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Experts Flag Warning Signs After Shabad Killings

The murder of six people in Shabad has sent shockwaves across Telangana, raising questions about violence, revenge and the warning signs often overlooked. Psychologists said acts of extreme violence are usually preceded by patterns such as persistent harassment, inability to accept rejection, repeated threats or escalating aggression. Sakshi Gupta, a psychologist, said: “The warning signs are sometimes subtle but indicate a change in focus and mentality. Families, communities and authorities should take them seriously, as early intervention can prevent situations from becoming more dangerous.”

She noted that unmanaged anger, desire for revenge, poor emotional regulation or long-standing violent behaviour can increase risk. “They do not

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Iran attacks five Gulf nations, shuts Hormuz after US bombing

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Iran has mounted attacks on Gulf states and declared the Strait of Hormuz closed after the United States conducted its third round of strikes in a week, in a serious escalation as the ongoing conflict spirals.

Tehran on Sunday claimed attacks on Bahrain, Kuwait, Jordan, Qatar and Oman, calling them its response to renewed US bombings on cities along its southern coast.

The widescale US strikes came after Iran shut the Strait of Hormuz — a critical waterway and one of the biggest flashpoints in the conflict — accusing Washington of violating a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between the two sides last month.

Iran launched missile and drone attacks targeting US military bases and facilities in several Gulf states, while the US Central Command (CENTCOM) carried out a third round of strikes targeting radar, missile, and drone sites across southern Iran last week.

The US attacks came after Iran opened fire on commercial vessels in the Strait of Hormuz and announced the closure of the strategic waterway until further notice, with one crew member missing, according to CENTCOM.

Iran’s powerful parliament speaker and key peace negotiator, Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, said on Sunday, “The era of one-sided deals is over.”

“We told you: keep your word or pay the price. Reality is knocking,” Ghalibaf posted on X with an image of Article 5 of the MoU, which relates to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz.

On Wednesday, US President Donald Trump announced that the ceasefire with Iran was over. His statement was followed by Iran’s Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei pledging to avenge his father’s killing.

The fragile MoU reached between the US and Iran had several glaring gaps, keeping the door to escalation ajar.

The tensions spilled over into the Strait of Hormuz again last Monday, when Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) struck three commercial vessels, including a Qatari liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker off the coast of Oman.

The next day, the US carried out strikes on Iranian military targets, and Tehran responded with missile and drone attacks on US bases across the Gulf, prompting Trump to call off the ceasefire.

The tit-for-tat attacks continued. On Saturday night, the IRGC announced the closure of the Strait of Hormuz until further notice after attacking a container ship using what it called an unapproved route. On Sunday, a second vessel on the strait was hit.

CENTCOM said its third round of strikes on Iran last week was “holding Iranian forces accountable” for their recent attack on a Cyprus-flagged ship in the Strait of Hormuz.

It said it hit about 140 military targets that “included Iranian missile and drone sites, naval capabilities, ammunition storage facilities, communication networks, and coastal surveillance locations”.

It added that more than 300 targets were struck over the course of three nights throughout the week “to degrade Iran’s ability to attack civilian mariners and commercial vessels freely transiting the strait”.

Iran’s state broadcaster IRIB said the US launched air attacks on the outskirts of the city of Veysian, in the western Lorestan province, while another strike hit a military base in Iran’s Khondab.

Youth-Backed Nepal Govt Faces Gen-Z Fire

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Hundreds of people came out on the roads in Nepal's Kathmandu today in protest against the government's move to evict squatters without a resettlement plan.

This is the first major challenge against the government led by Prime Minister Balen Shah, who had supported the fierce Gen-Z protest last year that ended the reign of KP Sharma Oli and his team.

The protest that began against the Kathmandu Metropolitan City Police has been going on for some days. It escalated sharply after many young people criticised the government for evicting and relocating landless people to holding centres. The latest protest, which has a distinct Gen-Z character, highlighted the "inhuman" living conditions of the evicted people.

Local reports said some activists, students and journalists have been arrested for raising the issues of people forced to live at the holding centres.

Earlier this month, a 25-year-old protester, Ganesh Nepali, set himself on fire in Kathmandu after the city police allegedly placed a wheel lock on his motorcycle.

Today's protest organised by the Joint National Squatters Front happened outside a major government office in Nepal's capital city. The sea of people - a bulk of them using Gen-Z language and methods - carried placards with slogans like 'end atrocity against the poor, respect human rights, stop illegal arrest and provide shelter to squatters.'

The gathering has parallels with the anti-government protests that erupted in the Himalayan nation last year.

Matters deteriorated after floods hit a settlement in Kathmandu where 150 evicted people had been housed on Friday. They were evacuated with the help of the security forces. The next day a large group of Gen-Z activists reached there to check what's going on. The police then launched a baton-charge to clear the crowd. One of the activists, injured on his face in the police action, had to be hospitalised.

Nepali Congress president Gagan Kumar Thapa criticised the Balen Shah government for arresting the activists and sought their release.

In Koshi province, 206 km from the capital city, the police today arrested 26 people for raising their voice in support of the arrested Gen-Z protesters. The evictions started in April in different parts of Kathmandu valley and other areas across Nepal. The structures of over 2,600 families comprising 15,000 people were dismantled as part of the drive. Of them, 325 families have been living in temporary holding centres in different parts of Kathmandu.

The Nepal government on July 2 ordered the squatters to leave the holding centres by July 6. At least 60 families refused to leave, saying they have nowhere else to go.

Wangchuk's Health Worsens as Fast Enters 15th Day

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Educator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk's health deteriorated further on Sunday as his indefinite hunger strike entered the 15th day, with doctors reporting a further drop in his blood pressure and a total weight loss of 7.8 kg since the fast began. The Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) protest at Jantar Mantar in Delhi over alleged examination irregularities entered its 23rd day on Sunday.

According to a health update shared by the organisation, Wangchuk's blood pressure dropped to 104/66 mm Hg, while his total weight loss since the beginning of the hunger strike reached

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Flipkart Delivery Agent Arrested for Allegedly Flashing Woman

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A delivery person working with Flipkart was arrested for allegedly making an obscene gesture at a woman, police said here on Sunday.The police said a case was registered at Marathahalli Police Station under Crime No. 345/2026 under Sections 75, 79 and 329(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) based on the woman's complaint. According to the police, the accused was identified as Vijay Mallikarjun Kamat. He was arrested and legal action has been initiated against him, they said.

The case came to public attention after an 'X' user alleged that a Flipkart delivery executive had forced his way into a woman's washroom and then showed his private parts to her. "A disturbing incident occurred in which a @Flipkart delivery boy forced his way into a woman's washroom and then showed his private parts to her. What the heck? Women aren't even safe in their own homes. Strict action needed," the 'X' user said, tagging Bengaluru police.

Taking note of the post, the Bengaluru City Police forwarded the complaint to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield, for necessary action. Later, the Deputy Commissioner of Police,

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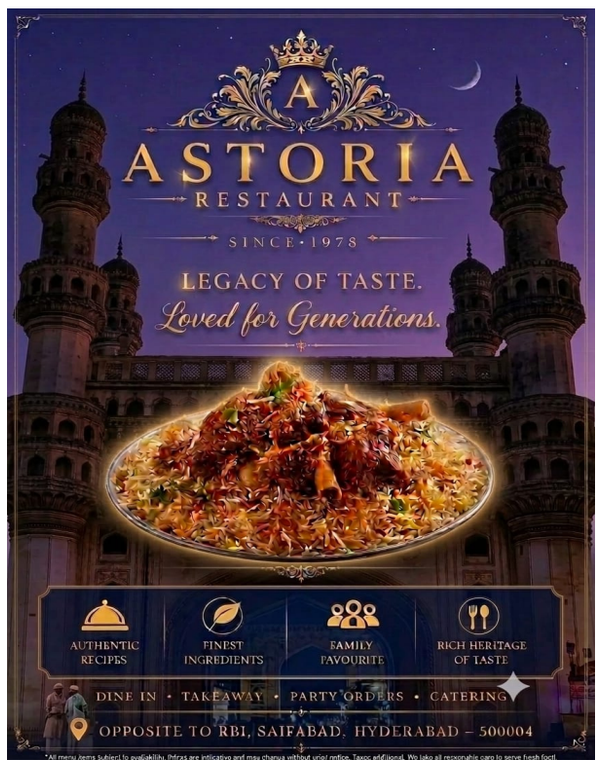
Vietnam Arrests Speedboat Captain After Deadly Capsize

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Vietnamese police arrested on Sunday the captain of a speedboat that capsized near southern Phu Quoc island, killing 15 Indian tourists, authorities said. The incident occurred on Saturday as the boat carrying 32 Indian tourists, three Vietnamese crew members and a tour guide overturned in rough seas off May Rut Ngoai islet, state media said. Sailors and rescuers recovered 21 people, Tuoi Tre newspaper reported, but 15 passengers died.

Police in southern An Giang province said they arrested the 57-year-old captain of the boat for "violations of laws" resulting in the capsize. Tuoi Tre reported that "initial assessments by Vietnamese authorities suggest this was an unavoidable incident caused by extreme weather conditions" that shifted rapidly. State media quoted sailors involved in the res-

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15 Indians Dead in Vietnam Boat Accident, 16 Survivors Return Home

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A tragic speedboat accident near Vietnam's Phu Quoc Island claimed the lives of 15 Indian tourists, while 16 survivors have been discharged from hospital and are returning to India, the Indian Embassy in Hanoi confirmed on Sunday.

The accident occurred on Saturday when a speedboat carrying 36 people — including 32 Indian tourists and four Vietnamese crew members — capsized near Hon May Rut Ngoai, off Phu Quoc Island, a popular tourist destination known for its beaches and island-hopping tours.

According to the Indian mission, 21 people were rescued, including 17 Indian tourists and all four crew members. Two of the rescued tourists had sustained critical injuries. One of them has now been discharged and is travelling back to India, while the other continues to receive treatment at a hospital in Phu Quoc.

The embassy said teams from its Hanoi mission and the Consulate General are stationed in Phu Quoc to assist survivors and coordinate support for the families of the victims.

Among the 15 deceased tourists, 10 were from Tamil Nadu, three from Andhra Pradesh and two from Kerala. Two of the victims were women. Authorities have recovered all the bodies.

The exact cause of the accident is yet to be determined. Vietnamese Prime Minister Le Minh Hung has ordered a thorough investigation into the incident and directed officials to identify the cause of the mishap and hold those responsible accountable.

Phu Quoc, Vietnam's largest island, attracts thousands of international visitors every year for its scenic coastline, coral reefs and water sports. The tourists were reportedly returning from an island excursion when the speedboat overturned. The Indian government is closely monitoring the situation, while diplomatic officials continue to facilitate the return of survivors and the repatriation of the victims' mortal remains.

