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Byju's Founder Loses Bid to Overturn Singapore Jail Sentence



The High Court of Singapore rejected a bid by the founder of failed education startup Byju's to overturn a six-month jail sentence, effectively barring him from returning to the city-state unless he's prepared to serve the term. The court on July 9 declined Byju Raveendran's application to have the sentence halted, his law firm Lazareff Le Bars said in a statement Tuesday. The court originally pronounced the sentence, for contempt, in May, and then granted a stay on it last month.

The rejection marks the latest setback for Raveendran, a former teacher who founded online tutor Think & Learn Pvt, widely known as Byju's. The

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US' New Russia Sanctions Bill Names India as Tariff Target

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A bipartisan group of US senators has unveiled a long-awaited bill imposing sweeping sanctions on Russia, naming India among five countries that could face tariffs for continuing to buy Russian oil. The legislation, dubbed by some colleagues the "Lindsey Graham Russia Accountability Bill," was formally announced on Capitol Hill on Tuesday by Senators Richard Blumenthal and Jeanne Shaheen, along with Republicans Roger Wicker, Katie Britt and more than a dozen other lawmakers from both parties.

It comes promptly after the death of Senator Lindsey Graham, who spent nearly two years negotiating the measure and whom colleagues repeatedly credited as its driving force. Senator Blumenthal, the lead Democratic sponsor, said the bill goes far beyond tariffs, imposing full blocking sanctions on large parts of Russia's economy, its energy and financial sectors, its defence industry, oligarchs and businesspeople, and Russian President Vladimir Putin himself.

Separately, the bill authorises the administration to impose tariffs set at a rate above zero but capped well below full value on countries identified as the largest buyers of Russian oil. Blumenthal named five: China, India, Slovakia, Hungary and Azerbaijan. A related provision targets buyers of Russian natural gas, though it exempts countries importing less than 15 per cent of their gas from Russia if they are already reducing purchases, a carve-out that shields most European allies.

SC Urges Patience in Bhojshala Row, Offers Day-to-Day Hearing

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Asking both Hindu and Muslim sides to have patience as Bhojshala is a sensitive matter, the Supreme Court on Tuesday said it was ready to hear the matter on a day-to-day basis and resolve the issue.

The top court was hearing a batch of appeals challenging a Madhya Pradesh High Court order, which said the disputed Bhojshala complex in Dhar district was a temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohna said it has to be very careful about every expression used



"These are very sensitive matters. What is being said in court can unnecessarily create controversies or send wrong impression.

We have to be very careful about every expression used. "This is the first time that the issue relating to the interim arrangement is coming before us. The high court's order and the helplessness of the State in maintaining law and order are also being taken note of. Our view is that whatever arrangement is presently in place, the matter can be listed before an appropriate bench within 10 to 15 days," the CJI observer orally.

Earlier on Monday the bench was urged by senior advocate Huzefa Ahmadi and advocate Nizam Pasha, appearing for Muslim appellants, that the pleas needed to be heard on an urgent basis. The CJI had asked the counsel for the appellants to remove defects from the petitions and assured them that they will be listed for hearing before a bench soon. On May 15, the Madhya Pradesh High Court ruled that the disputed Bhojshala-Kamal Maula Mosque complex in Dhar district is a temple dedicated to Goddess Saraswati. It simultaneously quashed a decades-old ASI order that had allowed the Muslim community to offer Friday

Centre Imposes Immediate Nationwide Ban on Paraquat

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In a major relief for public health and farmer safety, the Union Government has announced its decision to impose a nationwide ban on paraquat dichloride, a highly toxic herbicide that has been linked to more than 200 deaths in Telangana over the past few years. Most of these fatalities were reported as suicide cases involving paraquat poisoning, for which no specific antidote exists.

The decision comes months after the Telangana Government imposed a temporary three-month ban on the chemical on April 3, citing growing concerns over its misuse and the alarming number of poisoning deaths. Since states do not have the legal authority to permanently prohibit agrochemicals, Telangana had also urged the Centre to take nationwide action. The Telangana Legislative Assembly had earlier passed a unanimous resolution requesting the Union Government to ban the herbicide across the country.



In a gazette notification issued on July 13, the Union Ministry of Agriculture stated that a final notification prohibiting paraquat dichloride will be issued after a 30-day period during which stakeholders may submit objections or suggestions. The ministry clarified that the proposed ban follows recommendations made by an expert committee constituted to review the herbicide's safety. The committee's findings were subsequently examined by the Registration Committee under the Insecticides Act, 1968, which recommended a complete ban.

According to the ministry, the Registration Committee considered the fact that more than 70 countries have already banned paraquat dichloride due to its severe health risks. It also highlighted documented cases of poisoning, the chemical's high fatality rate, and the absence of an effective antidote as key reasons for recommending the prohibition.

The Centre stated that continued use of paraquat dichloride poses a serious threat to human and animal life and requires immediate preventive action. Once the final notification is issued, the ban will prohibit the manufacture, import, transport, distribution, sale, and use of paraquat dichloride across India.

The proposed nationwide ban marks a significant policy shift in pesticide regulation and is expected to strengthen public safety while addressing long-standing concerns raised by Telangana and health experts over the dangers associated with the herbicide.

Tamil Nadu Suspends Sub-Registrar Over ₹100 Crore Palani Temple Land Fraud

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A sub-registrar has been suspended after allegedly facilitating the fraudulent registration of temple land worth around Rs. 100 crore belonging to the Palani Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple in Tamil Nadu. The 1.40-acre property, located at the foothills of the Palani temple, originally belonged to the temple. In 1888, the land was allotted to the Dhandayuthapani Swamigal



Mutt for its maintenance and religious activities, with a condition that it could neither be sold nor transferred. The income generated from the property was used for the temple's endowments. Over time, however, the land was allegedly encroached upon by private individuals.

The Palani Devasthanam subsequently approached the Madras High Court and the Supreme Court seeking recovery of the property. The courts appointed the Joint Commissioner of the Palani Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple as the administrator (Thakkar) of the mutt and ordered that the land be restored to the Devasthanam.

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New York To Become First US State To Impose Ban On New Data

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Amid worldwide debate on environmental and human cost of data centers, New York governor Kathy Hochul is expected to sign an executive order imposing the United State's first statewide moratorium on hyperscale data centres. New York will be the first state to enact a ban, although temporary, construction of any new large data centres for up



to a year so the state can create rules to protect the environment and energy grid from the power-hungry facilities that fuel artificial intelligence technology. The ban will go into effect immediately, but will exclude hospitals, universities and other smaller data centers.

Hyperscale data centres, the kind Hochul's order will target are massive facilities housing thousands of servers that demand enormous amounts of electricity and water for cooling. "As data centre development threatens to hike up utility bills, deplete our natural resources, and create uncertainty for New Yorkers, it's my responsibility to take action and lead," Hochul said in a statement.

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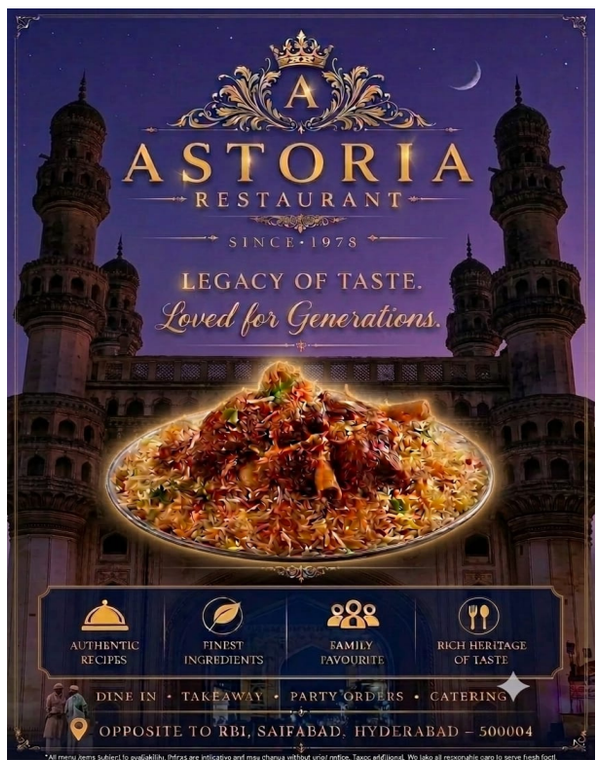
US Reimposes Blockade on Iran After Tehran's Attacks on Ships in Hormuz

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The US military early Wednesday reimposed a blockade on Iranian ports over Tehran's attacks on ships trying to pass through the Strait of Hormuz, sparking new strikes on nations hosting American forces as an interim deal to end the war further unravelled. Days of retaliatory strikes across the Middle East by Iran - and both nations' attempts to vie for control of the waterway through which a fifth of the world's oil and natural gas passes during peacetime - threaten to push the region back to all-out war.

The US first imposed the blockade in mid-April and then lifted it in mid-June, a day after signing the interim deal that set a 60-day period for negotiations over issues like Iran's nuclear program, but talks have stalled as fighting over the strait has intensified.

When US President Donald Trump announced the return of the blockade Monday, he also said he would impose.



'Self-Styled Youth Icons': SC Rebukes Samay Raina, Ranveer Allahbadia

NEW DELHI
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The Supreme Court on Tuesday slammed comedian Samay Raina and YouTubers Ranveer Allahbadia and Ashish Chanchlani for not complying with its order, observing that they are self-styled youth icons. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana passed the order after it was informed that Raina had not invited any disabled persons to his show according to its earlier order.



"We have no reason to doubt that Samay Raina has taken the court for a ride. He is in brazen violation of statements/ undertakings given before this court." "The misconduct is sought to be compounded by stating that a compliance affidavit was filed yesterday, however, no affidavit has been filed," the bench said. The CJI remarked that they think sitting outside the country they are beyond jurisdiction.

