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Skyroot Aerospace founders meet PM Modi after Vikram-1 success



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Founders of Skyroot Aerospace, the company that successfully launched India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, Vikram-1, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday.

After the meeting, Prime Minister Modi said their energy, ambition and positivity reflected the vibrant spirit of the country's private space ecosystem."A great interaction with Pawan Chandana and Naga Bharath Daka of Skyroot Aerospace," Modi said on X.

He said the success of Vikram-1 naturally featured prominently in the discussion, along with many other interesting subjects.

"Happy to hear about their journey so far and their insights into what lies ahead. Their energy, ambition and positivity reflect the vibrant spirit of our private space ecosystem.

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India Now Has 576 Individuals Reporting Rs 100 Crore+ Income: IT Data

The government on Monday said that as many as 576 individuals have reported a gross total income of Rs 100 crore or more in their income tax returns in the 2025-26 assessment year, registering a 4-fold growth over the past five years. Informing Parliament, minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary replied in the Lok Sabha to a question on whether the government is aware that there has been a significant increase in the number of billionaires in the country and that it is among the leading nations in the world in this regard.

In a written reply, Chaudhary also said that there is no statutory definition of the term 'billionaire' either under the Income-tax Act, 2025 or under the erstwhile Income-tax Act, 1961. However, the number of individuals

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Telangana to Issue Family Register Certificates to Safeguard Voters

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The Telangana government has issued orders for the issuance of Family Register Certificates (FRCs) to ration card holders amid apprehensions that lakhs of voters, particularly from Minority communities, could risk losing their names from the electoral rolls during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) due to their inability to produce valid identity documents sought by election officials. The move has been welcomed by AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi, government advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir and other Minority leaders, who said the initiative would help safeguard the voting rights of genuine voters facing documentation difficulties. The FRC is among the 12 documents listed by the Election Commission of India (ECI) that can be produced during scrutiny of electoral rolls in the claims and objections phase of the SIR, which begins on August 10.

Although the government issued the orders on July 25, the decision came to light on Monday. After studying Karnataka's implementation of Permanent Residence Certificates (PRCs), the Telangana government decided to issue FRCs.

As per GO 172, issued by the revenue department on July 25, the government has decided to constitute a statewide electronic Telangana Family Register based on the Food Security Card (FSC) database maintained by the Civil Supplies Department.

The commissioner of civil supplies has been directed to provide access to the FSC database for issuing FRCs. The certificate will be available through the MeeSeva platform for a service charge of ₹62.

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Congress Sounds Alarm Over SIR in Telangana

CM pitches for lowering minimum age for contesting LS, Assembly elections

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The Congress high command has appreciated the performance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy led government in Telangana and praised the State as one of the strongest in the country in terms of the party's organisational strength. The performance of the government, the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and organisational affairs of the party in Telangana were reviewed at a meeting held at Indira Bhavan, the Congress headquarters in Delhi, on Monday.

AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal reviewed the issues in the presence of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC Telangana in charge Meenakshi Natarajan. The meeting noted that the Congress government, which assumed office in December 2023, had completed 31 months in July and crossed the halfway mark of its five year term on June 7. Party sources said the AICC appreciated the implementation of various welfare schemes and the government's performance, with several programmes benefiting lakhs of people every day and every month.

The Mahalakshmi scheme, under which more than 30 lakh women avail free bus travel daily, the Gruha Jyothi scheme providing free power up to 200 units to more than 50 lakh households monthly, and the free supply of fine rice benefiting 3.39 crore people every month were among the welfare initiatives that received special mention. The AICC also appreciated the Indiramma housing scheme, under which more than seven lakh houses are being constructed for poor and middle class families across the State.

However, the high command expressed concern over the ongoing SIR exercise and directed party leaders, workers and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to remain vigilant and ensure that no eligible voter loses the right to vote. With only about a week left for completion of the enumeration phase, nearly 31 lakh forms across Telangana have been categorised as "uncollectable" after 74.38 per cent of the total enumeration forms were digitised. In Hyderabad alone, around 4.21 lakh forms have been categorised as uncollectible, with digitisation standing at just over 50 per cent.

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Telangana HC Orders Removal of HYDRAA Chief A.V. Ranganath

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The Telangana High Court on Monday directed the state Chief Secretary to replace HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, holding that his repeated violations of judicial orders and scant regard for the authority of the courts had made his continuation in office untenable. The court noted that about 63 contempt cases had been filed against Ranganath over



the last one-and-a-half years, demonstrating a recurring pattern of disregard for judicial orders. Observing that it was conscious of issuing such directions, the court said that repeated judicial patience had failed to reform the Commissioner's conduct. "When there is a wilful and deliberate violation of an order passed by a competent court, it would be like giving an olive branch to the contemnor, further undermining the rule of law and the majesty of the court," the judge observed. The court further noted that if the officer were permitted to continue as Commissioner of HYDRAA, "this court is of the considered opinion that the rule of law would be at peril."

Works For Greenfield Radial Road To RRR Picks Up Pace

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Construction of the 41.5-km Hyderabad Greenfield Radial Road connecting the Outer Ring Road (ORR) at Raviryal with the proposed Regional Ring Road (RRR) at Amangal has picked up pace following progress in land acquisition. The 3+3 lane access-controlled radial road is being developed at an estimated cost of ₹4,030 crore, with



the road corridor spread across a 100-metre-wide alignment. Works including levelling of uneven terrain, removal of hillocks obstructing the alignment, construction of culverts, underpasses and bridges have commenced at several locations.

The government has acquired around 1,000 acres for the project, including 87.66 hectares of forest land. Under Phase-I, the 19.20-km stretch from Raviryal ORR Exit-13 through Mirkhanpet to Akuthotapally is being developed at an estimated cost of ₹1,665 crore, with Rithwik Constructions executing the works. Phase-II covers the 22.30-km stretch from Mirkhanpet to Amangal and is being taken up at an estimated

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CJP Presses Centre to Keep Promises After Post-Protest Detentions



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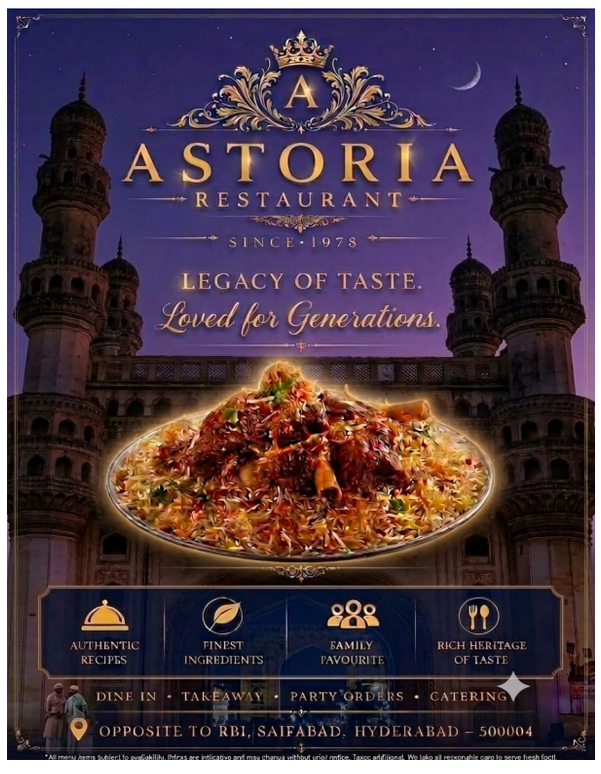
Two days after calling off its 36-day nationwide agitation over the NEET paper leak, the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Monday urged the Centre to "immediately honour" the assurances given to protesters, alleging that students and supporters were being detained in several states despite the government's commitments. In a statement, the CJP expressed concern over reports of students and other protesters being "targeted, detained or arrested" by state agencies, particularly in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar. It said the protest was withdrawn only after the Government of India assured the organisation that no punitive action would be taken against any protester in BJP- or NDA-ruled states, calling the reported detentions a "matter of grave concern."

The organisation said its legal team was already coordinating with lawyers in the affected states to secure the release of those detained and provide legal assistance.

It urged the Centre, particularly Union ministers J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh, to ensure the immediate release of detainees, prevent any coercive or retaliatory action against protesters and withdraw all FIRs registered against them.

The CJP also reminded the government of its commitment to provide a written guarantee by Tuesday, July 28, reiterating that its decision to suspend the nationwide protest was taken in good faith based on the Centre's assurances.