Harish Rao Slams CM Over Remarks; Congress Hits Back on Kaleshwaram

BRS leader T. Harish Rao criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's remarks and alleged that the government was neglecting irrigation issues affecting farmers.

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A fresh political war erupted in Telangana on Sunday as BRS senior leader and former minister T. Harish Rao strongly criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his recent remarks against Opposition leaders, while the Congress retaliated with sharp allegations over the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project.

Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Harish Rao termed the Chief Minister's statements "disturbing" and "unbecoming" of a constitutional office. He alleged that instead of addressing farmers' concerns over irrigation water, the Chief Minister resorted to inflammatory language, including references to "spilling the blood of political opponents" and "beating them with belts."

Harish Rao said such remarks were inappropriate for a Chief Minister and reflected a disturbing political mindset. He accused the Congress government of deliberately refusing to utilise available Godavari waters despite adequate inflows, claiming the administration was more interested in targeting the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project than providing relief to farmers.

Referring to the Chief Minister's comments on the Kaanapali Pump



House, Harish Rao alleged that Revanth Reddy lacked an understanding of the project's engineering design. He claimed even Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy had to clarify technical aspects after the Chief Minister's remarks.

The former minister also criticised the government's changing stand on retired irrigation engineers. He alleged that while the Congress earlier described them as experts, it later threatened action against them after they recommended lifting Godavari water to safeguard farmers during drought conditions.

Responding sharply, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee Working President T. Jagga Reddy accused Harish Rao of attempting to divert attention from the alleged failures of the previous BRS government. He said Harish Rao had no moral authority to criticise the Chief Minister and alleged that the K. Chandrashekar Rao family was associated with a culture of political intimidation.

Jagga Reddy also challenged Harish Rao to contest against him from Siddipet if directed by the Congress leadership. He demanded that Harish Rao and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao apologise for the alleged structural failures at the Medigadda barrage and the expenditure of nearly ₹1 lakh crore on the Kaleshwaram project.

Congress MLC Addanki Dayakar questioned why the previous BRS government ignored warnings from retired engineers and challenged the BRS leadership to participate in a transparent Assembly debate on irrigation projects and water management.

EC mandates parents' SIR details for new voter registration applications

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It's not only existing voters not covered in previous Special Intensive Revision (SIR) who have to submit their parents' SIR details to remain on the electoral rolls, but also the new applicants seeking inclusion in the voter list, according to EC officials.

By issuing instructions, the Election Commission (EC) has made it mandatory to attach SIR details of parents for new voters filling Form 6 for inclusion in the electoral rolls.

The declaration was added in the Bihar SIR rolled out in June last year. New voters were made to file the declaration along with Form 6.

"Daily SIR bulletins of Bihar showed the form filled along with declarations," an EC functionary said. The functionary underlined that the declaration was added through instructions and Form 6 has not been amended.

"It helps in mapping electors and reduces the documents new voters need to submit along with the application," the official added. If a person fills Form 6 online, he or she cannot proceed further till the declaration is filled.

Separately, the poll authority has defended the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, rejecting concerns raised by UN rapporteurs and asserting that the process is transparent, constitutional and endorsed by the Supreme Court.

EC officials said the SIR aims to include all eligible Indian citizens while removing duplicate, deceased, shifted, absent and foreign voters from electoral rolls.

Responding to allegations of large-scale deletion of minority voters, including in Nandigram, West Bengal, EC officials said voters had adequate opportunities to challenge exclusions and denied any bias. In a recent letter to the government, UN Special Rapporteurs have raised concerns over the SIR, alleging that the process lacks transparency.

SCCL Eyes Entry into Coal Gasification Sector

The CMD briefed him on the company's coal gasification initiatives and preparations under way for new projects.

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The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) is taking major steps towards entering the coal gasification sector as part of the Telangana government's vision to transform the public sector mining company into a diversified energy enterprise.

SCCL Chairman and Managing Director Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti announced the development after holding a review meeting with Director General of Hydrocarbons Dr. Srikant Nagulapalli at Singareni Bhavan on Friday. During the meeting, the CMD briefed the visiting official on the company's ongoing coal gasification initiatives and future expansion plans.

Dr. Jyoti said Engineers India Limited (EIL) has completed a feasibility study for establishing a 400-tonnes-per-day ammonium nitrate melt plant at the Singareni Thermal Power Plant premises. However, the study indicated that the project's current return on investment is not financially attractive.



To improve the project's commercial viability, SCCL is exploring several options, including increasing the plant's production capacity, seeking viability gap funding from the Central Government, and adopting indigenous technologies to reduce operational costs.

As part of its strategy, a team of SCCL officials will visit leading coal gasification projects across the country later this month. The delegation will study operational models at Talcher, MCL-BHEL, and JSPL facilities to gain technical knowledge and identify best practices that can be implemented in Telangana.

Simultaneously, SCCL is carrying out techno-economic feasibility studies for surface coal gasification projects at Bheemaram, Chennur South, and Naini. These studies are expected to determine the commercial and technical feasibility of setting up future coal gasification units in these regions.

On underground coal gasification, Dr. Jyoti said SCCL has identified five deep coal blocks in the Bellampalli and Ramagundam regions as potential project sites. Preparatory work has already begun for the company's first pilot project at the Bellampalli Dip-side Block, where drilling activities are currently under way.

The pilot project will be implemented under the technical guidance of scientists from the Central Mine Planning and Design Institute (CMPDI) and the CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR), ensuring the adoption of advanced technologies and scientific expertise.

The review meeting was attended by SCCL Directors L.V. Suryanarayana (Operations), K. Venkateswarlu (Projects & Planning), Gowtham Potru (Personnel & Finance), Executive Director B. Venkanna, General Managers T. Srinivas, G. Devender, Ramdas, Venkataramana, and other senior officials, who reviewed the progress of the company's diversification initiatives aimed at strengthening SCCL's long-term energy business.

ERO Narayan Amit Conducts Surprise Inspection of SIR-2026 Enumeration

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ERO and Serilingampally Zonal Commissioner Narayan Amit, IAS, conducted a surprise inspection of the ongoing SIR-2026 voter enumeration in the Serilingampally Assembly Constituency along with nodal officers, BLO supervisors, and Booth Level Officers (BLOs).During the inspection, he reviewed the enumeration process in JP Nagar, Deepti Sri Nagar, Madhapur, My Home Abhra, and Fortune Towers. He directed officials to maintain the current pace of work, strengthen coordination among field staff, and complete the voter enumeration accurately, comprehensively, and within the stipulated deadline.Narayan Amit instructed BLOs to visit every household and ensure that all eligible voters are enrolled without errors, emphasizing 100% accurate voter registration under the SIR-2026 exercise.

BRS Inaugurates Aleru Assembly Constituency Party Office in Grand Manner

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) inaugurated its Aleru Assembly Constituency Party Office in a grand and befitting manner near the Aleru Bus Stand on Sunday, July 12, 2026.The party office was formally inaugurated by former Government Whip and former Aleru MLA Smt. Gongidi Sunitha Mahender Reddy in the presence of former MLA Sri Budida Bikshamaiah Goud, Sri Kalluri Ramchandra Reddy, former Aleru Municipality Chairman Vaspari Shankaraiah, former Manthapuri Sarpanch . Parupalli, Parupalli Narsaiah (Retired Electricity Department Employee), BRS Aleru Assembly Constituency leader Bala Swamy, Aleru Town President Putta Mallesh Goud, Mandal BRS Presidents, senior party leaders, public representatives, women leaders, youth activists, and a large gathering of party supporters.

Gachibowli ESCI Launches Two-Year PG Diploma Courses



The Engineering Staff College of India (ESCI), Gachibowli, has invited applications for its two-year PG Diploma programmes in General Management and Infrastructure Management.Speaking at a press conference, ESCI Director Colonel Har Pal Singh Grewal said the institute trains nearly 7,000 engineers annually through 450 specialised programmes for professionals from organisations such as BHEL, DRDO, HAL, MIDHANI, and other public and private sector companies.He said ESCI offers training in 12 engineering disciplines and also houses a 72,000-square-foot convention centre for conferences, seminars, exhibitions, and corporate events.Admissions for the 2026–27 academic year are now open, and engineering academic programmes will also be introduced from the next academic year, he added.

Harish Rao to Attend BRS Awareness Meeting on SIR and Membership Drive at Narayankhed

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has announced a large public awareness meeting on the SIR programme and the party membership enrolment drive, scheduled to be held at King Palace Function Hall, Narayankhed, on Monday, July 13, at 10:00 a.m.The meeting will be attended by former Minister and Assembly Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao as the chief guest.

The event is being organized under the leadership of former Narayankhed MLA Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy.Ahead of the programme, Maha Reddy Bhoopal Reddy personally inspected the venue and reviewed the arrangements, issuing necessary instructions to party leaders and organizers to ensure the meeting is conducted successfully.Apart from T. Harish Rao, Membership Coordinator Jaipal Reddy, several senior BRS leaders, and party functionaries are expected to participate in the programme.The former MLA appealed to BLAs, membership in-charges, former MPPs, former ZPTCs, Mandal party presidents, Sarpanches, former MPTCs, Deputy Sarpanches, PACS Chairpersons, Municipal Councillors, village party presidents, party leaders, activists, social media warriors, youth, and party supporters to participate in large numbers and make the event a grand success.

He said that strengthening the party begins with active participation and an extensive membership drive, urging every party worker to contribute towards further strengthening the organization.

Yadadri Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection of Fertilizer, Seed Shop in Valigonda

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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anuraag Jayanti on Sunday conducted a surprise inspection of a fertilizer and seed dealer's shop in Valigonda Mandal to ensure farmers receive quality agricultural inputs without disruption during the ongoing farming season.

During the inspection, the Collector verified the available stock of fertilizers and certified seeds, examined sales registers, and reviewed records to ensure compliance with government regulations governing the sale and distribution of agricultural inputs. He also interacted with the shop management regarding stock maintenance, pricing, and timely supply to farmers.

Anuraag Jayanti directed the dealer to supply only certified seeds and quality fertilizers at government-approved prices. He warned that strict action would be initiated against those found involved in overpricing, black marketing, hoarding, or selling substandard agricultural products.

The inspection forms part of the district administration's drive to safeguard farmers' interests, maintain transparency in fertilizer and seed distribution, and ensure adequate availability of essential agricultural inputs across the district during the cultivation season.

Vaddiraju Ravichandra appointed as BRS Parliamentary Party leader



BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao appointed Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the party's Parliamentary Party leader and floor leader in the Rajya Sabha, replacing KR Suresh Reddy, whose term has ended.Ravichandra, who had been serving as the deputy floor leader, has now been entrusted with leading the BRS in the Upper House. The appointment was announced by the party on Thursday.