"Let them suffer now. If this is not arrogance, then we have to change the Oxford dictionary also," the CJI observed. The top court was hearing a plea filed by Cure SMA India Foundation alleging that Raina made insensitive remarks over the high cost of treatment for Spinal Muscular Atrophy and also allegedly ridiculed a person with such a disability. During the hearing, senior advocate Aparajita Singh, appearing for the organisation, told the court that Raina never contacted them to join any of his shows.

The plea flagged jokes made by "India's Got Latent" host Samay Raina and other social media influencers Vipun Goyal, Balraj Paramjeet Singh Ghai, Sonali Thakkar and Nishant Jagdish Tanwar.

Highlighting the need for a stringent law to protect the dignity of the disabled, the Supreme Court on Thursday asked the Centre to consider framing a statute to make derogatory remarks ridiculing persons with disabilities and rare genetic disorders a penal offence on the lines of the SC-ST Act.

Australian Creator's Perfect PM Modi Lip-Sync Goes Viral

An Australian content creator has gone viral after recreating Prime Minister Narendra Modi's speech from his visit to Australia with striking accuracy, leaving social media users impressed by his lip-sync and mannerisms. The video, shared on Instagram by @joespeakshindi, shows the creator mimicking PM Modi's speech, hand gestures, facial expressions and delivery almost perfectly. In the original address, Modi had said: "Doodh Australia wala aata hai, lekin chai Bharat wali banti hai. Daal, sabziyaan Australia

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CM Reviews SC/ST Welfare, Orders Faster Justice, Stronger Atrocity Prevention

CM Revanth Reddy Chairs High-Level Review on SC/ST Welfare, Directs Strict Implementation of Atrocity Prevention Act and Speedy Justice for Victims

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday chaired a high-level review meeting to assess the implementation of welfare measures and legal safeguards for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). The meeting, held in the presence of National Commission for Scheduled Castes Chairman Kishor Makwana, focused on strengthening the implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, ensuring speedy justice for victims, and enhancing welfare initiatives aimed at the socio-economic development of marginalized communities.During the meeting, officials reviewed the status of atrocity cases registered across the State, the progress of investigations, timely filing of charge sheets, conviction rates, rehabilitation measures, and the disbursement of financial assistance to victims. Discussions also centered on improving the effectiveness of welfare schemes designed to uplift SC and ST communities through education, employment, housing, healthcare, and livelihood support.Telangana State SC/ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah highlighted several issues affecting SC and ST communities and urged the government to strengthen enforcement mechanisms to prevent atrocities. He emphasized the need for speedy investigation and disposal of cases, immediate protection and rehabilitation for victims, and effective implementation of welfare programmes to ensure social justice and inclusive growth.

The meeting also reviewed inter-departmental coordination to ensure that welfare schemes reach eligible beneficiaries without delay. Officials discussed measures to improve monitoring, accountability, and transparency in the execution of development programmes and legal safeguards.Chief Minister Revanth Reddy directed officials to work with greater responsibility and commitment in addressing the concerns of SC and ST communities. He stressed that every atrocity case must be investigated promptly, victims should receive immediate relief and legal support, and welfare schemes should be implemented efficiently at the grassroots level. He reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to protecting the constitutional rights, dignity, and welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes while ensuring inclusive and equitable development across Telangana.The meeting was attended by senior government officials, members of the National and State SC/ST Commissions, District Members Shankar Nenavath Rambabu Naik, Renikuntla Praveen, Konkati Lakshminarayana, PO Act Member Bitla Venkatesh, DBF Shankar, representatives from various government departments, and other dignitaries, who discussed strategies to strengthen the implementation of welfare programmes and ensure effective enforcement of laws protecting SC and ST communities.

Jyoti Swarup Targets BJP Leader Over Land Row

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Political tensions escalated in Secunderabad Cantonment after Bhanuka Jyoti Swarup, a former associate of ex-Cantonment Board Vice President J. Ramakrishna, launched a sharp attack on BJP leader Bhanuka Mallikarjun during a press conference on Tuesday.Jyoti Swarup alleged that Mallikarjun had risen politically with the support and guidance of J. Ramakrishna but was now attempting to malign his reputation for political gain. Swarup described the allegations against Ramakrishna as baseless and politically motivated.Refuting the claims made by Mallikarjun, Swarup alleged that the BJP leader was trying to divert public attention from a land-related controversy. Citing Cantonment Board records, Swarup claimed that legal notices had previously been issued regarding the alleged occupation of 40 percent of land in Ratna Society. According to Swarup, these official notices contradict the accusations being made against Ramakrishna.The press conference also featured personal allegations, with Swarup claiming to have been mistreated despite years of association with the Bhanuka family.

Swarup further alleged that supporters of Mallikarjun attempted to assault them after a recent press interaction. A formal complaint is being lodged at Karkhana Police Station regarding the alleged incident.The allegations and counter-allegations are those of the parties involved, and no official response from Bhanuka Mallikarjun was immediately available.

Health Minister Reviews Bhadradri Healthcare

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Telangana Minister for Medical, Health & Family Welfare, Damodar Rajanarsimha conducted a comprehensive review meeting at the Secretariat on Tuesday to assess the healthcare situation in Bhadradri Kothagudem district, with a strong focus on strengthening government hospitals and preventing seasonal diseases during the ongoing monsoon season.

The Minister reviewed the overall functioning of government healthcare institutions, including the availability of doctors, essential medicines, medical equipment, infrastructure, and the quality of healthcare services being provided to the public. He emphasized that every government hospital must remain fully equipped to provide uninterrupted and efficient treatment to patients.

During the meeting, Rajanarsimha instructed Health Department officials to ensure there is no shortage of medicines, medical staff, or emergency healthcare services in the district. He directed authorities to improve patient care standards and maintain preparedness to handle any increase in seasonal illnesses caused by the rains.

Highlighting the rise in monsoon-related diseases, the Minister stressed the need for intensified surveillance, sanitation drives, mosquito control measures, and widespread public awareness campaigns. He said preventive healthcare must receive equal importance alongside treatment to reduce the spread of vector-borne and waterborne diseases.

The review also covered the progress of healthcare infrastructure development and the implementation of public health initiatives across the district. Officials were asked to closely monitor disease trends and respond swiftly to any outbreaks through coordinated action.

The meeting was attended by Mahabubabad MP Balaram Naik, MLAs Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao, Tellam Venkat Rao, Koram Kanakaiah, and Jare Adinarayana, along with senior officials from the Health Department, who presented reports on the district's healthcare preparedness and ongoing initiatives.

Reiterating the Telangana Government's commitment to strengthening the public healthcare system, Rajanarsimha directed all concerned departments to remain on high alert throughout the monsoon season. He called for effective coordination among health officials, local authorities, and field staff to ensure timely medical assistance and safeguard public health across Bhadradri Kothagudem district.

Dr. Nahida Guides Hostel Girls on Mental Wellness

MEDCHAL
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Dr. Nahida Tarannum, Medical Officer at the Primary Health Centre (PHC), Sadashivanagar in Kamareddy district, conducted a holistic wellness and mental health awareness session for students of a Government Girls Hostel on Monday.The programme focused on strengthening emotional well-being, self-confidence, and healthy lifestyle habits among adolescent girls. Dr. Nahida, who also holds an M.Sc. in Psychology, explained practical methods to cope with stress, anxiety, emotional difficulties, and examination pressure.She encouraged students to maintain a positive outlook, communicate openly with trusted adults, and seek support whenever they face emotional challenges. The session also emphasized the importance of balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, adequate sleep, and mindfulness practices for overall physical and mental health.

Students actively participated by asking questions and sharing their experiences, making the programme interactive and engaging. The session helped create greater awareness about mental health and motivated students to prioritize their emotional and physical well-being.

Grand Welcome for New Moon Award Laureate

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



New Bowenpally witnessed grand celebrations as devotees and residents came together to honour Sri Devi Nallapochamma, recipient of the prestigious New Moon Award, with special pujas and a large-scale Annadana programme at Bapujinagar.The event, organised by the Kattamaisamma Temple Committee, Chinnathokatta, attracted hundreds of devotees and prominent guests, including Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh, former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, and Human Foundation founder Prakash Bhatia. The dignitaries offered prayers for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of the constituency while interacting with local residents.

The celebrations were supported by senior community leaders and temple committee members, including Muppidi Madhukar, Ajith, Narasimha, Durgayya, Prem Mudiraj, Rama Rao, Kranthi, Arun Yadav, and Vittal Rao, who ensured the smooth conduct of the programme.

Madhapur Mehfil Introduces Live Kitchen Screens After Food Safety Inspection



Mehfil Restaurant in Madhapur has introduced live kitchen screens to boost transparency and rebuild customer confidence following a recent Food Safety inspection.The restaurant has installed CCTV cameras in its kitchen and storage areas, enabling customers to watch the live food preparation process on LED screens inside the dining hall.During the June 27 inspection, officials found hygiene violations, including an unhygienic kitchen and improper food handling. The restaurant scored 68 out of 102 in the hygiene assessment and was issued an improvement notice.Food Safety officials said inspections across Cyberabad will continue to ensure restaurants comply with hygiene and food safety standards.

Traffic Police Penalise Damaged Number Plates, But Vehicles Without Registration Plates Continue to Ply on City Roads

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The Hyderabad Traffic Police have been conducting special enforcement drives and issuing challans to motorists for damaged, altered, or improperly displayed registration number plates. However, commuters have raised concerns that some vehicles are still being seen on city roads without any visible registration number plates at all.On the busy Mettuguda–Habsiguda stretch, a few vehicles, including a white Mahindra Bolero-type jeep, were observed with no visible rear registration number plate. Such vehicles make it difficult for enforcement agencies to identify offenders involved in traffic violations, accidents, or other offences.Citizens have questioned how vehicles without registration number plates are able to move freely despite regular traffic enforcement. They have urged the Hyderabad Traffic Police and the Transport Department to strengthen inspections and ensure that all vehicles display valid registration number plates in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Act.