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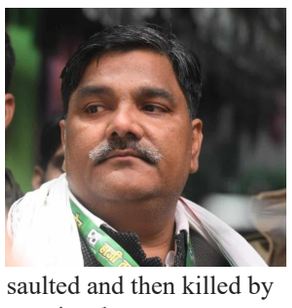


Delhi Police seek death penalty for former AAP leader Tahir Hussain

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The Delhi Police urged a court here on Monday to sentence former AAP councillor Tahir Hussain and four others to death in the murder case of IB officer Ankit Sharma during the 2020 Delhi riots, saying "they fell to the level of being animals" while relentlessly assaulting him.

The submissions were made before Additional Sessions Judge Praveen Singh who was also informed that Sharma was abducted, relentlessly assaulted and then killed by convicted persons.



The court reserved its order for July 31 after hearing arguments from both prosecution and defence counsels of all five convicts.

Special public prosecutor Madhukar Pandey submitted that Sharma was brutally killed and was not shown any mercy by the convicts, so they should not be given any leniency.

"Those who are asking for mercy today should have shown mercy themselves. No mercy was shown from anyone's side. No one even took Ankit to the hospital. They are asking for mercy after committing such a brutal murder," Pandey said. They kept torturing him even after he died, he said.

"Ankit Sharma was abducted and relentlessly assaulted before he was killed. A total of 51 wounds were found on his body; 18 of those were inflicted with sharp weapons. The nature of the weapons used shows the intent and diabolical nature of the crime. They fell to the level of being animals. Even after the victim died, they continued the assault," he said.Pandey also asserted that the nature of the crime was heinous and brutal, and the convicts should be handed the death sentence."This was a cold-blooded murder. These people turned into butchers during the crime.

Repairs to Komaram Bheem Project Essential to Store Rainwater, Solve Drinking Water Crisis

Irrigation officials discharge water downstream without storing the water, limiting its storage capacity so as to avoid damage to the project.

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Timely repairs to the Komaram Bheem Irrigation Project have become essential to enable the reservoir to store water up to its full capacity and ensure a reliable drinking water supply for Komaram Bheem Asifabad district and parts of Adilabad district in the coming months. The project serves as the primary source of water under Mission Bhagiratha, supplying several villages from Asifabad mandal to Indravelli mandal. However, despite its importance, it is currently not being used for irrigation.



Due to safety concerns over the condition of the dam bund, irrigation officials have been releasing incoming rainwater downstream instead of storing it fully. A section of the bund developed cracks nearly four years ago and has since been covered with tarpaulin sheets as a temporary measure. During an inspection in June 2025, officials from the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Dam Safety Authority advised that water storage should not exceed 6 TMC, although the reservoir was designed to hold 10.6 TMC, to prevent any risk to the structure during the monsoon.

The need to restore the project has become even more significant after prolonged dry spells caused by El Niño affected the region in recent years. Surrounded by hills, the reservoir receives substantial inflows from seasonal rainfall, making it capable of storing large volumes of water if repaired. At present, the reservoir holds only 4.878 TMC of water at a level of 235.85 metres, enough to meet drinking water needs for approximately 174 days.

The ₹367-crore project was originally planned to irrigate 35,000 acres through the Left Canal in Sirpur (T), Wankidi and Kagaznagar mandals, and another 4,500 acres through the Right Canal in Asifabad mandal. However, the Left Canal remains incomplete due to pending forest clearances, leaving the irrigation component unrealised.

Residents and experts believe that comprehensive repairs to the bund, along with completion of the canal network, would allow the reservoir to function at full capacity, ensuring long-term drinking water security while also fulfilling its original irrigation objectives.

SCCL-backed kitchen to provide breakfast to 44,107 students in Khammam

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A centralised community kitchen has been set up at Madhira in Khammam with support from Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and Hare Krishna Movement Charitable Foundation (HKMCF) to provide breakfast to government school children.

The centralised community kitchen has been designed using state-of-the-art technology and automated systems for the hygienic preparation of breakfast for as many as 44,107 students studying in government schools across 16 mandals in Khammam district.

SCCL provided funds under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative, while the State government allotted an 8,000-square-yard shed at the Madhira Agricultural Market Yard for its construction by HKMCF.



The facility is equipped with high-capacity automated steamers capable of producing 5,400 idlis in 60 minutes, a specialised automatic dosa machine that can make 2,000 dosas in 60 minutes, and a fully automatic poori machine capable of producing 3,600 pooris per hour.

It also features automated systems for preparing sambar and vegetable curries sufficient for 5,000 students within two hours, as well as rice-cooking machinery capable of preparing enough rice for 1,000 students in just 15 minutes.

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, along with the president of HKMCF-Akshaya Patra Foundation Telangana-Andhra Pradesh region, Satya Gaura Chandra Dasa, SCCL CMD Buddha Prakash Jyoti and HKMCF CEO Kaunteya Dasa, inaugurated the facility on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said permanent kitchens would be completed across the State within the next three months to provide breakfast to 27 lakh students studying in government and residential schools.

In addition to breakfast, milk would be provided three days a week and ragi malt (finger millet porridge) on the other three days to ensure the nutritional well-being of students, he added.

MLA M Ramdas Naik, MLC Sripal Reddy and District Collector Divakara TS were present.

Is Osmania University's CEEP Losing Its Relevance?

Declining Admissions, Academic Concerns, and Administrative Challenges Raise Questions Over the Future of a Once-Premier Programme

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Once regarded as a premier avenue for working engineers to pursue postgraduate education, the Continuing Engineering Education Programme (CEEP) at the University College of Engineering (Autonomous), Osmania University, is facing growing scrutiny over declining admissions, academic concerns, and administrative challenges.

Launched to enable professionals to earn an M.E. degree through evening classes without interrupting their careers, CEEP has produced thousands of engineers who now serve in government departments, public sector undertakings, private industries, and academia.



However, students and alumni say the programme is gradually losing its appeal.

They point to a noticeable drop in admissions in recent years and attribute it to concerns over academic quality, high failure rates in certain subjects, and limited academic support for working professionals. Students argue that while academic standards should remain rigorous, repeated poor results in the same subjects warrant a review of teaching methods and evaluation practices.

Administrative delays in issuing certificates, attendance-related discrepancies, and examination services have also emerged as key concerns. Students have called for digital attendance systems, online tracking of applications, and faster grievance redressal to improve transparency and efficiency.

Alumni and students have urged the Principal of the University College of Engineering and the Vice-Chancellor of Osmania University to conduct a comprehensive review of the programme, strengthen academic support, streamline administrative processes, and ensure fair evaluation.

They believe CEEP, a programme with a distinguished legacy, can regain its status as Telangana's leading evening postgraduate engineering course through timely reforms, transparent governance, and student-centric initiatives.

Food poisoning : Bellampalli MJP College principal, deputy warden suspended

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The principal and deputy warden of the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Residential College in Bellampalli were suspended following a food poisoning incident in which more than 20 students were hospitalised after having dinner at the institution's hostel recently. An order to this effect was issued by MJP Educational Institutions Secretary B Saidulu on Saturday.



As per the order, the college principal, Rama Devi, and deputy warden Sujatha were suspended. An inquiry was initiated into the food poisoning incident, and officials submitted a report to the higher authorities. Based on the findings of the report, action was initiated against the two officials, holding them responsible for the incident.

They were reportedly found to have been negligent in the management of the hostel.

On July 22, more than 20 students experienced vomiting and stomach pain after having dinner at around 9 pm.

They were immediately shifted to a hospital and were discharged later that night after receiving treatment.

According to officials, the students complained of vomiting and stomach pain
following the meal and were admitted for treatment before being discharged.

TWJA Kukatpally President Erra Yakanna Felicitated by Mala Mahanadu

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In recognition of his dedicated service to journalism and his continued support for fellow media professionals, Erra Yakanna, President of the Telangana Working Journalists' Association (TWJA), Kukatpally Unit, was felicitated by Dr. Pabbathi Srikrishna, National President of Mala Mahanadu.

The felicitation was held to celebrate Erra Yakanna's unanimous election as the TWJA Kukatpally President for a third consecutive term, reflecting the confidence and trust reposed in his leadership by the journalist fraternity.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Pabbathi Srikrishna lauded Yakanna for consistently highlighting public issues through responsible journalism and standing firmly by fellow journalists. He appreciated his commitment to safeguarding the values and ethics of the profession while working for the welfare of media personnel.Several dignitaries attended the event, including Sanki Prasad, Greater Hyderabad Secretary, senior journalist T. Rama Rao, and BJP leaders, who congratulated Erra Yakanna and wished him continued success in serving both the media fraternity and society.

