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Ram Temple Trust Confirms Exit of Rai and Mishra as Members

The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust said on Tuesday that former General Secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra are no longer members of the trust, putting to rest any speculation regarding their status. The Trust is likely to decide at its next meeting on July 22 whether to make Krishna Mohan, a retired Indian Forest Service (IFoS) officer, the permanent replacement for Champat Rai.

"As of now, Krishna Mohan has been appointed as the interim General Secretary by the Trust, but the Trust may later decide to make this appointment permanent," Giri told PTI. He emphasised that the trust members are likely to consider Krishna Mohan's appointment and suitable replacements for the vacant positions during the meeting on July 22. He also clarified that Rai and

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Education And Health Are Investments, Not for Vote-Banks: CM Revanth Reddy

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said that the government would promote India's youngest state as 'Developed and Healthy Telangana' by introducing welfare and nutritious food distribution schemes for students and women to ensure that the population was in good shape. Revanth Reddy said that the state government had introduced many initiatives to build a healthy and developed state. "We introduced the breakfast scheme in government schools to ensure that the children of the poor do not go hungry and also launched a breakfast and lunch scheme for teachers," he said.

Addressing a meeting after inaugurating a plant to manufacture Balamrutham, pre-cooked food provided to children below six years of age, in Nacharam on Tuesday, the Chief Minister recalled that then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had launched the initiative of setting up Balamrutham plants to support pregnant women in Mahbubnagar district and it had now grown into an industry. The government was taking all measures to strengthen the government schools on par with the corporate educational institutions.

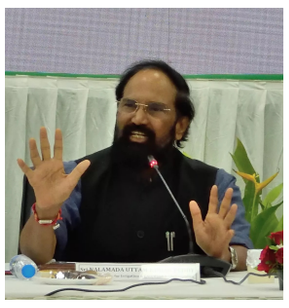
"Our goal is to provide quality education to students as the government is considering spending on education as an investment. We are not introducing such schemes for vote-bank but for the better future of the students, the Chief Minister said.

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Any Pumping at KLIS Barrages Only After Repairs: Uttam

The presentation was attended by CM A. Revanth Reddy, ministers, MP's, MLAs, MLCs, among others.

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Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday stoutly defended the state government's decision that operations at the Kaleshwaram barrages will begin only after their total rehabilitation. He said the Congress Government had already taken up work on the Medigadda rehabilitation design and would now move ahead with the Tummidihatti project, which he described as a technically superior, economically viable and energy-efficient alternative.

Uttam Kumar Reddy was speaking during a detailed presentation on the status of the Medigadda barrage, and the rest of the key components of the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) at Praja Bhavan. The presentation was attended by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, ministers, MP's, MLAs, MLCs, among others. He said the demand by BRS leaders that water be pumped upstream in Godavari from Medigadda using the Kannepalli pumphouse is irrational and cannot be done, as according to all the technical findings since the sinking of a part of Medigadda barrage, it was found that Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages have the same designs and suffer from the same flaws. Water cannot be stored at Annaram and Sundilla, just as it cannot be stored at Medigadda as the gates of the barrages have to be kept open as per NDSA recommendations to save the structures from further damages. The government, he said, is committed to rehabilitating the barrages and putting them to use from the monsoon season next year.

Murmu Unveils Durand Cup Trophies, Calls for Football Talent Push

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President Droupadi Murmu, on Tuesday, unveiled the Durand Cup 2026 trophy, officially marking the beginning of preparations for Asia's oldest football tournament at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre. The ceremony was attended by former Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan, Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth and Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, underlining the Armed Forces' enduring association with the prestigious tournament.

Addressing the gathering, the President said the Durand Cup has provided a platform to countless football talents over the years and congratulated all former and present officials, organisers and players associated with the prestigious competition. She said this year's edition would see a number of new teams competing for the Durand Cup, the President's Cup and the Shimla Trophy.



Welcoming the participation of a team from Sri Lanka, Murmu expressed confidence that the addition of new teams would further increase the popularity of the historic tournament.

"I extend my best wishes to all the participating teams and players. I hope you display the highest standards of sportsmanship, deliver outstanding performances and enhance the prestige of this game," she said. The President also expressed happiness that, apart from Kolkata, Guwahati, Imphal and Shillong, Ranchi will host Durand Cup matches for the first time. She said taking the tournament to new venues would provide footballers from those regions an opportunity to showcase their talent while strengthening the spirit of healthy competition. Calling football one of the world's most popular sports, Murmu said the game represents excellence, unity and sportsmanship.

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Sitharaman Urges Indian Toy Makers to Capture 25% of $179 Billion Global Market

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Citing the toy industry's vast growth potential, Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday said Indian manufacturers should aspire to capture at least a one-fourth of the global toy market share, which is estimated to reach $179 billion by 2032. The minister also said that India exports toys to 153 countries and their value reached $186 million in 2025-26,



while imports have come down drastically by 71 per cent during 2019-26. "India's toy market is projected to reach $ 5 billion by 2034, while the global toy market is projected to reach $179 billion by 2032," she said while addressing at the International toy exhibition here.

"We are still aiming at only five billion US dollars by 2034. I think we are capable of doing a lot better. We have immense potential to capture; at least aim for one quarter of it ($179 billion). That's a big number, no doubt. But we should aim higher. Our aspiration must be far greater to capture a significantly larger share of the expanding global market," the minister said. Sitharaman further said that toy imports were earlier con-

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Govt Approves Pan-India Rollout of Rs 60,000-Crore PM-SETU Scheme

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National Steering Committee clears nationwide expansion across 200 ITI clusters and approves strategic investments worth Rs 1,237.58 crore.

The government on Tuesday approved the pan-India roll-out of the Rs 60,000-crore Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs (PM-SETU) scheme across 200 Industrial Training Institute (ITI) clusters, while also clearing strategic investment plans worth Rs 1,237.58 crore.The decision was taken by the 4th National Steering Committee (NSC) chaired by Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

The approved plans include Jindal Naveen Avasar Limited in Odisha and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India in Gujarat as anchor industry partners, along with Apollo Medskills and two other approved ITI clusters in Telangana. The strategic investment plans, recommended by the respective state steering committees, pave the way for industry-led upgradation of multiple ITI clusters nationwide. Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary urged more industry players to come forward and contribute towards the government's vision of transforming ITIs across the country.

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US Launches Strikes on Iran

in Response To Attacks on Ships in Hormuz

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The U.S. military has launched a series of strikes against Iran, U.S. Central Command said Tuesday, adding that the strikes were in response to what it said were Iranian attacks on three commercial vessels that were transiting the Strait of Hormuz. "U.S. Central Command forces have begun launching a series of powerful strikes against Iran to impose heavy costs for targeting and attacking commercial shipping," a U.S. military statement said.

"Iran's demonstrated aggression was unwarranted, dangerous, and a clear violation of the ceasefire," it added. It was unclear what specifically the U.S. targeted but Iranian media said six projectiles hit the area of Taheroui pier in Sirik in southern Iran. This marks the first known U.S. military strikes against Iran since late last month, when there were several days of strikes and counterstrikes between the two.



'Deeply Distressing': Rahul Gandhi Calls for Aid After Wayanad Landslide

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Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday said the news about the landslide in Wayanad is deeply distressing and called upon the government to make every possible effort to reach out to those who are still trapped. The leader of opposition in Lok Sabha also called upon the Congress and UDF workers to extend their assistance in this time of need. "The news of the landslide in Wayanad is deeply distressing. My heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones. My thoughts and prayers are with everyone affected.

"Relief and rescue operations are underway, and every possible effort is being made to reach those still trapped. I appeal to all Congress and UDF workers to extend any assistance in this time of need," he said in a post on X. "Wayanad has shown remarkable resilience in the face of adversity before, and together, we will stand by



every affected family through this tragedy," Gandhi said. Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also said in a post that all efforts are on to rescue those still trapped in the landslide.

"Respected CM, Shri. V D Satheesan is monitoring relief efforts himself, the police and NDRF have been at the site for some time, SDRF teams and civil defence volunteers have also reached. "We are all coordinating with the District administration, ministers T Siddique and AP Anil Kumar who are on their way from Thiruvanantapuram, local party functionaries and concerned agencies," she said. "My deepest condolences to those who have lost precious family members, we will be by your side through this terrible time and give you every support possible. Our prayers and hope for those who have still not been found, may they stay strong while rescue efforts attempt to reach them and may their loved ones who wait for them have courage at this painful moment," Vadra said.

She appealed to UDF workers, functionaries and members of the public to provide all possible support while strictly following the administration's guidelines. "At a time like this, we need to ensure that relief and rescue efforts are not hampered and we ensure all possible help without causing any distractions," she said. Kerala Chief Minister V D Satheesan on Tuesday said that one person was killed, seven were injured, and seven others are missing in the landslide at Kalladi in this district. The landslide occurred near Meenakshi Bridge at Kalladi, where work on a tunnel road project connecting Kozhikode and Wayanad districts was going on.

KTR Assures Greater Support to Oil Palm Farmers, Slams Congress Over Irrigation

Promises mechanisation, drip irrigation support, Malaysia study tours, attacks Congress over Kaleshwaram neglect.

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. Taraka Rama Rao (KTR) interacted with oil palm farmers in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Sunday, assuring them of enhanced support for the crop while accusing the Congress government of neglecting irrigation and farmer welfare.

During his visit, KTR held an extensive discussion with farmers on their experiences, challenges, and suggestions regarding oil palm cultivation. Reviewing the crop diversification programme introduced during the previous BRS government, he said the vision of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) was to expand oil palm cultivation to 20 lakh acres in Telangana, following successful models in Malaysia and Indonesia.

KTR said the objective was to reduce India's dependence on imported edible oils while enabling farmers to earn significantly higher incomes than traditional crops such as paddy. He noted that oil palm cultivation in Telangana expanded from around 1.5 lakh acres during the BRS regime to nearly 3 lakh acres and said it could reach 7 lakh acres if the present government continued to support the sector.