Road safety activists say strict and uniform enforcement against all registration plate violations—whether damaged, obscured, or completely missing—is essential to improve accountability and public safety.

AIDWA Demands Urgent Action to Improve Facilities at Government Girls' High School

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The All India Democratic Women's Association (AIDWA) has urged the Telangana government to immediately address critical infrastructure and welfare issues at the Government Girls' High School in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district headquarters. During a visit to the school on Tuesday, AIDWA District Secretary Battupalli Anuradha interacted with the Headmistress and reviewed the problems affecting students.Speaking to the media, Anuradha said school uniforms have not been distributed even after more than a month since the reopening of schools. She also pointed to the absence of a library, science laboratory, and a vocational teacher, rendering vocational education ineffective despite available equipment.She alleged that sanitary napkins have not been supplied to girl students for the past three years. Infrastructure issues include a shortage of benches, forcing Class VI students to sit on the floor, damaged classroom roofs causing rainwater leakage, inadequate classrooms leading to classes being held in verandahs, unsafe drinking water, and an unpainted, deteriorating school building.

SCR Conducts School Competitions On Hi-Tec City Amrit Station



Ahead of the inauguration of the refurbished Hitec City, the South Central Railway (SRC) organised essay writing, drawing and painting competitions competition for students from Classes 8 to 10 at six schools. The topic was: “How will a developed railway station in my city look like?” and “What will I do to help build a developed India?”. SCR said 292 students participated. Three winners will be selected in each of the competitions — essay writing, drawing and painting — from each school. A total of 36 students will receive prizes during the inaugural programme of the station on Friday.

Taj Banjara Demolition Begins

Hyderabad’s iconic lakeside luxury hotel to make way for a high-rise real estate redevelopment in Banjara Hills

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The demolition of Hyderabad's iconic Taj Banjara Hotel is progressing rapidly in Banjara Hills, bringing an end to one of the city's most recognized hospitality landmarks. The lakeside property, which remained a symbol of luxury for nearly four decades, is being cleared to pave the way for a major real estate redevelopment.Demolition work commenced towards the end of April and has now entered the structural dismantling phase. With the hotel's outer walls being brought down, the transformation has become clearly visible from outside. According to officials associated with the demolition, the process began with the careful removal of reusable materials before the main



structure was taken apart.Workers first dismantled doors, windows, electrical wiring, wooden interiors, iron fixtures and other salvageable components. Only after the building was completely stripped from within did the demolition of the concrete structure begin. The entire demolition exercise is expected to take another four months, after which excavation work for the new development will commence.Sources familiar with the project said a high-rise tower of around 40 floors is proposed for the site, although the developer has not yet made an official announcement regarding the project.Spread across approximately 3.4 acres overlooking the scenic Banjara Lake, Taj Banjara was among Hyderabad's earliest luxury hotels. Initially managed by the ITC Group until 1986, the property was later operated by Taj GVK Hotels for nearly 40 years. Hotel operations came to an end in 2023 after the lease expired.Last year, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) temporarily sealed the hotel over pending property tax dues amounting to nearly ₹1.43 crore. The property was reopened after a portion of the outstanding dues was cleared.

The landmark property has since been acquired by Auro Realty, formerly known as the Aurobindo Group, for approximately ₹315 crore. The company has been expanding its presence across Hyderabad with several premium residential and mixed-use developments. Though official plans for the Banjara Hills property are yet to be revealed, industry sources expect the site to become another prominent high-rise development in the city's rapidly evolving skyline..

Government School in Matoor Strengthens Digital Learning with Appointment of Computer Instructor

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In a significant boost to digital education, Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS), Matoor, has appointed a Computer Instructor to provide computer education to students three days a week during the current academic year.The initiative became possible following the remarkable success of the Badi Bata enrolment drive, which witnessed a substantial increase in student admissions as several parents shifted their children from private schools to the local government high school.According to the school authorities, the Computer Instructor has been sponsored entirely at the expense of a supporting organization, reflecting growing confidence in the school's progress and



academic standards.The Headmaster and staff attributed this achievement to the collective efforts of Village Sarpanch Janne Siddulu, AAPC Chairperson Sudagani Babitha, public representatives, school well-wisher Tummala Keerthi Vardhan Reddy, village youth, parents, and the dedicated teaching staff, whose coordinated efforts made the enrolment campaign a success.Expressing gratitude, the Headmaster and staff thanked everyone who contributed to increasing the school's strength and appealed for continued public support to further improve the quality of education and provide better learning opportunities for students."The increase in student enrolment has opened new avenues for improving educational facilities. We sincerely thank every individual who stood by the school and supported this noble cause," the Headmaster and staff stated.

Bhadrachalam Rally Seeks SC Roster Justice

Thousands seek immediate correction in SC sub-classification implementation, alleging loss of education and employment opportunities

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Thousands of people participated in the Malala Maha Rally at Bhadrachalam on Sunday, demanding immediate corrections to the roster points system following the implementation of Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-classification. The rally, organized by members of the Mala community and other SC sub-castes, began at the Godavari Bridge and concluded at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Statue, where a large public meeting, the Malala Sabha, was held.

Telangana Labour Minister Vivek Venkataswamy, who attended the event as the chief guest, assured the gathering that their concerns would be taken up with the state government. Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkatarao also participated in the programme, expressing support for the community's demand for a fair and transparent implementation of the reservation system.

Addressing the gathering, community leaders alleged that the present



roster point allocation has adversely affected 26 SC sub-castes, including the Mala community, by reducing their access to educational admissions and government employment opportunities. They claimed that flaws in the implementation process have created serious disparities despite the objective of ensuring equitable representation.

Speakers further alleged that the present system does not fully adhere to the guidelines laid down by the Supreme Court and that the recommendations of the Shamim Akhtar Committee were not adequately considered while framing the roster mechanism. They also claimed that only about 35,000 members of the Mala community have secured government jobs, leaving their effective reservation share below five percent.

Community representatives urged the government to immediately review the existing roster points and introduce necessary corrections to ensure justice for all affected sub-castes. They warned that unless the anomalies are addressed, thousands of students and job aspirants could lose valuable educational and employment opportunities.

Prominent leaders including Gopoju Ramesh Babu, D. Sarvayya, Erra Malla Ramulu, Palla Rajasekhar, Lingala Ravikumar, Pal Raj Satyam, Pula Ravinder, and Koppula Rama Rao participated in the rally.The programme concluded with participants raising slogans of "Jai Bheem" and "Jai Mala," while expressing hope that the state government would act on the Minister's assurance and resolve the roster point issue at the earliest.

TPUS Teachers Hold Dharna

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Teachers affiliated with the Telangana Prantha Upadhyaya Sangham (TPUS) staged a district-level dharna in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri on Tuesday, demanding the immediate resolution of long-pending issues concerning teachers, employees, and pensioners.

The protest was organised as part of the statewide agitation launched by the teachers' association to press the Telangana Government to address their pending de-



mands.

The protesters raised slogans and held placards, urging the government to immediately implement the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), release pending Dearness Allowances (DAs) and other financial dues, restore the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) by abolishing the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), fill all vacant teacher posts, strengthen the government education system, and resolve teachers' service-related issues.Speaking at the dharna, TPUS leaders said teachers have repeatedly submitted representations to the government, but no concrete action has been taken. They urged the government to initiate discussions with teachers' organisations and implement their genuine demands without further delay.

Osmania University to Hold 85th Convocation in September 2026



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Osmania University has officially announced that its 85th Convocation will be held during the second week of September 2026 at the Tagore Auditorium, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad.The decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by Osmania University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Kumar Molugaram, attended by university officials and members of the Convocation Committee. Preparations for the prestigious academic event were reviewed, and various arrangements were discussed to ensure the smooth conduct of the ceremony.The 85th Convocation will honour the academic achievements of undergraduate, postgraduate, Ph.D. scholars, and gold medal recipients, recognising their dedication and excellence. The event marks another significant milestone in the university's rich academic legacy spanning over a century.University authorities stated that detailed registration guidelines, eligibility criteria, and the official convocation notification will be released shortly. Eligible students have been advised to regularly check the university's official communications for further updates.The annual convocation is one of Osmania University's most prestigious academic events, bringing together graduates, faculty members, distinguished guests, and parents to celebrate academic excellence and the achievements of the graduating class.

Free Women's Tailoring Training at SBI RSETI; Applications Invited Till July 30

HYDERABAD
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The State Bank Rural Self Employment Training Institute (SBI RSETI), Sangareddy, has invited applications from unemployed rural women for its free Women's Tailoring Training Programme, aimed at promoting self-employment and entrepreneurship among rural women.SBI RSETI Director M. Rajesh Kumar stated that the residential training programme is open to women between 19 and 45 years of age. Applicants should be able to read and write Telugu and must possess a Telangana Aadhaar Card, four passport-size photographs, and other required documents.The last date for submission of applications is July 30. Interested candidates can obtain further details and register by contacting 94901 03390.

The training programme is completely free of cost, with boarding and lodging facilities provided to all selected participants. The initiative is intended to help women acquire professional tailoring skills, encouraging them to establish self-employment ventures, improve their livelihoods, and achieve financial independence.

SBI RSETI Invites Applications for Free Women's Tailoring Training in Sangareddy

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Interested candidates can obtain additional information and complete the registration process by contacting SBI RSETI on 94901 03390 before the application deadline. Eligible women are encouraged to apply at the earliest to secure admission into the free residential training programme.