BC Study Circle Invites Applications for Free Foundation Coaching for Competitive Exams



The BC Study Circle, Sangareddy, under the Telangana Government's Backward Classes Welfare Department, has invited online applications for its free 125-day Foundation Coaching Programme for various competitive examinations, including Group-I, Group-II, Group-IV, Banking, SSC, RRB, and Police Recruitment.In a press release issued on Saturday, District Backward Classes Welfare Officer A. Jagadeesh said that the coaching programme is aimed at helping eligible graduates prepare effectively for state and central government competitive examinations.The free coaching is open to graduate candidates belonging to BC, SC, ST, EBC, and orphan categories from Sangareddy and Medak districts.Online applications will be accepted from July 25 to August 14, 2026, through the official website. The list of selected candidates will be announced on August 18, followed by certificate verification from August 20 to August 24. The coaching programme is scheduled to commence on August 25, 2026.

EEI Mushroom Training Bears Fruit as Participant Turns Agripreneur

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A 10-day Skill Training Programme on Mushroom Cultivation conducted by the Extension Education Institute (EEI), Rajendranagar, has produced an inspiring success story, showcasing how scientific training and expert mentorship can transform aspiring learners into successful agripreneurs.

Organised by the EEI (Southern Region) under the Directorate of Extension, Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, in association with Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (PJTSAU), the programme was held from February 18 to 28, 2026.



Around 40 participants from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh attended the programme, with many aspiring to establish mushroom cultivation units using scientific methods.

Among the participants, Ravi Kumar Vishlavat emerged as a notable success story. Soon after completing the training, he established his own mushroom cultivation unit by applying the techniques demonstrated during the programme.

Within weeks, his cultivation bags produced healthy oyster mushroom clusters, validating the effectiveness of the practical training.

Sharing his experience, Ravi Kumar said witnessing the successful harvest gave him confidence to continue his entrepreneurial journey. He also expressed gratitude to Chandra Shekhar for providing constant moral support, technical guidance and motivation, which helped him successfully implement mushroom cultivation.

Dr. P. Vijaya Lakshmi, Professor and Course Coordinator at EEI, appreciated Chandra Shekhar's contribution in encouraging trainees to translate classroom learning into successful field implementation. She noted that mentorship plays a vital role in helping new entrepreneurs adopt scientific farming practices.

Ravi Kumar's achievement has become an inspiration for fellow participants, encouraging them to start their own mushroom cultivation ventures. His success highlights the impact of quality training, practical exposure and dedicated mentorship in creating sustainable livelihood opportunities and promoting scientific mushroom cultivation across the region.

Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Pays Rich Tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha paid heartfelt tributes to Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, former President of India and one of the nation's most celebrated scientists, on the occasion of his death anniversary.

In a press note released on Monday, the Minister described Dr. Kalam as a visionary leader whose pioneering contributions transformed India's defence and aerospace capabilities, earning him global recognition as the "Missile Man of India."

He said Dr. Kalam's relentless dedication to scientific innovation played a vital role in strengthening the nation's strategic and defence sectors.

Remembering Dr. Kalam as the "People's President," the Minister said his life was a shining example of humility, integrity, patriotism and selfless service.

His inspiring journey—from humble beginnings to becoming the President of India and a Bharat Ratna awardee—continues to motivate millions of young Indians to dream big and work hard for the nation.The Minister noted that Dr. Kalam devoted his life to science, education and nation-building, while consistently encouraging students to embrace innovation, knowledge and excellence. His vision of a strong, self-reliant and developed India remains a guiding force for future generations, he added."On the death anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, I offer my respectful tributes to the great son of India whose extraordinary contributions to defence, science, education and national development will forever remain an inspiration," the Minister said.

IMD issues heavy rain alert for 13 Telangana districts over next three days

Following weeks of dry weather and a widening rainfall deficit across Telangana, the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, has issued a heavy rainfall warning for multiple districts for the next three days, starting from Tuesday.

A heavy rainfall warning, ranging from 64.5 mm to 115.5 mm of rainfall, has been issued for 13 key districts, including Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Khammam, Mahabubabad, and Warangal.

Additionally, strong surface winds with speeds reaching 30 to 40 km/h are expected to prevail across isolated pockets in all districts of the state. The wet spell is projected to persist over the coming days, with light to moderate showers continuing at a few places across Telangana.

Health Dept to Prepare Healthcare Framework for Tribal Villages, Expand CT Scan Services

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The health department will implement a special healthcare framework to improve medical services in tribal and forest villages, with a focus on expanding infrastructure, specialist care and emergency services closer to people's homes, health minister Damodar Rajanarasimha said on Monday. Reviewing healthcare services in Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad and Nirmal districts at the Secretariat, the minister said the government aims to ensure that people living in remote tribal areas have access to the same quality of healthcare available in urban centres.

As part of the plan, CT scan facilities will be introduced in all area hospitals under the integrated tribal development agencies in a phased manner. The government will also establish new sub-centres and primary health centres (PHCs) wherever required, while upgrading existing PHCs, community health centres and area hospitals based on local needs and the distance people travel to access healthcare.

The review meeting was attended by MLAs Vedma Bojju, Payal Shankar, Dr Palvai Harish Babu, Kova Lakshmi, Ramarao Pawar and Anil Jadhav, along with senior officials of the health department. The minister also reviewed the functioning of government medical colleges, district hospitals, area hospitals and PHCs in the three districts.

MLAs informed the minister that government hospitals in their constituencies had improved significantly with the recruitment of more doctors, nurses and other healthcare staff. They, however, sought additional infrastructure and strengthening of specialty departments.

The minister said Adilabad RIMS is being developed as the referral centre for Adilabad, Asifabad and Nirmal districts.

Super-specialty services, including cardiology and nephrology, have already been introduced and more departments will be added to reduce the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad for advanced treatment. With the monsoon underway, Rajanarasimha directed officials to remain alert against seasonal diseases such as malaria, dengue, viral fevers and diarrhoea.

The minister also said the government has sanctioned one ambulance for every mandal in the erstwhile Adilabad district and plans to deploy additional ambulances at community health centres and area hospitals.

Congress high command reviews Telangana unit amid growing dissent

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The Congress high command is learnt to have taken a serious view of the affairs in the Telangana Congress, particularly the growing criticism of the State government, the lack of coordination among Ministers, MLAs and DCC presidents, and rising dissent within the party.

AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal held a meeting with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and a few other senior leaders from the State.

During the nearly two-hour meeting, the AICC discussed several issues, with a special focus on the Congress government completing two-and-a-half years in office in Telangana. Before the meeting, AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge is believed to have spoken to the Telangana leaders.

The high command reportedly discussed the lack of coordination among Ministers and indiscipline among some MLAs. It is also learnt to have expressed concern over individuals pursuing personal agendas instead of the party's interests.

The Delhi leadership is also believed to have discussed concerns raised by a few MLAs, particularly those from the Dalit community, over inadequate support. The AICC reportedly took a serious view of the growing factionalism within the party and the role of a few leaders in fuelling differences in some district units.

It may be recalled that AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan recently held meetings with DCC presidents and other senior leaders. The AICC also reviewed her observations, including the growing dissatisfaction among loyal party leaders and cadres.

The AICC is scheduled to hold a coordination meeting with Telangana leaders on Wednesday. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is expected to continue his visit to New Delhi on Tuesday, and a few Cabinet Ministers may also be asked to attend the coordination meeting, according to party sources.

Bhadrachalam Godavari bridge remains shut as repair works drag on

The second Godavari bridge connecting Bhadrachalam and Sarapaka remains closed as repair works on the collapsed approach road continue. Motorists are using the old bridge, while locals have urged NHAI to expedite repairs and reopen the vital interstate connectivity route.



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The new bridge built across the Godavari river between Bhadrachalam and Sarapaka in Kothagudem remains closed to traffic as repair works on the approach road, which collapsed three months ago, are yet to be completed.

It may be noted that a part of the approach road to the second bridge built across the Godavari river caved in on the Sarapaka side due to alleged poor-quality work on May 7, within two years of it being commissioned in April 2024.

There have been allegations that National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials failed to properly monitor the bridge construction works, leading to the collapse of the approach road. After the incident, officials suspended vehicular traffic on the bridge between Sarapaka and Bhadrachalam, and vehicles are now allowed to ply on the 60-year-old first bridge.

The new bridge was built at a cost of Rs. 98.45 crore by construction company Rajdeep Buildcon Private Limited. It took nearly nine years to complete the project, though the original schedule was two years.

Just as the construction of the bridge was delayed, the approach road repair works are also getting delayed, causing inconvenience to the public. Motorists are expressing safety concerns as hundreds of vehicles, including heavy trucks, pass over the old bridge every day.