A second-term Rajya Sabha member, Ravichandra was re-nominated by the BRS leadership in recognition of his contributions to the party and his representation of BC and Bahujan communities. His current term in the Rajya Sabha will expire in April 2030. He is also serving on the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Coal and Mines.

Monsoon won't ease fire risk, officials stress constant safety checks

Despite monsoon rains, Hyderabad continues to face a high risk of fire accidents due to faulty wiring, poor maintenance, and negligence. Officials warn that moisture increases the chance of electrical short circuits and urge building owners, industries, and citizens to maintain fire safety equipment.

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The onset of the monsoon may have brought relief from the summer heat, but it has not reduced the threat of fire accidents in the city.

Fire safety officials warn that most urban fires are caused by electrical faults, unsafe wiring, overloaded circuits and negligence rather than high temperatures, making the risk equally serious during the rainy season.

Officials said faulty electrical installations, ageing wiring, illegal power connections, poorly maintained generators and careless handling of flammable materials remain the leading causes of fires.

They added that moisture during the monsoon can increase the chances of electrical short circuits if wiring and equipment are not properly insulated or



maintained.

Recent fire incidents in residential apartments, commercial establishments, hospitals, warehouses and industrial units have raised concerns over inadequate fire safety measures.

According to officials, many buildings continue to function without properly maintained firefighting equipment, operational alarm systems or full compliance with mandatory fire safety norms.

"Apartment associations, building owners and commercial establishments should conduct regular electrical inspections, service fire extinguishers and alarm systems, keep emergency exits free from obstruction and organise periodic fire safety drills," said a senior fire official.

Meanwhile, industries have also been advised to ensure safe storage of combustible materials and strictly follow prescribed fire safety regulations. Officials stressed that fire prevention requires year-round vigilance and cautioned against assuming that seasonal rains reduce the danger. They appealed to citizens to promptly report electrical hazards and follow basic fire safety practices to protect lives and property.

Commuters advised to stay alert during monsoon:

Hyderabad Police have advised commuters to remain cautious while travelling during the monsoon, as rain, poor visibility and waterlogged roads significantly increase the risk of accidents.

Motorists have been asked to reduce speed, maintain safe distances between vehicles and ensure headlights, tail lamps and other lights are in working condition.

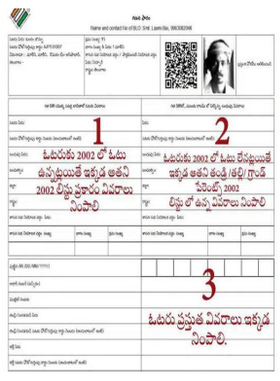
Pedestrians have been urged to cross roads carefully and avoid walking near junctions during low visibility, while two-wheeler riders should wear helmets, keep visors clean, avoid sudden braking or lane changes and refrain from overspeeding.

Submit enumeration forms or risk deletion from electoral rolls, warns Telangana CEO

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Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C Sudarshan Reddy on Sunday clarified that failure to submit filled-in enumeration form to the respective Booth Level Officer (BLO), as part of SIR (Special Intensive Revision) process, could result in the removal of the voter's name from the electoral rolls as per the ECI guidelines. He appealed to the electors to voluntarily cooperate by submitting their completed forms.

Sudarshan Reddy, along with Rangareddy district collector and district election officer C Narayana Reddy here



on Sunday inspected the distribution, collection and digitisation of enumeration forms as part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls.

Officers visited Gulmohar Park Colony and My Home Mangala Gated Community in the Serilingampally assembly constituency and Sairam Colony (BN Reddy) and Saheb Nagar Kalyana Mandapam in the LB Nagar assembly constituency.

During the meeting with officials concerned, Sudarshan Reddy directed them to create awareness among the voters that non-submission of the enumeration form could result in deletion of a voter's name from the electoral roll.

The Telangana CEO also instructed them to ensure that every eligible voter receives the enumeration form. The BLOs were asked to visit every household, assist voters in filling out the forms and scrutinise them besides completing the digitisation process within the timeline.

BRSV, BRSY to Hold Blood Donation Drive Today

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi Students' Wing (BRSV) and Bharat Rashtra Samithi Youth Wing (BRSY) will organise a blood donation programme at Telangana Bhavan on Monday, July 13, at 11:00 AM, in protest against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's alleged remarks concerning BRS leaders. Announcing the programme, BRSV State President Gellu Srinivas Yadav said the initiative has been titled "Blood Donation for Revanth Reddy's Blood Thirst" and is intended to symbolically express the party's commitment to the welfare of Telangana's farmers.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Gellu Srinivas Yadav strongly condemned the Chief Minister's reported statement that "crops will grow if the blood of BRS leaders is sprinkled." He described the alleged remarks as highly irresponsible, insensitive, and unworthy of the office of the Chief Minister. He said political differences should never be expressed through such



statements and alleged that the Congress government was attempting to divert attention from farmers' issues.

Gellu said BRSV and BRSY activists were prepared to donate their blood if it helped safeguard the interests of farmers. He maintained that the blood donation programme was not merely a protest but also a humanitarian initiative, reflecting the commitment of the party's student and youth wings to serve society while sending a strong political message against what he termed inflammatory remarks.

Referring to the recent visit of BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao to Kannapalli, Gellu said the visit was undertaken to demand the immediate operation of the Kannapalli pumps so that Godavari waters, which he claimed were flowing wastefully into the sea, could be diverted to reservoirs across Telangana. He asserted that this would provide irrigation water to lakhs of acres of farmland, ensure drinking water supply to Hyderabad, and strengthen Mission Bhagiratha by supplying potable water to villages across the State.

He further alleged that the police created obstacles at every stage of K. T. Rama Rao's Kannapalli visit and termed their actions undemocratic. According to him, the BRS had only demanded that the government provide irrigation water to farmers, yet the Chief Minister allegedly responded with provocative comments instead of addressing the issue.

Appealing to party cadres, Gellu Srinivas Yadav urged BRSV and BRSY activists from across Telangana to participate in large numbers in the blood donation programme at Telangana Bhavan and make the event a success while reaffirming their commitment to the welfare of farmers and the people of the State.

Electricity Department Honours Retired Lineman Laggani Balaraju Goud at Grand Felicitation Ceremony

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The Electricity Department organised a grand retirement felicitation for Laggani Balaraju Goud, who retired as a lineman on June 30, 2026, after completing 25 years of dedicated service. The event was held at ANR Function Hall, Aleru, on Sunday. Superintending Engineer Kandala Naresh Kumar attended as the chief guest, while several divisional engineers, senior officials and leaders of the Electricity BC Employees Welfare Association participated.

Balaraju Goud and his wife, Tharamma, were honoured with shawls, garlands and mementoes in recognition of his sincere service. Speakers praised his discipline, commitment and contribution to ensur-



ing uninterrupted power supply in villages under his jurisdiction. Family members, colleagues, electricity consumers, friends and well-wishers extended their best wishes, thanking him for his dedicated service and wishing the couple a healthy, peaceful and prosperous retired life.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission Celebrates 175th Week Gnana Mala at Lothkunta



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The Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Mission, Lothkunta, celebrated the 175th Week Gnana Mala with great enthusiasm at Lothkunta on Sunday, bringing together members, families, friends, and Ambedkar followers to honour the life, ideals, and legacy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.Senior Ambedkarite and retired railway officer G.V. Navaneetha, the chief guest, highlighted Dr. Ambedkar's remarkable journey from facing untouchability to becoming the Chief Architect of the Indian Constitution. She said his relentless struggle for social justice, constitutional safeguards, including Article 17, and the call to "Educate, Agitate, Organise" continue to inspire generations.Co-chief guest K. Shruthi, a B.Tech (EEE) graduate and Ambedkar follower, paid floral tributes to Dr. Ambedkar and praised the Mission's commitment to preserving his ideals. She described Babasaheb as the guiding force for oppressed communities and urged everyone to continue his mission of equality and justice.Mission President K.A. Laxmi welcomed the guests, while General Secretary Dr. K. Murli proposed the vote of thanks. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from Mission members, including Master Vaibhav, Anantharaj, Ramesh Kamala, C. Suresh, K.M. Suresh, G. Naveen Kumar, Master Vishal K, K.R. Shiva Lingam, K. Kamala, Kamal Prasad, A. Yadagiri, and several families, friends, and well-wishers, making the celebration a memorable tribute to Babasaheb's

Telangana to Deworm 96.81 Lakh Children on July 13

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The Telangana Health Department will organise the National Deworming Day across the State on Monday, July 13, with a target of administering Albendazole tablets to 96.81 lakh children and adolescents aged between 1 and 19 years. The programme will be inaugurated by Health, Medical & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha at 10 a.m. at Raj Bhavan Government High School in Hyderabad.The Statewide campaign will be conducted in government

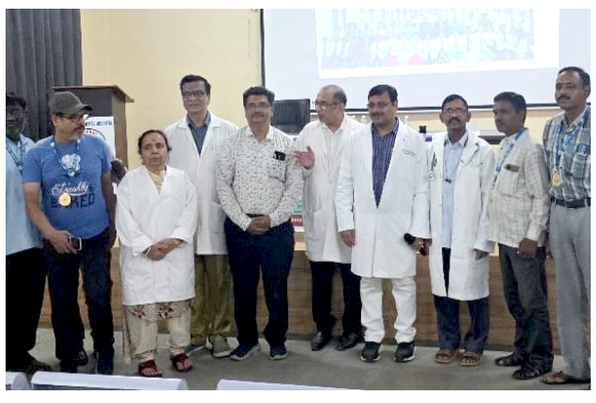


and private schools, junior colleges, and Anganwadi centres in coordination with the School Education and Women & Child Welfare Departments. Children who are absent on July 13 will be covered during the mop-up programme scheduled for July 20.Appealing to parents, the Minister urged them to ensure every eligible child receives the Albendazole tablet, stating that regular deworming protects children from intestinal worm infections that can cause anaemia, malnutrition, stunted physical growth, poor immunity, and reduced learning ability.Health & Family Welfare Commissioner Dr. Sangeeta Satyanarayana said all necessary arrangements have been completed. ASHA workers and Anganwadi staff will identify out-of-school children and administer the tablets under the supervision of trained health personnel.

Osmania Hospital Marks World Skin Health Day; Journalists Honoured

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Osmania General Hospital (OGH) observed World Skin Health Day with a large-scale awareness rally and a medical conference aimed at promoting skin health and encouraging early diagnosis and treatment of skin diseases. The programme was organised by the Department of Dermatology under the leadership of Dr. Katakam Bhumesh Kumar, Head of the Department.Addressing the gathering, Osmania Hospital Superintendent Dr.