Farmers highlighted several concerns, including labour shortages, the need for greater mechanisation, financial assistance for second-phase drip irrigation systems, and protection against cheap imported palm oil through anti-dumping measures.

Responding to the issues, KTR promised that a future BRS government would provide higher subsidies for agricultural machinery, including tractors and slashers, encourage mechanisation, and extend special assistance for installing additional drip irrigation lines after the crop matures. He also announced plans to organise study tours to Malaysia to help Telangana farmers learn advanced oil palm cultivation, mechanisation, and water management practices.

Anil, an HCL employee cultivating oil palm on seven acres while working from home, shared that the crop started yielding after four years and now produces four to five tonnes per acre, providing him with a stable monthly income. Other farmers said oil palm requires less water than paddy and is better suited to changing climatic conditions.

KTR also criticised the Congress government for allegedly failing to utilise the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme effectively. He questioned abandoning the entire project due to issues at the Medigadda barrage and demanded the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pump house to lift water, fill reservoirs, and safeguard standing crops. Reiterating that farmer welfare was KCR's lifelong mission, KTR praised Telangana farmers for leading the country in crop diversification and expressed confidence that BRS would return to power in 2028 to make Telangana the nation's largest oil palm-producing state.

Traffic Bottleneck at Sarath City Capital Mall Leaves Motorists Stranded

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Severe traffic congestion outside Sarath City Capital Mall on the Gachibowli–Miyapur corridor has become a major concern, with motorists spending up to two hours to cross a short stretch during peak hours. Cyberabad Traffic Police have reportedly warned the mall management to address the issue or face action.Officials said the corridor carries around 1.2 lakh vehicles daily.

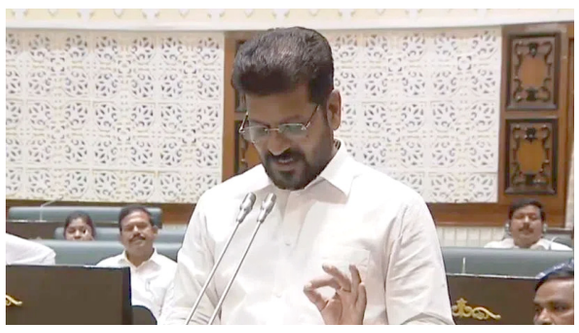
Although a 22-foot-wide underpass connecting the mall's parking area was constructed last year, traffic congestion continues to extend from the mall entrance to Botanical Garden Junction and Radisson Hotel.According to traffic police, six lanes of traffic merge into a two-lane stretch near Kothaguda Junction, creating a major bottleneck. The absence of a dedicated pick-up and drop-off zone for cabs and autorickshaws has further worsened the situation, with vehicles occupying road space outside the mall entrance.The mall attracts 50,000 to 60,000 visitors on weekdays, while weekend footfall ranges between 1.5 lakh and 2.5 lakh, significantly increasing traffic pressure.

To address the issue, Cyberabad Traffic Police have proposed constructing an underpass or inlet ramp from the Botanical Garden side directly to the mall's parking area for cab and auto pick-up and drop-off. Officials have also suggested building a skywalk to shift pedestrian movement away from the mall entrance, which is expected to reduce congestion substantially.Authorities are also identifying encroachments along the Gachibowli–Miyapur corridor for removal to widen the carriageway and improve traffic flow.

CM Revanth dismisses BRS demand to operate Kaleshwaram pumps, cites lack of flood waters

Revanth Defends Kannepally Decision, Challenges KCR on Kaleshwaram Repairs

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday defended the Telangana government's decision not to operate the Kannepally pump house despite the flow of water downstream at Medigadda, asserting that there was neither sufficient rainfall in the Godavari catchment nor adequate floodwaters to justify lifting water under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS).

Addressing around 200 Congress elected representatives at Praja Bhavan during a detailed presentation on the Kaleshwaram project, the Chief Minister said the prevailing hydrological conditions made pumping operations impractical. The presentation was delivered by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, following a similar session conducted in July last year.

Revanth Reddy attributed the low inflows into the Godavari to the impact of the El Niño weather phenomenon, stating that deficient rainfall had resulted in the absence of floodwaters required for the project's operation.

"The Kaleshwaram project was designed to lift nearly two TMC of floodwater every day from the Godavari for storage and irrigation. Without adequate rainfall and flood inflows, there is no scope for operating the pumps," he said.

Rejecting allegations by the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) that the government was deliberately avoiding the use of the Kannepally pump house, the Chief Minister accused the Opposition of misleading farmers in north Telangana.

He questioned the practicality of lifting water in the absence of flood conditions, saying that even if limited water was flowing downstream, it was insufficient for the project's intended operation.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to the Kaleshwaram project, Revanth Reddy said repairs to the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages would be completed and the structures restored to full functionality.

The Chief Minister also threw an open challenge to BRS president K. Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR) to explain how the damaged barrages should be repaired. He said that if KCR wrote to the Speaker, the government was prepared to convene a joint session of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council, where irrigation experts would also be invited to participate in discussions.

"He will be given full opportunity to present his suggestions on the Kaleshwaram project and the repair strategy," the Chief Minister said.

During the meeting, Revanth Reddy also expressed dissatisfaction with Congress legislators for failing to effectively counter the Opposition's criticism despite the government's welfare and development initiatives.

"The Congress government is implementing several welfare and development programmes, but our representatives are not responding strongly to the Opposition's misinformation. You must defend the government's work more effectively," he told party legislators.

BRS Party Flag Hoisted at R. Itikyala Village in Regode Mandal

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Earlier today, a Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi (BRS) party flag hoisting ceremony was held with enthusiasm in R. Itikyala village of Regode Mandal, Telangana. The event was organized in accordance with the directions of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and under the guidance of former Andole MLA, Hon'ble Shri Chanti Kranthi Kiran.The program was led by R. Itikyala BRS Party Vice President T. Mallappa, who presided over the ceremony and oversaw the hoisting of the party flag.

Addressing the gathering, party leaders emphasized the importance of strengthening the party at the grassroots level and reaffirmed their commitment to public service and village development.

The event witnessed active participation from former Sarpanch of R. Itikyala Shri Sunke Ramesh, senior BRS leaders, ward members, youth representatives, party workers, and supporters.Leaders on the occasion called upon party members to work collectively towards taking forward the party's development agenda and to remain committed to the welfare of the people. The program concluded successfully in a spirited and positive atmosphere.

Grand Birthday Celebrations Held for Padma Shri Awardee Manda Krishna Madiga

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Padma Shri awardee and MRPS founder Manda Krishna Madiga celebrated his birthday amid grand festivities at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday, with political leaders, public representatives, government officials, social activists, MRPS leaders, youth, and admirers extending their heartfelt wishes.Thousands of greetings poured in through personal visits, phone calls, and social media, highlighting the widespread respect he commands for his contribution to social justice and the empowerment of marginalized communities.Among those who greeted him was Peravali Mohan Murali, Deputy Director of the Telangana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation (TGDDCF) Ltd., Lalapet, who, along with his friends, honoured Manda Krishna Madiga with a traditional shawl and a floral bouquet. They wished him good health and many more years of public service.

RTI Implementation Challenges Need Government Attention, Say Officials

While the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 has played a significant role in promoting transparency and accountability in public administration, several government officials have expressed concerns over the practical challenges involved in implementing the Act, particularly in cases involving requests for very old records.

According to officials from various departments, RTI applications are received regularly and information is generally provided within the prescribed time whenever records are readily available. However, they say that requests seeking records dating back 10 to 15 years often involve tracing, verifying and compiling thousands of pages of documents, making the process highly time-consuming and resource-intensive.Officials further stated that providing photocopies of such voluminous records requires considerable expenditure on paper, printing and manpower.

Under the provisions of the RTI Act, applicants are informed to pay the prescribed additional fee for copies wherever applicable. However, some officials allege that in certain cases complaints are filed with higher authorities claiming that information has not been furnished, even before the required charges are paid.

Pattigadda Residents Felicitate Dr. Kota Neelima for Flyover Revision

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Residents of Pattigadda Colony felicitated Dr. Kota Neelima, PCC Vice President and Congress Party In-charge for the Sanath Nagar Assembly Constituency, for her efforts in securing changes to the proposed Pattigadda–Rasoolpura Junction flyover alignment, preventing large-scale displacement and protecting residential properties.The residents honoured Dr. Neelima with a ceremonial shawl and floral garlands, thanking her for consistently pursuing their concerns with the government.

They said she stood by the community from the beginning, treating their issue as her own, and played a key role in ensuring the flyover alignment was revised in the interest of hundreds of affected families.Addressing the gathering, Dr. Neelima said the original alignment would have impacted several homes, displaced hundreds of families, and endangered heritage structures in the locality.

She said she submitted an alternative alignment proposed by residents to the government after representing their concerns before the authorities.

Welcoming the government's decision to revise the alignment, Dr. Neelima expressed gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, and the officials concerned for their support. She said infrastructure development should always balance public interest with the welfare of local communities and described the decision as an example of people-centric governance.

MAMS Hospitals Crosses 100 Free Knee Replacements

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MAMS Hospitals celebrated the birthday of its Managing Director and Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr. Puvvada Nayan Raj, by announcing expanded healthcare initiatives for economically underprivileged families while highlighting the successful completion of over 100 free Total Knee Replacement (TKR) surgeries at Mamata Academy of Medical Sciences (MAMS), Bachupally.The hospital has completed more than 100 free knee replacement surgeries, including over 40 under the latest phase of the programme. Eligible patients receive advanced treatment and imported implants completely free of cost, enabling those suffering from severe knee disorders to regain mobility without financial burden.Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Nayan Raj said the initiative reflects the hospital's commitment to ensuring that no patient is denied quality treatment due to financial constraints. He added that MAMS Hospitals will continue expanding its community healthcare programmes.