It is learnt that officials from the relevant departments, who investigated the causes behind the erosion of the approach road, found that it sank due to the failure to construct a proper retaining wall between the old bridge and the new bridge.

Until recently, the river remained dry. However, with rains in its upper catchment area, it has started receiving inflows, which might further delay the works. Locals are demanding that NHAI officials expedite the approach road repair works and bring the new bridge into use at the earliest.

The bridge serves as an important connecting point for Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, especially for devotees visiting Bhadrachalam to have darshan of the deities at the Bhadradri Temple.

PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi Greets Former Miyapur Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth on Birthday



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PAC Chairman Arekapudi Gandhi extended birthday wishes to former Miyapur Corporator Uppalapati Srikanth on the occasion of his birthday.

The celebrations were attended by former Corporator Narne Srinivasa Rao, party leaders, workers, and supporters. Arekapudi Gandhi felicitated Uppalapati Srikanth with a shawl, cut a birthday cake, and conveyed his heartfelt greetings, wishing him good health, happiness, and continued success in public service.

Several party leaders, activists, supporters, and well-wishers participated in the birthday celebrations.

UK-Based Kuchipudi Artist Deepa Vishwamohan Promotes Indian Culture Worldwide

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UK-based Kuchipudi dancer Deepa Vishwamohan is earning recognition for promoting Indian culture and the classical dance form across the world while preserving its rich traditions.A postgraduate in Kuchipudi and an MBA graduate, she works as a secondary school teacher in England and serves as the Artistic Director of Abhinaya Fine Arts.

She also teaches at the Oriental Fine Arts Academy, London (OFAAL) and Griffin College.Deepa has performed in over 850 Kuchipudi recitals across India, the UK, and the USA and has trained more than 250 students through offline and online classes.

Many of her students have successfully completed graded examinations and Arangetrams.Her son Vaishnav Dachavaram recently completed his Kuchipudi Arangetram under her guidance, reflecting her commitment to passing Indian cultural heritage to the next generation.

Ashok Foundation Seeks Broader Education Reforms

Reservation Policy and Private Education Fees Should Also Be Part of Comprehensive Education Reforms - Pankaj Kumar Agrawal

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Wakeup telangana



Ashok Foundation has urged the Union Government to undertake comprehensive education reforms by addressing key issues such as the reservation policy and rising fees in private educational institutions, alongside strengthening the examination system.

Congratulating newly appointed Union Education Minister Shri Prahlad Joshi, the Foundation expressed confidence that his leadership would make the education system more transparent, student-centric, and quality-oriented. It also acknowledged the contributions of former Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan.

Speaking on the issue, Pankaj Kumar Agrawal said recent examination irregularities, including question paper leaks and management lapses, have highlighted the urgent need for broad-based reforms. He stressed that rising fees in private schools, colleges, and universities are placing a heavy financial burden on families and called for stricter regulation of fee structures to prevent the commercialization of education.

Agrawal said the National Education Policy (NEP) has laid the foundation for positive change but requires regular national-level reviews on critical issues such as the examination system, reservation policy, private education fees, skill development, and employment-oriented education. He urged the Government to involve educationists, students, parents, and other stakeholders in the reform process. He also appealed to all political parties to work together in the national interest to ensure an affordable, transparent, and future-ready education system.

Health Minister Reviews Healthcare Services in Adilabad RIMS Cluster; Focus on Better Medical Infrastructure and Patient Care

HYDERABAD
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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha conducted a comprehensive review of healthcare services and medical infrastructure in the Adilabad RIMS Cluster, covering Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, and Nirmal districts, at the State Secretariat on Sunday.The review meeting was attended by MLAs Vedma Bojju, Payal Shankar, Palvai Harish Babu, Kova Lakshmi, Ramarao Pawar, Anil Jadhav, senior Health Department officials, and district authorities.The Minister assessed the overall performance of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad, along with the Government Medical Colleges and Teaching Hospitals in Asifabad and Nirmal. Discussions focused on strengthening healthcare delivery, improving patient care, expanding medical infrastructure, and ensuring the effective functioning of government hospitals.During the meeting, the Minister reviewed the availability of specialist doctors, medical staff, diagnostic facilities, medicines, hospital equipment, and ongoing infrastructure development works. He also sought updates on patient services, emergency healthcare, and measures being taken to improve the quality of treatment in the region.Emphasising the State Government's commitment to accessible and quality healthcare, Damodar Rajanarsimha directed officials to expedite pending development works, address infrastructure gaps without delay, and ensure that every patient receives timely, affordable, and efficient medical care.

Mala Coordination Forum Demands SC Categorisation Implementation

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In a renewed push for social justice, the Mala Coordination Forum (MCF) has demanded the immediate implementation of SC categorisation in Telangana, urging the State Government to ensure equitable distribution of reservation benefits among Scheduled Caste communities.The demand was raised during a meeting of MCF leaders, where representatives asserted that Mala community members continue to face disparities in accessing educational, employment, and welfare opportunities despite constitutional safeguards.Forum leaders emphasized that SC categorisation is essential to ensure that reservation benefits reach all deserving sub-groups in a fair and transparent manner.

They appealed to the Telangana Government to take an early policy decision and implement the long-pending demand without further delay.Speaking at the gathering, MCF representatives said that social justice can only be achieved when every Scheduled Caste community receives its rightful share of opportunities based on actual socio-economic conditions. They urged the government to engage with stakeholders and act in the larger interest of marginalized communities.

The meeting witnessed the participation of senior Mala community leaders and activists, who reaffirmed their commitment to continue democratic efforts until the demand for SC categorisation is fulfilled.

ED arrests former CGPSC chairman Taman Singh Sonwani in question paper leak scam

The Directorate of Enforcement's (ED) Raipur Zonal Office has arrested the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission's (CGPSC) former Chairman Taman Singh Sonwani in a case involving corruption, question-paper leak and manipulation of the CGPSC State Service Examinations under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, an agency release said.

Sonwani was arrested on July 25 under Section 19 of the PMLA and produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Raipur.

The court sent him to ED custody for seven days, till July 30, it said.

The ED initiated its investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Economic Offences Wing/Anti-Corruption Bureau (EOW/ACB), Raipur, and the subsequent probe conducted by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI). The case alleges criminal conspiracy, cheating and corruption in the conduct of the CGPSC State Service Examinations held during 2020 and 2021.

India, China reaffirm importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity along border

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Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and Hua Chunying, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China, on Monday acknowledged the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas during the former's official visit to China.

"Foreign Secretary Shri Vikram Misri met H.E. Ms Hua Chunying, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of China. They reviewed the entire gamut of bilateral relations. They discussed ways to advance the vision of the two leaders that India and China are partners in development and present opportunities for each other, including through mutually beneficial outcomes in trade and economic ties, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. Both sides acknowledged the importance of maintaining peace and tranquillity in the India-China border areas," the Embassy of India in China said in a post on X.

Earlier in the day, Misri discussed ways to enhance bilateral exchanges between India and China at the political and people-to-people levels during his meeting with Hong Liang, Deputy Secretary General of the 14th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), in Beijing.

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including addressing issues of priority to both sides and promoting political, people-to-people, academic and think-tank exchanges," the Indian Embassy said.

Trump Dismisses Concerns Over US Missile Stockpiles Amid Iran War

WASHINGTON
Wakeup telangana

US President Donald Trump has dismissed concerns that American military stockpiles are running dangerously low, rejecting reports that interceptor shortages are limiting US military options in the ongoing conflict with Iran. Speaking to The Wall Street Journal, Trump said the US has "far more munitions than anyone in the world, and far more than we need," contradicting reports that dwindling missile inventories have become a growing concern within the Pentagon.

His remarks came after The New York Times reported that Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Dan Caine had warned internally that Patriot interceptor stocks could be severely depleted if military operations against Iran were expanded. According to The Wall Street Journal,



US Central Command chief Adm. Brad Cooper believes current interceptor inventories can support existing operations. The strategy reportedly involves expanding US strikes—pending Trump's approval—to reduce Iran's missile-launch capabilities before it can carry out large-scale attacks.

The White House has declined to release updated figures on Patriot and THAAD missile usage, arguing that doing so would pose a national security risk. However, analysts at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies estimated that the US has fired at least 1,500 Patriot interceptors since the conflict began, leaving fewer than 1,000 in reserve. They warned that depleted stockpiles present a near-term risk and that a conflict with a major military power such as China would consume munitions at an even faster rate.