Tributes Paid to Social Reformer Sunkari Yadagiri on 10th Vardhanthi

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Floral tributes were paid to Late Sri Sunkari Yadagiri Garu on his 10th Vardhanthi in Jangaon, where family members, social workers, colleagues and well-wishers gathered to honour his extraordinary contribution to society. The occasion served as a reminder of his unwavering commitment to public service and the welfare of the underprivileged.Sri Ya-



dagiri dedicated his life to uplifting economically weaker sections through the then CROSS Society (NGO), implementing several welfare initiatives that transformed countless lives. A firm believer in women's empowerment, he played a pivotal role in establishing Rudrama Devi Mahila Bank, which has grown into a successful financial institution benefiting thousands of women. He also spearheaded Rudrama Mahila MACS, creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for rural women through self-help groups.His vision further led to the establishment of Rudrama Old Age Home with the support of Sri Konati Reddy Rajagopal Reddy Garu in memory of his mother. The home now provides care and shelter to nearly 100 elderly residents.Paying tribute, social worker and former Rudrama MACS CEO Sri Laxman Thalka said that although a decade has passed since Yadagiri Garu's demise, his ideals, compassion and dedication to humanity continue to inspire present and future generations.

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.

Trump, Netanyahu, Meloni Among 13 World Leaders Featured On Iran's Revenge List

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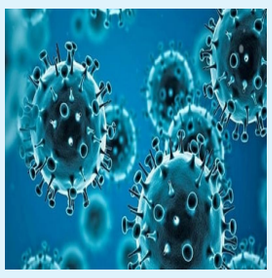
Iranian Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei's first public address after his father's funeral comes with a "revenge list", naming 13 world leaders after the death of the country's late supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The online "revenge list", published late on Saturday by Hamshahri, a national Iranian daily newspaper, names 13 foreign leaders whom it portrays as targets following Khamenei's death. This publication coincided with the first public message from his son and successor, Mojtaba Khamenei, since his father's six-day funeral procession last week. The graphic layout depicts US President Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu with sniper-style crosshair targets superimposed on their foreheads.

Beneath them are 11 other leaders shown wearing orange prison uniforms, including British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, US Central Command Commander Brad Cooper, US Ambassador to Israel Mike Huckabee, Israel Defense Forces Chief of Staff Eyal Zamir, and Israeli Foreign Minister Gideon Saar.In his statement, Mojtaba Khamenei said, "Vengeance is the will of our nation and must inevitably be carried out."

He added, "These criminals, whose names appear on a list, will take to their graves the wish of a peaceful death in their beds."Despite the release of the graphic, there was no indication that the list had been officially endorsed by Tehran. Furthermore, Mojtaba Khamenei did not identify the specific individuals he believed were responsible for his father's demise. The successor has not been seen in public since before the outbreak of hostilities and was reported to have suffered injuries in the same strike that killed Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on 28 February.This publication emerged as several US media outlets reported this week that Iran had planned to assassinate Trump. According to CNN, US officials had been monitoring what it described as a "steady drumbeat" of intelligence about possible threats to Trump.Citing unnamed sources familiar with the intelligence, the broadcaster reported that Israel had shared intelligence with Washington regarding a "specific" assassination plot targeting the US president.

Long Covid May Involve Injury to Dopamine-producing Neurons in Brain: Study

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A new study has put forth the strongest evidence to date that long COVID, in which neurological symptoms of COVID-19 such as brain fog and fatigue persist beyond the acute infection period, could be associated with an injury to dopamine-releasing neurons in the brain. The finding, published in the journal eBioMedicine, may explain symptoms such as lack of motivation due to fatigue, slowed movement, and memory difficulties, and could open the door to new treatment strategies, researchers said.

Researchers, led by those at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Canada, used positron emission tomography (PET) brain imaging to measure a well-established marker of dopamine neuron integrity in 24 people with long COVID and 43 healthy individuals.

Compared to healthy individuals, people with long COVID showed significantly lower levels of the imaging marker, indicating a reduced dopamine nerve endings density, across all major regions of the striatum -- the brain structure that plays a central role in motivation, movement and thinking.

Lower levels of the markers in the ventral striatum were specifically associated with a greater loss of motivation, while marker reductions in the dorsal putamen were associated with a slowed movement speed, and a marker loss in the caudate putamen was linked to memory difficulties. The study represents a notable shift in how long COVID may be understood and treated, the researchers said. Previous studies predominantly focused on brain inflammation and immune changes that occur during long COVID, with almost no clinical trials targeting the dopamine-releasing neurons, they added.

"These results indicate that long COVID is, at least in part, a disorder of the brain's dopamine system," senior author Dr Jeffrey Meyer, senior scientist at the Brain Health Imaging Centre, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, said.

"This suggests that repurposing medications that augment the function of dopamine-releasing neurons, including dopamine precursors and inhibitors of dopamine metabolism, could be a promising approach," Dr Meyer said.The authors wrote: "Loss of dopamine nerve terminals may be contributing to symptom correlates of apathy, motor slowing.

No Truth In Reports On India Rejected Trade Agreement With US: Piyush Goyal

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Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on Monday dismissed reports suggesting that India had refused to move ahead with a trade agreement with the United States, calling them "completely false, baseless and misleading." He reaffirmed that both countries remain fully engaged in negotiations aimed at concluding a balanced and commercially meaningful trade pact.Goyal's clarification came after media reports claimed that India had rejected a quick interim trade agreement with Washington and was holding out for more favourable terms. A Reuters report, citing officials and analysts, suggested that New Delhi was reluctant to compromise on sensitive sectors, particularly agriculture, and had opted against a fast-tracked deal.Rejecting these claims, Goyal said India and the US continue to work closely toward an agreement that benefits businesses, farmers, workers and consumers in both countries. Referring to his meeting with US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer last month, the minister said both sides had reaffirmed their commitment to achieving a balanced trade agreement."Our teams remain fully engaged in achieving this objective," Goyal said in a post on X, emphasizing that negotiations are progressing in a structured and constructive manner.Echoing the minister's remarks, Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agarwal also denied that there were any hurdles in the ongoing negotiations. He stated that India sees no challenges in concluding the trade agreement and both sides are prepared to sign the pact when the timing is appropriate."We don't see any challenge in India-US trade deal negotiations. The discussions are moving forward within an agreed framework and engagement between the two sides has been regular," Agarwal told reporters.The Commerce Secretary highlighted the steady pace of negotiations, noting that the Indian delegation visited the US in May, followed by a visit by the American team to India in June. He added that discussions have continued under the agreed framework and are progressing positively.On the broader trade environment, Agarwal said developments related to tariffs imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA) are also being addressed through ongoing consultations. India, he said, remains an active participant in these discussions alongside other countries.Agarwal stressed that the groundwork for the proposed India-US trade framework has largely been completed and that trade between the two countries continues to remain robust despite global economic uncertainties. He said the framework agreement is ready, negotiations are advancing smoothly, and both nations are awaiting the appropriate time to formally sign the deal.

10 Indians Rescued, One Missing After Vessel Attacked Off Oman

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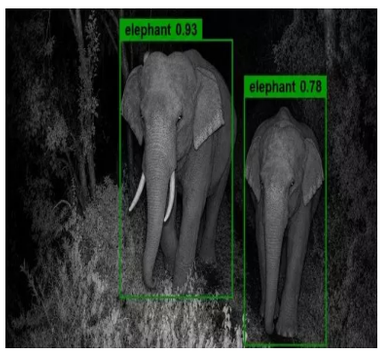
India said on Sunday that 11 of its nationals were on a vessel that was struck in waters east of Oman as Iran and the United States traded fresh fire. "Of the 11 Indian nationals on board, 10 have been rescued so far, while one Indian national is reportedly missing," the Indian foreign ministry said 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.

Chhattisgarh's Udanti-Sitanadi Becomes India's First Tiger Reserve To Deploy AI Smart Surveillance

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The state forest department has launched a pilot project deploying an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-based smart surveillance system in the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve (USTR) in Chhattisgarh as a significant technological initiative in wildlife conservation and forest protection. Under the project, P2P (Point to Point) modules and trolley-mounted cameras installed on towers approximately 70-80 ft high will be used to conduct real-time monitoring of wildlife movements and illegal activities in remote and inaccessible forest areas of the reserve.

The trial of the pilot project was successfully done on Monday, a forest officer said. The USTR is the first tiger reserve in the country where the AI-based smart surveillance system was deployed for conservation of the wildlife and protection of the forest, the deputy director of the USTR Varun Kumar Jain told this newspaper. "The project is being initially implemented in strategically important ranges adjoining the Odisha border, namely Kulhadighat Range, Indagon Range, Risagaon Range, South Udanti Range, and Payalikhand North Udanti Range. These areas comprise dense forests and rugged plateaus and serve as critical movement corridors for elephants and other wildlife species. They are also considered vulnerable to narcotics trafficking, illegal wildlife trade, timber smuggling and encroachment", Mr. Jain said.

The AI-enabled cameras will automatically identify key wildlife species such as Asian elephants, tigers, leopards, and sloth bears. In addition, the system will detect human activities involving poachers, illegal intruders, timber smugglers, and encroachers. The significant feature of the system is that the surveillance units are fully portable and can be deployed at any location as required. Whenever a wild animal or a suspicious person is detected, the system.

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However, on July 6, the land was allegedly fraudulently registered in the names of Vellaidurai and Sethupathi for Rs. 2 crore using forged documents, despite its estimated value of Rs. 100 crore. The Palani temple's Joint Commissioner Marimuthu subsequently submitted a report to the Inspector General of Registration seeking cancellation of the registration.