Former Bhongir MLA Kommidi Narsimha Reddy Passes Away at 89



Former Bhongir MLA Kommidi Narsimha Reddy, a veteran Congress leader, freedom fighter, Bhoodan activist, and advocate of ethical politics, passed away on Tuesday. Honouring his final wish, his family donated his organs, enabling a specialized medical team to carry out a successful organ retrieval procedure that will help save lives.Narsimha Reddy represented the erstwhile Bhongir Assembly Constituency for two consecutive terms from 1978 to 1985 on a Congress ticket. Widely respected for his honesty and commitment to public service, he donated a major portion of his family's land through the Bhoodan Movement for the benefit of the poor and landless. Despite serving twice as an MLA, he lived modestly without owning a house or car.

BJP Lodges Complaint Against Officials Allegedly Favouring AIMIM

Party leaders including Telangana unit president N. Ramchaner Rao in a memorandum complained to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer that the BLOs were also giving MIM leaders access to the ECI App to upload the filled enumeration forms.

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The Bharatiya Janata Party on Tuesday alleged serious irregularities in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana, accusing Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of failing to conduct mandatory house-to-house verification and instead distributing enumeration forms in bulk to leaders of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM).

A BJP delegation led by Telangana unit president N. Ramchander Rao submitted a memorandum to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer, raising concerns over the alleged conduct of BLOs during the voter verification exercise.

According to the BJP, instead of personally visiting households as mandated by the Election Commission, several BLOs were reportedly handing over large numbers of enumeration forms to AIMIM leaders at party-organised camps in different Assembly constituencies across Hyderabad district. The party also alleged that AIMIM leaders were being given access to the Election Commission's mobile application to upload completed enumeration forms on behalf of voters.

The BJP further claimed that many eligible voters in the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), as well as in the municipal corporations of Cyberabad, Malkajgiri, Warangal and Karimnagar, had not received enumeration forms. It alleged that BLOs were facing difficulties locating residences because members of the same family were listed under different polling booths.

The party also pointed out inconsistencies in the distribution of forms, stating that English-language enumeration forms were being supplied in Hyderabad, while Telugu forms were predominantly distributed in district areas.

Additionally, BJP leaders alleged that in some localities, BLOs informed voters that their enumeration forms had not been printed and advised them to submit Form 6 after July 30. The party argued that this would effectively force such voters to apply as fresh electors instead of updating their existing records.

The BJP urged the Chief Electoral Officer to investigate the alleged irregularities and ensure that the voter enumeration process is conducted transparently, fairly, and strictly in accordance with Election Commission guidelines.

Release Student Fee Dues: Srinivas Goud

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud on Tuesday demanded the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement dues for students and warned of a statewide agitation if the Telangana Government failed to address the issue without delay.

Speaking at a protest held at Gun Park in Hyderabad, Srinivas Goud, along with Telangana Student JAC Chairman, BC JAC leaders, SC, ST and BC Association State President Narasimha Nayak, and hundreds of students, accused the government of neglecting students from economically weaker sections by withholding fee reimbursement payments.

He said thousands of BC, SC, ST, EBC and minority students were struggling to continue their education as the government had not released reimbursement funds to private colleges. As a result, many students were forced to borrow money, pay fees themselves, and face delays in obtaining educational certificates, creating severe financial hardships at the beginning of the new academic year.

Recalling the Telangana statehood movement, Srinivas Goud said students, employee unions and public organisations had made immense sacrifices under the leadership of K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) to achieve a separate Telangana. He alleged that the same students were now being ignored by the present government.The former minister criticised the government for clearing payments to major contractors while delaying student dues. He also condemned the reported implementation of Revenue Recovery Act provisions against students, calling it unjust and detrimental to their future, and demanded restoration of the earlier fee reimbursement system.

Revanth Reddy Inaugurates

Modern Balamrutham Plant at Uppal

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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday inaugurated the new Telangana Foods (Balamrutham) Production Plant spread across 21 acres at Nacharam–Uppal, stating that child nutrition and women's empowerment remain the Telangana Government's highest priorities.

Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said the state's future depends on the health, nutrition, and education of its children. He noted that the Balamrutham programme, which began in Mahabubnagar, has grown into a major nutritional initiative supplying fortified food not only across Telangana but also to neighbouring states.

Highlighting the government's welfare measures, Revanth Reddy said free bus travel for women was introduced within 48 hours of the Congress government assuming office. He said the government has allocated ₹11,000 crore to RTC for implementing the scheme and aims to create one crore women millionaires by 2034 through ₹60,000 crore in bank credit and interest-free loans.

The Chief Minister said government schools are providing quality education along with free breakfast and nutritious midday meals from nursery to Intermediate level, with the state spending ₹27,000 crore annually on education. He added that seven lakh Indiramma houses are being allotted in the names of women, while one lakh houses will be constructed for the urban poor in Hyderabad. He also said 3.28 crore beneficiaries are receiving six kilograms of fine rice through the Public Distribution System.

Recalling that the people of Uppal had earlier elected him as a Member of Parliament, Revanth Reddy assured that he would personally monitor the constituency's development and transform it into a model constituency beyond political considerations.

Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya said the modernised Telangana Foods facility will strengthen nutritional support for pregnant women, lactating mothers, and children. Besides Balamrutham and Balamrutham Plus, the unit will manufacture fortified khichdi mix, upma mix, snack foods, and hot cooked food for distribution through Anganwadi centres.Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy, public representatives, officials, women's groups, and workers attended the inaugural programme.

Tailoring Trainees Receive Sewing Machines in Narayankhed

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In a major initiative to promote women's economic empowerment, sewing machines were distributed to women who successfully completed a 45-day tailoring training programme at Bal Sadan, Narayankhed, on Tuesday. The programme was organized by the District Women Empowerment Centre under the Department of Women, Children, Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizens Welfare.Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy handed over the sewing machines to the beneficiaries in the presence of District Welfare Officer Mrs. Lalitha Kumari and other public representatives.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Sanjeeva Reddy encouraged the women to utilize the sewing machines for self-employment and income generation, stating that the Telangana Government is committed to strengthening women's financial independence through skill development and livelihood support programmes.

District Welfare Officer Mrs. Lalitha Kumari said the District Women Empowerment Centre is implementing several initiatives to make women self-reliant. She noted that the tailoring training and sewing machine distribution would help beneficiaries establish sustainable livelihoods and improve their socio-economic conditions.

SIR Awareness Meeting in Andole on July 8; Harish Rao to Address BRS Leaders, BLAs

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) will organise a Special Intensive Revision (SIR) Awareness Meeting for party leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of the Andole Assembly Constituency on Wednesday, July 8, at 10:30 a.m. at Lakshmi Gardens, Andole, Sangareddy district.

Former Telangana minister T. Harish Rao will address the gathering and explain the ongoing electoral roll revision process, the responsibilities of Booth Level Agents, and measures to ensure accurate voter registration and verification during the Special Intensive Revision.

The programme is being organised under the leadership of former Andole MLA Chanti Kranthi Kiran. BRS leaders, BLAs, social media representatives, and party workers from across the constituency are expected to attend in large numbers. According to party leaders, the meeting is intended to strengthen grassroots coordination, improve awareness of the SIR process, and equip Booth Level Agents with the necessary guidance to actively participate in the voter list revision exercise.

Rapole Ravi Sagar Seeks Completion of Pending School Buildings

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BRS leader and former Pargi Mandal Parishad Vice-President Rapole Ravi Sagar has demanded that the Telangana Government immediately complete the pending school building works taken up under the Mana Ooru – Mana Badi programme, stating that delays are depriving students of improved educational infrastructure.

He urged the government to release pending bills to contractors without further delay and ensure that the unfinished construction works are completed at the earliest. According to Ravi Sagar, several school buildings initiated during the previous government remain incomplete because contractors have not received their pending payments, preventing students from using the new facilities.

He said the Mana Ooru – Mana Badi initiative was launched to strengthen government schools by upgrading classrooms, infrastructure, and learning facilities. However, the prolonged delay in completing the projects has affected the quality of education and caused inconvenience to students, teachers, and local communities.

Ravi Sagar stressed that government schools require adequate infrastructure to provide a better learning environment and improve educational standards. He appealed to the state government to treat the issue as a priority, clear all outstanding contractor dues, and speed up the remaining construction works.

He added that the timely completion of these school buildings would benefit thousands of students, enhance educational facilities, and fulfill the original objective of the Mana Ooru – Mana Badi programme.

OJES Cultural Fest Lights Up Osmania University Arts College

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The historic Arts College campus of Osmania University witnessed a vibrant cultural extravaganza as the OJES Programme drew an enthusiastic response from students, faculty members, alumni, and visitors on Tuesday evening.The iconic Arts College building was illuminated with colourful decorative lighting, transforming the heritage campus into a festive venue. The spectacular illumination became one of the major attractions of the event, with hundreds of attendees gathering to witness the celebrations and capture memorable moments.The programme featured a series of live cultural performances, including music and stage presentations by talented artists, keeping the audience engaged throughout the evening. A professionally designed stage, complemented by a large LED display and high-quality sound arrangements, enhanced the overall experience for the audience.Students participated enthusiastically, cheering for the performers and recording the cultural performances on their mobile phones. The lively atmosphere reflected the energy and creativity of the university community, while the event also served as a platform to showcase student talent and strengthen campus engagement.The OJES Programme highlighted Osmania University's continued emphasis on promoting extracurricular activities alongside academic excellence.

Karchal Water Supply Halted for Tank Repairs

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Wakeup telangana



Residents of Karchal Village have been advised to store adequate drinking water as the village's regular water supply will remain suspended on Wednesday, July 8, due to repair and maintenance works on the overhead water tank.

The maintenance works began on Tuesday with workers and machinery deployed at the site under the supervision of local representatives. The repairs are aimed at strengthening the village's drinking water infrastructure and ensuring a safe, reliable, and uninterrupted water supply for residents.

