed the progress of the repair work on the spot. He directed the officials to deploy additional manpower and machinery, if necessary, to ensure the restoration work is completed within the stipulated time. He also instructed them to closely monitor the site to prevent any disruption to essential civic services.Officials informed the PAC Chairman that all necessary measures were being taken to restore the damaged pipeline safely and efficiently. They assured him that the repair work was being carried out on a war

Laggani Bala Raj Goud to Retire on Superannuation After 25 Years of Dedicated Service



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, June 29: A grand retirement felicitation will be organised on June 30, 2026, in honour of Sri Laggani Bala Raj Goud, who is retiring on superannuation after rendering 25 years of dedicated and commendable service as a Lineman in the Electricity Department.Throughout his distinguished career, Sri Bala Raj Goud served the people of Matoor, Vartoor, Mootakondur, Saigudem, and Ammanabole villages with unwavering commitment, sincerity, and professionalism. He earned the respect of both the department and the public for his prompt response during power outages, emergency restoration works, and his dedication to ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply to

Paitara Meenakshi Saikumar & Paitara Saikumar Extend Eruvaka Pournami Greetings to Farmers

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On the auspicious occasion of Eruvaka Pournami, Former Munipally Mandal ZPTC Paitara Meenakshi Saikumar and PSR Foundation Chairman & BRS State Leader Paitara Saikumar extended their heartfelt greetings to the farmers of Sangareddy District and Munipally Mandal.Conveying their wishes, they said that Eruvaka Pournami marks the beginning of the agricultural season, symbolizing hope, hard work, and prosperity. The dreams hidden in the furrows of the plough and the hopes carried by every seed are entrusted to the nurturing lap of Mother Earth on this sacred day.They stated that the sweat of farmers is transformed into pearls of prosperity, as this marks the beginning of the journey that ultimately provides food for every household. Farmers are the backbone of the nation's economy and the true providers of food security.Praying for the blessings of Bhudevi and Lord Indra, they wished that every field would flourish with golden harvests,

Traffic Awareness Programme Conducted under "Arrive Alive" Initiative at Kidz School, Alwal



As per the instructions of Smt. B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri, and Sri K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-I, Malkajgiri, a Traffic Awareness Programme under the "Arrive Alive" initiative was conducted on 29-06-2026 at Kidz School, Alwal, under the jurisdiction of Traffic Police Station, Alwal.The awareness session focused on key aspects of road safety, highlighting the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, minor driving (underage driving), and the use of mobile phones while driving. Participants were educated on the importance of wearing helmets and seat belts, maintaining lane discipline, obeying traffic signals, and strictly adhering to traffic rules to ensure the safety of all road users. Students were also sensitized about the legal consequences and safety risks associated with underage driving and were encouraged not to ride or drive motor vehicles until they attain the legally permissible age and possess a valid driving licence.The programme was attended by Sri G. Shankar Raju, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, Sri G. Pavan Kumar, Inspector of Police, Traffic Police Station, Alwal, Sri P. Hari Lal, Additional Inspector of Police, Traffic Police Station, Alwal, Sri Kishore, Sub-Inspector of Police, Traffic Police Station, Alwal, Mr. Ravi Raj, Correspondent, Kidz School, along with the teachers, staff, and students of the school.The participants actively interacted during the session, clarified their

Recurring Waterlogging Continues to Trouble Serilingampally Residents

Wake Up Telangana Rangareddy District Srirangam Venkatesh

Waterlogging continues to be one of the biggest civic problems in the Serilingampally constituency. Areas including Miyapur, Chandanagar, Lingampally, Gachibowli, Kondapur, Madhapur, and Hafeezpet have witnessed repeated flooding during recent rains, disrupting normal life.Residents say overflowing drains, damaged underground drainage lines, blocked stormwater drains, and poor road maintenance are causing traffic congestion, vehicle breakdowns, and inconvenience to thousands of commuters. Despite temporary repair works, many locations continue to



face the same problem after every heavy rainfall.Citizens have urged the concerned departments to implement permanent drainage solutions, improve road infrastructure, and regularly desilt drains to prevent flooding and ensure safer roads during the monsoon season.This type of citizen-focused issue story is likely to get more attention because it highlights a problem experienced by almost everyone in the constituency rather than focusing on a single incident.Local residents and commuters have expressed concern that prolonged waterlogging not only affects daily travel but also poses serious health and safety risks. Stagnant rainwater has become a breeding ground for mosquitoes, increasing the risk of vector-borne diseases, while potholes hidden beneath the water have led to several minor accidents involving two-wheelers and pedestrians.Shopkeepers and business owners in the affected areas have also reported losses due to reduced customer footfall during heavy rains. Many residents have

Er. G.J.V.N. Prakash, CE (V&QC), Retires After 37 Years of Exemplary Service



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Er. G.J.V.N. Prakash, Chief Engineer, Vigilance & Quality Control (V&QC), Panchayat Raj Engineering Department, retired from government service on June 30, 2026, upon attaining the age of superannuation, concluding an illustrious career of 37 years marked by dedication, integrity, and professional excellence.Having joined government service through APPSC on March 17, 1989, as an Assistant Executive Engineer, Er. Prakash steadily rose through every engineering cadre, serving in several important assignments across Telangana. His distinguished career included postings in Nalgonda, Ibrahimpatnam, Parigi, Zaheerabad, Gajwel, Bhongir, Siddipet, Suryapet, Mahabubnagar, and Hyderabad, where he earned widespread respect for his technical expertise, disciplined administration, and commitment to quality public infrastructure.As Chief Engineer (V&QC), he played a pivotal role in strengthening vigilance, quality assurance, and transparency in Panchayat Raj engineering works, leaving behind a legacy of professionalism and public service.A grand Retirement Felicitation Ceremony was held on June 30, 2026, at 2:00 PM, in the Conference Hall, Office of the Engineer-in-Chief (EnC), Hy-

BJP Town President Mandula Balu Arrested in Armoor; Case Registered Under BNS



Wakeup Telangana | Armoor, Nizamabad District | June 29:The arrest of BJP Armoor Town President Mandula Balu created political attention in Armoor town of Nizamabad district on Monday after police took him into custody in connection with an alleged assault on a school principal.According to police, Mandula Balu was apprehended from a guest house at Ankapur, reportedly linked to Armoor MLA Paidi Rakesh Reddy. The arrest followed the registration of Crime No. 356/2026 at Armoor Police Station.Police have booked the case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), invoking Sections 329(4), 115(2), 118(1), 324(4), and 315.The incident stems from a complaint lodged by Aamir Khan, Principal of Bharat Chandra High School. An official Telangana State Police Reception Centre Acknowledgement confirms that the petition was received at Armoor Police Station on June 28, 2026, at 5:10 p.m.Subsequently, the school's Correspondent, Mallaiah, submitted a formal complaint alleging that Mandula Balu entered the school premises, assaulted Principal Aamir Khan by slapping him, and used abusive language during the altercation. Based on the complaint and preliminary inquiry, police registered the criminal case and initiated legal proceedings.Following the registration of the FIR, Armoor Police arrested Mandula Balu and produced him in accordance with legal procedure. Officials stated that the investigation is continuing and that further action will be taken based on the evidence collected during the course of the inquiry.The arrest drew the attention of BJP workers and local residents, who gathered outside the Armoor Police Station. Police personnel maintained security and ensured that law and order remained under control.Police officials reiterated that the matter is under investigation and that