In connection with the alleged fraud, Sub-Registrar Justin Manikandan has been suspended. Officials said Justin Manikandan, who is otherwise posted as the Sub-Registrar at Kodaikanal, had served as the Palani Sub-Registrar for just one day, during which the disputed registration was carried out, raising further concerns over the alleged fraud.

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Under the order, the state will suspend permitting for new large data centres while regulators work to establish standards covering environmental impact, energy consumption, water usage, and related concerns, according to the governor's office.

The tech industry and its supporters contend that restricting data centre construction threatens local job creation and risks ceding AI leadership to China. But the public opinion, regardless of whether they support the Republican party or Democrats, have been growing against data centers. A Gallup survey released in May 2026 shows 71% of Americans are somewhat or strongly opposed to the building of AI data centers in their area, mostly out of concern for their environmental impact and possible job opportunities.

While economic benefits is the most cited reason for supporting data centers, opponents have more varied reasons for their position: air, water, health and use of natural resources. Many also expressed concerns such as possible increase in "utility bills, cost-of-living increases, and the cost of building the data centers (which could involve the use of taxpayer funds)." The survey also found out that women (55%) are also more likely than men (43%) to register strong opposition to data center construction.

Byju's Founder.....

The rejection marks the latest setback for Raveendran, a former teacher who founded online tutor Think & Learn Pvt, widely known as Byju's. The company turned him into a billionaire and made him one of the major success stories among a wave of Indian startups, but it later collapsed following a rapid expansion and alleged corporate governance lapses. "Mr. Raveendran maintains that he did not breach any court order, intentionally or otherwise, and will continue to pursue every lawful remedy through the proper legal process," J. Michael McNutt, a lawyer at Lazareff Le Bars, said in the statement.

A Singapore High Court spokesperson didn't immediately respond to a request for comment. Raveendran is facing claims from foreign investors around the world, including in the US where lenders are fighting to claw back losses from a $1.2 billion loan that soured. In Singapore courts, Raveendran is being pursued by a subsidiary of the sovereign wealth fund Qatar Investment Authority, which participated in a funding round for the tech firm as it was cutting jobs and laying off staff. QIA said in a statement it welcomes the latest ruling and will continue to pursue all legal remedies against Raveendran.

Revanth Leaves.....

In the original address, Modi had said: "Doodh Australia wala aata hai, lekin chai Bharat wali banti hai. Daal, sabziyaan Australia ki hain, lekin unmein tadka desi masalon ka hi lagta hai," drawing a parallel between Australian ingredients and Indian flavours.

In a follow-up video, the creator revealed that the viral clip was inspired by his earlier reel about Australian milk, saying he decided to pair it with PM Modi's speech after noticing how well the words matched the visuals. He said he recreated the Prime Minister's expressions and gestures to make the video more authentic.

Adding a humorous touch, he captioned the original reel, "Modiji mere baare mein itna kaise jante hain?" ("How does Modi ji know so much about me?"). The reel has since amassed more than 13 million views, over 700,000 likes and thousands of comments .

CRIME

Telangana HC Directs CID Probe Into 74-Acre Land Encroachment in Injapur Village

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The Telangana High Court on Monday ordered a Criminal Investigation Department (CID) probe into the alleged encroachment of more than 74 acres of government land in Survey No 126 of Injapur of Rangareddy district, that was notified as a lake. The court also directed the revenue department to take action against officials whose laxity led to the encroachment. The court directed the CID to conduct the inquiry in three months into the involvement of all officials concerned as well as private individuals in relation to encroachment of the land.

Justice Nagesh Bheemapaka issued the order while disposing of a writ petition filed by Chandra Mohan Reddy Somi Reddy, who sought action on his representation alleging illegal occupation of government land, fraudulent land transactions and official inaction. Further, Justice Bheemapaka directed the principal secretary, revenue, to take immediate action against persons responsible for not preventing the encroachments, particularly the officers at mandal level such as the tahsildar and the grama palana officer, the first-level government servants responsible to prevent and recover encroached land, and file a comprehensive report within four weeks.

The court expressed dismay at how the revenue officials had ignored the encroachments in the entire extent of land with multistorey buildings coming up, when revenue records and the Rangareddy district collector's own counter affidavit confirmed that Survey No. 126, measuring 74.16 acres was recorded as "sarkari" land and notified as 'Jilavarkhan Cheruvu" a water body. The court faulted the authorities for failing to explain the legal basis for such occupations or identify the authorities responsible for permitting them. The judge said it was nothing but revenue authorities sailing with the miscreants or encroachers by ignoring their statutory duty of protecting public or government land.

The bench expressed serious concern that the authorities had failed to provide any details regarding alienation, assignment, transfer or lawful authorisation for the occupation of government land by various institutions, residential colonies, roads, buildings and other structures.

Teen Dies by Suicide After Alleged Family Dispute in Gachibowli

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A 15-year-old boy allegedly died by suicide following a family dispute in Vaddera Basti, Gachibowli, under the Raidurgam Police Station limits.According to police, the boy, Mohan, was distressed by frequent quarrels between his parents. On the night of July 11, his father, who allegedly returned home intoxicated, got into an argument with his wife. Mohan reportedly intervened and requested them to stop fighting. During the altercation, his father allegedly pushed him away.Deeply upset by the incident, Mohan went to his grandmother's house and allegedly died by suicide. The incident has left the family and local residents in shock.Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

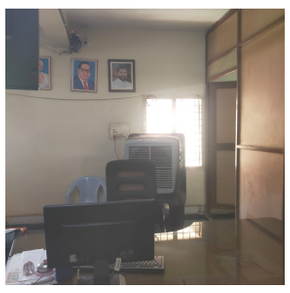
The Rangareddy district Fast-Track Special Court on Monday sentenced Shadnagar Arun, an autorickshaw driver from Hanuman Nagar Colony, Rajendranagar, to 20 years' rigorous imprisonment for abducting and sexually assaulting a minor.
The court also imposed a fine of ₹8,000 and directed payment of ₹3 lakh 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.

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

A 19-year-old youth allegedly died by suicide at his residence in BJR Nagar, Ambedkar Nagar, Kapra, on Sunday night. According to the police, the deceased, Lingala Ganesh, was alone at home after his parents had gone to their native village in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, while his siblings were staying at a relative's house. When Ganesh did not respond to phone calls during the night, the family assumed he was asleep. On Monday morning, the victim's father, Lingala Ramulu, was informed by his elder son that Ganesh had allegedly hanged himself.

Absence of Permanent Sub-Registrar Delays Registration Services in Kapra

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The continued absence of a permanent Sub-Registrar at the Kapra Sub-Registrar's Office has led to delays in registration services, causing inconvenience to the public.
The office has reportedly been functioning under an In-Charge Sub-Registrar for several months following the leave of the previous officer. Residents and document writers alleged that the increasing number of property registrations has resulted in a backlog of pending files, with applicants forced to make repeated visits for routine registration work. They claimed that delays in document verification and processing have affected the timely delivery of services. Local residents said representations have been submitted to the District Collector and senior officials seeking the appointment of a regular Sub-Registrar, but no action has been taken so far. They urged the State Government and the Department of Stamps and Registration to immediately appoint a permanent Sub-Registrar to improve administrative efficiency, clear pending registrations, and ensure transparent and timely public services.

Rajendranagar Traffic Police Train School Bus Staff on Student Safety

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As part of the efforts to strengthen road safety for school children, the Rajendranagar traffic police in coordination with the traffic training institute (TTI), Goshamahal conducted a traffic awareness programme for school bus drivers and ayahs (vehicle assistants) at Sri Vidyaranya international school, Bandlaguda, on Tuesday. Around 50 members of the school's transport staff participated in the programme, which focused on safe driving practices, traffic regulations and child safety during school transportation.

Rajendrangar traffic police inspector C. H. Raju explained the importance of mandatory, warning and informative traffic signs, road markings and adherence to traffic rules. Participants were also trained on the proper use of rear-view mirrors, safe overtaking practices and precautions to be followed while driving school buses. Head constable Venu Gopal from TTI, addressed the participants. Sri Vidyaranya international school principal Ramaviswanadhan and traffic police personnel also attended the programme.

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.



Heritage Gives Us Our Roots, Innovation Keeps Us Moving Forward

As Cathay Pacific marks 80 years, Regional General Manager Rakesh Raicar reflects on the airline's journey, why India remains central to its growth strategy, and how investing in customer experience, technology and people will define its next chapter.

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As Cathay Pacific celebrates its 80th anniversary, the airline is looking ahead with a strategy that combines its legacy with fresh investments in customer experience, technology and network expansion.

For Rakesh Raicar, Regional General Manager, South Asia, Middle East and Africa (SAMEA), the milestone is about understanding what has consistently driven the airline's success.

"The biggest lesson for me is that we have never achieved anything alone. We have grown alongside Hong Kong, we have grown alongside our customers, and we have grown alongside our people," Raicar says. He points to the anniversary theme, '80 Years and Together', as a reflection of that philosophy. "Our success has always been built together on relationships and shared ambition."

While aviation continues to evolve through technology and changing traveller expectations, he believes the fundamentals remain unchanged. "Technology will definitely evolve and customer expectations will continue to change. But the importance of connecting people and building these meaningful relationships will not change. That's why we continue to invest in our products, services and digital capabilities while keeping people at the heart of everything we do."

The anniversary has also brought back memories through the return of Cathay Pacific's vintage 'lettuce leaf' livery, a design Raicar associates with his own early years at the airline. "I joined during that time, and that livery brings back wonderful memories for many customers, aviation enthusiasts and even our own people," he says. At the same time, he believes the airline's anniversary art livery represents the company it has become today. "It reflects a much more contemporary, modern side of Cathay and Hong Kong. It says we are creative, progressive, and connected to the world. Heritage gives us our roots, but innovation is what keeps us moving forward."