White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt and Pentagon chief spokesman Sean Parnell maintained that the US military has all the resources needed to carry out any mission ordered by the President. The concerns gained urgency after three US service members were killed in Jordan when an Iranian ballistic missile struck a housing area at a US base. While Secretary of State Marco Rubio said most incoming missiles were intercepted, officials told The Wall Street Journal that Iran has been adapting its missile tactics to evade air defence systems, forcing the US and its allies to use more interceptors.

Bihar govt withdraws cases against NEET protesters

PATNA
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In a significant decision, the Home Department of the Bihar government on Monday announced the withdrawal of all criminal cases registered against students who participated in protests over the NEET-UG examination.

The Home Department also clarified that no further legal action would be taken against students in connection with the protests.

According to an official communication issued on July 27 by Kshtranil Singh, Special Secretary, Home Department, the government has decided to withdraw all FIRs registered up to 6:00 p.m. on July 26.

The order states that all criminal cases and related legal proceedings arising from the statewide student protests over alleged irregularities and concerns surrounding the NEET-UG examination will be withdrawn.

The government said the decision was taken in the interest of the studentsâ€™ future so that their education and careers are not adversely affected.

The NEET-UG examination had triggered widespread protests across the country, including in Bihar, where students staged demonstrations over allegations of irregularities and fears of a paper leak.

In several places, the protests turned confrontational, leading to police cases against numerous students on charges including assault or attempted assault on public servants, obstruction of government officials, unlawful assembly, damage to public property, and other related offences.

According to the Home Department, the matter was reviewed on the directions of the Chief Minister.

Following the review, the government adopted what it described as a humanitarian approach and decided to withdraw all pending cases registered within the specified time period.

A senior government official said students are the future and no harsh action would be taken against those who participated in the NEET protests. He added that all pending cases till 6:00 p.m. on July 26 would be withdrawn with immediate effect, and no legal action would be taken against these students in the future.

The announcement has been welcomed by student organisations and parents, many of whom described it as a positive step toward safeguarding studentsâ€™ futures.

Student leaders also expressed hope that the government would now undertake comprehensive reforms to strengthen transparency and credibility in the NEET examination system.

Reacting to the governmentâ€™s decision, AISA All India President Neha Bora, who was part of a delegation that met Bihar Director General of Police Vinay Kumar, urged the authorities to ensure that the decision is implemented in full.

She said the Bihar government had released a notification withdrawing all cases filed before 6:00 p.m. on July 26, and appealed to everyone to stay vigilant until every student was released and all FIRs withdrawn. The delegation that met the DGP also included Arun Singh, Karakat MLA and RYA National President Ajit Kushwaha, Shiv Prakash Ranjan, and former MLA and CPI(ML) leader Kumar Parvez.

Beijing Accuses US AI Firms of Training Models on Chinese Examples

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Beijing accused US artificial intelligence companies on Monday of using Chinese examples to train their models, days after Washington threatened sanctions on Chinese firms for allegedly stealing American technology.

"It is understood that many American artificial intelligence enterprises have distilled Chinese models during their research, development and training processes," the



Chinese commerce ministry said in a statement.

Distillation is a process in which an AI model is trained to mimic the output of a larger, more capable one. The method is widely used across the industry, but US officials say Chinese firms have deployed it at scale to illicitly copy proprietary American systems. The Chinese ministry said the US accusations "lack factual basis and legal grounds, adopt double standards in practice, and constitute typical acts of artificial intelligence hegemonism".

"China will take all necessary measures to firmly safeguard its legitimate and lawful rights and interests," it added. Last week, a senior White House official accused Chinese startup Moonshot AI of covertly copying Anthropic's most advanced model to build its Kimi K3. The latest Moonshot model stunned the US tech industry upon its release, setting off a fresh discussion over the AI rivalry with China. Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent last week threatened sanctions against China, amid reports the US is also weighing a ban or curbs on foreign-made open source models that are often built through distillation.

Astronaut Anil Menon Gears Up for First-Ever Spacewalk Next Week

NEW DELHI
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Astronaut Anil Menon is set to undertake his first spacewalk next week as he steps out of the International Space Station to upgrade solar arrays, replace a communications antenna and fix new data and power cables to support operations of the orbital lab. Menon, who traces his origins to Palakkad in Kerala, is scheduled to undertake three spacewalks beginning August 6 along with fellow



astronaut Jessica Meir and prepare the orbital lab for the future installation of the International Space Station Roll-Out Solar Array (IROSA) later this year, NASA said in a statement on Monday.

The IROSA will provide additional power to support critical station operations, including its safe and controlled deorbit. The spacewalks are scheduled to be held on August 6, August 13 and August 25. During the second spacewalk on August 13, two astronauts will replace a Space-to-Ground antenna on the orbital complex. The antenna is a critical communication system NASA uses to transmit data and high-speed communication between the Mission Control Centre in Houston and the space station.

During the spacewalk on August 25, the crew members will connect power channel cables and data relay systems as part of ongoing maintenance, including preparations for the space station's future deorbit.

The astronauts will also replace a navigational aid used for spacecraft docking on the Harmony module's forward port, NASA said.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Congress Pats.....

The uncollectable forms are classified under the ASDDF criteria—Absent, Shifted, Dead, Duplicate and Foreign—and are liable to be marked for deletion from the electoral rolls. The AICC stressed the need for intensified efforts to ensure that genuine and eligible voters, particularly poor people, do not lose their votes during the SIR process. Party leaders acknowledged slackness in the campaign and called for intensified work at the grassroots level. The high command also conducted a detailed review of organisational affairs, including appointments from the booth level to the State level, the performance of District Congress Committees and the functioning of mandal Congress presidents. Party sources said the AICC was satisfied with the manner in which programmes assigned by the central leadership were being implemented in Telangana. Venugopal reportedly appreciated the State unit's performance and observed that Telangana was among the states where the Congress was organisationally strong. The meeting decided to conduct a more detailed review of the SIR exercise at the TPCC Coordination Committee meeting to be held in Delhi on Wednesday. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Meenakshi Natarajan and all members of the Coordination Committee are expected to attend. The SIR exercise will be the principal focus, with the leadership directing the party machinery to ensure that every eligible voter retains the right to vote.

Works For.....

The government has acquired around 1,000 acres for the project, including 87.66 hectares of forest land. Under Phase-I, the 19.20-km stretch from Raviryal ORR Exit-13 through Mirkhanpet to Akuthotapally is being developed at an estimated cost of ₹1,665 crore, with Rithwik Constructions executing the works. Phase-II covers the 22.30-km stretch from Mirkhanpet to Amangal and is being taken up at an estimated cost of ₹2,365 crore by L&T. In areas where land acquisition is free of disputes, road widening and construction of culverts, bridges and underpasses are progressing. The government has also expedited compensation payments to farmers whose agricultural land was acquired for the project, official sources said. Official sources said compensation for farmers who have been unwilling to part with their land has been deposited in courts to facilitate the acquisition process. While several landowners initially opposed the acquisition, some have come forward voluntarily after the government offered compensation higher than the prevailing market value. This has enabled construction to proceed in several stretches without major hurdles.

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The order said the decision was taken after examining the difficulties faced by citizens in producing an authentic and reliable record of their family composition for availing various government services. The Telangana Family Register is intended to facilitate citizen services, ensure uniformity in verification of family particulars and provide an easily accessible official record of each family.
The ruling Congress has been focusing on protecting the voting rights of Minorities against the backdrop of allegations of large-scale deletion of voters in Bihar and West Bengal during earlier phases of the SIR exercise.
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had alerted Congress leaders and workers to ensure that genuine Minority voters do not lose their names from the rolls due to lack of valid identity documents.

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In a written reply, Chaudhary also said that there is no statutory definition of the term 'billionaire' either under the Income-tax Act, 2025 or under the erstwhile Income-tax Act, 1961.

However, the number of individuals having reported gross total income of Rs 100 crore or more in the income-tax returns (ITRs) filed in assessment year (AY) 2025-26 stood at 576. This is a sharp 4-fold spike from 142 reported in AY 2021-22.

According to the department, the number of individuals with gross total income of Rs 100 crore and above was 301 in AY 2022-23, dipping to 284 in AY '24, before rising to 415 in AY'25.

CRIME

A decade later, Hyderabad's AG Colony murder remains an unsolved mystery

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

On an afternoon in 2015, the SR Nagar police received information that a woman had been murdered inside her apartment in AG Quarters, Colony.

Police patrols rushed to the spot, followed by senior officers, the clues team, dog squad and detectives. As investigators fanned out across the apartment complex in search of clues, few would have imagined that the case would remain unsolved more than a decade later.

It has been over ten years since the murder of the 40-year-old woman, but despite an extensive investigation involving multiple police teams, repeated review of evidence and the examination of several leads, neither the identity of the killer nor the motive behind the crime has been established.