Husband need not pay maintenance if wife earns more: Karnataka HC

Bengaluru: In a significant ruling on matrimonial maintenance, the Karnataka High Court has held that a husband cannot be compelled to pay maintenance to his wife if she is financially independent, earns more than him and has no other dependants.The High Court allowed a petition filed by a husband challenging a trial court order directing him to pay monthly maintenance to his estranged wife. Justice Dr Chillakur Sumalatha set aside the lower court's order, observing that maintenance cannot be granted merely on the assumption that a husband is always obligated to financially support his wife.Wife earns Rs 1 lakh a monthThe case pertained to a couple who got married in 2024 but began living separately within a few months of their marriage. Court records showed that the husband was earning a monthly salary of Rs 60,646, while the wife was employed with a

India extends emergency consular services in UAE

Abu Dhabi: India has extended emergency-only consular services in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) until July 1 due to administrativereasons.In a post on X on Monday, June 29, the Embassy of India in Abu Dhabi said both the embassy and the Consulate General of India in Dubai will continue to provide only emergency passport, visa, miscellaneous consular and attestation services until July 1The extension follows an earlier announcement issued on June 19, which said routine consular services would be temporarily suspended during the transition to a new outsourced provider for passport, visa and attestation services in the UAE. Under the new system, Alhind Tours and Travel LLC is expected to take over the delivery of passport, visa and other consular services.Ahead of the transition, BLS International, which handled passport and visa applications, and SGIVS Global, which managed attestation services, stopped accepting new applications after the close of business on June 25.The Indian mission had initially said routine appointments would be unavailable between June 26 and June 30. The latest advisory extends the emergency-only service period by an additional day.Applicants requiring urgent assistance can continue to access emergency services through the existing toll-free helpline, WhatsApp number and email support.The embassy said



details of consular services from July 2 will be announced separately.It advised Indian nationals in the UAE to rely only on the official communication channels and social media accounts of the Embassy of India in Abu Dhabi and the Consulate General of India in Dubai for updates on passport, visa, attestation and other consular services.The temporary changes are expected to affect thousands of Indian expatriates in the UAE who regularly access consular services for passport renewals, visa-related documentation, attestation, and other official requirements. The embassy has urged applicants with non-urgent requests to postpone their visits until normal operations resume. Officials reiterated that the transition to the new service provider is aimed at streamlining consular services and enhancing efficiency, with a more seamless and user-friendly application process expected once the new system becomes operational from July 2.The Embassy also assured the Indian community that every effort is being made to minimise inconvenience during the transition period. It requested applicants to avoid relying on unofficial sources or intermediaries for information and instead follow verified updates issued by the Indian mission. Community organisations have also appealed to Indian nationals to plan their documentation requirements

BJP slams Karnataka CM for releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu

Bengaluru: Karnataka Leader of the Opposition R Ashoka has launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging that it is secretly releasing Cauvery water to Tamil Nadu despite the state facing an imminent water crisis due to weak monsoon rains.Ashoka claimed that farmers in the Cauvery basin are once again gripped by fears of drought, while Bengaluru residents are already struggling to secure drinking water. In such a situation, he alleged, the DK Shivakumar-led government has been releasing 2,000 cusecs of water every day from the Krishna Raja Sagara (KRS) reservoir to Tamil Nadu for the past three days under the guise of providing drinking water. In a strongly worded post on X, Ashoka accused the Congress of repeatedly compromising Karnataka's interests for political gains. He said the party raises the slogan of "our water, our right" when it is in the Opposition, but changes its stand after coThe Congress has consistently surrendered Karnataka's interests for political alliances. Earlier it aligned with the DMK, and now it is looking towards TVK. Instead of protecting the rights of Kannadigas, the government is following the directions of the party high command in Delhi," Ashoka alleged.ming to power.Targeting Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, Ashoka questioned what had happened to the Congress' commitment to the Mekedatu project. "Before the elections, Congress leaders organised a padayatra in the name of Mekedatu to gain political mileage. What kind of yatra will they undertake now? If Cauvery basin farmers are forced to end their lives because of crop losses, will the government lead their funeral procession? Or will it organise a tanker yatra when Bengaluru residents suffer due to water scarcity?" he asked.Ashoka asserted that the Congress government had failed to protect

India's FTA Talks With Israel, GCC Hit Pause Amid West Asia Crisis

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India's free trade agreement (FTA) negotiations with Israel and the six-nation GCC bloc are "temporarily stalled" at present amid the West Asia crisis, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said on Monday. He, however, said active negotiations for trade pacts are underway with Chile, Mexico, the South Africa-led SACU group, the Russia-led Eurasia bloc, and Mercosur. Talks with Canada are at a "very advanced" stage, he said at the India-Greece Business Forum in Athens.The minister is in Athens on an official visit. "We are currently in negotiations, off course temporarily stalled with Israel, with the six-nation GCC (Gulf Cooperation Council) bloc, but in active negotiations with Chile, Mexico, SACU (South Africa Customs Union), the Eurasia bloc, and an expanded PTA (preferential trade agreement) with Mercosur," he said. Mercosur bloc members are Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay, and Paraguay. The Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) comprises Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan.The SACU members are South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, and Eswatini. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region: Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar,



Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. Goyal said that India has finalised nine FTAs in the last three and a half years. These pacts cover 38 developed and prosperous countries, including the UK, EU, EFTA, Mauritius, UAA, Oman, Australia, and New Zealand. On February 24, India and Israel started the first round of negotiations for a free trade agreement (FTA) here with the aim to further boost commercial ties and promote investments, an official had said.On the same day, India and GCC formally announced the launch of negotiations for a trade agreement. Talking about India-Greece trade, Goyal said that the current USD 1.3 billion bilateral trade is low and both sides should work to increase it. There is a target to double it by 2030. He suggested four areas where companies of both countries can increase collaboration. These areas include shipping and logistics, clean energy (Solar, wind, offshore wind, green hydrogen, and nuclear power), technology, and processed food.He said that this relation is important as India is aiming to increase its exports to USD one trillion this fiscal from USD 863 billion in 2025-26. "And in the next five years, we hope to touch two trillion dollars of exports," he said, adding that "Greece has a history of a great maritime nation, controlling one-fifth of global shipping capacity and a fleet of nearly six thousand

SIR: Telangana logs 1.73 crore enumeration forms in four days



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Hyderabad: Telangana's election machinery has completed nearly 1.73 crore enumeration forms in just four days under the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) said on Monday, June 29, calling the pace of work "outstanding" even as he pressed district officials to sustain the momentum to achieve full coverage.The CEO reviewed progress in a video conference with District Election Officers (DEO), Electoral Registration Officers (ERO) and other field functionaries and warned that any violations by Booth Level Officers (BLO) of their prescribed duties would invite stringent action under the law.More training ordered DEOs have been told to personally motivate BLOs and ensure hundred per cent completion of forms within the stipulated timeline. A fresh round of training for BLOs is also being ordered, with a specific focus on helping voters fill the enumeration forms correctly and on digitising the completed forms efficiently.AEROs and EROs were directed to step up field visits and intensify voter awareness campaigns, including wider promotion of the Voter Helpline 1950 and designated help desk numbers. Officials were also asked to ensure regular updates on social media and maintain records of field visits. Political parties and Booth Level Agents (BLA) were urged to participate actively in the SIR process and discharge their responsibilities in full.The Chief Election Officer pressed district officials to sustain the momentum to achieve full coverage.