Rakesh Sahawan highlighted the vital role of the skin in protecting the human body. He said the skin acts as the body's first protective shield against infections, environmental hazards and harmful microorganisms. Stressing the importance of timely treatment, he advised people to avoid self-medication and consult qualified dermatologists whenever they notice unusual skin conditions.

Dr. Katakam Bhumesh Kumar emphasised that skin health is an essential part of overall well-being. Comparing dermatologists to the nation's armed forces, he remarked that just as soldiers safeguard the country's borders, dermatologists serve as the first line of defence in protecting human health by preventing and treating skin diseases. He urged the public to adopt healthy skin-care practices and seek medical attention at the earliest signs of skin disorders.

267 Undergo Cancer Screening at Free Medical Camp in Miyapur

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A free cancer screening camp was organised by Prasad's Foundation in association with Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital at Pragathi Kala Mandapam, Pragathi Enclave, Miyapur, on Sunday.A total of 267 people, including 157 women and 110 men, underwent cancer screening tests. The camp was inaugurated by Serilingampally MLA and PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi.Speaking on the occa-



sion, Gandhi urged people to prefer home-cooked food and reduce the use of plastic to help prevent cancer and other lifestyle diseases.Prasad's Foundation Chairman DSRK Prasad said the organisation has so far conducted 44 social service programmes, including 18 free medical camps, and that this was its 19th free cancer screening camp.The event was coordinated by Leela Prasad, Director and Coordinator of Prasad's Foundation. Former Miyapur Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth, senior Congress leader Movva Satyanarayana, doctors, foundation members, and local residents participated in the programme.

Indian Sailors Risk Their Lives at Sea, as Iran War Grinds On

Born to landless Indian farmers, Sunil Pooniya thought a job at sea would be his ticket out of poverty, instead his first voyage saw him diving into the ocean to escape a deadly attack driven by the Iran war. For hundreds of thousands of Indians, merchant shipping jobs are a lucrative proposition despite the inherent risks. The attack on Pooniya's ship killed two fellow Indians -- the country's sailors are among the highest merchant maritime casualties from the Middle East war.

Dalip Singh and Ashish Kumar Singh were the first Indians killed in the conflict, after their oil tanker was hit on March 1 by projectiles off Oman's Khasab port. "There was a huge noise and the whole ship shook," Pooniya recalled. "I thought something had gone wrong with the engine, but a missile had hit us," Pooniya added, who had been on the Palau-flagged MV Skylight. "The whole ship was up in flames."

Funeral prayers held for Qatar's Father Emir Sheikh Hamad in Doha

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Funeral prayers were held on Sunday for Qatar's Father Emir, Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, who passed away at the age of 74. The prayers took place after the Maghrib evening prayer at the Imam Muhammad ibn Abd al-Wahhab Mosque in Doha, where members of the royal family, senior officials, dignitaries and citizens gathered to pay their final respects.

The funeral ceremony reflected Islamic traditions and was marked by simplicity and solemnity. Rows of worshippers dressed in traditional Qatari attire stood in prayer as Sheikh Hamad's shrouded body was placed before them. Following the prayers, his son and successor, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, along with close family members, carried the body from the mosque.

Sheikh Hamad will be laid to rest at Lusail Cemetery in a simple Islamic burial. According to reports, the ceremony was intentionally modest, in keeping with Islamic customs that emphasize humility and equality in death.

Qatar has declared an official mourning period that will continue until Wednesday. During this time, Emir Sheikh Tamim will receive visiting heads of state, royal family members and other dignitaries at Lusail Palace as they offer condolences to the ruling family.

Sheikh Hamad ruled Qatar from 1995 until voluntarily handing over power to Sheikh Tamim in 2013, becoming one of the few Gulf leaders to abdicate peacefully. He is widely regarded as the architect of modern Qatar, overseeing the country's rapid economic transformation driven by its vast natural gas resources. Under his leadership, Qatar expanded its global diplomatic influence, invested heavily in infrastructure, education and healthcare, and emerged as a key international player.

His passing marks the end of an era for Qatar, with tributes pouring in from leaders across the world recognizing his vision, leadership and lasting contributions to the nation's development and international standing.

Centre Bringing Bodies Of Three AP Victims From Vietnam

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Union Civil Aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu underlined that central government is taking urgent steps to repatriate the mortal remains of three individuals from Andhra Pradesh who have died in the speedboat accident in Vietnam. In a press release, Rammohan Naidu urged the bereaved families to remain strong during this difficult time. He assured the government's full support to them.

He explained that the Vietnamese authorities and the Indian Embassy are completing the required formalities. The bodies of Raviteja from Hindupur, Sridhar from Kadapa, and Jayalakshmi from Machilipatnam are expected to reach Hanoi tonight after clearances are obtained. The bodies will then be flown to India. The union minister further said arrangements are being made to bring back the other Telugu nationals stranded in Vietnam following the accident.

By Monday, Indian Embassy officials are expected to finalise the airline and documentation procedures for transporting the mortal remains to Hyderabad International Airport. The Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Civil Aviation, and Indian Embassy in Vietnam are coordinating closely to expedite the repatriation process. Rammohan Naidu asked family members to register details on the central government's e-CARE portal to facilitate the handover of the bodies at the Hyderabad Airport. Authorised representatives must provide their name, mobile number, and government-issued photo ID, which will be forwarded by the Andhra Pradesh Bhavan team to the Embassy in Vietnam. The union minister emphasised that Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has taken a special initiative to provide relief to the affected families. The Chief Minister's Office is in constant communication with AP Bhavan and Embassy officials to ensure smooth arrangements before handover of the bodies to next of kin.

Russian Strikes Kill Eight in Ukraine, Officials Say

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Russia struck Ukraine with missiles, drones and guided bombs on Saturday, killing eight people and wounding dozens of others, officials said. Missiles also hit the capital Kyiv, wounding 12 people including two children, according to the city's mayor. AFP journalists in Kyiv heard two series of explosions in the early hours, with an air alert siren sounding minutes after the first blast.

Moscow has been firing missiles and drones at Kyiv almost daily since launching its invasion in February 2022. But a recent spate of deadly attacks using dozens of ultra-fast ballistic missiles has put Ukraine's air-defence system under strain. Russia launched more than 120 drones and 12 missiles during the night, half of them ballistic, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a post on X.

"Civilian infrastructure was hit even before the air raid alert was issued," he added. He posted videos of emergency teams working in the smoke and rubble of ruined buildings. Apartment buildings, offices and a theological school were damaged in Kyiv, while recovery efforts were under way in other regions, he added. A Russian "guided aerial bomb" strike on the northern city of Sumy killed five people, including a young girl, the city's mayor Artem Kobzar said.

One other person died in a Russian attack on the eastern town of Sloviansk, while a Russian missile strike on the southern city of Odesa killed two, authorities said. - Air-defence call - Zelensky said air defences "managed to shoot down most of the targets -- but not the ballistic ones". He repeated his plea for allies to send more military aid to help it fight off the Russian invasion, now well into its fifth year.

He urged the United States to swiftly follow through on its pledge to license Ukraine to make Patriot air-defence systems. "There must not be weeks between announcing a support package for Ukraine and implementing it...," Zelensky said in his daily address. "Ukrainian warriors need more means, more capabilities to protect lives, to protect people from Russian evil. US President Donald Trump said on Wednesday he would allow Ukraine to manufacture the missiles. Zelensky said on Thursday that technical details still needed to be agreed. Saturday's strike on Kyiv marked the second time in less than a week that missiles hit before an air alert was issued. Sergiy Sternenko, an adviser to Ukraine's defence minister, said that impacts before the sirens could indicate Russia had used S-400 anti-aircraft missiles to carry out strikes on the ground. "During ground attacks, these missiles are more difficult to detect by radar," he wrote on Telegram. "There is no military logic to such attacks. It is simply terrorism for the sake of terrorism." Russia, which denies targeting civilians, said it had struck "military-industrial facilities in Kyiv and seaport infrastructure in Odesa". On Friday, Ukrainian drones hit oil refineries in southern Russia, as Kyiv targeted its foe's energy infrastructure.

10 Indians Rescued, One Missing After Vessel Attacked Off Oman

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India said on Sunday that 11 of its nationals were on a vessel that was struck in waters east of Oman as Iran and the United States traded fresh fire. "Of the 11 Indian nationals on board, 10 have been rescued so far, while one Indian national is reportedly missing," the Indian foreign ministry said in a statement. Search-and-rescue operations were underway after the commercial vessel, GFS Galaxy, was attacked off the coast of Oman early on Sunday, the ministry statement said.

US Central Command said the vessel had been disabled by fire and damage to its engine room, accusing Tehran of attacking the ship. British maritime agency UKMTO said the crew had abandoned the vessel and were on a lifeboat, adding that the incident occurred around 17 kilometres (10 miles) east of Oman. The attack came as Tehran announced it was closing the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday and launched missiles and drones at its Gulf neighbours in retaliation for new US strikes.

The Indian foreign ministry said the attacks on commercial shipping in the region were "deeply worrisome". "The targeting of commercial shipping and civilian infrastructure in the region must end," it said. "... free and unimpeded navigation... through the international waterways in the region, in keeping with international law, must be restored at the earliest." The fresh tensions threatened an interim agreement aimed at ending the Middle East war that began on February 28 with US-Israeli strikes on Iran, including one that killed former supreme leader Ali Khamenei.

"Deeply Distressed": EAM Jaishankar Condoles Vietnam Boat Tragedy

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External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar on Sunday expressed grief over the Vietnam boat accident, which resulted in the death of 15 Indian nationals. In an X post, Jaishankar condoled the incident and wished for the swift recovery of the injured passengers. "Deeply distressed by the unfortunate boat accident involving Indian nationals near Phu Quoc, Vietnam. Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. Praying for the swift recovery of those injured," he said.

A tourist speedboat carrying 36 people, including 32 Indian tourists, capsized near Hon May Rut Ngoai Island off Phu Quoc. The Indian Embassy in Vietnam later confirmed that all 15 people killed in the accident were Indian tourists. Keralam Chief Minister VD Satheesan confirmed that among the 15, two victims belonged to Keralam. He posted on X, "The Indian Embassy in Vietnam has officially confirmed the tragic demise of Kottarakkara natives A.C. Thomas (57) and Loveni Thomas (56) in the boat accident. The state government is coordinating with Ministry of External Affairs to expedite procedures and bring them home. Heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family."

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh Minister Kondapalli Srinivas on Saturday expressed deep grief over a tragic boat accident in Vietnam involving Indian tourists, noting that approximately 15 to 16 Indians are feared to have lost their lives in the incident, including three confirmed dead from the state and one currently admitted to the hospital. "Nearly 250 people were in the boat, out of which a few people drowned. It is very sad that some of them died. We have lost close to 15 to 16 people from the country. From Andhra Pradesh, we have lost three persons and one person is currently in the ICU. Close to 33 people were travelling from our state," he said. Meanwhile, Vietnam's Prime Minister Le Minh Hun on Saturday issued an urgent directive to authorities at both the central and local levels to prioritise search and rescue operations, assist victims and their families.