Officials stated that the temporary suspension of water supply is necessary to facilitate the repair works efficiently and safely. They assured villagers that every effort is being made to complete the maintenance at the earliest, and the regular drinking water supply will be restored immediately after the works are finished.Mrs. Kapu Urmila Srinivas Reddy appealed to the people of Karchal Village to cooperate with the authorities during the temporary disruption. She requested residents to store sufficient drinking water in advance to avoid inconvenience and thanked them for their patience and understanding.

The repair initiative is part of ongoing efforts to improve essential civic infrastructure and enhance the quality of public services in the village. Local representatives are closely monitoring the progress of the works to ensure they are completed on schedule with minimal inconvenience to the public.

Residents have been urged to extend their full cooperation to the workers and officials carrying out the maintenance activities. Authorities reiterated that the temporary inconvenience is essential for ensuring a stronger and more dependable drinking water supply system for Karchal Village in the long run.

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

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

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

Amit Shah Says Centre Will Take Legal Route to Protect Central Ridge

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday announced that the Centre will adopt legal measures to protect the biodiversity, soil and water resources of Delhi's Central Ridge while unveiling an ambitious plan to transform the city's green landscape through large-scale afforestation and environmental conservation initiatives.Speaking after inaugurating a mega plantation drive in the national capital, Shah said the Delhi government has set a target of planting 70 lakh saplings this year as part of a broader environmental mission. He added that long-living indigenous tree species, including Jamun, Mango, Arjun and Neem, will be planted across the Ridge to strengthen its ecological balance and enhance the city's green cover.

Shah said the government has prepared a comprehensive master plan to develop the Ridge into a "Green Ridge" over the next four years. Under the initiative, around 6,300 hectares of Ridge area will be enriched with one crore native trees, 23 lakh large tree species, and 65 lakh shrubs and medicinal plants.The proposed Green Ridge project will also feature 100 water bodies, eco-friendly recreational spaces, restaurants and themed gardens such as Nakshatra Van, Tirthankar Van and Vanan Van. According to Shah, the initiative is aimed at creating a greener, cleaner and pollution-free Delhi while preserving the Ridge's ecological significance.Emphasising environmental conservation, the Union Home Minister said the government would use legal mechanisms to ensure the long-term protection of the Ridge's biodiversity, soil and water resources from encroachment and ecological degradation.Alongside the environmental initiatives, Shah inaugurated several infrastructure projects aimed at improving Delhi's public services. He flagged off 300 electric buses to strengthen the capital's public transport network and reduce vehicular pollution.He also digitally laid the foundation stone for a high-security prison at Narela, inaugurated three new bus depots, and opened an automated vehicle testing station at Nand Nagri to improve transport infrastructure and road safety.Addressing the issue of pollution in the Yamuna River, Shah announced that an agreement with the National Dairy Development Board will be signed next week to ensure that cow dung generated by dairies in Delhi does not flow into the river.

He further said that 129 sewage treatment plants are already operational in the city, while another 29 STPs are under construction, forming a key part of the government's strategy to restore the Yamuna and improve Delhi's environmental health.

India To Help Conserve Ancient Siva Temple In Indonesia

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced that he, alongside Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, would launch a conservation project for the 1,000-year-old Prambanan Temple in Yogyakarta. In his departure statement, PM Modi said that he will visit the Prambanan Temple complex at Yogyakarta with President Prabowo Subianto and described the monument as "another remarkable testament" to deep cultural and civilisational ties that have connected India and Indonesia for over a thousand years.

Addressing a joint press statement today after holding delegation-level talks with the Indonesian President at the Istana Merdeka in Jakarta, PM Modi said, "Tomorrow I will have the privilege of launching the conservation project for the Prambanan Temple in Yogyakarta alongside President Prabowo." "More than a thousand years old, the Prambanan Temple stands as a symbol of the shared cultural heritage of India and Indonesia," he said.

This conservation project is part of India's cultural diplomacy and Act East policy in Southeast Asia. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) is partnering with Indonesian authorities for restoration and conservation of several smaller temples within the Prambanan complex. Prambanan is among the largest temple complex near Yogyakarta, on the Indonesian island of Java. and contains the original structures that were built in the 9th century AD. The temples collapsed due to earthquake including the May 2006 Java earthquake, volcanic eruption and a shift of political power in the early 11th century, and they were rediscovered in the 17th century.

The Prambanan Temple itself is a complex consisting of 240 temples dedicated to Shiva, Vishnu and Brahma. Prambanan was designed as three concentric squares. In all there are 224 temples in the entire complex. The inner square contains 16 temples, the most significant being the 47 meters high central Siva temple flanked to the north by the Brahma temple and to the south by the Vishnu temple. As per the UNESCO, which has declared it a World Heritage site, the temple's stone reliefs are decorated with reliefs illustrating the Indonesian version of the Ramayana.

Rain Takes Break In Mumbai; Two Boys Drown In last 24 hours In Suburban Part

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



After two days of relentless downpours that battered Mumbai, the rains eased on Tuesday, offering residents a welcome respite as local train services and road transport returned to normal. Two minor boys drowned, while two women suffered injuries as cement sheets collapsed at a garden in Mumbai during heavy rains and winds during the last 24 hours, officials said on Tuesday. Across the city, civic authorities reported 428 incidents of trees and branches crashing down and 28 complaints of wall and house collapses, underscoring the scale of disruption on Monday during heavy showers.

Railway officials said one of the three lines damaged by landslides in the Bhor Ghat section on the Mumbai–Pune route is expected to be restored by Tuesday night, a welcome sign of relief after the disruption brought train services to a standstill on Monday. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'orange' alert, warning of intermittent showers with heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated spots, along with gusty winds reaching 60–70 kmph.

All government, private and civic-run schools and colleges in Mumbai remained closed on Tuesday as a precautionary measure, officials said. Heavy showers brought Mumbai and neighbouring districts to a near standstill on Monday. Many roads were submerged, trees were uprooted, and several incidents of wall and billboard collapses were reported. The Virar-Vasai section in the neighbouring Palghar district had been inundated since Monday morning, though the water level gradually receded after the intensity of rainfall reduced by evening.

The first local train departed from Virar for Churchgate in south Mumbai at 3.57 am on Tuesday, a Western Railway spokesperson said. Suburban services on all four corridors of the Central Railway were operating with some delays. The Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation said it received 428 complaints of tree and branch falls, including 111 in the city, 126 in the eastern suburbs and 191 in the western suburbs. It also recorded 28 incidents of partial wall or house collapses during the same period.

Two boys, aged 17 and 14, drowned in flood waters in Malad and Govandi areas on Monday evening, it said. Two women were injured after cement sheets from an adjoining structure collapsed while they were practising yoga at a private garden in the Lokhandwala area in Andheri. They were admitted to the hospital and reported to be in stable condition, the BMC said. Twenty-four complaints of short circuits were also reported from different parts of Mumbai, though there were no injuries, it added. The Santacruz observatory, representative of suburbs, recorded 90.4 mm of rainfall in the 24 hours ending at 8.30 am on Tuesday, while the Colaba observatory in the island city recorded 57.2 mm. The next high tide of 3.93 metres is expected at 4.34 pm on Tuesday, while another high tide of 3.41 metres is forecast at 5.43 am on Wednesday. The low tides are expected at 11.02 pm on Tuesday and 11.07 am on Wednesday, the BMC said. Twenty-four complaints of short circuits were also reported from different parts of Mumbai, though there were no injuries, it added. The Santacruz observatory, representative of suburbs, recorded 90.4 mm of rainfall in the 24 hours ending at 8.30 am on Tuesday, while the Colaba observatory in the island city recorded 57.2 mm.

Shatrughan Sinha Backs Prashant Kishor in Bihar Bypoll

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Wakeup telangana



Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Shatrughan Sinha on Tuesday urged people, cutting across caste, creed and party affiliations, to support Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor in the Bankipur assembly by-election in Bihar.The Bankipur Assembly by-election will be held on July 30, and votes polled will be counted on August 3. Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor is contesting the bypoll to the assembly seat which was vacated by BJP president Nitin Nabin, who was elected to Rajya Sabha.

"Political Dhamaka in Bihar!!!! The most deserving, visionary, an intellectual par excellence, a man of the masses, most loved, admired and talked about personality in totality, Prashant Kishor, at last has jumped into the fray and has created a real sensation in political circle and in public, all over the country, by entering into the by-elections," Sinha wrote in his X post. Sinha said that being a "Bihari Babu", he found this news to be "politically interesting" and "explosive". "I hope, wish and pray that people in general, and younger generation in particular, would/ could/ and should/ support him cutting across caste, creed and party affiliations," the MP from Asansol added.

India Tightens LoC Vigil Amid Protests in PoK

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



India's security agencies are keeping a close watch on the fast-developing situation in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) after massive anti-government protests erupted in the region. Over 150 people are believed to be dead in police firing on Sunday though there was no official confirmation or numbers available. The PoK leaders have threatened to move towards the Line of Control and cross over to India if brutalities by the Pakistani authorities continue. They have also appealed to Kashmiris on the Indian side to help them with food, medicines and other supplies as the Pakistani administration has cut off supplies to put pressure on them.

"Open borders, we are coming to India," the PoK protesters shouted while looking towards the Indian side. Security has already been tightened across Jammu and Kashmir in the wake of ongoing Amarnath Yatra and the security agencies are vigilant to prevent any breach by the PoK protesters towards the Indian side. Vigil has been heightened both through technical and human resources along the LoC in view of turbulent situation across the border.

On Sunday, several PoK residents were reported to be dead in firing by Pakistan Police and Rangers in a crackdown on the protesters, led by PoK's Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) as massive anti-government protests entered the 28th day. While PoK has been on the brink for a while, and has witnessed massive crackdowns by the Pakistani authorities from time to time, including bombing by the Air Force, the latest protest is triggered by the mass arrests of civil rights activists including top JAAC leaders like Shaukat Nawaz Mir.