Copy-paste: Apple fights India antitrust probe findings



Hyderabad: Apple has accused investigators at the Competition Commission of India (CCI) of lifting its rivals' claims wholesale and passing them off as independent findings, and has called for the antitrust conclusions against it to be quashed, according to regulatory documents, Reuters reported on Monday, June 29.The June 25 submission marks the sharpest escalation yet in Apple's battle with the CCI, where Tinder-owner Match Group and several Indian startups are among the complainants.CCI investigators had concluded in a 2024 private report that Apple engaged in "abusive conduct" on its iOS App Store platform and wrongly mandated the use of its own payment system. Apple has denied the allegations. In its submission, the company argued it was a "minuscule player" with under six per cent of India's smartphone market and that the investigation's conclusions were built on rivals' submissions rather than the CCI's own independent analysis.

Margherita, Bihar Governor to Represent India at Khamenei Burial Ceremony



New Delhi: Minister of State for External Affairs Pabitra Margherita and Bihar Governor Ata Hasnain are set to represent India at burial ceremonies for Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei next week, people fa

Union minister Margherita and Bihar Governor Hasnain will attend the funeral, the people said. There is no official word on it yet. Khamenei, who ruled Iran for last three decades, was killed on February 28, the first day of massive US and Israeli air strikes on Tehran. The burial ceremonies are slated to be held in Tehran and Qom on July 5, 6, and 7. The final burial ceremony will take place in the city of Mashhad on July 9.The participation of the Indian delegation is being viewed as a gesture of respect and an affirmation of the longstanding diplomatic ties between India and Iran. The visit is also expected to provide an opportunity for senior Indian representatives to interact with Iranian leaders and convey condolences on behalf of the Government and people of India. Iran remains an important regional partner for India, particularly in areas such as connectivity, energy cooperation, trade, and cultural exchanges.The funeral ceremonies are expected to draw leaders, ministers, and high-level delegations from several countries, reflecting Ayatollah Khamenei's influence in regional and international affairs. Security arrangements have been significantly strengthened across the host cities to manage the large influx of dignitaries, officials, and mourners expected to attend the multi-day ceremonies.Officials said India will continue to engage with the new Iranian leadership through established diplomatic channels while reaffirming its commitment to strengthening bilateral cooperation based on mutual respect and shared interests. Observers believe the visit by the Indian delegation underscores New Delhi's intent to maintain close ties with Tehran despite evolving geopolitical developments in the region. The ceremonies are expected to conclude with state honours, attended by religious leaders, government officials, foreign delegations, and thousands of mourners from across Iran and abroad.

Israel attacks Lebanon despite Iran-US peace deal



NEET exam leak: Judicial custody of 10 accused extended till July 11

The investigation has since expanded across multiple states, with the CBI examining the role of alleged middlemen, coaching centre operators, and other individuals suspected of facilitating the paper leak. Several arrests have been made during the course of the probe, and the agency has seized electronic devices, documents, and other material evidence as part of its investigation.

The alleged irregularities triggered widespread concern among students and parents, prompting demands for greater transparency and accountability in the conduct of national-level entrance examinations. The Centre has maintained that strict action will be taken against all those found involved and has reiterated its commitment to ensuring the integrity and credibility of public examinations through stronger security measures and enforcement of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday, June 29, extended the judicial custody of 10 accused arrested in connection with the NEET UG 2026 examination leak till July 11.Special Judge Vijeta Singh Rawat was hearing the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) plea filed by Special Public Prosecutor V K Pathak to extend their custody for further investigation in the case and allowed the plea.Ten of the 13 accused arrested in the case were produced virtually before the court after their judicial custody ended on Monday.The court extended the judicial custody of Yash Yadav, Mangilal Biwal, Dinesh Biwal, Vikas Biwal, Dhananjay Lokhande, Tejas Harshad Shah, Shubham Khairnar, Manisha Waghmare, Manisha Havaldar and Dr Manoj Shirure.From the remaining three accused, the alleged kingpin P V Kulkarni and Shivraj Raghunath Motegaonkar have already been sent to judicial custody till July 8. Another accused, Manisha Gurunath Mandhare, was sent to 14 days' judicial custody till June 30 by the court.

On May 12, the National Testing Agency (NTA) cancelled the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (Undergraduate), or NEET-UG, held on May 3 for medical admissions amid allegations of paper leak. A re-exam was conducted on June 21.More than 20 lakh medical aspirants took a second shot at the NEET re-exam after the original test was cancelled due to paper leaks, an issue that became a hot potato for the government.

The CBI registered a case in connection with the paper leak based on a written complaint received from the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education.The agency, in a statement, said that it has registered an FIR regarding the alleged irregularities and paper leak in the conduct of the NEET UG exam for offences including criminal conspiracy, cheating, criminal breach of trust, theft and destruction of evidence and offences under the Public Examination Prevention of Unfair Means Act, 2024The controversy also sparked widespread public debate over the need to strengthen examination security, improve digital surveillance, and introduce stricter monitoring mechanisms to prevent similar incidents in the future. Education experts and student organisations have called for comprehensive reforms to restore confidence in the country's competitive examination system and safeguard the interests of deserving candidates.Officials have stated that the investigation is continuing and that additional charges may be invoked if fresh evidence emerges during the probe. The CBI has appealed to the public to cooperate with the investigation and assured that all individuals found responsible, irrespective of their position or influence, will be proceeded against in accordance with the law. The agency is expected to file supplementary charge sheets as the investigation progresses and new evidence is col-

EDITORIAL

COURT SENTENCES 65-YR-OLD MAN TO DEATH IN PUNE RAPE-MURDER



Pune: A special Pune court on Monday, June 29, sentenced a 65-year-old man to death for the kidnapping, rape, and murder of a three-year-old girl in Nasrapur village, a brutal crime that sparked widespread public outrage and protests across Maharashtra.Terming the case as "rarest of the rare", Additional Judge (special judge) S R Salunkhe sentenced Bhimrao Kamble, who was present in the witness box.As the judge pronounced the capital punishment, the victim's family broke down in court.Reading out the operative part of the decision, Judge Salunkhe said that the evidence clearly established aggravating circumstances in favour of the prosecution.