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Wangchuk's Health.....

According to a health update shared by the organisation, Wangchuk's blood pressure dropped to 104/66 mm Hg, while his total weight loss since the beginning of the hunger strike reached 7.8 kg. Additionally, the CJP stated that several political leaders and public intellectuals were scheduled to visit the protest site during the day to express solidarity with the agitation. According to the outfit, former Kerala ministers K K Shylaja, K N Balagopal and P Rajeev are scheduled to interact with the protesters, while Samajwadi Party MP Pushpendra Saroj is expected to address the gathering on Sunday.

The day's programme will conclude with a public lecture by economist Jayati Ghosh on 'The Economics of Unemployment', focusing on the employment crisis and its impact on young people, the CJP said. Members of the CPI(ML) Liberation-affiliated All India Students' Association (AISA) -- Neha, Manish, Deepak Kumar Verma and Aameen -- continued their indefinite hunger strike on a separate stage at the protest site.

On Saturday, Wangchuk urged people not to look for heroes in others, saying he was "just an ordinary citizen", not a "modern Gandhi" or a hero. "Please don't look for a hero in someone else. Be the hero of your own life. Fulfil your responsibilities as a citizen," he had said in a video posted on X. He also appealed to people to join the proposed march to Parliament on July 20, saying citizens should come together to urge MPs to address issues related to alleged examination irregularities.

Vietnam Arrests.....

Tuoi Tre reported that "initial assessments by Vietnamese authorities suggest this was an unavoidable incident caused by extreme weather conditions" that shifted rapidly. State media quoted sailors involved in the rescue effort as saying there were high waves but no rain at the time, and several other tourist boats were operating in the area.

One witness, Ha Van Loc, said he spotted the overturned vessel with about a dozen men clinging to its hull. Several people were drifting at sea and not wearing life jackets, Loc said, according to state outlet VNExpress. Loc and his crew threw lifebuoys with ropes to pull them aboard his boat and called for additional help, with jet skis used to transport victims ashore. At least 15 survivors have been discharged from hospital and were travelling back to India, New Delhi's embassy in Hanoi said on Sunday, adding that one person in critical condition was receiving treatment at a hospital in Phu Quoc.

Flipkart Delivery.....

Taking note of the post, the Bengaluru City Police forwarded the complaint to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield, for necessary action. Later, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Whitefield Division, confirmed that an FIR had been registered. "An FIR has been registered at Marathahalli Police Station, and the investigation is in progress," the DCP said in a reply on 'X'. Police said further investigation into the case is underway. There was no immediate reaction from Flipkart.

Experts Flag.....

Sakshi Gupta, a psychologist, said: "The warning signs are sometimes subtle but indicate a change in focus and mentality. Families, communities and authorities should take them seriously, as early intervention can prevent situations from becoming more dangerous."

noted that unmanaged anger, desire for revenge, poor emotional regulation or long-standing violent behaviour can increase risk. "They do not cause crimes, but they are not an excuse either," she said. On the murderous spree by prime accused Rajkumar,

Gupta said: "After killing the victim and her family, he went back home and killed his wife and two children too. Whether this was impulsive or driven by underlying hatred towards his family remains open to speculation."

"Crimes of this nature are rarely caused by a single event.

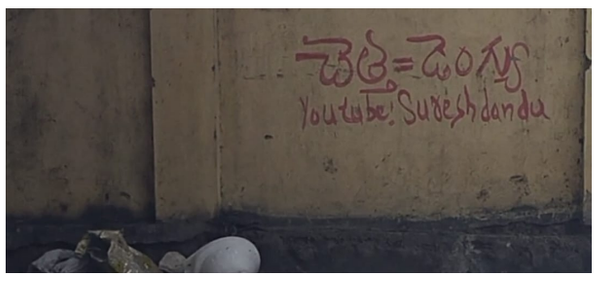
They stem from unhealthy patterns of thinking, poor emotional control and inability to cope," she added. She cautioned

against hasty conclusions about psychological state. "Only investigators and courts can establish motive based on evidence. Authorities should track and record.

CRIME

Telangana HC Orders 2BHK Houses for 71 Evicted Bhimraobada Families at Kollur

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The Telangana High Court has directed the state government to allot permanent 2BHK houses to 71 families evicted from Bhimraobada slum in Nampally, bringing closure to an 18-year legal dispute. Justice Suddala Chalapathi Rao, while disposing of a writ petition filed in 2008, ordered that the rehabilitation be completed within two months under the supervision of the district collector. The court directed that houses be allotted at the Kollur 2BHK Housing Colony in Sangareddy district through a transparent lottery in the presence of counsel for both sides.

The petition was filed by K. Bharathi and 70 others challenging GO Ms. No. 251 dated March 24, 2008, under which the slum was de-notified and residents were to be relocated under the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). The petitioners contended that the eviction was arbitrary and carried out without due process. They stated that their families had lived in the slum for over six decades and had been issued D-form pattas after it was notified as a slum in 1991. They alleged that authorities demolished their houses on January 2, 2007, and shifted them to Afzal Sagar without proper rehabilitation.During the hearing, the court considered the report of an advocate commissioner appointed to inspect the site, which noted that the slum had been demolished and residents had raised grievances during the visit. Initially defending its action, the state later informed the court that it was willing to provide permanent housing and offered multiple 2BHK options. The petitioners opted for allotment at Kollur.

Recording the consensus, the court directed the government to allot a separate 2BHK flat with an undivided share of land to each petitioner, preferably in a single block, and to ensure provision of basic amenities such as drinking water, drainage and lifts. The court permitted legal heirs of deceased petitioners to apply within 30 days for allotment and directed authorities to process such claims without requiring separate litigation. It also allowed similarly placed persons not party to the petition to apply with proof of eligibility.

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832 Booked for Drunk Driving in Hyderabad & Cyberabad Over Weekend

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A total of 832 motorists were booked for drunk driving during a special enforcement drive conducted on July 10 and 11 across the Hyderabad and Cyberabad Police Commissionerates.Hyderabad Police registered 478 cases, including 398 two-wheeler riders, 42 three-wheeler drivers, and 38 four-wheeler and other vehicle drivers.Cyberabad Police booked 354 cases, comprising 299 two-wheeler riders, 38 four-wheeler drivers, and 17 three-wheeler drivers. No cases were registered against heavy vehicle drivers.Police said all offenders will be produced before the court. They also warned that anyone causing a fatal road accident under the influence of alcohol will be booked under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, which carries a punishment of up to 10 years' imprisonment.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor. The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh compensation to the victim. Police said that on February 12, 2019, Arun lured the victim with a false promise of marriage, took her to a temple, and performed a sham marriage.
He then subjected her to repeated sexual assault despite knowing she was underage.

Fire Breaks Out at Tata Showroom in Madhapur

A major fire broke out at a Tata showroom in Madhapur on Saturday morning, causing panic in the area. The blaze spread rapidly, damaging property and materials inside the showroom.On receiving information, fire department personnel rushed to the spot and brought the fire under control after carrying out firefighting operations.The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained. No casualties or injuries have been reported so far. Police and fire officials are investigating the incident, and further details are awaited.

Visible Policing Drive Conducted in Jawaharnagar; Ganja Hotspots Identified

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As part of a visible policing initiative, Jawaharnagar Police conducted a special enforcement and awareness drive on Sunday under the supervision of the Inspector of Police, along with DI M. Srinivas, police personnel, and AR staff. During the operation, police identified three suspected ganja hotspots in Registration Colony, detained three vehicles, and booked one case of public drinking (boozing). Vehicle checking was also carried out at key locations. The police team interacted with local residents and conducted an awareness programme on cybercrime prevention, the dangers of minor driving, drug abuse, and the importance of installing CCTV cameras to enhance public safety and crime prevention. Police appealed to citizens to cooperate with law enforcement and promptly report any illegal activities in their localities.

Senior Police Officials Supervise Security Arrangements for 104th Bonala Utsav

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Senior police officials conducted a comprehensive inspection and supervised security arrangements for the 104th Bonala Utsav of Sri Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma and Mata Mahankali Temple, assuring full cooperation for the smooth and peaceful conduct of the annual religious celebrations.

Leading the supervision, DCP Raghavendra Reddy, along with Additional DCP Krishna Goud, ACP Tirupati, CI Ramulu (Kulchampura Police Station) and CI Balakrishna (Tappachabutra Police Station), reviewed crowd management, traffic regulation, law and order, and other security measures around the temple premises.

The senior officers interacted with members of the temple management and Bonalu festival committee, assuring them that adequate police personnel would be deployed to ensure the safety and convenience of devotees expected to participate in large numbers. They also appealed to devotees and the public to cooperate with the police by following traffic diversions and security guidelines during the festivities.

The temple committee members expressed gratitude to the Hyderabad Police for their proactive support and coordination in making the traditional Bonalu celebrations successful.

Among those present were Pooja Committee President Katta Lingam, General Secretary Alley Ram Kumar, Advisors Gudaboyina Siva Ratnam, Senapati Chandrasekhar, Katta Narsing Rao, Gudumani Ashok Kumar, and Gandla Niranjan Babu, along with other committee members and devotees.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an isolated reshuffle; it's part of a longer game. The Narendra Modi government has been steadily tightening coordination across ministries, favouring officers who deliver, move files efficiently, and stay aligned with the larger political direction. With another round of changes expected later this year, this looks like scaffolding being put in place for the road to 2029.

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

Still, the intent is hard to miss. This is about tightening the system, placing trusted officers where they matter most, and getting the machinery ready for the next phase. Whether it delivers sharper governance or just smoother optics will depend on one simple thing: Are these officers empowered to act, or just expected to comply?

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn't just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team,
bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn't attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn't become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition,
has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don't grow because policy says so.

They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.



Festivogue Opens First India Luxury Boutique in Hyderabad

USA Luxury Couture Brand Festivogue Launches First India Boutique in Hyderabad

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USA-based premium luxury Indian couture brand Festivogue has officially entered the Indian market with the grand launch of its first flagship boutique in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad. The boutique was inaugurated by acclaimed actress Shriya Saran, actress-entrepreneur Manchu Lakshmi, and actor Navdeep, marking a significant milestone in the brand's global expansion.

Having earned a strong reputation among the Indian diaspora in the United States over the past decade, Festivogue is known for its exclusive bridal couture, designer sarees, luxury lehengas, festive ensembles, Indo-western collections, men's ethnic wear, and premium kidswear. The Hyderabad boutique brings internationally curated Indian fashion to customers while celebrating India's rich textile heritage and craftsmanship.