Despite heightened security measures, about five lakh people gathered in several towns across PoK opposing political and police repression, demanding basic rights and accusing the Pakistani government of suppressing their peaceful protests through brutal measures. The PoK residents are also angry over increased surveillance, lack of development and basic supplies, including rations.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Ram Temple Trust

He also clarified that Rai and Mishra ceased to be part of the trust after their resignations were accepted at its meeting on Monday, dismissing assertions that they had only stepped down from their posts but continued as trustees.

Giri also confirmed to PTI that the trust has decided to remove Gopal Nagarakatte, also known as Gopal Rao, from the list of specially invited members of the trust following the resignations of Rai and Mishra. The trust's decision taken on Monday evoked mixed reactions from seers in Ayodhya. Mahant Shashikant Das expressed dissatisfaction over Champat Rai's removal, describing it as "sad" since the Special Investigation Team (SIT) had not found him guilty. Conversely, Jagadguru Ram Dineshacharya stated that Rai's resignation was appropriate to ensure a fair and impartial investigation into the allegations.

Jagadguru Paramhans Acharya told PTI Videos that the seer community stood by the trust's decision and would welcome every decision it made. He also criticised allegations made without evidence and accused the opposition of spreading misleading information regarding the Ram temple issue. The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust on Monday accepted the resignations of Rai and Mishra amid allegations of embezzlement of donations made to the Ram temple.

At the same meeting, the Trust decided to strengthen its administrative and financial systems, including appointing a chief executive officer and streamlining the management of donations and records.

Sitharaman Urges.....

That's a big number, no doubt. But we should aim higher. Our aspiration must be far greater to capture a significantly larger share of the expanding global market," the minister said. Sitharaman further said that toy imports were earlier concentrated from one country, which was dumping a lot of their cheap goods that had safety issues and were not healthy for children. She also asked the industry to focus on scale and branding.

"Manufacturing is important, but branding creates value. Enduring value is only when your brand can be identified. Aankh band karke kharid lo (Buy it without a second thought), that kind of a branding confidence should come," she said. Citing the example of French sports retailer Decathlon, she said: "I was impressed to see how they spend time for quality, and also for branding. Sporting goods market has been seeing a lot of innovation, and they bring it into their stalls," she said, adding "That's the kind of thing I'm asking."

The government has taken a series of measures to boost manufacturing of toys and reduce import dependence from countries like China. The government has rolled out mandatory quality control norms and increased import duties from 20 per cent to 60 per cent. It developed a comprehensive National Action Plan for Toys in 2020 to boost local manufacturing and incentivise toy and handicraft manufacturers to make India the next global hub of toys.

Toxic Fairness.....

Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary urged more industry players to come forward and contribute towards the government's vision of transforming ITIs across the country.

I urge more industry leaders to come forward in transforming ITIs into world class institutions," the minister said in a post on X. In a major decision, the committee approved the transition of PM-SETU from its pilot phase to a nationwide roll-out across all 200 identified ITI clusters, enabling states and Union

Territories to take up implementation based on industry readiness and implementation capacity.

It also approved measures to simplify implementation, enhance industry participation, encourage greater involvement of public sector undertakings (PSUs), and expand the institutional ecosystem supporting

PM-SETU implementation. PM-SETU is one of the government's flagship schemes aimed at modernising India's ITI ecosystem through industry partnerships, upgraded infrastructure, future-ready curricula and improved employability outcomes.

CRIME

HC Orders Telangana Govt to Submit Report on Police Vacancies and Recruitment Within a Week

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The Telangana High Court on Tuesday directed the state government to submit in a week, a comprehensive counter-affidavit detailing the number of vacancies in the police department and the status of recruitment initiated to fill those posts. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh and Justice G. M. Mohiuddin was hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Help the People Charitable Trust chairman Keethinedi Akhil Sri Guru Teja, alleging that the state had failed to fill a substantial number of posts despite persistent vacancies across various ranks.

Chikkudu Prabhakar, counsel for the petitioner, argued that the inaction was adversely affected public administration, depriving eligible candidates of employment opportunities and was contrary to the principles laid down by the Supreme Court regarding timely public recruitment. The petitioner urged the court to direct the government to immediately fill all sanctioned vacancies and to evolve a transparent annual recruitment calendar with a time-bound mechanism for issuing notifications and completing the selection process.

Special government counsel Rahul Reddy, representing the state, informed the bench that the government had recently issued a recruitment notification for 7,437 posts of sub-inspectors, assistant sub-inspectors and constables. He submitted that the government was also assessing the remaining vacancies for future recruitment exercises. When petitioner's counsel sought an interim direction to fill all outstanding vacancies without further delay, the bench declined to grant such relief at this stage.

Observing that the government had initiated the recruitment process by issuing a fresh notification, the court said the broader issues raised in the PIL would be considered after examining the state's detailed response.

High Court Orders Telangana Revenue Dept to Detail SOP for Handling Public Grievances

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Concerned over the growing number of writ petitions arising out of routine revenue administration, the Telangana High Court has directed the principal secretary, revenue, to file a detailed affidavit within four weeks explaining the standard operating procedure (SOP) adopted for addressing citizens' grievances relating to revenue services. Justice N.V. Shravan Kumar observed that a substantial number of petitions coming before the High Court every day raised almost identical grievances, including non-conduct of field line surveys despite applications, delays in mutation of names in revenue records, non-rectification of revenue entries, omission of survey numbers from pattadar pass books, delayed issuance of the pass books following registered sale deeds or other conveyances, and other similar issues.

Observing that these litigations and petitions had become a recurring feature before the court, the court noted that such repetitive litigation pointed to systemic deficiencies in the delivery of basic revenue services.Justice Shravan Kumar observed that citizens were facing considerable hardship on account of administrative delays. Noted that issuance of pattadar pass books was often taking two to three months, while applications seeking field line ine surveys remained pending for several months after submission.

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.

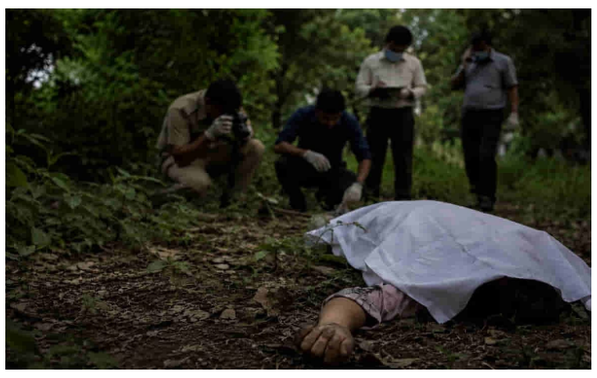
Boy drowns in Kushaiguda pool

An 11-year-old boy drowned in a swimming pool at a sports complex in Kushaiguda on Monday evening. The deceased, a Class VI student at ECIL, and resident of BN Reddy Nagar, Cherlapally, had gone to the pool at Sportivo Sports Arena when the incident occurred.

According to initial information, he drowned under circumstances yet to be ascertained. Staff and others rushed him out of the water and shifted him to a nearby private hospital, where doctors declared him dead on arrival.

Wife, Boyfriend Arrested for Husband's Murder in Miyapur

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Srirangam Venkatesh



A shocking murder case has come to light in Miyapur, where a woman allegedly killed her husband with the help of her boyfriend, buried the body, and later filed a missing person complaint to mislead the police.According to police, the woman lodged a complaint in November last year, claiming that her husband had gone missing. During the investigation, police examined call records and CCTV footage, which reportedly revealed the involvement of the woman and her boyfriend in the murder.Police later found that the accused had allegedly buried the victim's body after committing the crime. Based on the evidence, a case was registered, and both the woman and her boyfriend were taken into custody.Further investigation is underway, and police are expected to reveal more details about the motive and circumstances behind the murder.

Traffic Awareness Drive Held at Loyola Academy

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Wakeup telangana



Police and the Malkajgiri City Security Council (MKSC) organized a Traffic and Road Safety Awareness Programme at Loyola Academy, Old Alwal, on Monday to educate students on responsible road behaviour and the importance of following traffic rules from a young age.

The programme was conducted under the directions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police Sumati (IPS) and the guidance of DCP Traffic-I Rahul Reddy (IPS). More than 500 students and faculty members actively participated in the awareness session aimed at promoting safer roads and reducing traffic violations.

Addressing the gathering, Savithri, Associate Director of the Malkajgiri City Security Council, stressed that traffic discipline should become a habit from childhood. She said children who understand and follow road safety rules can play a vital role in building a responsible society by encouraging their families and friends to adopt safe driving practices.

During the interactive session, traffic police officers and road safety experts explained key traffic regulations and highlighted the importance of wearing ISI-certified helmets and seat belts, obeying traffic signals, maintaining lane discipline, and driving responsibly. Students were also cautioned against over-speeding, using mobile phones while driving, wrong-side driving, triple riding, and other risky behaviours that often lead to road accidents.

Officials encouraged students to act as ambassadors of road safety by spreading awareness within their communities and contributing to accident prevention through responsible conduct.

The programme was attended by Murali Krishna A, Lead – Traffic & Road Safety Forum, MKSC; ACP Traffic, Trimulgherry Division G. Shankar Raju; Inspector of Police G. Pavan Kumar Reddy of Alwal Traffic Police Station.

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.



India to supply BrahMos, Astra missiles to Indonesia; 14 pacts signed

India and Indonesia signed 14 agreements, including deals for BrahMos cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missiles, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Jakarta. The two nations also expanded cooperation in maritime security, critical minerals, space, education and digital paymentsIndia economic analysis

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India on Tuesday agreed to supply BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and Astra air-to-air missiles to Indonesia, marking a significant expansion of defence ties as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Prabowo Subianto held talks to ramp up bilateral relations and ways to ensure a peaceful Indo-Pacific.