The victim had sustained a fatal head injury, allegedly inflicted with a blunt object. Investigators believe the assailant attacked her inside the house and later dragged the body into a bedroom before leaving the premises, possibly in an attempt to delay its discovery.

What added to the mystery was the apparent absence of witnesses. A security guard was on duty at the apartment complex but reportedly neither heard any commotion nor noticed anyone behaving suspiciously.

The family also owned a pet Pomeranian, but it offered no clue that could help investigators reconstruct the sequence of events.

The victim's husband was serving as an Accounts Officer in the Accountant General's office at the time of the incident. Their son, who was present in the house, was reportedly suffering from mental health issues, limiting the investigators' ability to develop useful investigative leads from his account.

Police also examined the victim's personal background and social circle. The woman, a native of Vijayawada, had developed a keen interest in rearing birds after moving to Hyderabad.

Detectives questioned several persons and pursued every possible lead. One line of inquiry led them to the Erragadda bird market after they learnt that she frequently purchased pet birds there.

A bird trader was also questioned after investigators suspected he might have had some connection with the case. However, that lead, like several others, failed to produce any breakthrough.

Over the years, investigators revisited the case, re-examined evidence and pursued fresh leads in the hope that advances in forensic science or new information would help solve the crime. Yet, despite sustained efforts, the investigation has not yielded conclusive evidence.

Today, the AG Colony murder continues to figure among Hyderabad's unresolved homicide cases. For investigators, it remains a file awaiting the one lead that could finally reveal what happened inside the apartment on that afternoon in 2015.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

The headline move is the appointment of Hardik Satishchandra Shah as private secretary to Narendra Modi at the joint secretary rank. That's not just a posting — it's a signal. It tells you who's in the room when decisions are shaped, who filters information and who gets to nudge priorities. Clearly, this isn't an 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.

Cyberabad Traffic JCP Inspects IT Corridor, Reviews Road and Traffic Improvement

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Cyberabad, Sri Sunpreet Singh, IPS, conducted a field inspection along the IT Corridor from IKEA Junction to Cyber Towers and Shilparamam to review ongoing road infrastructure and traffic improvement works.

During the inspection, he assessed the progress of civil works and examined the feasibility of a proposed U-turn near Shilparamam aimed at improving traffic flow, reducing congestion, and enhancing road safety.The JCP directed officials to complete pending works at the earliest and implement necessary traffic management measures to ensure smooth and safe movement of vehicles.

Cyberabad Traffic Police stated that continuous efforts are being made to improve mobility, strengthen road safety, and provide hassle-free travel for commuters across the IT Corridor.

Auto Driver Jailed for 20 Years in Minor Assault Case

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

19-Year-Old Youth Dies by Suicide in Kapra

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

HC Fines Retired Teacher Rs 1 Lakh for Abusing Court Process

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court has imposed costs of ₹1 lakh on a retired government school teacher for suppressing material facts and misusing the judicial process. Justice E.V. Venugopal dismissed a writ petition filed by P. Srinivas, a retired school assistant, and directed him to pay the amount to the Government Girls' School for the Blind, Malakpet, within one month. The petitioner, who had earlier served as headmaster of a Mandal Parishad Upper Primary School in Nirmal district, sought action against a fellow teacher alleging violations of service rules and dereliction of duty based on incidents said to have occurred in 2016.

Counsel for the petitioner argued that disciplinary proceedings should have been initiated. However, the government pleader informed the court that an inquiry had already been initiated and sought time to complete the process. After examining the record, the court noted that the petitioner had raised the complaints only in 2022 and 2023, several years after his retirement in 2017, and had remained silent during his service.The court also observed that cross-complaints existed between the petitioner and the respondent.

TSHA suspends cashless treatment for Care Health Insurance policyholders

HYDERABAD
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The Telangana Specialty Hospitals Association (TSHA) has suspended cashless treatment services for Care Health Insurance policyholders, highlighting growing friction between healthcare providers and insurers.

In a statement in Hyderabad on Monday, TSHA said that it has already notified Care Health Insurance that its member hospitals will halt cashless services immediately.

The TSHA in the statement alleged persistent issues, including arbitrary claim deductions, unjust repudiations, settlement delays, unilateral de-empanelments, and a lack of responsive communication, as the reasons for suspension of cashless treatment.

While patients in Telangana face immediate disruption, as they now have to pay cash upfront followed by reimbursement, the development highlights deeper systemic issues around claims management and provider relations.

With services halted, policyholders at TSHA member facilities must cover bills directly before filing reimbursement claims under policy terms. For families needing high-cost procedures, this development could possibly create financial strain.

The TSHA indicated that it remains open to talks if Care Health Insurance takes meaningful corrective action, signaling the move aims to force institutional dialogue rather than permanently sever ties.



India's First Limb Salvage Centre Opens in Hyderabad

Hyderabad Unveils India's First Exclusive Limb Salvage Centre to Prevent Diabetic Foot Amputations

HYDERABAD
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India's first dedicated Advanced Wound Healing and Limb Salvage Institution was unveiled at Moosarambagh, Hyderabad, marking a major step forward in specialised foot care, wound management and amputation prevention.

Founded by Dr. K.V.N.N. Santosh Murthy, Advanced Wound Surgeon, Chairman of Advanced Wound Healing Clinics (AWH Clinics) and State President of the Indian Podiatry Association (Telangana Chapter), the centre aims to provide advanced treatment for diabetic foot disorders, chronic wounds and limb-threatening conditions.



Chief Guest Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Former Governor of Haryana & Himachal Pradesh; flanked by (L-R) Dr. K.V.N.N. Santosh Murthy, Founder & Chief Surgeon, Advanced Would Healing Clinics; K Lakshmi & K Lingaiah, parents of Dr. Santosh Murthy; inaugurating Dr KVNN's Advanced Wound Healing Clinics - India's first dedicated Advanced Wound Healing & Limb Salvage Institution; today at Moosarambagh, Hyderabad.

The facility was inaugurated by Shri Bandaru Dattatreya, Former Governor of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. On the occasion, AWH Clinics launched the "Happy Feet" awareness campaign to promote preventive foot care, early diagnosis and timely medical intervention to reduce avoidable amputations.

India has over 100 million people living with diabetes, with diabetic foot complications emerging as a serious healthcare challenge. Nearly one in four diabetic patients develop foot ulcers during their lifetime, while up to 85% of diabetes-related lower-limb amputations can be prevented through early screening and specialised care.

Telangana remains among the states with a high diabetes burden, with Hyderabad and Telugu states witnessing a rising number of diabetic foot cases and limb-threatening infections.

AWH Clinics has already helped save more than 1,100 limbs through multidisciplinary limb salvage care over the last three years.

The institution combines advanced surgical expertise, regenerative medicine, modern wound care technologies and rehabilitation services to restore mobility and improve quality of life. Speaking at the inauguration, Bandaru Dattatreya appreciated the initiative and said the centre's patient-focused approach could help prevent unnecessary amputations, especially among diabetic patients.

He highlighted the importance of integrating such advanced care with government healthcare systems to benefit economically weaker sections.

Pega Expands University Program in India to Create AI and Automation-Ready Talent Pipeline

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Deepak Visweswaraiah, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Pegasystems India; announcing a major expansion of its University Academic Program (UAP) at its flagship event PEGAInnovate 2026, to build industry future-ready talent across India at scale, today at Anvaya Conventions, Financial District.

Pegasystems Inc. (NASDAQ: PEGA) has expanded its University Academic Program (UAP) in India by onboarding three new implementation partners — ai4process, The Skill Enhancers, and Tinkr Learning — to develop future-ready technology talent. The new partners will work alongside existing partner SmartBridge Educational Services to scale AI, automation, and low-code development training for engineering graduates.

The initiative aims to address the growing industry demand for professionals skilled in agentic AI, intelligent automation, and Pega technologies. The expanded program will provide students with hands-on experience in Pega Blueprint, Generative AI, and agentic engineering, along with essential communication and consulting skills required for workplace success.

Set to begin in August 2026, the program plans to train more than 500 students in its first year and gradually expand to 800–1,000 engineering graduates across over 50 university campuses. Through academic partnerships and innovative training models, Pega aims to create a strong talent pipeline for technology companies in India and globally.

Deepak Visweswaraiah, Senior Vice President and Managing Director, Pega India, said the expansion is driven by strong demand from clients and partners seeking skilled professionals. He emphasized that the program focuses not only on technical expertise but also on developing graduates who can contribute effectively from day one.