Speaking at the launch, Bhavana Dhanekula, Founder of Festivogue, said the brand was created to showcase the beauty of Indian craftsmanship on a global stage. She described Hyderabad as the ideal destination for the company's first India boutique due to its appreciation for luxury, tradition, and fine artistry.

Sindhu Kosaraju, Partner at Festivogue, said the vision was to create more than a fashion store by offering a personalised luxury shopping experience where tradition meets innovation. She expressed confidence that the brand would become a part of customers' most cherished celebrations.

The Hyderabad boutique has been designed to offer an immersive luxury shopping experience with elegant interiors, personalised styling consultations, and carefully curated collections sourced from India's renowned weaving clusters and master artisans. Every garment reflects exceptional craftsmanship, blending heritage with contemporary couture.

Festivogue also reaffirmed its commitment to supporting India's traditional weaving communities by promoting authentic handcrafted creations on a global platform. With Hyderabad emerging as a major luxury retail hub, the brand's arrival further strengthens the city's premium fashion landscape, offering brides, families, and fashion enthusiasts a destination for timeless elegance and world-class couture.

India's Russian crude imports hit record high in June: CREA

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India's imports of Russian crude oil climbed to a record high in June, even as Russia's overall oil export revenues declined amid softer global prices, according to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

The report said India imported Russian crude worth EUR 4.5 billion during the month, a 34 per cent increase over May. Crude oil accounted for 83 per cent of India's total Russian fossil fuel imports, which stood at EUR 5.5 billion in June, making India the second-largest buyer of Russian hydrocarbons after China.

The rise in purchases came alongside a 5.4 per cent month-on-month increase in India's overall crude oil imports, with Russian supplies to several major refineries witnessing sharp growth.

Imports of Russian crude at Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery surged 150 per cent from the previous month, while Indian Oil Corporation's Paradip refinery recorded a 126 per cent increase. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd's Kochi refinery increased imports by 83 per cent, and Nayara Energy's Vadinar refinery saw shipments rise 45 per cent, according to CREA.

The stronger demand from India helped boost Russia's crude export volumes by 14 per cent in June. However, lower crude prices weighed on export earnings, with Russia's crude oil export revenues falling 8 per cent month-on-month to EUR 348 million per day.

Overall, Russia's fossil fuel export revenues slipped 1 per cent to EUR 734 million per day despite a 7 per cent increase in export volumes during the month, the report said.

"India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in June 2026, importing a total of EUR 5.5 billion of Russian hydrocarbons. Crude oil constituted 83 per cent of India's purchases, totalling EUR 4.5 billion," CREA said, adding that oil products worth EUR 488 million and coal worth EUR 444 million made up the remainder of India's imports from Russia.

The report also highlighted India's growing role in global trade of refined petroleum products processed from Russian crude. Refineries in India, Turkiye, Brunei and Georgia exported oil products worth EUR 814 million to countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia, including the European Union, Australia and the United States, during June.

FM Sitharaman to meet PSB chiefs to review foreign currency deposit drive

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will chair a meeting of heads of public sector banks (PSBs) and financial institutions on Monday to review the progress of the ongoing foreign currency deposit mobilisation campaign aimed at strengthening India's external financial position.The meeting will focus on the mobilisation of Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] deposits, Overseas Foreign Currency Bonds and External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs). Senior executives from all public sector banks, including IDBI Bank, are expected to participate in the discussions.The review comes after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced a series of measures last month to encourage higher inflows of foreign currency deposits from Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs). As part of the initiative, the RBI temporarily removed the interest rate ceiling on fresh FCNR(B) deposits with maturities ranging from three to five years until September 30, 2026.The decision followed a sharp decline in FCNR(B) deposit inflows. Net inflows fell significantly to USD 946 million in FY26, compared to USD 7.1 billion in FY25, raising concerns over foreign currency liquidity.To further incentivise banks, the RBI has introduced a concessional foreign exchange swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits with maturities between three and five years. The facility substantially lowers the cost of hedging foreign currency exposure, making it more attractive for banks to mobilise such deposits while offering competitive returns to overseas depositors.In addition, the central bank announced a concessional forex swap facility for Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) raising funds through External Commercial Borrowings (ECBs) until September 30, 2026. Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) generally raise USD 10-12 billion annually through ECBs, and the current arrangement offers nearly a 3 per cent cost advantage, encouraging them to advance their overseas borrowing plans.According to SBI Research, the concessional swap facility is expected to revive overseas borrowings by PSUs, helping them access funds at more competitive costs. The report noted that ECB and Foreign Currency Convertible Bond (FCCB) inflows had declined by nearly 30 per cent in FY26, falling to USD 42.9 billion from USD 61.2 billion in FY25.Sources said the Finance Minister is also expected to urge PSBs to accelerate credit growth to productive sectors of the economy while maintaining asset quality. The meeting is likely to assess banks' preparedness to leverage the RBI's policy measures, improve foreign currency inflows, and support economic growth through increased lending and stronger external financing.



NITI Aayog discusses SHANTI Act rollout to boost private nuclear power

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NITI Aayog on Saturday said it convened a stakeholder consultation on the implementation of the SHANTI Act, 2025, which allows private companies to own and operate nuclear energy plants. The Aayog, in a statement, said the consultation brought together key leaders, policymakers and experts from the government, research institutions and industry to deliberate on the operational framework of the landmark Act.

According to the statement, deliberations focused on the SHANTI Act's draft rules, regulations and related FDI policy provisions, with the opening technical segment presenting the statutory compliance mechanisms under SHANTI Act, 2025 and highlighting how foreign capital can be attracted while safeguarding domestic interests.

Stakeholders also examined the financial mechanisms and risk-mitigation frameworks needed to support the Act's implementation. The discussion also covered suitable insurance arrangements for long-term projects, along with strategies to strengthen public awareness, community trust and broader acceptance of nuclear energy projects, it added.

The statement said the focus was on the operationalization phase, with emphasis on strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities, ensuring operational readiness and building a skilled workforce to sustain the ecosystem.

Stakeholders also discussed enhancing supply chain resilience and designing dedicated capacity-building programmes to support industrial scaling and develop a highly competent human resource base, it added.

Stakeholders provided a range of views across all three critical areas, which will be useful in strengthening the implementation framework of the SHANTI Act, 2025.The Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India (SHANTI) Act, 2025, reflects the government's effort to modernise the laws governing the nuclear sector. It replaced the Atomic Energy Act, 1962, and the CLND Act, 2010.

L&T Finance Logs Record Quarterly Profit

L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF) records highest ever consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 902 Crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026 (Q1FY27), up 29% Year-on-Year (YoY), while also achieving its highest ever consolidated book of Rs. 1,29,634 Crore, up 27% YoY

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L&T Finance Ltd. (LTF) reported its highest-ever quarterly consolidated Profit After Tax (PAT) of Rs. 902 crore for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026 (Q1FY27), registering a 29% year-on-year (YoY) growth. The leading non-banking financial company (NBFC) also recorded its highest-ever consolidated loan book at Rs. 1,29,634 crore, up 27% YoY, while its retail loan book grew 28% YoY to Rs. 1,27,535 crore.

The company posted robust retail disbursements of Rs. 23,852 crore during the quarter, reflecting a 36% YoY increase. LTF attributed the strong performance to sustained growth across its retail businesses and continued investments in digital transformation as it accelerates its journey towards becoming an AI-native lender under its Lakshya 31 strategic plan.

Managing Director and CEO Sudipta Roy said the company maintained disciplined execution despite global uncertainties, inflationary pressures and elevated borrowing costs. He said LTF's proprietary artificial intelligence ecosystem, including AI-powered credit engine Project Cyclops, portfolio monitoring platform Project Nostradamus, and several in-house AI copilots, are improving credit selection, operational efficiency and customer experience.

The company also highlighted the rapid adoption of its customer-facing PLANET app, which crossed 2.5 crore downloads by June 30, 2026, including over 20 lakh rural customers. The platform has serviced more than 14 crore customer requests, facilitated collections exceeding Rs. 11,500 crore, and sourced loans worth around Rs. 34,462 crore. Its Partner PLANET app has onboarded over 4,400 dealers, enabled more than 51,000 logins, and facilitated trade advance withdrawals of over Rs. 590 crore.

Among business segments, Personal Loans emerged as the fastest-growing portfolio, with the loan book surging 80% YoY to Rs. 16,917 crore, while disbursements jumped 126% to Rs. 4,380 crore. Gold Finance recorded the highest book growth of 182% YoY, reaching Rs. 3,829 crore, with disbursements rising 26%.

Other key businesses also posted healthy growth. Rural Business Finance book expanded 22% to Rs. 32,493 crore, Housing Loans and Loan Against Property grew 20% to Rs. 31,630 crore, Farmer Finance increased 11% to Rs. 17,514 crore, Two-wheeler Finance rose 22% to Rs. 15,068 crore, and SME Finance advanced 28% to Rs. 8,884 crore.

Roy said India's economy remains resilient, supported by government spending, infrastructure development and strong consumption trends. He added that LTF would continue investing in technology, innovation and distribution capabilities to deliver profitable, high-quality growth while building a future-ready AI-native financial institution.

India's Russian crude imports hit record in Jun even as Moscow's oil revenues slip

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India's imports of Russian crude oil surged to a record high in June, rising 34 per cent from the previous month despite a decline in Russia's overall oil export revenues, according to a report by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA).

India bought Russian crude worth EUR 4.5 billion in June, accounting for 83 per cent of its total Russian fossil fuel imports of EUR 5.5 billion, making it the second-largest buyer of Russian hydrocarbons after China, the report said.

The sharp increase came as India's overall crude imports rose 5.4 per cent month-on-month, with Russian supplies to key refineries posting steep gains. Deliveries to Reliance Industries' Jamnagar refinery jumped 150 per cent from May, while imports at Indian Oil Corp's Paradip refinery rose 126 per cent. BPCL's Kochi refinery and Nayara Energy's Vadinar refinery recorded increases of 83 per cent and 45 per cent, respectively, CREA said.

The surge in Indian purchases helped lift Russia's crude export volumes by 14 per cent in June, even as its crude oil export revenues fell 8 per cent month-on-month to EUR 348 million a day due to lower prices. Overall, Russian fossil fuel export revenues declined 1 per cent to EUR 734 million per day despite a 7 per cent rise in export volumes, the report added.

"India was the second-largest buyer of Russian fossil fuels in June 2026, importing a total of EUR 5.5 billion of Russian hydrocarbons. Crude oil constituted 83 per cent of India's purchases, totalling EUR 4.5 billion. Oil products (EUR 488 million) and coal (EUR 444 million) constituted the remainder of their monthly Russian imports," CREA said.