The two sides inked 14 agreements to enhance cooperation in a range of areas, including critical minerals and steel supply chain, maritime security, medicines, education, outer space, research and innovation, telecommunication and food security, against the backdrop of increasing geopolitical upheavals.

"A golden era is now at the threshold for our two nations," Modi said at the end of his talks with the Indonesian leader. Modi landed in Jakarta on Monday to a red-carpet welcome in the first leg of his three-nation tour that will also cover Australia and New Zealand to shore up cooperation in sectors such as trade, security and rare-earth minerals under the framework of the India-Indonesia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership of 2018.

In his media statement, Modi said India reiterated his call for navigating "global turbulence" through dialogue and diplomacy, and asserted New Delhi's support for a two-state solution to the Palestine issue.

The pacts sealed after the Modi-Subianto talks included one on supply of an unspecified number of BrahMos missiles and another on Astra beyond-visual range missiles.

It is perhaps the first time that two Indian defence exports deals, worth over USD 600 million, were announced in presence of the prime minister.

Both weapon systems played a major role during Operation Sindoor last year. The BrahMos missile deal with Indonesia came after India inked similar pacts with Vietnam and the Philippines.

The missile pacts as well as another decision on implementation of an agreement on maritime safety and security came against the backdrop of rising concerns in South East Asia over China's increasing military muscle-flexing in the resource-rich South China Sea and beyond. Both sides also deliberated on the overall situation in the Indo-Pacific. President Subianto underlined the importance of an Indo-Pacific region that is open and transparent, with an order-based international law.

Modi said, "There is strong synergy in our respective outlooks on the Indo-Pacific. India has always attached special importance to ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) centrality." It was also decided that Indonesia will deploy a Liaison Officer at India's Integrated Fusion Centre â€“ Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR).

Rupee rises 48 paise to 94.95 against US dollar on easing oil concerns

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The rupee appreciated 48 paise to close at 94.95 (provisional) against the US dollar on Tuesday, on improved global risk sentiments as higher traffic flows through the Strait of Hormuz reduced supply uncertainties.

Forex traders said market sentiment was also buoyed after Saudi Arabia slashed August crude oil prices for Asia by USD 11 per barrel.

Moreover, softness in Brent oil prices will ease inflationary pressures for India, the world's third-largest oil importer, market analysts said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.33 and traded in the range of 94.94-95.37 in intraday trade. At the end of Tuesday's trading session, the rupee was quoted at 94.95 (provisional), higher by 48 paise over its previous close. On Monday, the rupee depreciated 25 paise to close at 95.43 against the US dollar.

"The Indian rupee gained sharply today on improved global risk sentiments and a weak dollar. Softness in crude oil prices too supported the rupee as it is likely to ease inflationary pressure. Disappointing ISM services PMI too supported the rupee," said Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset ShareKhan.

Choudhary further noted that "improved global risk sentiments on improved traffic in the Strait of Hormuz also supported the rupee. However, hedging demand from importers may cap sharp upside.

"Traders may take cues from weekly employment change data from the US. USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of 94.60 to 95.30."

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 100.96, up 0.11 per cent.

Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 1.19 per cent at USD 72.85 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex declined 104.35 points to settle at 78,180.72, while the Nifty fell 31.65 points to close at 24,398.70.

Foreign institutional investors purchased equities worth Rs 243.03 crore on a net basis on Monday, according to exchange data.

TCA Marks Seventh Anniversary, Launches Safe Food–Safe Nation Mission Nationwide

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The Telangana Chefs Association (TCA) celebrated its seventh anniversary with the "Safe Food – Safe Nation" Conclave at Taj Deccan in Hyderabad, reaffirming its commitment to strengthening food safety standards, promoting sustainable gastronomy and enhancing culinary excellence across the country. The event brought together renowned chefs, hospitality professionals, government officials, healthcare experts, academicians, international delegates, culinary students and food entrepreneurs under one platform to promote responsible food practices.

Inaugurating the conclave, TCA President Chef Amey Marathe said food safety is no longer just an industry concern but a national responsibility. He stressed that every meal served is built on trust and that chefs have a crucial role in safeguarding public health. Announcing a five-year commitment to the "Safe Food – Safe Nation" mission, he said the association would collaborate with organisations such as GHMC, FSSAI and other stakeholders to strengthen food safety standards, create public awareness and encourage best practices across the hospitality sector. He added that India's growing reputation as a global culinary destination makes food safety and quality more important than ever.

The event was attended by Pascal Loreau, Head of the Bureau de France; Chef Vijayabaskaran, General Secretary of the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA); Chef Dharmender Lamba, Founder President of TCA; Hugo Cauvet, Director of Alliance Française Hyderabad; and Arnab Gupta, General Manager of Taj Deccan.



Mr. Pascal Loreau, Head, Bureau de France; along with Chef Amey Marathe, President, TCA; Mr. Arnab Gupta, General Manager, Taj Deccan, Hyderabad; Chef Vijayabaskaran, General Secretary of the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA); Mr. Hugo Cauvet, Director, Alliance Française of Hyderabad; & Chef Naveen Nagraj, General Secretary, TCA; at the Telangana Chefs Association 7th Anniversary celebrations and Safe Food – Safe Nation Conclave, organised by The Telangana Chefs Association (TCA), affiliated with the Indian Federation of Culinary Associations (IFCA) and the World Association of Chefs' Societies (Worldchefs), today at Taj Deccan.

Pascal Loreau and Hugo Cauvet highlighted the growing cooperation between Telangana and France, particularly with Bordeaux, in the fields of gastronomy, tourism and hospitality. They praised Hyderabad's vibrant culinary culture and expressed their commitment to expanding collaborations through chef exchanges, culinary events and educational programmes.

Founder President Chef Dharmender Lamba urged chefs to wear the chef's coat with pride and responsibility, saying it symbolises trust, professionalism and an unwavering commitment to food safety. TCA General Secretary Chef Naveen Nagraj highlighted the association's efforts in promoting culinary education, professional excellence, skill development and social responsibility.

A key highlight of the celebration was the "Safe Food – Safe Nation" oath, where chefs, hospitality professionals, educators and students pledged to uphold the highest standards of food hygiene, nutrition and public health.

The conclave also featured expert technical sessions, panel discussions on food safety, gastronomy and public health, the release of the TCA magazine, CSR presentations, recognition of culinary professionals and educators, and announcements of Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with government departments to promote sustainable gastronomy, biodiversity conservation, culinary tourism and environmental awareness across Telangana.

NBC Bearings Expands Auto Parts Portfolio

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NBC Bearings, the brand of National Engineering Industries Ltd. (NEI), has expanded its presence in India's automotive aftermarket by launching a wide range of new automotive replacement parts, marking a significant step in its growth and diversification strategy.The company has introduced products across several high-demand categories, including wiper blades, brake pads, belts, steering rods, and other critical components for two-wheelers, three-wheelers, and passenger cars. The move is aimed at strengthening NBC Bearings' position as a comprehensive mobility solutions provider while addressing the evolving needs of India's rapidly growing automotive aftermarket.The newly launched products will be distributed through NBC Bearings' extensive nationwide network, ensuring easy availability for dealers, workshops, and customers across the country. The company said the new range has been developed to meet the high standards of quality, reliability, and performance associated with the NBC brand.Speaking on the launch, Rohit Saboo, President and CEO of National Engineering Industries Ltd., said the Indian automotive aftermarket is experiencing strong growth due to rising vehicle ownership, longer vehicle life cycles, and increasing demand for high-quality replacement parts. He noted that NBC Bearings, backed by decades of engineering expertise, is well positioned to capitalize on these opportunities.Saboo said the expansion into multiple automotive component categories represents a strategic move to diversify the company's business beyond bearings, strengthen its market presence, and unlock new avenues of growth. He added that the initiative reflects the company's commitment to offering customers a broader portfolio of reliable automotive solutions.

Mercedes-Benz Posts Record H1 Sales, Up 9%; EV Mix Reaches 14%

In the Q2 also sales climbed 10 per cent to 4,637 units from 4,238 units in Q2 2025, as demand for premium electric vehicles and top-end luxury models continued to outpace the company's overall growth.

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Mercedes-Benz, India' biggest German luxury car maker, on Tuesday posted its highest-ever first-half sales, selling 9,768 cars in January-June 2026, up 9 per cent from 9,013 units in H1 2025. Similarly, in the Q2 also sales climbed 10 per cent to 4,637 units from 4,238 units in Q2 2025, as demand for premium electric vehicles and top-end luxury models continued to outpace the company's overall growth.

Santosh Iyer, MD and CEO at Mercedes-Benz India, said battery electric vehicles now account for 14 per cent of Mercedes' Q2 sales, about double their earlier contribution, indicating rise in demand for electric luxury cars in the country. The Pune-based automaker said its franchise partners are expected to invest more than Rs 450 crore over the next two years to add more than 20 luxury outlets across India, including its entry into Varanasi, while expanding its presence in Mumbai, Delhi NCR, Pune and Hyderabad.

The maker of its butter and bread C-Class and E-Class models said sales of its top-end luxury (TEL) models, including the Mercedes-Maybach range, S-Class, AMG models, EQS SUV and the newly launched V-Class—grew more than 20 per cent in the first half, taking their share to a record 28 per cent of total sales. Mercedes-AMG deliveries surged 50 per cent, reflecting growing demand for ultra-luxury and performance vehicles.

"H1 2026 has shown increased preference for our top-end vehicles, with the share of TEVs now reaching an all-time high of 28 per cent, fuelled by rising demand for the new V-Class and the 50 per cent growth achieved by the performance AMG portfolio," Iyer noted. He said its battery electric cars priced above Rs 1.4 crore recorded 85 per cent growth in Q2, led by the EQS SUV, while the newly launched CLA BEV strengthened demand in the entry luxury segment.