That balance between tradition and change is also reflected in Cathay Pacific's investment of more than HK$100 billion in enhancing customer experience. While much of the attention has focused on new aircraft cabins and premium products, Raicar says the larger objective is to improve every stage of travel. "When people hear about our investment, they often think about aircraft or seats. Those are important, but the bigger change is really the overall experience," he says, adding, "Whether you are booking a trip, spending time in one of our lounges or flying long haul, everything should feel more intuitive, more comfortable and more personalised. Ultimately, we are investing in making every part of the journey better."Having spent over three decades with Cathay Pacific across multiple international markets, Raicar has witnessed a significant shift in customer expectations. While safety, reliability, and service remain non-negotiable, travellers today demand far more from an airline.

Sensex, Nifty Fall in Early Trade as Oil Prices Surge on West Asia Tensions

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Market benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined in early trade on Tuesday dragged by a sharp rally in crude oil prices due to the renewed flare-up in West Asia. Fresh foreign fund outflows and a weak trend in global peers also put pressure on the markets. The 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 552.99 points to 77,063.41 in early trade. The 50-share NSE Nifty declined 160.45 points to 24,050.55. From the Sensex pack, InterGlobe Aviation, HCL Tech, Bajaj Finance, Mahindra & Mahindra, UltraTech Cement and Larsen & Toubro were the biggest laggards.



Bharti Airtel, Tata Consultancy Services, Adani Ports and Tata Steel were among the winners. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, quoted 1.63 per cent higher at USD 84.60 per barrel. "There are some headwinds blowing again which might impact the Indian market in the near-term. The escalation of US-Iran conflict has pushed Brent crude to USD 84. If this spike continues it will again start impacting India's macros," VK Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

In Asian markets, South Korea's Kospi traded 3.71 per cent lower. Japan's Nikkei 225 index, Shanghai's SSE Composite index and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index were also quoting lower. US markets ended in negative territory on Monday. Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) offloaded equities worth Rs 3,062.27 crore on Monday, according to exchange data. On Monday, the Sensex went up by 47.01 points, or 0.06 per cent, to settle at 77,616.40. The Nifty eked out a marginal gain of 4.10 points, or 0.02 per cent, to end at 24,211.

Asian Markets Fall, Oil Prices Rise as Middle East Conflict Escalates

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Asian stock markets declined on Tuesday as escalating tensions in the Middle East pushed global oil prices higher, while investors also remained cautious over the outlook for artificial intelligence (AI) stocks despite strong technology demand.

Brent crude oil rose above $84 per barrel after jumping nearly 10% in the previous session, while U.S. benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude climbed 1.4% to $79.20 per barrel. Although crude prices remain below the wartime highs of nearly $120 per barrel seen in previous conflicts, concerns over global oil supplies have intensified following fresh military action in the region.

The latest surge in oil prices comes after the United States launched additional strikes on Iran, while both Washington and Tehran claimed control over the strategically significant Strait of Hormuz. The narrow waterway is one of the world's busiest oil shipping routes, carrying a substantial share of global crude exports. Disruptions to tanker traffic through the strait have raised fears of tighter supplies, leading to higher fuel prices and increasing inflationary pressures worldwide.

Investor sentiment weakened across Asian markets. Japan's Nikkei 225 fell 1%, South Korea's



Kospi dropped 3.2%, and China's Shanghai Composite declined 0.8%. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 also slipped 0.5%, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index managed to edge up 0.1%, supported by selective buying.

Despite the cautious mood, China reported a robust 27% year-on-year increase in exports for June, driven largely by strong global demand for semiconductors and AI-related technology products. However, the positive economic data failed to lift broader market sentiment as investors worried that AI-related stock valuations had become excessively high.

Wall Street also closed lower overnight, with technology stocks leading the decline. The S&P 500 fell 0.8%, the Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped 0.3%, and the Nasdaq Composite dropped 1.6%. Chipmakers were among the biggest losers, with Nvidia falling 3.5% and Micron Technology losing 4.4%. Investors are increasingly questioning whether the rapid expansion of AI can generate enough profits to justify the sector's sharp stock market rally.

Market participants are now closely watching the U.S. earnings season, as major financial institutions including JPMorgan Chase, Bank of America, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs and Wells Fargo are set to announce their quarterly results. According to FactSet, companies in the S&P 500 are expected to post an average earnings growth of 23.6% compared to the same period last year.

Analysts warn that if oil prices continue to rise, inflation could accelerate again, prompting the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks to maintain higher interest rates for longer. Elevated borrowing costs could slow economic growth, reduce consumer spending, and weigh on global equity markets in the months.

Gold, Silver Prices Jump in Futures Trade on Fresh Buying



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Gold and silver prices extended their gains in futures trade on Tuesday, driven by fresh buying from traders, strong domestic demand, and positive trends in global markets.On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold contracts for August delivery climbed Rs 1,303, or 0.93 per cent, to Rs 1,41,612 per 10 grams. The contract recorded a business turnover of 1,095 lots. Market analysts said investors created fresh positions amid firm spot demand, supporting the upward movement in prices.Internationally, gold futures also traded higher, rising 0.70 per cent to USD 4,030.57 per ounce in New York. The positive global sentiment further strengthened domestic bullion prices.Silver too witnessed robust buying interest in the futures market. The July delivery contract on the MCX surged Rs 2,946, or 1.35 per cent, to Rs 2,20,664 per kilogram, with a business turnover of 1,422 lots.

Analysts attributed the rally to fresh buying by market participants and sustained strength in overseas markets.In the global market, Comex silver futures advanced 0.86 per cent to USD 58.15 per ounce, reflecting continued investor interest in precious metals.The gains in both gold and silver indicate renewed confidence among investors, with strong physical demand and favourable international market trends providing support to bullion prices. Market participants will continue to monitor global economic developments and currency movements for further direction in precious metal prices.

500+ School Leaders Unite for Fire Safety Drive to Make Telangana Schools Safer

Fire Department and Basic Elements launch statewide awareness drive, urging schools to strengthen preparedness, adopt smart technology, and protect students.

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Chief Guest Sri Vikram Singh Mann, IPS, Director General, Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence Department; lighting the lamp at the inauguration of the Fire Safety Awareness Programme for School Managements is organised by Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence Department in association with Basic Elements, today at Ravindra Bharathi, Lakdikapool. Sri S N Reddy, State President, TRSMA; Sri Yadaiah, DEO, Hyderabad; and Sri Prasad Nishtala, Founder Director & CEO, Basic Elements; look on.

More than 500 school owners, correspondents, principals and senior administrators from across Telangana participated in a statewide Fire Safety Awareness Programme held at Ravindra Bharathi in Hyderabad on Tuesday, reaffirming their commitment to making educational institutions safer for children. The initiative was jointly organised by the Telangana Fire, Disaster Response, Emergency & Civil Defence Department and Basic Elements.

The programme was inaugurated by Director General of Telangana Fire Services, Vikram Singh Mann, IPS, who stressed that fire safety is a shared responsibility and not merely a statutory obligation. He urged every school management to conduct regular safety audits, improve emergency preparedness and ensure strict compliance with fire safety norms to prevent tragedies.

Highlighting the importance of awareness, Mann said schools should become the safest places for children and called upon managements to review their existing safety measures after returning from the programme. He also directed that fire safety awareness should be extended to every school and parent across the State.

The awareness initiative gained significance in the backdrop of several fatal fire accidents reported in educational institutions across the country. Organisers said the programme was aimed at encouraging preventive measures, strengthening evacuation planning and promoting disaster preparedness at the beginning of the new academic year.

Basic Elements Founder Director and CEO Prasad Nishtala said technology can play a crucial role in preventing disasters before they occur.

During the event, the company launched FIoT, a first-of-its-kind smart IoT-based fire monitoring solution in India designed for schools and other independent establishments. The system provides instant alerts for smoke, heat, gas leaks and carbon monoxide through mobile devices, enabling quicker emergency response.

Nishtala also announced that Basic Elements would provide free fire safety training programmes to schools interested in strengthening their preparedness. Demonstrations of the FIoT system and other intelligent emergency communication products, including BE-PROMPT and IGNICOP, were conducted during the programme.

Speaking on the occasion, TRSMA State President S.N. Reddy said Telangana has nearly 12,000 schools, around 62 lakh students and about five lakh teaching and non-teaching staff, making school safety a top priority.

He urged institutions to strictly follow Supreme Court guidelines on fire safety and continue creating secure learning environments.

The organisers expressed confidence that the initiative would promote a culture of prevention and significantly improve fire safety standards in schools across Telangana.

Rupee Falls 48 Paise to 96.16 Against US Dollar on Rising Oil Prices

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The rupee depreciated 48 paise to 96.16 against the US dollar in early trade on Tuesday as heightened geopolitical uncertainty put pressure on most Asian currencies, including the rupee.Forex traders said the rupee came under pressure due to a combination of factors -- crude oil prices climbed on renewed geopolitical tensions, while demand for the US dollar increased as investors moved toward safe-haven assets.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.95 then lost ground and touched 96.16 registering a fall of 48 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee depreciated 30 paise to close at 95.68 against the US dollar. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 101.17, down 0.06 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 2.02 per cent at USD 84.98 per barrel in futures trade amid concerns over disruptions to supplies through the Strait of Hormuz.

India being a major oil importer, higher crude prices remain negative for the rupee," said Anil Kumar Bhansali, Head of Treasury and Executive Director Finrex Treasury Advisors LLP. Bhansali further said higher oil import costs have raised concerns about India's currency account and trade balance, weighing further on the currency.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex declined 0.42 per cent to 77,294.12 while the Nifty was down 0.64 per cent at 24,144.60. Foreign Institutional Investors on Monday offloaded equities worth Rs 3,062.27 crore in the domestic equity market, according to exchange data.