India continued to play a key role in global trade flows of refined fuels produced from Russian crude. Refineries in India, Turkiye, Brunei and Georgia exported oil products worth EUR 814 million to countries that have imposed sanctions on Russia in June, including the European Union, Australia and the United States. An estimated EUR 369 million of those exports were refined from Russian crude, it added.The report noted that despite the European Union's ban on imports of oil products made from Russian.

Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj removed from OTT sparks political row

Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj, which chronicles the life of an activist in Punjab during the turbulent 1990s and has been taken off OTT, was at the centre of a furious debate on Monday, with political parties and the SGPC pushing for the film's release and the actor-singer asking people to watch it wherever and however they can.

The film, which was stuck with the censors for more than three years, was released uncut on ZEE5 on Friday and removed on Sunday evening. While Dosanjh said this was bound to happen and the film had already been downloaded by many, ZEE5 appealed to people not to support piracy.

The matter quickly gained political traction, with the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD), Congress and the state's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) condemning the film's removal from the OTT platform and saying Punjab must confront its past. People should know what happened during those days in Punjab, said Kulwant Singh Manan, chief secretary of the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee.

"The film should not have been removed from the platform. The government should ensure that people



see this film. What is wrong if reality is shown and the public comes to know what happened during those days in Punjab?" Manan told PTI over the phone.

The Honey Trehan-directed film, originally titled Punjab '95, features Dosanjh as human rights activist Jaswant Singh Khalra, who was abducted in 1995 and was never seen again. The director and actor refused to release it with the 127 cuts suggested by the Central Board of Film Certification.

On Friday, the movie quietly arrived on ZEE5 without any cuts but with a different title and zero promotion, which Dosanjh said was because they did not want to spoil whatever little chance the film had.

Criticising the film's removal, SAD president Sukhbir Singh Badal said, "This is not mere censorship, it is an assault on our collective memory, truth and freedom of expression… Punjab deserves to confront its past with honesty, not suppression."

Senior Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira echoed him.

"I strongly condemn the removal of Satluj, enacted by Diljit Dosanjh, about police brutality in abducting and eliminating Prof Jaswant Singh Khalra, a human rights activist, in 1995." AAP leader and MP Malvinder Singh Kang said censorship becomes its most dangerous weapon when a nation begins to fear its own history.

AAP's Baltej Pannu said, "The younger generation wants to know what happened in Punjab during 1978, 1984, the 1990s and other crucial periods. If they are denied books and documentaries, films become an important way of preserving historical truth." When asked to comment on the film's removal from OTT, Punjab BJP chief Kewal Singh Dhillon said, "I am finding out the reason. We are taking up the matter."

In an expansive session on Instagram Live from the US, where he is on tour, Dosanjh expressed his anguish.

"I had a feeling on Friday that something like this would happen. This was already on my mind. It is not something to be shocked about (the ban). I thought it would be banned on Monday when the offices opened…

"But I did not have any idea that it would happen on Sunday evening itself. We did not even promote the film, we released it just like that. If we had promoted it, it would not have lasted even two days. But I am satisfied that people have seen the film, it has reached them," Dosanjh said in Punjabi.

Preity Zinta Deepfakes: Bombay HC Orders Removal, Warns of Rights



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The Bombay High Court on Wednesday ordered the removal of all deepfakes, morphed images, fake videos and other unauthorised online content featuring actor Priety Zinta, holding that misuse of such content affects a person's fundamental rights. As it gave relief to Zinta, a single bench of Justice Madhav Jamdar also reminded online platforms of their due diligence obligations under the Information Technology Rules.

The court also raised the issue of the role of intermediaries in tackling such content, as even their platform was being misused. "If the intermediaries start taking action, such type of offenders will stop. Otherwise, you are part of affecting fundamental rights of the citizens of this country," HC said. The bench ordered the immediate takedown of all such unauthorised and fake images and videos of Zinta uploaded on various platforms.

In her suit, Zinta had referred to videos, images and chatbot-style interactions depicting her through deepfakes and morphed visuals. The actor's counsel Venkatesh Dhond pointed to around 275 websites that contained AI-generated, morphed or superimposed images and videos using the actor's likeness. He submitted that such material violated her personality, publicity and moral rights. The court said that Zinta, who has been associated with the film industry for over 25 years, had built a valuable public identity through her career.

The unauthorised use of her image, likeness and mannerisms in AI-generated content could damage her reputation and violate her rights, it said. "The plaintiff's personality rights, publicity rights and moral rights are violated by creation of such morphed and superimposed content," the court said. It added that these rights flow from the constitutional guarantee of free speech under Article 19 and the right to life and personal liberty under Article 21, which includes the right to live with dignity. The court held that a prima facie case had been made out and granted interim relief. A deepfake is synthetic media -- like an image, audio or video recording -- created using artificial intelligence (AI) to convincingly replace or alter a person's likeness or voice.

Hyderabad E-Champions to face Khammam Aces in TG20 final

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad E-Champions will take on Anvita Khammam Aces in the final of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 League cricket championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday night.

Anvita Khammam Aces handed Hyderabad E-Champions their first defeat of the tournament with a hard-fought 10-run win in Qualifier 1, ending the E-Champions' unbeaten run and sealing direct qualification for the final. Mickil Jaiswal's unbeaten 76 anchored the Aces' total of 200 for six, while the bowling unit, led by Sahendra Mallu, defended the total to seal the victory.

The Aces have drawn on strong all-round contributions throughout the season, with Himateja Kodimela among the tournament's top run-scorers, amassing 430 runs at an average of over 107, including an unbeaten century. Meanwhile, 16-year-old spinner Ved Reddy, who has been the find of the tournament, has led their bowling attack with 14 wickets.

CV Milind, captain of Anvita Khammam Aces, said, "We're expecting a great contest because both



teams have played exceptional cricket throughout the tournament. Hyderabad E-Champions are a complete side, but our focus is on staying calm under pressure, executing our roles and playing the brand of cricket that has brought us this far. Having Himateja back is a big boost for us, but this has never been about one player. If every individual contributes, we'll give ourselves the best chance of lifting the trophy."

After suffering their first defeat, Hyderabad E-Champions responded in emphatic fashion in Qualifier 2, registering a commanding eight-wicket win over EIPL & eleve Karimnagar Diamonds to book their place in the final, with skipper Abhirath Reddy leading the way with a fluent 82. That performance has set up a rematch in the final, with the E-Champions eager to avenge their Qualifier 1 defeat.

The E-Champions' captain has powered his team's campaign, cementing his position as the tournament's leading run-scorer. He also became the first batter this season to cross the 500-run mark, while Ajay Dev Goud has spearheaded the bowling attack as the competition's leading wicket-taker with 19 wickets.

The champions will receive a cash prize of Rs 1 crore, while the runners-up will receive Rs 50 lakh. The third and fourth-placed teams will receive Rs 25 lakh each.

FIFA WC 2026: Argentina eye semi-final berth against Switzerland in quarter-final clash

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Argentina will aim to keep their FIFA World Cup 2026 title defence alive when they face Switzerland in a crucial quarter-final clash at Kansas City Stadium on Sunday. The defending champions have enjoyed an impressive campaign so far and are now just one victory away from reaching a second successive World Cup semi-final.

Led by captain Lionel Messi, Argentina topped Group J with three consecutive victories. Messi has been the team's standout performer, scoring six goals in the group stage before adding two more in the knockout rounds. His equaliser against Egypt proved decisive as Argentina came from behind to secure a dramatic 3-2 victory in the Round of 16.

However, Lionel Scaloni's side have not had an easy path. They needed an extra-time



own goal to edge past tournament debutants Cabo Verde in the Round of 32 before surviving a spirited challenge from Egypt. Despite the difficult knockout matches, Argentina's experience and resilience have kept their title defence on track.

Switzerland, meanwhile, have scripted one of their finest World Cup campaigns. Under coach Murat Yakin, the Swiss reached the quarter-finals for the first time since 1954 and have recorded back-to-back knockout victories for the first time in their World Cup history.

The Swiss defeated Algeria 2-0 in the Round of 32 before overcoming Colombia in a tense penalty shootout after a goalless draw in the Round of 16. Their disciplined defence and organized approach have made them one of the tournament's surprise packages.

Argentina will once again rely on Messi alongside Julián Álvarez, Lautaro Martínez, Rodrigo De Paul and Alexis Mac Allister, while goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez is expected to play a key role at the back. Switzerland's hopes will rest on captain Granit Xhaka, defender Manuel Akanji, striker Breel Embolo and goalkeeper Gregor Kobel.

The quarter-final will kick off at 6:30 AM IST on Sunday at Kansas City Stadium. João Pinheiro will officiate the match.

In India, the match will be streamed live on Zee5 with a subscription, while television coverage will be available on Unite8 Sports 1, Unite8 Sports 1 HD, Unite8 Sports 2, and Unite8 Sports 2 HD. With a place in the semi-finals at stake, fans can expect a fiercely contested encounter between the reigning champions and an ambitious Swiss side looking to create history.

Revanth Has Tacit Understanding With KCR's Family: Kishan Reddy

The Union Minister said that he would lead Singareni Bharosa Yatra for two days during which he would expose the failures of the state government. BJP MPs, MLAs, and MLCs would take part in the yatra

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Union Coal and Mines Minister and Telangana BJP president G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that the Congress government had entered into a tacit understanding with former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) and his family.

Addressing mediapersons after leading a padayatra in Kacheguda division, Kishan Reddy questioned why the Congress government had failed to initiate concrete action against the alleged corruption in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and other major projects executed during the previous BRS regime.

He recalled that before the Assembly elections, Revanth Reddy had promised to recover Rs 1 lakh crore from KCR's family if the Congress came to power. "What happened to that promise?" he asked, questioning whether the state government lacked investigating agencies to probe the alleged corruption or was deliberately remaining silent on the issue.

The Union Minister urged the Chief Minister to introspect instead of



targeting BJP MPs and elected representatives with criticism. He announced that he would undertake a two-day Singareni Bharosa Yatra, during which BJP leaders would expose what he described as the failures of the Congress government. BJP MPs, MLAs and MLCs are expected to participate in the yatra.

Kishan Reddy said he has been touring the Secunderabad Parliamentary constituency every weekend to understand public grievances, accompanied by government officials. During his recent visit to the Amberpet Assembly constituency, residents complained about potholed roads, non-functional streetlights and inadequate civic maintenance following the onset of the monsoon.

Despite bringing these issues to the attention of officials, no corrective measures had been taken, he alleged. He also claimed that several localities continued to face an acute shortage of drinking water even after the arrival of the monsoon and urged GHMC and Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (Jala Mandali) officials to resolve the problems without delay.