The CLA BEV has already sold out its initial allocation, with waiting periods stretching five to six months, indicating affluent buyers are increasingly embracing electric mobility. Interestingly, Mercedes' sales performance highlights the widening divide between India's luxury and mass-market passenger car segments. Customers are not only lapping up more luxury cars but they are buying more expensive ones too. Waiting periods for several top-end luxury models range from four months to as long as one year for the AMG G 63, while the long-wheelbase E-Class remained India's highest-selling luxury car during the first half. Mercedes' entry luxury portfolio also expanded 29 per cent in Q2, driven by the CLA BEV and GLA SUV.

Vedanta Power Q1 Sales Jump 38%

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Vedanta Power Limited reported a strong operational performance for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026, with total power sales rising 38% year-on-year to 5,225 million units, driven by a sharp increase in generation from Meenakshi Energy Ltd. Meenakshi Energy emerged as the key growth driver during the quarter, recording power sales of 1,350 million units, a 245% increase year-on-year and 16% growth sequentially, following the commissioning of its full 1,000 MW capacity. In the corresponding quarter of the previous year, only one 300 MW unit was operational.

The Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant (TSTP) maintained stable sales at 2,723 million units, up 14% year-on-year, while its Plant Availability Factor (PAF) improved to 86% from 77% in the previous quarter. The availability remained comfortably above the 80% normative level specified under its Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Punjab government.

The Jharsuguda Thermal Plant registered sales of 687 million units, marginally higher than the previous quarter but 23% lower year-on-year. However, its plant availability remained strong at 93%.

Sales from the Sakti Thermal Plant dropped to 465 million units, down 57% year-on-year, after operations were severely affected by a boiler blast in Unit-I on April 14, 2026. The plant has remained temporarily shut since the incident, leading to reduced availability and lower generation during the quarter.

Vedanta Power noted that the quarter includes both pre- and post-demerger operations following its separation from Vedanta Limited during the first quarter of FY27. As a result, comparisons with previous reporting periods should be interpreted with caution, as the current quarter reflects the company's new standalone operating structure.

Diljit Dosanjh's Satluj removed from OTT sparks political row

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Senior Congress leader Sukhpal Singh Khaira echoed him.

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

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

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

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

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

Kajal Aggarwal's 'The India Story' to hit screens on July 24



MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

The makers of Kajal Aggarwal and Shreyas Talpade-led socio-national drama, "The India Story," have finally locked in on a release date.

Directed by Chettan DK and produced and written by Sagar B Shinde, the drama will reach the cinema halls on July 24 this year.

Sharing the release date with the netizens, the makers wrote on social media, "The poison was never in the fields alone. It was in the silence. #TheIndiaStory, Slow Poison in Progress. Coming in cinemas on 24th July 2026…Releasing in 3 languages #Hindi #Tamil #Telugu (sic)."

"The India Story" sheds light on the alarming consequences of chemical misuse, especially in the context of pesticide farming and related scandals.

Applauding the collective efforts behind the project, director Chettan DK said, "Every member of the team, from the crew to the cast, has put in immense dedication to bring authenticity to this story. Kajal and Shreyas have delivered incredibly nuanced performances, and their commitment has truly elevated the film. We've worked hard to ensure that the narrative remains both engaging and impactful."

Sharing the motivation behind the movie, producer Sagar B Shinde added, "We chose to tell this story because it reflects a reality that often goes unnoticed but impacts countless lives across the country. The misuse of chemicals, especially in pesticide farming, is not just an environmental concern; it's a human crisis. Through this film, we hope to raise awareness and initiate meaningful conversations around accountability and change."

Backed by Sumit Bagade, Anita Jadhav, Vinayak Saidani, Kalpesh Shah, Devyani Khorate, and Prem Joshi, the film will enjoy camera work by Nishant Bhagwat with the music scored by Mangesh Dhakde.

The technical crew of the drama further includes Ashish Mhatre as the editor, Shakeel Azami as lyricist and Anmol Bhave as the sound designer.

"The India Story" will be released in multiple languages, including Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil.

England Thrash India by 125 Runs



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi got a taste of the fact that international cricket isn't always child's play as England pacers Jofra Archer and Josh Tongue were fast and furious in clinically decimating India by a record 125 runs in the third T20 International here on Tuesday.This was India's worst T20I defeat in terms of margin of runs as only four batters got into double digits. England took 2-0 lead in the five-match series. The first match was abandoned.

Tearaway quicks Archer (3/29 in 3 overs) and Tongue (4/28 in 4 overs) bowled with a lot of fire and hostility inside the Powerplay as India surrendered meekly getting shot out for 76 runs in 11.4 overs in pursuit of 202. Shreyas Iyer's winless streak has now extended to five games and this Indian team under Gautam Gambhir's stewardship looks a disjointed unit. It wasn't a pretty sight as birthday boy Mahendra Singh Dhoni watched his favourite team get dismantled one over at a time.

England's 201 for 7 was largely based on opener Phil Salt's 70 and Sam Curran's unbeaten 41 in a late assault. The match as a contest was over once India were reduced to 52 for 5 in five overs. The worst part was that this was one of India's worst batting performances in recent times, marked by poor shot selection and no stomach for a fight. The remaining time was a mere formality, and sending a hit-and-miss slogger like Harshit Rana at No. 7 inside the Powerplay ahead of Shivam Dube raised too many eyebrows.

Sooryavanshi once again hit a couple of sixes -- one each off Archer and Tongue -- but his 13-run knock ended in just five deliveries. A sharp bouncer directed on his right shoulder saw the teenager go for a hook but it ended in Jos Buttler's gloves. Even before his dismissal, Abhishek Sharma was holed out at the deep extra cover, an area where he has been dismissed a few times. Ishan Kishan hooked one for a six but was out in no time. Shreyas Iyer tried to flick Archer and picked the only fielder behind square. Axar Patel expected short ball and got a fuller length to edge one behind stumps.

Messi Scores 8th Goal, Leads in Golden Boot Race

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Lionel Messi once again proved why he remains one of football's greatest icons, inspiring Argentina to a dramatic comeback victory over Egypt in the FIFA World Cup 2026 Round of 16 while moving to the top of the Golden Boot standings. The veteran forward scored his eighth goal of the tournament, extending his remarkable scoring streak to nine consecutive World Cup matches and helping the defending champions book their place in the quarterfinals.

Argentina found themselves under immense pressure after Egypt took an early lead through Yasser Ibrahim, who headed home in the 15th minute. Messi had the opportunity to level the scores shortly afterward but saw his penalty saved in the 19th minute, giving Egypt a significant psychological advantage. The African side doubled its lead in the 67th minute



when Mostafa Zico finished confidently after an assist from Haissem Hassan, putting Argentina on the brink of elimination.

However, Argentina mounted an extraordinary comeback in the closing stages. Defender Cristian Romero ignited hopes with a powerful header in the 79th minute after a perfectly delivered cross from Messi. Just four minutes later, Messi redeemed his earlier penalty miss by calmly converting a cross from Gonzalo Montiel to make it 2-2. The equaliser marked Messi's 21st career World Cup goal, further extending his record as the tournament's all-time leading scorer.

Argentina completed the stunning turnaround in stoppage time when Enzo Fernández headed home the winning goal, sealing a memorable 3-2 victory and keeping alive the South American giants' hopes of retaining the World Cup title. The comeback from two goals down was one of the most dramatic knockout-stage victories in recent tournament history.

Messi's latest goal also reshaped the Golden Boot race. Having entered the match level on seven goals with Kylian Mbappé and Erling Haaland, the Argentine captain now leads the scoring charts outright with eight goals. Mbappé, who held the tie-breaker through assists before this match, now trails Messi, while Harry Kane remains in contention with six goals.

The goal also widened Messi's lead over Mbappé on the all-time World Cup scoring list. Remarkably, Messi has now scored 13 goals across his last nine World Cup matches dating back to Argentina's triumphant 2022 campaign, setting another tournament record by scoring in nine successive World Cup games.

Messi narrowly missed winning the Golden Boot in 2022, finishing second behind Mbappé despite guiding Argentina to the World Cup title. With the quarterfinals still to come, the Argentine legend is now in pole position to claim the prestigious individual honour for the first time while continuing his pursuit of back-to-back World Cup triumphs.

DGP C.V. Anand Stresses Higher Conviction Rate, Stronger Anti-Drug Drive

DGP C.V. Anand directs stronger investigations, improved court evidence, anti-drug operations, cybercrime control, community policing, and enhanced road safety measures.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

C. V. Anand on Tuesday emphasized the need to improve conviction rates, particularly in drug-related cases, while directing police officers to strengthen investigations, evidence presentation, and community policing.

Addressing a media conference after reviewing law and order with district police officials in Khammam, the DGP said Telangana Police were giving top priority to curbing the drug menace, especially ganja smuggling, and combating the growing threat of cybercrime. While appreciating the performance of Khammam Police, he stressed that successful investigations must culminate in convictions.

Anand said effective handling of court work was equally important as investigation. He noted that failure to present evidence properly in court could lead to lower conviction rates and urged officers to ensure that offenders receive appropriate punishment through strong prosecution.

The DGP praised the district police for regular patrolling and surprise inspections and instructed officials to intensify night patrols to prevent property offences. He also directed frequent inspections of



police stations, strict surveillance of rowdy sheeters and anti-social elements, and greater emphasis on community policing initiatives.

Warning against attempts to disturb communal harmony, Anand said five persons had been identified in Khammam for allegedly posting provocative content on social media. They were under constant surveillance, and legal action would be initiated against them.

Highlighting Telangana Police's technological advancements, he said the department remained among the country's leading forces in tackling cybercrime. He instructed officials to ensure accurate implementation of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and maintain updated records.

Replying to a query, the DGP said a special investigation team had been constituted to solve the murder case of CPM leader Samineni Rama Rao. On Maoist activity, he stated that the threat had largely been eliminated but surveillance over surrendered cadres would continue.