Ranveer Starrer Will Have a Danny Boyle Connection

Ranveer Singh's much-awaited zombie survival thriller Pralay is raising the bar for Indian cinema, with the makers now in talks to bring on board the internationally acclaimed prosthetic makeup artists behind Danny Boyle's cult Hollywood film 28 Days Later. The ambitious Rs 300-crore project is aiming for a highly realistic cinematic experience by focusing on practical effects instead of depending heavily on computer-generated imagery (CGI).

According to reports, the production team has approached renowned prosthetic makeup artists Lisa Crawley, Adrian Getley, Barrie Gower, and Kate Hill, all of whom have contributed to globally recognized horror and fantasy productions. Their expertise is expected to help create terrifyingly authentic zombie-infected characters, giving the film a unique visual identity rarely seen in Indian cinema.

The filmmakers are keen on using textured prosthetic makeup and



practical effects to make the infected look as lifelike and frightening as possible. While advanced visual effects will still play a crucial role, the emphasis will remain on practical makeup techniques that enhance realism and elevate the horror experience.

Pralay marks the feature directorial debut of Jai Mehta, son of acclaimed filmmaker Hansal Mehta. Jai previously co-directed the critically acclaimed web series Scam 1992 and Lootere. He has also co-written the screenplay with writer Vishal Kapoor, promising a gripping survival thriller with emotional depth and large-scale action.

The film is also assembling an impressive international technical crew. Several experienced Hollywood technicians, known for working on blockbuster productions, have joined the project to ensure world-class production quality. A major highlight of the film will be the recreation of a post-apocalyptic Mumbai, which will be achieved through cutting-edge visual effects and large-scale production design.

Principal photography is scheduled to begin in August, with a significant portion of the film set to be shot in Australia. The overseas schedule will allow the team to execute large-scale action sequences and visually complex scenes with international production support.

Ranveer Singh is expected to complete the first major shooting schedule before Diwali. After wrapping this phase, the actor will take a planned paternity break before returning to finish the remaining portions of the film. Production is expected to resume in 2027, following his leave.

With its massive budget, Hollywood collaboration, practical horror effects, and an ambitious vision, Pralay is shaping up to be one of the biggest and most technically advanced zombie films ever produced in Indian cinema. The film has already generated significant buzz and is expected to redefine the survival horror genre for Indian audiences.

Vijay Deverakonda Makes Fan Emotional at TG20 Cricket League Grand Finale



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Tollywood star Vijay Deverakonda has once again proved why he enjoys an immense fan following, not just for his films but also for his humble personality. A heartwarming video of the actor interacting with an emotional fan has taken social media by storm, earning widespread appreciation from netizens.

The viral clip captures a touching moment where a young, diehard fan breaks down in tears after finally meeting Vijay Deverakonda. Instead of rushing through the interaction, the actor patiently listens to the fan, speaks to him with warmth, and comforts him throughout the emotional exchange. His calm and compassionate demeanor has won hearts across the internet, with many calling it one of the most genuine celebrity-fan moments in recent times.

The video quickly spread across social media platforms, where fans praised Vijay for treating his admirer with kindness and respect. Many users commented that moments like these showcase the actor's grounded nature despite his massive stardom. Others remarked that some emotions cannot be described in words, highlighting the deep connection the actor shares with his fans.

Vijay Deverakonda is one of the biggest stars in Telugu cinema today and commands a loyal fan base across India and overseas. His approachable personality and frequent interactions with fans have contributed significantly to his popularity beyond the silver screen.

The emotional fan encounter happened shortly after Vijay attended the grand finale of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 Cricket League on July 12. Serving as the brand ambassador for the tournament, the actor inaugurated the final match by ringing the ceremonial opening bell at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad.

The championship clash saw Hyderabad E-Champions emerge victorious over Anvita Khammam Aces to lift the maiden TG20 League title. Vijay's presence added glamour to the event, drawing huge cheers from cricket lovers and his fans alike.

On the professional front, Vijay Deverakonda is gearing up for the release of his upcoming film Ranabaali, directed by Rahul Sankrityan.

Spain vs France: Battle For Ages in FIFA World Cup Semifinals

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France's exciting attack led by Kylian Mbappe takes on a technically accomplished Spain team in the first semi-final of the World Cup on early midnight Wednesday (12:30 AM kick-off). France have reached the past two World Cup finals, winning in 2018 in Russia and losing on penalties to Argentina four years ago in Qatar in an epic final despite a hat-trick from Kylian Mbappe. They are aiming to win the World Cup for a third time while Spain -- despite their rich footballing tradition -- have lifted the famous trophy just once, in South Africa in 2010.

Many observers believe this year's Spain squad have the quality to win the tournament and they have picked up speed since stumbling in a goalless draw against debutants Cape Verde -- but first they need to stop France's star-studded frontline, orchestrated by Mbappe. The Real Madrid forward has scored eight goals to lead the Golden Boot race alongside Lionel Messi and will give Spain's defenders a different challenge in Arlington, Texas.

France's roster of forwards also includes Ballon D'Or winner Ousmane Dembele and Michael Olise, the English-born forward whose pace and dribbling pull defences out of shape, allowing Mbappe the space to work his magic. Behind them, France can call on Paris Saint-Germain pair Bradley Barcola and Desire Doue, both capable of scoring.

Defeat to Messi's Argentina in the final in Doha four years ago was a bitter experience for France, and the desire for a rematch is strong -- if Messi can lead his team past England in their semi-final in Atlanta on Wednesday.

Adding to France's motivation, France coach Didier Deschamps is leaving after this tournament following 14 years in charge. Already part of the elite club to have won the World Cup as a player and a coach, Deschamps would dearly love to collect a third title. Deschamps, though, maintains that France -- beaten by Spain in their last two meetings -- will be the underdogs on Tuesday. "Forget about the first game against Cape Verde," Deschamps said of Spain's campaign.

In Lamine Yamal, who celebrated turning 19 on Monday by buying a chunky new necklace that he showed off to the media, Spain have the player who will likely succeed Messi and the far younger Mbappe as football's next superstar.

FIFA World Cup 2026 Semifinal Power Rankings

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s as the tournament favourites after an impressive run. Les Bleus have scored 16 goals while conceding only two, giving them the best goal difference in the competition. Led by Kylian Mbappe, who is chasing both the Golden Boot and Lionel Messi's all-time World Cup scoring record, France have comfortably defeated Senegal, Iraq, Norway, Sweden, Paraguay and Morocco. Their attacking strength and defensive solidity make them the team to beat.

Spain are ranked second in current form despite scoring fewer goals than the other semifinalists. La Roja have built their campaign on disciplined defending, conceding only one goal throughout the tournament. After a goalless draw against Cabo Verde, Spain defeated Saudi Arabia, Uruguay, Austria, Portugal and Belgium to reach their first World Cup semifinal since winning the title in 2010. Their young squad has impressed with maturity and tactical discipline.

Defending champions Argentina occupy the third spot in the power rankings. Lionel Messi has once again been the driving force behind the Albiceleste's campaign, contributing with goals, assists and creativity. Argentina dominated the group stage with wins over Algeria, Austria and Jordan before surviving difficult knockout matches against Cabo Verde, Egypt and Switzerland. Although they have scored 17 goals—joint highest in the tournament—they have also conceded six, exposing defensive weaknesses despite their attacking brilliance.

England complete the rankings after a determined campaign. The Three Lions topped a group featuring Croatia, Ghana and Panama before eliminating DR Congo, Mexico and Norway in the knockout rounds. Captain Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham have combined for 12 of England's 13 goals, highlighting their importance to the team's success. England's dramatic injury-time victory over Norway secured their place in the final four.

The semifinals promise two blockbuster encounters. France will face Spain in Dallas, while Argentina take on England in Atlanta. With every remaining team already having won the FIFA World Cup at least once, the 2026 edition is guaranteed to crown another historic champion. France appear to hold the strongest claim based on current form, but the experience of Messi, the resilience of England and Spain's defensive excellence ensure that nothing

Telangana tenant farmers struggle amid water shortage and rising costs

Tenant farmers across Telangana are facing mounting losses this Vanakalam season due to inadequate rainfall, poor canal water supply and rising cultivation costs. With lease payments already made.

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Tenant farmers across Telangana continue to face severe hardship this Vanakalam season as water scarcity and rising cultivation costs push many towards heavy losses.

Expecting a normal monsoon, tenant farmers in several districts began cultivation by tilling their fields and sowing seeds. However, inadequate rainfall and poor canal water supply have rendered much of their effort futile.

In Vikarabad, many tenant farmers cultivated cotton after the initial showers. But the rains stopped soon after, preventing the seeds from germinating, said Tenant Farmers Recognition Struggle Committee member Kondal.

He said tenant farmers had purchased seeds in advance, expecting good rainfall. With water scarcity persisting, the seeds could not be used effectively, increasing both operational and input costs.

A similar situation has emerged in maize cultivation. Although the seeds germinated in many fields, the crop has not grown properly due to insufficient moisture.

Nearly 36 per cent of farmers in Telangana are tenant farmers. Lease rates have risen sharply to as high as Rs. 53,000 per acre, with the overall average at Rs. 14,936 per acre. The average leased area has also increased to 6.7 acres.

Tenant farmers usually enter into one-year agreements with landowners and pay the lease amount before the cultivation season begins. Any losses suffered during the season are borne entirely by the tenant farmers, as the lease payments are non-refundable.

With drought-like conditions prevailing, tenant farmers are facing multiple challenges. Before the season began, many struggled to procure urea. Now, they are worried about water shortages and the crop losses that may follow.