The BJP leader further alleged that many eligible beneficiaries were yet to receive pensions despite submitting repeated applications. He also questioned the Congress government over the implementation of its poll promises, including Rs 2,500 monthly assistance to women, Rs 4,000 unemployment allowance, scooters for young women and one tola of gold for newly married couples, accusing it of failing to fulfil its commitments.

Kavitha Seeks ECI Nod For New Party

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS) president Kalvakuntla Kavitha has formally urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to grant recognition to her proposed political party. In a representation to the ECI, the party requested copies of all objections and supporting materials submitted against its registration before a personal hearing. The move follows Delhi High Court directions to complete proceedings with the ECI first.

The ECI had earlier notified the party that about 1,000 objections were received, including one from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), which argued that the initials "TRS" mimic its old name Telangana Rashtra Samithi and could confuse voters. Party general secretary Anil Kumar said the name was distinct and noted that the ECI had previously approved similar names such as Telangana Rajya Samithi. The party contends it cannot defend its registration under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, unless the ECI shares the complete files of public objections.

BJP chief Ramchander Rao questions delay in Kaleshwaram rehabilitation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Telangana BJP State president N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday launched a sharp attack on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing the Congress government of failing to utilise water from the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project despite the increasing demand for irrigation and drinking water across the State.

In an open letter addressed to the Chief Minister, Ramchander Rao alleged that the State government had neglected to implement the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) in a timely manner, resulting in uncertainty and hardship for farmers. He claimed that the NDSA had submitted reports to the State government in 2023, 2024 and 2025, recommending comprehensive geophysical and geotechnical studies to assess the condition of the project structures. However, he alleged that the government failed to act on these recommendations, delaying essential rehabilitation measures.

Referring to the Chief Minister's remarks on Saturday that the NDSA would be responsible for the rehabilitation process, Ramchander Rao accused the government of attempting to evade its responsibilities and mislead the public. He asserted that the State government, as the implementing authority, should have taken timely steps to restore the barrages instead of shifting responsibility to the central agency.

The BJP leader further stated that technical experts had suggested lifting water from the Kanepally Pump House without causing any damage to the Medigadda Barrage. Regarding the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, he said experts had recommended exploring options to lift water while maintaining minimal storage levels to avoid structural damage.

According to him, these recommendations could have enabled effective utilisation of the Kaleshwaram project while rehabilitation works were carried out.

Ramchander Rao alleged that the government's failure to rehabilitate the barrages at the appropriate time had led to the current situation, affecting farmers who depend on irrigation. He also criticised the Chief Minister for allegedly attempting to shift the blame to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) regarding the probe into irregularities in the three barrages.

Accusing the Chief Minister of "shedding crocodile tears," Ramchander Rao alleged that the State had limited the CBI's terms of reference to only the three barrages instead of the entire Kaleshwaram project. He expressed hope that the government would take immediate corrective measures to ensure the effective utilisation of water from the project for the benefit of farmers and the people of Telangana.

District Election Officer reviews SIR process in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



District Election Officer (DEO) and Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner R.V. Karnan on Sunday reviewed the progress of the distribution and digitisation of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) forms in the Nampally, Chandrayangutta and Bahadurpura Assembly constituencies.

During the review, Karnan assessed the implementation of the ongoing voter list revision exercise and directed election officials to speed up the digitisation process at all polling stations while maintaining the highest standards of accuracy and quality. He stressed that all activities must be completed within the prescribed schedule to ensure a smooth and transparent electoral roll revision process.

The DEO instructed officials to closely monitor field-level operations and ensure that the collection, verification and digitisation of SIR forms are carried out without delays. He emphasised that the integrity of the electoral roll depends on timely and error-free data entry and directed officers to address any bottlenecks immediately.

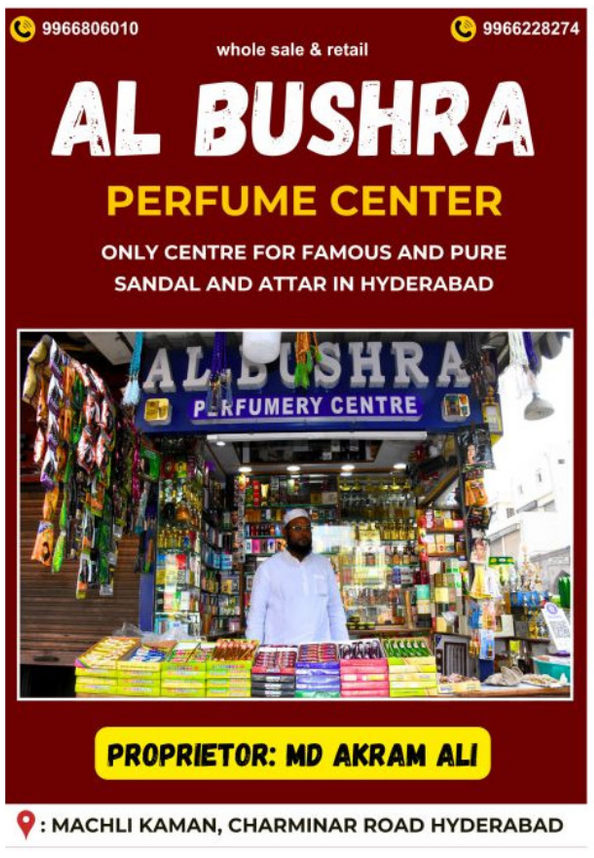
The review comes amid concerns over the pace of work in some Assembly constituencies. Earlier, Karnan issued show-cause notices to the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) of Sanathnagar, Musheerabad and Secunderabad over unsatisfactory progress in the distribution and digitisation of SIR forms.

In addition, five election supervisors from the Yakutpura, Musheerabad, Malakpet and Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituencies were also served notices, directing them to improve their performance and accelerate the ongoing revision work.

The DEO warned that any delay or negligence in carrying out election-related responsibilities would be viewed seriously and reiterated the importance of adhering to Election Commission guidelines. Officials were instructed to maintain regular supervision, ensure quality checks at every stage and complete all pending tasks within the stipulated timeframe to facilitate the preparation of an accurate and updated electoral roll ahead of future elections.



In a determined effort to combat drug abuse and safeguard the future of youth, the Hyderabad City Police launched a comprehensive LED Anti-Drug Awareness campaign across multiple areas under Ramgopalpet, Nallagutta, MS Maktha, Lake View, and Secretariat limits.



DLF Food Street Demolition Sparks Public Debate

Public Divided Over CMC's Demolition Drive at Gachibowli's Popular DLF Food Street

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The demolition of roadside food stalls and footpath encroachments at the popular DLF Food Street in Gachibowli has triggered a sharp public debate, with residents, vendors and visitors divided over the civic action.

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) carried out a major anti-encroachment drive on Friday, removing illegal structures along the busy food street as part of a larger initiative to reclaim public spaces. Officials said 48 encroachments were cleared from the DLF area, while hundreds of similar encroachments were removed across other parts of the corporation's jurisdiction.

Several vendors and residents criticised the demolition, saying the action was abrupt and that stall owners were not given enough time to remove their belongings. According to eyewitnesses, civic teams began dismantling structures despite repeated requests from vendors to allow them time to shift cooking equipment and other materials.

Social media also witnessed mixed reactions. Many users expressed disappointment, describing the DLF Food Street as an iconic late-night food destination that had become an integral part of Hyderabad's food culture and nightlife.

However, a significant section of residents supported the drive, arguing that illegal encroachments had severely affected traffic movement and pedestrian safety in one of the city's busiest IT corridors. They said roadside sheds, food stalls and indiscriminate parking had narrowed roads, leading to daily traffic congestion during evening hours.

Several social media users echoed these concerns, stating that the encroachments had created inconvenience for commuters, occupied public spaces and contributed to unhygienic conditions. Many welcomed the civic action, saying authorities had finally addressed a long-pending issue.

Residents have now urged the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation to ensure that the cleared footpaths and roads remain free from fresh encroachments. They also called for a long-term solution that balances public convenience with the livelihoods of small vendors through designated vending zones and proper regulation.

The demolition has reignited the broader debate over urban planning, public infrastructure and the need to protect both pedestrian spaces and the livelihoods of street vendors in Hyderabad. While opinions remain divided, many agree that sustainable solutions are essential to prevent similar conflicts in the future.

Don't leave children in idling vehicles: Commissioner Sajjanar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar on Sunday, July 12, warned against leaving children in running vehicles.

Sajjanar shared a closed-circuit television camera (CCTV) footage of a man riding his children – a boy and a girl – to school.

He gets down to escort his son inside the school gates. His daughter, who was riding pillion, holds the bike's handle, while the engine is still on. She races the vehicle and falls a few meters away from the school.

"This CCTV footage stands as living proof that a momentary lapse in vigilance can lead to lifelong agony. Stopping the vehicle and leaving the children on it with the engine still running, or behaving carelessly while they are nearby, shows just how grave a danger it can unleash—as this incident makes painfully clear," the senior officer said.

"Riding a bike is usually a fun adventure for children and twisting the accelerator is an exciting thrill. But when the vehicle is started, that small, innocent mistake they make without realising it can turn into an unimaginable accident in mere moments, striking at their very lives," he said.

Goshamahal traffic cops seize bike with fake plate at Afzalgunj

The Goshamahal Traffic Police spotted a bike fitted with a fake registration plate driven by a youth during a special enforcement drive at Afzalgunj T-junction on Friday.

The rider, identified as Shaik Rasool Ali (26), told police he had purchased the motorcycle through a Facebook marketplace listing from an unknown person for Rs 20,000 six months ago.

Unable to produce ownership documents, he and the seized vehicle were handed over to Afzalgunj Police Station for further investigation into the vehicle's origin and possible criminal links.

Old Malakpet residents urge GHMC to curb stray dog menace

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Residents of MCH Colony in Old Malakpet are complaining about the increasing number of stray dogs in the locality, saying the menace has become a serious threat to public safety.

The residents said the stray dogs often roam in groups, bark aggressively, and chase pedestrians and two-wheeler riders, creating fear among people, particularly children and elderly citizens.

According to the residents, the situation has worsened over the past few months, with several incidents of dog attacks being reported in the locality. A recent dog-bite incident has further heightened concerns, prompting residents to seek immediate intervention from the civic authorities.

The residents have urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to launch a special drive to capture the stray dogs, ensure their vaccination and sterilisation, and take preventive measures to avoid further attacks."The number of stray dogs has increased considerably in our colony. People are scared to walk on the roads, especially during the early morning and late night hours. The authorities should take immediate action before someone is seriously injured," said Mohd Taher, a resident."Children and senior citizens are the worst affected by the stray dog menace. We request the authorities to capture the dogs and carry out vaccination and sterilisation to ensure the safety of residents," said Zeba Unnisa, another resident.

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