During his visit, Anand inaugurated the Road Safety Park and reviewed the integration of 250 CCTV cameras with the district command centre. He also announced that a dedicated Traffic Management Bureau, on the lines of the Anti-Narcotics EAGLE Force, would soon be established to improve road safety. He further instructed police personnel not to interfere in civil and land disputes and to strictly follow standard operating procedures.

Kavitha Slams Govt Over Hyderabad Water Crisis

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Rakshana Sena leader Kalvakuntla Kavitha has alleged that the Telangana Government has failed to address Hyderabad's drinking water crisis despite the arrival of the monsoon, accusing it of lacking proper planning and delaying key water supply projects.

Kavitha expressed concern that nearly 10,000 water tankers are reportedly being booked every day even in July, saying the situation reflects the severe hardships faced by residents in securing drinking water.

She criticized the government for not taking up the proposed drinking water scheme from Konda Po-



chamma Sagar to Hyderabad, while instead prioritizing the Godavari Drinking Water Project Phase-II and Phase-III from Mallanna Sagar. According to her, the decision was aimed at benefiting a private company through large contracts and commissions rather than addressing the city's immediate water needs.

Alleging that the government was more focused on financial gains than public welfare, Kavitha said Hyderabad residents were being forced to struggle for basic drinking water due to administrative negligence. She further stated that the government had no advance plan to prevent the current water shortage despite repeated warnings about the possibility of a crisis. She accused the administration of failing to take timely precautionary measures.

Demanding immediate action, Kavitha urged the government to launch emergency measures to resolve Hyderabad's drinking water problems and expedite the completion of the Godavari Drinking Water Project to ensure a reliable water supply for the city.

HMWSSB reviews contingency plans as water levels in Singur

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Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) officials said on Tuesday, July 7, that the Singur reservoir currently holds only enough water for about 50 days.

In this context, Managing Director Ashok Reddy instructed officials to prepare an alternative contingency plan to prevent disruption in drinking water supply to Hyderabad. Officials have been asked to consider an alternative day or phased



water supply in case water levels fall further in Singur and Manjira reservoirs.

The MD also suggested that plans should be prepared to effectively utilise alternative water resources like Krishna, Godavari, Osman Sagar and Himayat Sagar.

He instructed the officials to identify the areas that faced acute water problems last summer, prepare a special contingency plan within fifteen days and take steps to complete the necessary work by October.

He suggested paying special attention to areas under the Malkajgiri Corporation that have recently faced water problems.

He said that funds should not be an obstacle to setting up additional pumping facilities, filtration units and other infrastructure if temporarily required and stressed that maintaining an uninterrupted water supply is the top priority for the Water Board.

The MD asked officials to continuously monitor tanker filling stations and regularly review the online booking system, tanker delivery, trip management, record management, etc.

He clarified that negligence, lack of supervision or failure in the management of tankers will result in show cause notices being issued to the concerned officials, and departmental action will be taken if necessary.

The MD suggested organising a special workshop with the owners of private Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) that have a capacity of more than 50 kiloliters to create awareness on using the treated water for gardens, construction works and other needs.

MLA Vivekananda Goud Slams Revanth Over Metro, Governance

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

BRS Legislature Party Whip and BRS MLA K.P. Vivekananda Goud strongly criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, alleging that the Congress government's decisions on Metro Rail, HYDRA, the Musi River project and other policies have become a burden on the people of Telangana. Addressing the media, he claimed the cancellation of the Rayadurgam-Airport Metro corridor deprived several Hyderabad constituencies of improved connectivity and questioned why Metro Phase-2 had not been

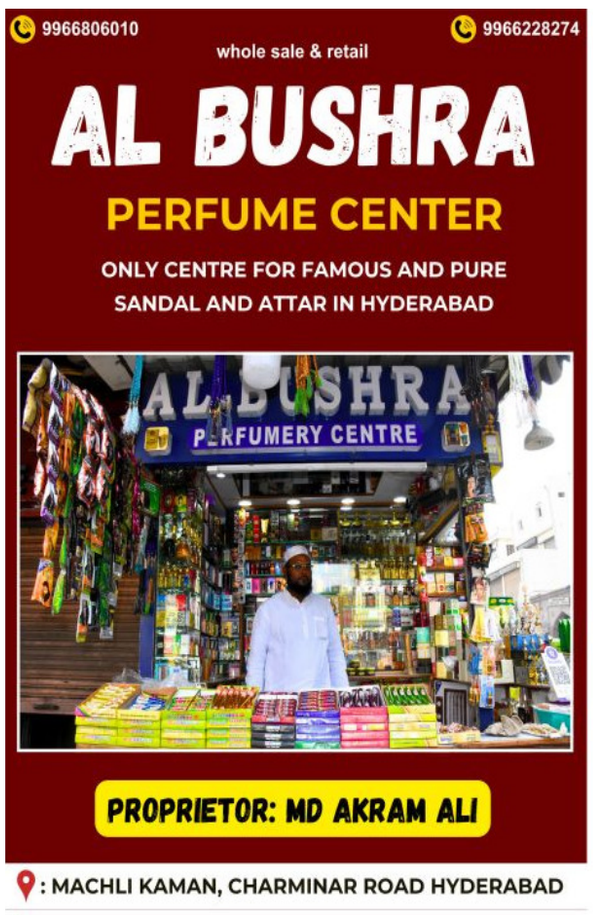


sanctioned for Hyderabad despite similar projects moving ahead in BJP-ruled states.

He also demanded that Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar clarify the Centre's stand on Hyderabad Metro expansion.Vivekananda Goud alleged that the Metro agreement with L&T was placing a heavy daily financial burden on the state and accused the Congress and BJP of working together while neglecting Hyderabad's development. Defending the previous BRS government, he said former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) focused on creating infrastructure, whereas the present government was dismantling development initiatives. He further demanded immediate restoration of the Kaleshwaram project, challenged Congress leaders to jointly inspect the project with the BRS, and urged the government to prioritise irrigation, farmers' interests and Telangana's long-term development.



Sri Katta Lingam, President of the Sri Sri Sri Nalla Pochamma Devi–Sri Mata Mahankali Devi Joint Temples Committee, Nataraj Nagar, invited Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, and Corporator Swami Yadav to the 104th Bonalu festival. MP Owaisi responded positively to the invitation. Temple Committee advisors Gudumani Ashok Kumar, Katta Srinivas, and Chinta Jayaram were also present.



KTR's 'Landlord' Builds Tower In Hussainsagar

The land where permission was granted for high-rises was classified as "vacant land submerged under a lake"

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The joint inspection conducted by the GHMC and HYDRAA on Monday at an under-construction high-rise project of Pradeep Constructions in Somajiguda has reportedly brought to the fore startling revelations over the manner in which the project received building permissions during the previous BRS regime despite the area of the project falling entirely within the full tank level (FTL) and buffer zone of the Hussainsagar.

Official sources said the project, comprising two 17-storey towers, had been granted approvals during the BRS regime between 2018 and 2020, even though the site had no construction-permissible land. The findings have revived political debate over an alleged link between the project approvals and the Janwada farmhouse, where BRS working president and then minister K.T. Rama Rao used to stay, and whose ownership was



claimed by Badvelu Pradeep Reddy, the proprietor of Pradeep Constructions, before the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

The issue assumes political significance as Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, while in the Opposition as a Congress MP, was arrested in March 2020 by the Cyberabad police for allegedly trying to illegally film the farmhouse in Janwada using a drone and for accusing Rama Rao of being the owner of the property. Official sources said Pradeep Reddy had informed the NGT that he owned the Janwada farmhouse property situated in Survey No. 311, spread over 3.3 acres, along with a farmhouse constructed on 1,210 square yards, having purchased it through registered sale deeds. Court records also reflected that the property stood in his name. The developments have fuelled allegations of a possible link between the Janwada land and the approvals granted to the Somajiguda project and sparked demand for an investigation into whether special permissions were granted in return for benefits related to the farmhouse.

The project, located on Lok Bhavan Road in Somajiguda, covers an extent of 7,640.89 square metres. During the joint inspection, GHMC, HYDRAA and irrigation department officials found that 7,355.15 square metres of the land fall within the Hussainsagar FTL while the remaining 285.74 square metres.

Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy Appointed to Telangana Legislative Assembly Amenities Committee

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy has been appointed as a member of the Telangana Legislative Assembly Amenities Committee, which functions under the supervision of the Speaker of the Telangana Legislative Assembly. The committee comprises members from both the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council and is entrusted with matters relating to legislative facilities and administration. Expressing gratitude for



the appointment, Bandari Lakshma Reddy thanked the Speaker for entrusting him with the responsibility. He said he would discharge his duties with commitment and work towards the efficient functioning of the Legislature while safeguarding public interest.

TGSRTC victims' body seeks government employee status

The TGRTC Victims Employees Welfare Association, on Tuesday, July 7, has urged the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) to implement the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (Absorption of Employees into Government Service) Act, 2023.The Act, passed on August 4, 2023, provides for the absorption of all regular TGSRTC employees into government service.

In a letter to TGSRTC Vice Chairman and Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy, the association said that the legislation was enacted to provide job security by granting them employee status.They also demanded that TGSRTC suspend the proposed corporation-level trade union elections until the government finalises

AIMIM Opposes Gudimalkapur Market Shift

HYDERABAD
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AIMIM leaders on Tuesday urged the Telangana Government to immediately withdraw the proposal to shift the Gudimalkapur Vegetable and Flower Market to Moinabad, stating that the move would adversely affect the livelihoods of more than 10,000 families.Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, accompanied by Nampally MLA Majid Hussain and the President of the Gudimalkapur Vegetable and Flower Market Committee, met



Telangana Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, IAS, and submitted a representation on the official letterhead of Hyderabad MP Barrister Asaduddin Owaisi.The delegation emphasized that the Gudimalkapur market is a major trading hub serving thousands of vendors, farmers, transporters, and workers. They requested the government to reconsider the proposal and retain the market at its present location to safeguard the livelihoods of those dependent on it.

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