"The offences relate to the commission of serious crimes like murder and rape by an accused with a prior record and a substantial history of serious assault," the court observed.The court had convicted the accused on June 25, within sixty days of the crime, which took place on May 1.Kamble was accused of luring the young girl with the promise of snacks and showing her a newborn calf in Nasrapur village in Pune district. He took her to a shed near a cattle barn, subjected her to sexual and unnatural assault, and subsequently murdered her by gagging her and inflicting chest injuries.The offence was committed outrageously and involved inhuman treatment and torture of the victim. The victim was an innocent, helpless child. The murder was committed to satisfy lust, which evidences total depravity. It was a cold-blooded murder without provocation. The crime was committed so brutally that it shocks not only the judicial conscience but even the conscience of society," Judge Salunkhe observed.The prosecution had sought the death penalty in the case, arguing that Kamble was "beyond reform", and had prior offences involving a 62-year-old woman, a 17-year-old girl, and an animal.The defence cited his age and denial of the crime as mitigating factors. The court, however, held that Kamble's age was an aggravating factor rather than a mitigating one.The thirst for lust of the accused is not extinguished even at such an age. Rather, it has reached a very dangerous stage. The injuries noted on the body of the victim reflect the inhuman behaviour of the accused with a



Stop selling halal, or leave: Kolkata meat sellers threatened

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Kolkata: Bajrang Dal members allegedly threatened Muslim vendors to stop selling meat or relocate at the earliest in the Jadavpur area, Kolkata's prominent suburban region.A video has surfaced where a Bajrang Dal supporter is seen issuing a warning in derogatory language. It is unclear when the video was shot.

Why are you selling and slaughtering when a majority of Hindus reside here?" he asks.In an apparent dig at the Trinamool Congress (TMC), he says, "Their days are over, and this won't work anymore. Go to Mallikpur, where many mullahs like you reside." Stop selling halal. Leave this place at the earliest," the supporter threatens.There has been a sharp increase in hate crimes against the Muslim community ever since the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) came to power in West Bengal. As many as 10 hate crime incidents from May alone were reported by Siasat.com.Chief Minister Suvendhu Adhikari publicly announced he would work only for Hindus, as they "voted for him.""The Hindu people of Nandigram made me win again. There, the entire Muslim vote went to TMC... I will work for the Hindus of Nandigram," Adhikari told the media, a statement blunt even by the current standards of Indian political discourse.The controversy also sparked widespread public debate over the need to strengthen examination security, improve digital surveillance, and introduce stricter monitoring mechanisms to prevent similar incidents in the future. Education experts and student organisations have called for comprehensive reforms to restore confidence in the country's competitive examination system and safeguard the interests of deserving candidates.Officials have stated that the investigation is continuing and that additional charges may be invoked if fresh evidence emerges during the probe. The CBI has appealed to the public to cooperate with the investigation and as-

Telangana Weighs Rice Export Policy As Fortified Rice Gains Push

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HYDERABAD: Telangana, which produces nearly 300 lakh metric tonnes (LMT) of rice annually but consumes only about 36 LMT of it, is considering a dedicated rice export policy as the state looks to expand market opportunities for millers and strengthen its position in global rice trade. Food and civil supplies minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy announced the proposal while addressing a workshop, 'Unlocking Market Potential: Advancing Fortified Rice in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh', here on Monday. He said Telangana was now the country's leading state in both rice production and procurement and had begun exporting rice to the Philippines.
We consume barely one-tenth of the rice we produce. Exports represent the next major growth opportunity for Telangana's rice industry," the minister said, adding that the government was preparing a policy to help millers access national and international markets. Calling fortified rice an emerging tool for improving nutritional security, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the product retained the taste and cooking characteristics of regular rice while helping address micronutrient deficiencies. "Health should not be a chore or a pill. It should be on your plate," he said, adding that addressing nutritional deficiencies through food consumed daily could have significant social impact.The minister also stressed the need to enhance value addition in the rice sector through modern milling technologies, quality certification, and branding to improve the global competitiveness of Telangana rice. He said the



proposed export policy would focus on strengthening the supply chain, expanding market access, and increasing farmers' incomes by creating sustainable export opportunities. Industry stakeholders welcomed the initiative, expressing hope that it would position Telangana as a leading exporter of premium and fortified rice in the coming years.Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government was committed to supporting the rice milling industry through policy reforms, infrastructure development, and greater collaboration with exporters and food processing companies. He urged millers to adopt advanced technologies and maintain international quality standards to meet the growing demand in overseas markets. Officials said the proposed policy would also explore incentives for exports, encourage innovation in value-added rice products, and strengthen Telangana's position as a major contributor to India's agricultural exports. The initiative is expected to generate new business opportunities while ensuring better returns for farmers and stakeholders across the rice value chain.He further noted that Telangana has emerged as one of India's leading paddy-producing states, and the government aims to leverage this strength by creating a globally competitive rice ecosystem. Efforts are also being made to improve storage facilities, logistics, and quality testing infrastructure to ensure seamless exports. The minister expressed confidence that with the right policy support and active participation from millers, exporters, and farmers, Telangana could significantly increase its share in international rice markets while promoting sustainable agricultural growth and rural prosperity. The minister also underlined the importance of strengthening collaboration between the government, research institutions, and the private sector to develop innovative rice varieties that cater to changing global consumer preferences. He said promoting sustainable farming practices, improving productivity, and ensuring strict quality compliance would be key to enhancing Telangana's reputation in international markets. Officials added that the government would continue engaging with industry representatives to address ex-

Visakhapatnam To Host 31st CII Partnership Summit On Nov. 12, 13



VIJAYAWADA: The 31st edition of the Confederation of Indian Industry Partnership Summit will be held here on November 12 and 13 under the theme, 'Navigating change: leadership, technology, trust and trade in a transforming world'. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu reviewed preparations on Monday and directed officials to organise regional CII partnership summits at five locations as a prelude to the main event.The summit, he said, should be different from previous editions and officials must make comprehensive arrangements, including the signing of MoUs, ministerial and plenary sessions, country sessions and business-to-business (B2B) and business-to-government (B2G) meetings. Naidu directed the officials to invite representatives of national and international companies, Union ministers and delegates from various countries. He also asked them to write to chief ministers of other states, informing them about the summit.The chief minister called for extensive national and international publicity for the event and directed the officials to conduct road shows between July and September. Officials informed the meeting that road shows are planned in Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai, Mumbai, Coimbatore, Ahmedabad and Hyderabad. City& Local Guides Naidu suggested organising regional partnership summits in Visakhapatnam, Rajamahendravaram or Kakinada, Amaravati, Anantapur and Tirupati ahead of the main event. Officials must identify sectors for investment and MoUs during these regional summits.The CM said the summit should focus not only on investment commitments but also on knowledge-sharing and discussions on innovative ideas for development. He stressed the need to highlight futuristic sectors and invite experts from leading universities. Naidu said the proposed CII global leadership centre in Amaravati should become a platform for discussions on public policy, business and investment challenges. He also called for deliberations on agriculture, horticulture, natural farming, the circular economy, spirituality and stress-free work culture. Officials, he said, must organise the summit in a manner that encourages participation by youth and students, enabling them to contribute innovative ideas across various sectors.Naidu directed officials to ensure that the summit serves as a gateway for attracting global investments and forging long-term partnerships with international industries and institutions. He said Andhra Pradesh should leverage the event to showcase its investor-friendly policies, world-class infrastructure, skilled workforce, and emerging industrial corridors. The Chief Minister also called for dedicated sessions on artificial intelligence, semiconductor manufacturing, renewable energy, logistics, digital infrastructure, and startup innovation to position the state as a preferred investment destination.