Tomato to gold: Here's what is driving Telangana's inflation

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana has recorded one of the sharpest turnarounds in retail inflation in the country, moving from deflation for much of 2025 to 6.36 per cent in June 2026, one of the highest rates among states and well above the national average of 4.38 per cent.

State-level data show Telangana's inflation stayed in negative territory through much of 2025, touching a low of minus 1.16 per cent in October, before turning positive at 1.77 per cent in December. The following month, the Centre rolled out a revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) series with 2024 as the base year, expanding the basket from 299 to 358 goods and services and recalibrating weights based on the latest household expenditure survey.

Telangana's inflation jumped to 4.92 per cent in January and climbed steadily to 6.36 per cent by June.

Jewellery and watches recorded the steepest inflation among CPI categories in June, at 71 per cent, followed by tomato at 53 per cent, gold and platinum jewellery at 42 per cent, coconut at 40 per cent and solid fuels at 35 per cent. Lemon and sweet lime rose 32 per cent each, while ginger climbed 26 per cent.



Watermelon, chicken, citrus fruits, dried and dehydrated fruits and fruit-bearing vegetables all recorded inflation of 23 per cent and cooking oils continued to pinch households, with vegetable oil up 19 per cent and refined oil up 18 per cent. Everyday staples such as coriander, tamarind, betel leaves, spinach and other leafy vegetables, lady's finger and pumpkin each rose around 15 per cent, while cabbage was up 16 per cent.

In all, 29 items in the CPI basket recorded inflation of 15 per cent or more in June.

Economists said the revised CPI series may have amplified inflation readings by changing the composition of the consumer basket, though food prices, transport costs and local supply constraints have also played a role. They pointed to Telangana's narrow horticulture base. The roughly 10 lakh acre under horticulture crops in the state, vegetables account for barely one lakh acres, which leaves it dependent on supplies from neighbouring states and vulnerable to seasonal and supply disruptions.

The revised CPI series, compiled monthly by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, is based on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24 and has also broadened its coverage of services and begun tracking online prices for select goods and services.

CBIT Hosts National Conclave on Future Skills



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Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, hosted a one-day National Industry–Institute Conclave on "Future Skills, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, Product Development & Industry Transformation" at its Kokapet campus, bringing together over 300 delegates from leading educational institutions, industries, startups, and innovation ecosystems across India.Organized in collaboration with T-Hub, T-Works, Telangana Academy for Skill and Knowledge (TASK), WE-Hub, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Telangana, and ACIC-CBIT, the conclave focused on strengthening industry-academia collaboration and preparing students for future workforce demands.Keynote speakers included TASK CEO Nitin Kumar Reddy on future skills and employability, T-Hub Vice President Srinivas Taluka on innovation and emerging technologies, WE-Hub's Ramya Kalyanaraman on women-led entrepreneurship, T-Works' Joseph John on product development and prototyping, and CII Telangana's M. V. Reddy on industry transformation and institutional excellence.A panel discussion on "The Deep-Tech Decade: Innovation, Skilling, Building & Entrepreneurship" explored emerging technologies, startup ecosystems, and strategies for innovation-driven campuses.

LivLife Hospitals Concludes India's Largest 3-Month Weight Loss Challenge

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LivLife Hospitals has successfully concluded India's Biggest 3-Month Weight Loss Challenge, a landmark preventive healthcare initiative that helped thousands of participants from multiple states achieve significant weight loss and adopt healthier lifestyles through a scientifically designed three-month program. The initiative has been widely appreciated for promoting sustainable weight management and improving overall health without relying on quick-fix solutions.

The challenge was conducted under the leadership of Dr. Nandakishore Dukkipati, Managing Director of LivLife Hospitals and President-Elect of the Obesity and Metabolic Surgery Society of India (OSSI). The structured program combined balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, lifestyle modification, continuous medical supervision, and personalized mentoring to help participants achieve long-term health goals.



Apart from losing excess weight, participants reported noticeable improvements in gut health, energy levels, mobility, physical fitness, confidence, and overall quality of life.

The initiative attracted participants from diverse backgrounds, including employees of multinational companies, banking professionals, corporate organizations, educational institutions, community groups, and individuals from various walks of life. The evidence-based approach and measurable health outcomes earned widespread appreciation from participants and healthcare professionals alike.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Dukkipati said obesity has emerged as one of the biggest public health challenges due to unhealthy eating habits, sedentary lifestyles, and increasing stress levels. He emphasized that obesity is preventable and manageable through scientific medical guidance, healthy nutrition, and sustained lifestyle changes.

Throughout the challenge, he personally mentored participants, educated them on obesity management, and encouraged them to remain committed to their health goals.

The program was further strengthened by the contributions of Dr. S. Nadeemuddin, CEO of Active Life, and Professor Adrian Kennedy, who provided expert guidance and continuous motivation throughout the three-month journey.

One participant shared his success story, revealing that he lost between 15 and 18 kilograms during the challenge. He said the transformation not only reduced his weight but also improved his digestive health, physical activity, confidence, and overall lifestyle. He thanked Dr. Dukkipati and LivLife Hospitals for providing scientific guidance and continuous support.

The grand finale was attended by Dr. Vijayanand Reddy as the chief guest. He lauded LivLife Hospitals for launching a community-focused health movement without financial expectations and highlighted the urgent need to tackle obesity and lifestyle diseases through preventive healthcare initiatives. Encouraged by the overwhelming response and remarkable results, LivLife Hospitals announced plans to expand the Weight Loss Challenge nationwide, reaffirming its commitment to building a healthier India through sustainable lifestyle transformation and expert obesity management.

Mumbai court orders Flipkart to refund iPhone buyer sent beard oil

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A consumer court here has directed Flipkart and the seller to refund over Rs 1.11 lakh to a customer who received beard growth oil instead of the Apple iPhone he had ordered, and to pay Rs 70,000 in compensation and litigation costs.

The District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Additional DCF, Mumbai (Suburban), in its order passed earlier this month, held that repeated closure of the customer's complaints without granting any effective relief amounted to "unfair trade practice".

It noted that the order was placed through the online platform by making the necessary payments.

"Therefore, the opposite party No 1 (Flipkart) owed a corresponding duty to ensure that the consumer received the product ordered and to provide an effective mechanism for redressal of consumer grievances," the commission said.

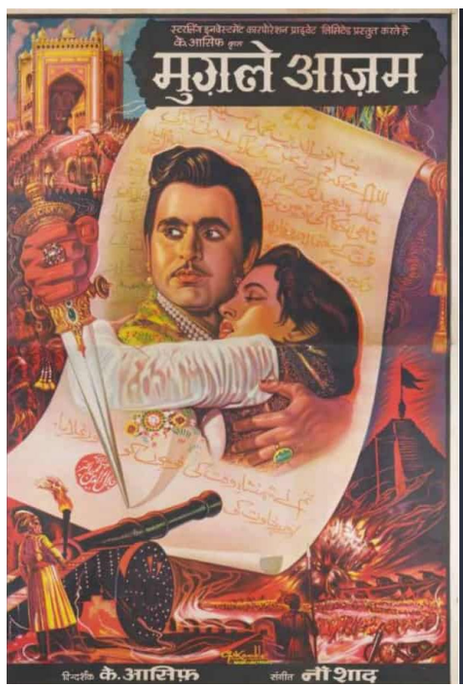
An e-commerce entity cannot simply distance itself from a transaction after facilitating the sale, particularly where the consumer immediately reports that a completely different product has been delivered, it said.

The failure to investigate the complaint, recover the wrongly delivered parcel, provide a replacement or refund and repeatedly close the complaint without granting any effective relief "amounts to a clear cut deficiency in service and also constitutes an unfair trade practice", the commission said.

The panel also emphasised that the failure on the part of the seller, International Value Retail Pvt Ltd, to deliver the contracted product and rectify the grievance despite repeated requests clearly establishes deficiency in service on its part.

Thus, both the platform and the seller are jointly and severally liable for the loss and inconvenience caused to the complainant, the commission ruled.

Find out how much SRK paid for rare Mughal-e-Azam posters





Shah Rukh Khan's connection with cinema extends far beyond his celebrated career as an actor. The superstar, known worldwide as the "King of Bollywood," has repeatedly shown his deep admiration for the art, legacy and history of Indian films. A recent revelation about one of his rare memorabilia purchases has once again highlighted his love for preserving the golden era of Hindi cinema.

According to film archivist and author SMM Ausaja, Shah Rukh Khan once spent Rs 6.84 lakh at an auction to acquire two original posters of the iconic 1960 film Mughal-e-Azam. The rare posters, considered valuable pieces of Bollywood history, caught the actor's attention, and he made sure they became part of his personal collection.