Ahead of the 2023 Assembly elections, the Congress party had promised in its manifesto to provide financial assistance of Rs. 15,000 per acre to both land-owning and tenant farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme. It had also promised annual assistance of Rs. 12,000 to landless agricultural labourers. But both these promises are yet to be honoured.

The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission has stated that assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme has helped farmers cope with this season's challenges. However, it has remained silent on the difficulties being faced by tenant farmers.

Hyderabad IT Corridor to Get Five Free Rest Cabins for Gig Workers

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A 28-year-old Hyderabad native died in a skydiving accident in the United States after a sudden gust of wind reportedly disrupted his parachute during landing.

The victim, identified as Mani Chandra Teja Gaddam, was involved in the accident at Jumptown Skydiving in Orange, Massachusetts, on July 12. According to the victim's LinkedIn page, Mani Chandra Teja Gaddam was an alumnus of ICFAI University in Hyderabad.

According to local news outlets in the United States, the Northwestern District Attorney's Office said emergency responders reached the facility at around 4 pm following reports of a serious skydiving accident.

A preliminary investigation revealed that Gaddam fell nearly 30 feet after an unexpected gust of wind interfered with his parachute while landing.

He was rushed to a nearby hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

The Massachusetts State Police and the Orange Police Department have launched an investigation into the incident. The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner will ascertain the exact cause and manner of death.

According to local news portal Boston.com, the accident is the second fatality reported at the skydiving facility within a year. In October 2025, a 62-year-old man from Connecticut died following a midair collision involving two experienced skydivers at the same facility.

Nizamia Unani students protest after only 5 pass exam

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Tension prevailed at the historic Nizamia Unani Tibbi College in Charminar after BUMS (Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery) 2024 batch students staged a protest inside the college campus over the recently announced examination results.

Holding placards and banners, the students raised slogans alleging injustice in the evaluation process. According to the protesting students, 90 candidates appeared for the anatomy examination, but 85 were declared failed, with only five students passing the subject.

The students also alleged that the results were released after a delay of nearly three months, adding to their frustration. They claimed the unexpectedly high failure rate has put their academic future at risk.

According to the protesters, when they approached the college administration seeking an explanation, officials said that they were not responsible for the correction of papers and asked them to approach the university (with which the college is affiliated). This, they said, prompted them to intensify their protest and stage a sit-in on the campus.

The students have demanded a transparent re-evaluation of the answer scripts and immediate action to address what they describe as an unfair evaluation process.

Telangana revises norms for Rs.1,341 crore streetlight maintenance project

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The State government on Tuesday issued orders amending the regulations for the comprehensive maintenance of streetlights within the GHMC, Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC) and Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) limits. The Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) Department issued GOMs 196, modifying the Request for Proposal (RFP) conditions for the project, estimated to cost Rs 1,341.60 crore over 10 years. The government said the amendments were made based on representations from stakeholders and the recommendations of a committee. The revised provisions replace those issued in GOMs 91 on March 6.

Under the earlier norms, the concessionaire was required to replace all existing streetlights and Central Control and Monitoring System (CCMS) boxes within six months. The amended orders retain the six-month deadline for replacing CCMS boxes but extend the timeline for replacing LED streetlights to two years, subject to practical implementation feasibility.

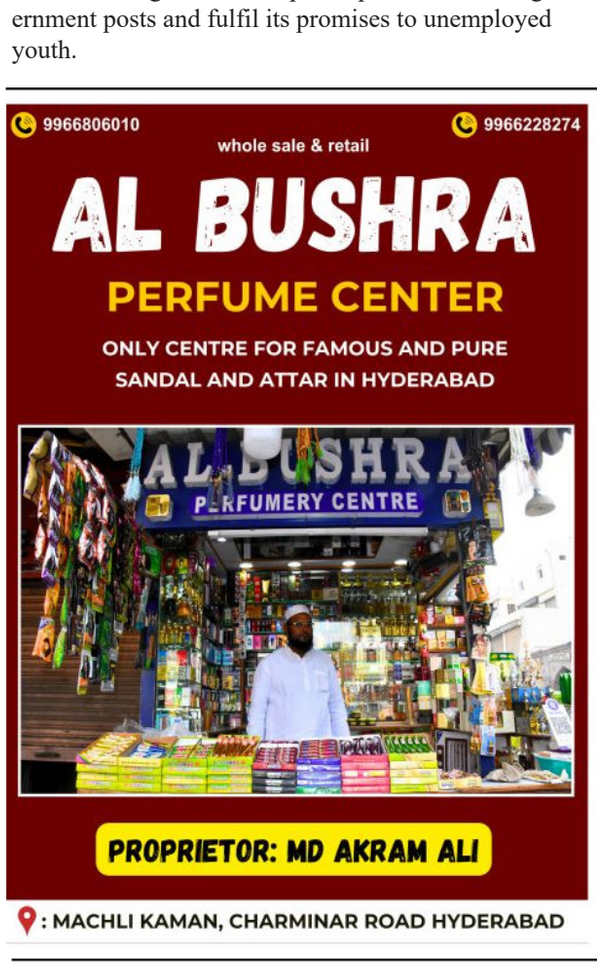
The eligibility criteria have also been revised. Earlier, bidders were required to have executed work orders related to the supply of LED streetlights, CCMS or maintenance of streetlighting systems worth Rs 30 crore in any one financial year during the last 10 years.

The revised norms require bidders to have completed either one contract worth Rs 30 crore, two contracts worth Rs 20 crore each, or three contracts worth Rs 15 crore each during the last seven years. They must also have experience in installing 7,000 CCMS boxes under a single contract during the last seven years. The government has also reduced the solvency certificate requirement from Rs 180 crore to 10 per cent of the estimated contract value, that is, Rs 134.16 crore. A few other amendments have also been made to the RFP conditions.

The government said GHMC would act as the nodal agency for implementing the project, which covers nearly 7.60 lakh streetlights across the CURE area.For the past seven years, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a Central government public sector undertaking, maintained nearly 4.5 lakh LED streetlights across the erstwhile GHMC limits. The project marked the first large-scale deployment of LED streetlights in the city. The EESL project resulted in substantial power savings for GHMC. After the contract expired last year, GHMC took over the maintenance of the 4.5 lakh LED streetlights. However, the exercise did not produce the desired results. Accordingly, the State government amended several RFP clauses for the proposed



The Communist Party of India (Marxist)'s Telangana State Committee has given a call for a "Maha Dharna" at Indira Park here on Wednesday, July 15, demanding that the state government speed up recruitment to government posts and fulfil its promises to unemployed youth.



Medigadda turns into Revanth's political tightrope

The Congress government's political narrative on the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme is increasingly being challenged by questions over why the project remains underutilised. As water needs grow, attention is shifting from alleged irregularities under the BRS to the present government's handling of the irrigation network.

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's strategy of using the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme to politically corner the BRS and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao is increasingly colliding with the realities of governance. The Congress government is now caught between sustaining its political narrative and addressing Telangana's growing water needs.

For more than 32 months since coming to power, the Congress has portrayed the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, particularly the Medigadda barrage, as the defining symbol of alleged corruption and engineering failure under the previous BRS government. The campaign reached its peak during the 2023 Assembly elections, when senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, visited the barrage to reinforce the charge that the project had collapsed. That narrative now faces an uncomfortable test.



The central question is no longer whether irregularities occurred in the construction of Kaleshwaram, but why a project built with public money remains underutilised despite experts suggesting that water can still be lifted through other components of the integrated system while investigations continue.

Though the BRS has been raising these questions for the last couple of years, the Congress resorted to political attacks, abuses and even arrests in some cases. The BRS's contention was that Kaleshwaram was not just Medigadda, as it comprised an interconnected system of barrages, reservoirs, tunnels, canals and pumping stations, many of which remained intact.

The party leaders argued that if one component requires repairs, the rest of the system should be utilised wherever technically feasible.

BJP MP Eatala Rajender crystallised the distinction by arguing that corruption should invite prosecution of those responsible, but should not become grounds to deny farmers the benefits of an existing irrigation network. The argument has since found wider acceptance among retired irrigation engineers, sections of farmers and the BJP itself.

That has placed the Congress government in a political bind. Using Kaleshwaram risks weakening the narrative that helped it portray the project as a symbol of BRS misgovernance and corruption. Continuing to keep it idle, however, risks reinforcing the perception that political considerations are taking precedence over public interest.

Hyderabad-based Sigma acquires UK's Bromford Precision for Rs 153 crore

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The city-based, Defense and Aerospace major, Sigma Advanced Systems announced the acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of Bromford Precision Solutions Limited, a leading UK-based specialist manufacturer of high-precision, complex aeroengine rings and other engine structures.

The transaction, valued at approximately GBP 11.89 million (approximately Rs.153 crore), is expected to close by end July 2026, subject to customary closing conditions.

The acquisition marks a milestone in Sigma's international growth strategy, strengthening its position within the Rolls-Royce supply chain while complementing its UK division, Nasmyth Group.

Bromford's capabilities directly complement Sigma's expertise in manufacturing larger components for the same OEM customers, giving the combined platform a deeper full-range product offering for global aerospace and power generation customers.

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.

Traffic awareness drive held for school bus staff in Hyderabad

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The Rajendranagar Traffic Police, in coordination with the Traffic Training Institute (TTI), Goshamahal, on Tuesday, July 14, conducted a traffic awareness programme for school bus drivers and ayahs at Sri Vidyaranya International School in Bandlaguda, as part of efforts to enhance student safety. The session was attended by around 50 school transport staff, including drivers and vehicle assistants, the police said.

Officials briefed the participants on key aspects of road safety, including the classification and meaning of mandatory, warning and informative signboards, as well as general road markings. They also stressed the importance of using rear-view mirrors, following safe overtaking practices and making proper observations before overtaking.

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