He further instructed departments to coordinate closely with industry bodies and diplomatic missions to secure participation from leading global companies, policymakers, entrepreneurs, and academic institutions. Stressing meticulous planning, Naidu said the summit should deliver tangible outcomes through investment proposals, strategic collaborations, and technology partnerships that contribute to the state's long-term economic growth and employment generation.The Chief Minister also emphasised the importance of showcasing Andhra Pradesh's strengths in ports, manufacturing, electronics, food processing, tourism, and green energy during the summit. He said the event should project the state as a global hub for innovation and sustainable devel-

Food Safety Team Inspects Barbecue Nation at Madinaguda, Issues Improvement Notice



Wake Up Telangana |Rangareddy District |Srirangam Venkateshyderabad: The CMC Food Safety team conducted a surprise inspection at Barbecue Nation located in GSM Mall, Madinaguda, and identified several food safety and hygiene lapses.While the restaurant staff maintained good personal hygiene and possessed valid medical fitness certificates, officials found cockroaches near the fruit storage area and refrigerators. Unhygienic vegetable crates and water containers were also observed, while unlabeled brownies and kulfis were discarded on the spot.Officials also noted the absence of food testing and pest control records. The restaurant scored 79% (86 out of 110 marks) in the hygiene assessment and was issued an Improvement Notice, directing the management to rectify the deficiencies.

Grand Pournami Celebrations and Annadanam Held at Ramalingeswara Temple



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Devotion & Charity: Pournami Celebrations and Annadanam Draw Crowds at Sri Bhavani Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple
SECUNDERABAD / CANTONMENT: The auspicious occasion of Pournami (Full Moon day) was celebrated with deep spiritual fervor at the historic Sri Bhavani Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple, located in the 6th Ward of Thavai Pura, Cantonment.Marking the holy day, the temple administration organized a grand Annadanam (sacred food distribution) program on Monday, which fed hundreds of visiting devotees and local residents.
Special Prayers and Rituals The day commenced early with temple priests performing elaborate, special pujas and abhishekams to Lord Shiva to mark the auspicious lunar phase. Devotees from Cantonment and its surrounding regions queued up starting in the morning to offer their prayers and seek divine blessings.
Community Leadership Joins Hands The event saw active participation from prominent local figures and social reformers. Sada Kesava Reddy, Chairman of the Temple Committee and Former Board President, spearheaded the initiative alongside Shiva Reddy, Marri Shashikant Reddy, Rajinikanth Reddy, and Kittu. Notable social activist Galipalli Durgayya also joined the dignitaries in personally serving and distributing meals to the gathering.
Speaking to the media on the sidelines of the event, Temple Committee Chairman Sada Kesava Reddy highlighted the spiritual significance of the initiative:
"By the divine grace of Lord Shiva, the Annadanam program is seamlessly organized on every single full moon

From Farm to Kitchen How ceability Is Building Fo

Hyderabad:
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Hyderabad, June 29, 2026: Most people check the price and expiry date before buying food, but very few know where it comes from. Farm to fork traceability is changing that. In fact, a PwC India survey found that 84% of consumers are highly concerned about food safety, with more than half also worried about the traceability of their food. Farm to fork traceability allows food to be tracked from the farm it is sourced from to the time it reaches the kitchen. This means better control over quality, safer handling, and fewer unknowns in the process. For families today, this clarity is helping them make more confident choices about what they cook



and serve every day.Today, consumers are seeking greater assurance about the food they bring home, and knowing where it comes from plays a key role in building that trust. Farm to fork traceability enables end to end visibility across the food value chain, offering better control over sourcing, handling, and quality. At Godrej Foods, we follow a farm to fork approach to maintain this visibility at every stage, helping us ensure consistent quality standards and deliver products that consumers can trust" said Anushree Dewen, Head of Marketing and Innovation, Godrej Foods. The growing adoption of digital technologies such as QR codes and blockchain-based tracking is making food traceability more accessible to consumers. By simply scanning a product label, shoppers can learn about its origin,

How teams will qualify for T20 cricket at Los Angeles Olympic Games

New Delhi:
Wake Up Telangana



Cricket's return to the Olympic Games after a gap of 128 years took a significant step forward on Monday after the International Olympic Committee (IOC) approved the qualification system for the men's and women's competitions at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics (LA28), outlining distinct qualification pathways for the two events.The approval confirms that six teams each will compete in the men's and women's T20 tournaments at LA28, with each squad comprising a maximum of 15 players. A total of 180 athletes — 90 men and 90 women — will feature in cricket's first Olympic appearance since the 1900 Paris Games, where the sport was contested only once. The qualification system, published jointly by the IOC and the International Cricket Council (ICC), reveals that while both competitions will feature six teams, the qualification routes differ considerably between the men's and women's events.For the men's competition, four teams will qualify directly through the ICC Men's T20I Team Rankings. However, qualification will not simply be determined by the top four-ranked sides. Instead, the four highest-ranked eligible National Olympic Committees (NOCs) from four different continents at the close of the qualification window on December 31, 2026, will secure direct Olympic berths, ensuring continental representation in the six-team field.The United States, as hosts of the Los Angeles Games, have been guaranteed a place, provided they satisfy the ICC's minimum eligibility requirement of appearing within the top 15 of the ICC Men's T20I rankings at some point during the qualification period.The sixth and final men's berth will be decided through a Final Olympic Global Qualification Tournament (FOGQT), where the next eight highest-ranked eligible teams that have not already qualified will compete for the remaining Olympic place.The women's qualification system follows a different model.Instead of ICC rankings deciding the four direct qualifiers, the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup will serve as the primary qualifying event. The highest-placed eligible teams from four different continents at the conclusion of the tournament will earn direct qualification for LA28.Like the men's event, hosts USA will receive an automatic berth subject to fulfilling the minimum ranking requirement of being ranked within the top 15 during the qualification period. The final women's Olympic spot will also be determined through a Final Olympic Global Qualification Tournament featuring the next eight highest-ranked eligible teams that have not already qualified.One notable aspect of the qualification system concerns the West Indies.While the Caribbean side competes as a combined team in ICC events, it is not recognised as a National Olympic Committee by the IOC and therefore cannot compete at the Olympic Games as a single entity. If West Indies finish among the teams eligible for the Final Olympic Global Qualification Tournament, the ICC will organise a regional qualifying tourna-

Another T20 World Cup exit leaves India with tough questions



New Delhi:
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India's elimination from the Women's T20 World Cup has inevitably put Harmanpreet Kaur's future as captain under scrutiny, and one thing appears certain — the team is staring at a reset.The six-wicket defeat to Australia on Sunday that knocked India out of contention for the semifinals only brought into sharp focus what had become increasingly evident — the women in Blue, despite being pre-tournament favourites, were a side still searching for answers.It was a second successive T20 World Cup under Harmanpreet's leadership in which India failed to reach the knockouts, reviving uncomfortable questions about the team's direction in the format.Rethink" was the word both Harmanpreet and head coach Amol Muzumdar used after the campaign ended. The need for a reset is difficult to ignore.
Time up for Harmanpreet as T20I captain?
Less than a year after leading India to their maiden ODI World Cup title, Harmanpreet finds herself at another crossroads. The 37-year-old remains India's most successful T20I captain and one of the defining figures of Indian women's cricket. But yet another disappointing T20 World Cup campaign has brought her future in the shortest format into focus.Muzumdar, however, has backed the veteran."It's up to the selectors to decide the captain. I think, yes. My short and sweet answer would be yes," he said when asked if Harmanpreet would continue as captain. But it is hard to ignore that under her leadership, the team

Virat Kohli, Anushka Sharma Cheer India Women at Lord's T20 World Cup Clash



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London: Star couple Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma were among the high-profile faces in attendance as India took on Australia in the Group A clash of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 at Lord's on Sunday. Virat and Anushka were spotted in the stands cheering passionately for the Indian women's team, applauding key moments and soaking in the action as the much-anticipated contest unfolded.

Adding to the star-studded presence at the iconic venue, former Indian coach Ravi Shastri was seated alongside Kohli and Anushka during the match.For the match-day, Virat was dressed in a brown shirt paired with white trousers, while Anushka kept it casual in a basic dress, which she paired with comfy flats and a cap. Former India opener Shikhar Dhawan was also spotted at Lord's with his wife Sophie. Coming to the India vs Australia match, Captain Harmanpreet Kaur led from the front with a blistering half-century, while openers Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma laid a solid platform as India posted a competitive 170/4 against Australia. After winning the toss, Harmanpreet elected to bat first on a batting-friendly surface, with India needing a victory to keep their semi-final hopes alive. Openers Smriti Mandhana (38) and Shafali Verma (34) gave the side a positive start, taking advantage of the Powerplay with aggressive stroke-play and quick running between the wickets.India finished big in the last over as skipper Harmanpreet slammed three consecutive sixes before being dismissed on the second last ball of the innings, off Moli-neux's over. Harmanpreet scored 56 runs off 27 balls, including six boundaries and three sixes. The match carries significant importance for India's World Cup campaign following South Africa's earlier win over Bangladesh. A victory over the unbeaten Australians would guarantee India a place in the semi-finals.Australia's bowlers managed to pull things back in the middle overs after India got off to a brisk start, but Harmanpreet's explosive knock in the closing stages shifted the momentum decisively in India's favour. Her aggressive stroke play ensured that India posted a challenging total, giving the bowlers a strong platform to defend. The high-stakes encounter attracted widespread attention from cricket fans, with several prominent personalities present at Lord's to support the Indian team. As the Women's T20 World Cup enters its crucial phase, every match has become vital in determining the semi-final line-up, making India's clash against Australia one of the most anticipated fixtures of the tournament.A victory against the defending champions would not only secure India's place in the semi-finals but also provide a significant psychological boost heading into the knockout stage. The team will be hoping its bowlers can complement the batting effort by delivering disciplined spells and restricting Australia's powerful batting line-up to seal a memorable win at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground.

Aly Goni shares unexpected news about Jasmin Bhasin



Mumbai: Television actress Jasmin Bhasin, who is all to be seen next on Khatron Ke Khiladi 15, is going through a difficult phase. The actress has been hospitalised in Dubai after suddenly falling seriously ill during what was supposed to be a birthday vacation with her boyfriend, Aly Goni. Sharing an emotional health update, Aly revealed that Jasmin is battling a serious infection and is currently recovering under medical care.Jasmin Bhasin's birthday in hospital
On Saturday, Aly took to Instagram to wish Jasmin on her birthday with a heartfelt post alongside a picture from her hospital room. In the photo, Jasmin is seen lying on the hospital bed while holding Aly close.Sharing the picture, Aly wrote, "Happy Happy Birthday, @jasminbhasin2806. We came here to celebrate your birthday, but life had other plans Instead of making birthday memories, we're in a hospital room. Seeing you in pain has been the hardest part of this trip. I'd trade every celebration just to see you healthy and smiling again. May Allah bless you with endless happiness, good health, love, and success. Get well soon. That's the only birthday wish in my heart today. Happy Birthday. Love you, always.Aly Goni shares Jasmin's health update As fans flooded social media with messages and calls, Aly also shared a detailed update through his Instagram Stories, requesting everyone to keep Jasmin in their prayers.He wrote, "Message for everyone messaging and calling me! Thank you everyone for the love, prayers, and messages. We came to Dubai to celebrate Jasmin's birthday, but life had other plans. She suddenly fell very sick and had to be hospitalized due to a serious infection. It's been a very difficult and emotional few days."He further added, "I'm sorry if I haven't been able to reply to your messages or answer your calls. Right now, my entire focus is on being with her. She's receiving the best care and is slowly recovering. Please keep

When Shoaib Malik said, 'I want my son to become Hafiz-e-Quran'

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HYDERABAD: FORMER PAKISTANI CRICKETER SHOAIB MALIK AND INDIAN TENNIS LEGEND SANIA MIRZA HAVE BEEN CO-PARENTING THEIR SON, IZHAAN MIRZA MALIK, EVER SINCE THEY PARTED WAYS. WHILE SEVEN-YEAR-OLD IZHAAN LIVES WITH HIS MOTHER IN DUBAI, SHOAIB FREQUENTLY VISITS THE CITY TO SPEND TIME WITH HIS SON.OVER THE YEARS, BOTH SHOAIB AND SANIA HAVE OFTEN BEEN ASKED WHETHER THEY WANT IZHAAN TO FOLLOW IN THEIR FOOTSTEPS BY BECOMING EITHER A CRICKETER OR A TENNIS PLAYER. AMID THIS, AN OLD INTERVIEW OF SHOAIB MALIK FROM NEARLY THREE YEARS AGO HAS RESURFACED ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND IS ONCE AGAIN GOING VIRAL.
DURING THE INTERVIEW, SHOAIB WAS ASKED WHETHER HE WOULD EVER FORCE HIS SON TO BECOME A CRICKETER. RESPONDING TO THE QUESTION, HE SAID, "MEIN APNE BETE KO CRICKETER BANNE K LIYE KABHI FORCE NAHI KARUNGA. NAAHI CRICKETER MEIN USE KISI BHI CHEEZ K LIYE FORCE NAHI KARUNGA. HAAN LEKIN QURAN HIFZ KARAANA MERI KHWAAISH HAI. MEIN YEH CHAHTA HUN KI PADE WOH AUR SABKI IZZAT KARE. BUS YAHI CHEEZEIN MEIN USSE CHAHTA HUN USKE ALAWA USKO LIFE MEIN KYA KARNA HAI KYA BANNA HAI WOH



SAB USKE UPAR HAI."("I WILL NEVER FORCE MY SON TO BECOME A CRICKETER. IN FACT, I WON'T FORCE HIM INTO ANYTHING AT ALL. HOWEVER, IT IS MY WISH AND I WANT THAT HE MEMORISES THE QURAN. I WANT HIM TO STUDY WELL AND RESPECT EVERYONE. THESE ARE THE ONLY THINGS I EXPECT FROM HIM. APART FROM THAT, WHAT HE WANTS TO DO IN LIFE OR WHAT HE WANTS TO BECOME IS ENTIRELY HIS DECISION.")HIS STATEMENT REFLECTED THAT WHILE HE HOPES HIS SON MEMORISES THE QURAN, RECEIVES A GOOD EDUCATION, AND GROWS UP RESPECTING OTHERS, HE WANTS IZHAAN TO DECIDE HIS OWN CAREER PATH.

INTERESTINGLY, SANIA MIRZA HAS ECHOED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS IN PREVIOUS INTERVIEWS. THE TENNIS ICON HAS SAID THAT SHE DOES NOT WANT TO PRESSURE HER SON INTO CHOOSING EITHER TENNIS OR CRICKET AND WOULD RATHER LET HIM PURSUE WHATEVER HE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT.SANIA MIRZA AND SHOAIB MALIK TIED THE KNOT IN APRIL 2010 AND WELCOMED THEIR SON, IZHAAN MIRZA MALIK, IN OCTOBER 2018. THE COUPLE OFFICIALLY DIVORCED IN JANUARY 2024 THROUGH KHULA. SOON AFTER, SHOAIB MARRIED PAKISTANI ACTOR SANA JAVED, WHILE SANIA HAS REMAINED FOCUSED ON HER PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENTS AND RAISING IZHAAN.SINCE THEIR SEPARATION, BOTH SANIA AND SHOAIB HAVE MOVED FORWARD WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE LIVES. WHILE SHOAIB HAS CONTINUED HIS CRICKET-RELATED COMMITMENTS AND PERSONAL LIFE IN PAKISTAN, SANIA HAS REMAINED ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN TENNIS PROMOTION, BRAND ENDORSEMENTS, AND MENTORING YOUNG ATHLETES IN INDIA. SHE HAS ALSO CONTINUED TO MAKE PUBLIC APPEARANCES AT SPORTING AND SOCIAL EVENTS WHILE BALANCING HER RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MOTHER.

Free Sarees Distributed to DWCRA Women in Hafeezpet 236 Division



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As part of the Telangana Government's women welfare initiatives, a free saree distribution programme was organized for members of DWCRA self-help groups in Hafeezpet 236 Division.The programme was conducted under the supervision of CO Rukmini, President Amaravathi, and RP Pushpa. Hafeezpet Division Congress Party leader Baling Gautham Goud attended the event as the chief guest and distributed sarees to the beneficiaries.Speaking on the occasion, Gautham Goud said the government has launched the initiative to promote the social and economic empowerment of women. He assured the gathering that he would continue extending his full support for the welfare of women and the development of local colonies.The DWCRA women expressed their gratitude to the Telangana Government and Baling Gautham Goud for providing quality sarees under the welfare programme.Among those present were Venkatesh Goud, S.K. Jameer, Syed Sadiq, Syed Asad, Amjad, and a large number of DWCRA women.The programme witnessed an enthusiastic response from the beneficiaries, with a large number of women participating in the distribution drive. The initiative was aimed at supporting economically weaker women while reinforcing the government's commitment to strengthening self-help groups and promoting women's empowerment at the grassroots level The organisers highlighted the important role played by DWCRA groups in encouraging financial independence, entrepreneurship, and community development among women. They noted that welfare initiatives such as the free saree distribution not only provide immediate assistance but also reflect the government's continued focus on improving the qual-

MoU Signing Ceremony between NIT Warangal and CBIT

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was formally exchanged between National Institute of Technology Warangal and Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology.The MoU was exchanged by the Director, NIT Warangal, and the Principal, CBIT, in the presence of Prof. Venkaiah Choudary, Dean (Academic), NIT Warangal, and Dr. S. Siva Priyanka, Assistant Director, Industrial and International Collaborations(IIC), CBIT, who served as the institutional coordinators for the collaboration.The ceremony was witnessed by Prof. V. Barla, Advisor, IIC, CBIT, Prof. Sirish, Dean (R&D), CBIT, Prof. Krishna Reddy, Director (R&D), CBIT, Prof Rashmi Rajan Rout, Head CSE NITW, Prof NLN Reddy, CDC CBIT, along with the leadership teams and faculty members from both NIT Warangal and CBIT.This MoU marks the beginning of a collaborative partnership to strengthen academic excellence, research, innovation, faculty development, student engagement, and industry-oriented initiatives between the two institutions.The partnership is expected to facilitate joint research projects, exchange of faculty and students, collaborative publications, skill development programmes, internships, and innovation-driven initiatives. It will also encourage the organization of workshops, seminars, conferences, training programmes,



and hackathons aimed at fostering academic excellence and technological advancement. Both institutions emphasized that the collaboration would create a vibrant ecosystem for interdisciplinary research and innovation while strengthening industry-academia linkages. The MoU is also expected to promote entrepreneurship, incubation activities, and the development of cutting-edge technologies through shared expertise and resources.
Speaking on the occasion, the representatives of both institutions expressed confidence that the collaboration would open new avenues for students and faculty members, enabling them to work together on nationally and internationally signifi-

Gachibowli Remains Hyderabad's Top Choice for PG Accommodation



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Hyderabad: Gachibowli continues to be the preferred destination for PG accommodation in Hyderabad due to its proximity to the city's major IT hubs, excellent connectivity, and modern infrastructure.Located close to HITEC City, the Financial District, Madhapur, and Nanakramguda, the area offers shorter commute times for employees of leading IT companies such as Microsoft, Google, Amazon, and Wipro.The demand for PG accommodation remains high despite rising rents, with many professionals opting for managed co-living spaces that offer meals, housekeeping, Wi-Fi, and 24-hour security. The locality is also popular among women professionals because of enhanced safety features, including CCTV surveillance and secure entry systems.Gachibowli offers both standalone PGs and managed accommodations, allowing residents to choose based on their budget and requirements. Experts advise tenants to check water supply, food quality, security, and commute time before finalising a property.With Hyderabad's IT sector continuing to grow, Gachibowli is expected to remain one of the city's most sought-after locations for working professionals seeking quality PG accommodation.Industry observers believe that with Hyderabad continuing to attract investments in the IT, fintech, and global capability centre (GCC) sectors, demand for quality rental housing and PG accommodation in Gachibowli is likely to remain strong in the coming years. They also expect more organised co-living operators to enter the market to cater to the evolving needs of working professionals and students.

Former Corporator Gangadhar Reddy Reviews SIR Voter Enumeration in Gachibowli



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Hyderabad: Former Gachibowli Division Corporator V. Gangadhar Reddy inspected the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) 2026 voter enumeration and mapping drive in Gowlidoddi, Nanakramguda, and Khajaguda under the Serilingampally Assembly Constituency.During the inspection, he reviewed the voter list revision process, enumeration form distribution, and interacted with BLOs and BLAs. He urged officials to ensure a transparent and accurate verification process by identifying duplicate, fake, deceased, and shifted voters while facilitating registration of all eligible voters who have attained 18 years of age.Gangadhar Reddy appealed to citizens to verify whether their names are included in the electoral rolls, fill the enumeration forms correctly, and submit them on time. He emphasized that checking one's name in the voter list is the responsibility of every citizen.He also called upon party workers, BLOs, and BLAs to work in coordination and create awareness among the public, as the revised electoral roll will be the basis for future elections. The SIR exercise will continue until July 24.BJP leaders, BLOs, BLAs, local leaders, and party workers participated in the programme.

Garbage Dump, Foul Smell Trouble Commuters on Miyapur–Bachupally Road

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Hyderabad: A large garbage dump along the Miyapur–Bachupally road near the RTC Bus Depot has become a major inconvenience for residents and commuters travelling towards ORR exits 4 and 4A.Locals complain that heaps of mixed waste, including plastic, food waste, and other garbage, have created a foul smell and an unhygienic environment. The problem worsens after rainfall, while stray dogs and cattle scatter the waste across the road.Residents say the stretch, which connects Miyapur, Bachupally and Nizampet, is [illegible] tion.A sanitation official from the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) said the land is under dispute, preventing the installation of fencing, which has allowed continuous dumping. Officials added that regular cleaning is being carried out, but fresh garbage keeps accumulating.Residents have called for stricter enforcement and long-term measures to prevent the issue from becoming a serious public health concern.

Grand Annadanam Marks Purnima at Seetharampuram Hanuman



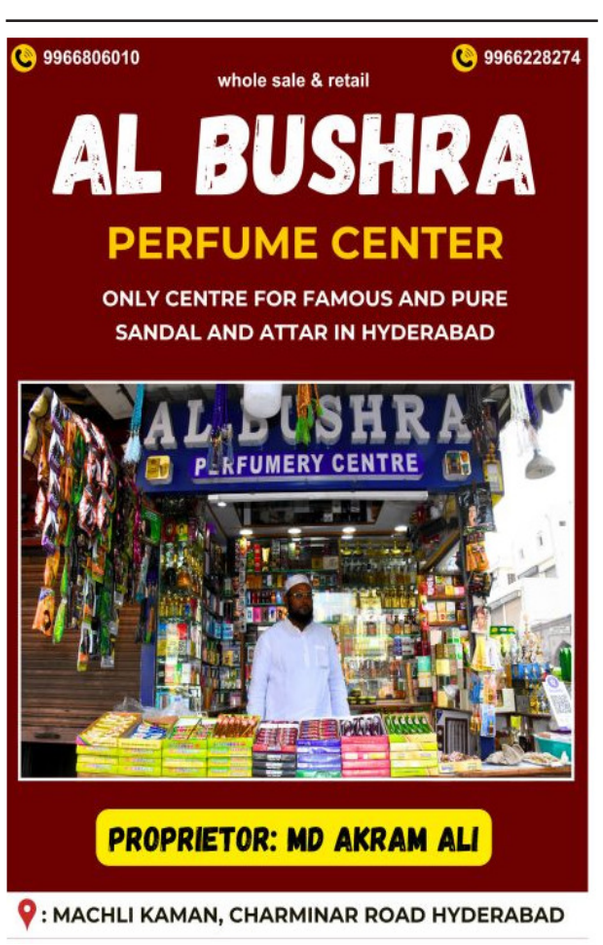
Purnami Auspiciousness: Grand 'Annadanam' Organized at Seetharampuram Shiva Panchayatana Hanuman Temple Highlights Auspicious Occasion: Food donation drive held to mark the holy day of Purnima (Full Moon).Leadership: Event organized and led by former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap. Community Spirit: Temple committee members and local devotees participate in large numbers. News Report / Script [DATELINE: SEETHARAMPURAM] On the sacred occasion of Purnima (the full moon day), spiritual fervor blended with community service at the Shiva Panchayatana Hanuman Temple in Seetharampuram (Cantonment Board Ward No. 6). A grand Annadanam (food donation) program was successfully organized today, drawing a large gathering of local devotees who received the Prasadam.The charity event was organized and spearheaded by former Cantonment Board Vice-President Jampana Pratap. Participating actively in the distribution, Pratap emphasized the importance of Annadanam, describing it as one of the highest forms of charity, especially when performed on an auspicious day like Purnami. The temple management and local leaders turned out in full strength to ensure the smooth conduct of the event. Among the key temple committee members who supervised and participated in the program were: Saibaba Yadav Vijayaraju Pandu Govardhan Satyanarayana Srikanth Reddy Prakash Rajender Chari The atmosphere at the Shiva Panchayatana Hanuman Temple remained deeply devotional throughout the day, with special prayers preceding the food distribution. Local residents and devotees expressed their gratitude to Jampana Pratap and the entire temple committee for their continuous dedication to community welfare and spiritual traditions. Voice-Over (VO) Script for Video/TV News [ANCHOR INTRO] Spiritual charity takes center stage on Purnami. A grand food donation drive was held at the famous Shiva Panchayatana Hanuman Temple in Seetharampuram. Let's look at the details." [VTR / VIDEO ROLLS] (VO): On the auspicious occasion of Purnima today, the premises of the Shiva Panchayatana Hanuman Tem-

Unknown Man Found Dead in Musheerabad; Police Seek Public Help for Identification

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Hyderabad:An unidentified man, believed to be between 50 and 55 years of age, was found dead under suspicious circumstances within the limits of Musheerabad Police Station on Thursday morning.According to police, the deceased was found lying on the footpath near the Volleyball Ground in Musheerabad at around 8:30 a.m. Following information received from local residents, Musheerabad Police rushed to the spot and found the man unconscious. A 108 ambulance was immediately called, and the victim was shifted to Gandhi Hospital, where doctors declared him brought dead.Based on a complaint lodged by PS Musheerabad, police registered Crime No. 244/2026 under Section 194 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNSS). The body has been shifted to the Gandhi Hospital mortuary for preservation and identification.Police described the deceased as a male aged approximately 50–55 years, with black hair and a medium build. At the time he was found, he was wearing a light-coloured patterned shirt. No identity documents or personal belongings that could establish his identity were recovered from the spot.Musheerabad Police have appealed to the public to help identify the deceased. Anyone who recognizes the individual or has information regarding his identity or family members is requested to contact Musheerabad Police Station or the investigating officer immediately. The police stated that efforts are underway to trace the deceased's relatives and ascertain the exact cause of death.Officials said further investigation is in progress, and the exact cause of death will be determined after the post-mortem examination. Police have urged citizens to come forward with any relevant information that may assist in identifying the deceased and completing the legal formalities.Police said efforts are being made to identify the deceased by circulating his photograph to all police stations, nearby districts, hospitals, shelters, and missing persons units. Officials are also verifying records of recently reported missing persons to establish the identity of the man and trace his relatives.Investigators are examining CCTV footage from the surrounding area and questioning local residents, shopkeepers, and passers-by to reconstruct the events leading to the man's death. Police have not ruled out any angle and said the exact circumstances will become clear after the post-mortem report and forensic examination.Authorities have appealed to members of the public, NGOs, and organisations working with homeless persons to come forward if they have any information about the deceased.



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