Ausaja revealed these details during his appearance on The Pooja Bhatt Show, where he discussed the importance of preserving India's cinematic heritage. He said Shah Rukh Khan's purchase was not limited to just the two posters. The actor reportedly went on to acquire around 12 to 13 other rare pieces of film memorabilia from the same auction.

The auction, which took place in Bangkok, attracted interest from several Bollywood personalities. Actor Anil Kapoor was also involved in the bidding process, but his interest in Mughal-e-Azam memorabilia came from a more personal connection. Anil Kapoor's father, producer Surinder Kapoor, had reportedly worked as an assistant on the legendary film.

For him, these collectibles represented a link to his family's association with one of Indian cinema's greatest creations.

SMM Ausaja also highlighted concerns about the lack of preservation efforts within the Hindi film industry.

While Bollywood frequently celebrates classic films through anniversaries, social media tributes and special events, he pointed out that only a few personalities actively invest in collecting and safeguarding original film-related materials.

He praised personalities like Farah Khan and Riteish Deshmukh for their efforts in protecting cinematic memories. Farah Khan has reportedly preserved rare posters and memorabilia connected to her father, filmmaker Kamran Khan, while Riteish Deshmukh is known to have a significant collection of vintage film posters.

Over the decades, countless original posters, photographs, scripts and other film artefacts have disappeared due to neglect and poor preservation practices.

These items are not just collectibles; they represent important chapters in India's cultural and cinematic journey.

Shah Rukh Khan's decision to spend lakhs on Mughal-e-Azam posters reflects a larger appreciation for the legacy of Indian cinema. His purchase was not simply an acquisition of expensive artwork but an effort to keep a piece of Bollywood's golden history alive for future generations.

For a superstar whose own films have become part of cinematic history, preserving the memories of the past appears to be equally meaningful.

Devil Wears Prada 2 OTT India Release Date is Here



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Two decades after "The Devil Wears Prada" became one of the most beloved fashion films of all time, its much-awaited sequel is finally set to make its OTT debut. Earlier this year, the film was released in theatres and received an overwhelmingly positive response from audiences. The sequel was released on May 2, 2026, nearly two decades after the original film, which hit cinemas in 2006. The sequel brings back the original cast while placing the beloved characters in a vastly changed media and fashion landscape.

Fans can once again see "Miranda Priestly," "Andy Sachs," and "Emily Charlton" sharing the screen. The Devil Wears Prada 2 will begin streaming on JioHotstar in India from July 29, 2026. The film will also be released simultaneously on Disney+ and Hulu in select international markets on the same day. For viewers in India, the film will be available in both English and Hindi language. The story picks up two decades after the events of the first film.

Andy Sachs is laid off as a journalist and is later hired as Runway's features editor to help a scandal-plagued and struggling Miranda Priestly navigate the digital age. As they face corporate interference and a power struggle involving former colleague Emily Charlton, Andy and Miranda join forces to save the magazine.

To the astonishment of fans, the film also features cameo appearances by Lady Gaga, Donatella Versace, Marc Jacobs, Ciara, Calum Harper, and Ashley Graham. The second installment reunites many familiar faces while introducing several new ones.

The film is directed by David Frankel and is based on a story by Lauren Weisberger. The cast includes Meryl Streep, Anne Hathaway, Emily Blunt, Stanley Tucci, Justin Theroux, Kenneth Branagh, Lucy Liu, B.J. Novak, Simone Ashley, and Tracie Thoms.

JOE's Academy Shines at CISCE Gymnastics Meet

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Gymnasts from JOE's Gymnastics Academy, Shaikpet, delivered an outstanding performance at the CISCE Games and Sports Regional Level Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition for Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, held at the GHMC Indoor Stadium, Vijay Nagar Colony, Hyderabad, on July 27.

The academy's star performer, Manya Joyce, dominated the Under-14 Rhythmic Gymnastics category by winning four gold medals in the Hoop, Ball, Clubs, and Ribbon events. Her exceptional all-round display also earned her the All Around Individual Champion title in the Under-14 category, securing her selection to represent Telangana at the CISCE National Gymnastics Championship. The national event is scheduled to be held in Bengaluru district, Karnataka, from October 6 to 8, 2026.

Another promising gymnast from the academy, Naisha Garg, also impressed by winning two silver medals in the Under-14 category. She finished second in both the Hoop and Ball events, contributing to the academy's remarkable success at the regional championship.

In the Under-14 All Around Individual standings, Manya Joyce claimed the gold medal, while Varshitha of Andhra Pradesh secured silver and Aaradhya of Andhra Pradesh took bronze.

Manya continued her dominance across individual apparatus events, winning gold medals in Hoop, Ball, Clubs, and Ribbon. Naisha Garg earned silver medals in the Hoop and Ball events. Varshitha of Andhra Pradesh secured silver in the Clubs and Ribbon events, while Aaradhya claimed bronze in the Ribbon event.

Following their impressive performances, Manya Joyce has been selected to represent Telangana in the upcoming CISCE National Championship. She will be accompanied by fellow gymnast Naisha Garg and their coach, Alica Joe, who has played a key role in mentoring the young athletes.

The academy's medal-winning performance reflects its consistent commitment to nurturing young gymnastics talent and strengthening Telangana's presence in national-level rhythmic gymnastics competitions.

Ishan Kishan Sets Up 90-Run Win Over Zimbabwe As India Clinches T20 Series

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Ishan Kishan hit 81 off 44 balls as India crushed Zimbabwe by 90 runs in the second Twenty20 and clinched the three-match series with a game to spare on Saturday. Kishan struck nine fours and two sixes as India piled up 219-5. Tilak Varma contributed 60 not out off 29 balls, including three sixes, while the 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi made a speedy 20. In reply, Zimbabwe was bowled out for 129 in 17.5 overs.

India debutant Yash Thakur picked up 2-30, Abhishek Sharma took 3-17 and Prince Yadav claimed 2-10 in 1.2 overs before walking off with an injured hamstring. Put into bat, Sooryavanshi provided a blistering start, hitting three fours and one six in the powerplay, but Sharma fell to Blessing Muzarabani for the second match running. Muzarabani then caught Sooryavanshi off Richard Ngarava as India slipped to 29-2.



Kishan, however, put on 66 off 42 balls with skipper Shreyas Iyer, who scored 25 before being caught at backward point off Brian Bennett. It brought Kishan and Varma together and they added 94 off 43 balls for the fourth wicket. Kishan scored his 13th T20 half-century off 31 deliveries, while Varma hit three sixes to race to his half-century off 23 balls.Kishan fell in the 18th over but Varma saw India past 200.

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KCR visits former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy at Yashoda Hospital

BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhar Rao visited Yashoda Hospital to enquire about former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, who suffered a heart attack. Senior BRS leaders and other political leaders also visited the hospital.

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BRS president and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao called on senior party leader and former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, who is undergoing treatment at Yashoda Hospital after suffering a heart attack. He spent nearly an hour at the hospital with Sudarshan Reddy's family members and later met the doctors to enquire about the health condition of the former MLA, who is undergoing treatment in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Party sources said the BRS chief became emotional on seeing his long-time associate in critical care and appealed to the doctors to make every effort to save him.

According to the medical team, Sudarshan Reddy is receiving advanced critical care with consultations from specialists in India and abroad. Doctors informed Chandrashekar Rao that Sudarshan Reddy's heart, lungs and other vital organs were functioning, but his brain required more time to recover. They said the next 48 hours would be crucial before a clearer assessment of his condition could be made.

The hospital management said a multidisciplinary team was continuously monitoring his condition through MRI scans and other diagnostic tests while consulting experts to ensure the best possible treatment.

The BRS chief assured Sudarshan Reddy's family that the party would extend all necessary support, including financial assistance, and urged them not to lose hope. He expressed confidence that the former MLA would recover with the efforts of doctors, the blessings of the people and divine grace. Earlier in the day, BRS working president KT Rama Rao visited Yashoda Hospital and met the medical team treating Sudarshan Reddy. He reviewed his health condition and the treatment being administered before interacting with the former MLA's family members and assuring them of the party's support. He requested the doctors to provide the best possible treatment to the senior BRS leader.BRSLP deputy leader T Harish Rao also reached the hospital and held discussions with the doctors regarding Sudarshan Reddy's health and the progress of his treatment. Minister D Seethakka, BJP MP Eatala Rajender and several senior BRS leaders also visited the hospital to enquire about Sudarshan Reddy's condition.

Specially-Abled Youth's Wish Fulfilled at Police HQ

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Malkajgiri police commissioner B. Sumathi on Monday fulfilled the lifelong dream of Rahul, a specially-abled young man who had always aspired to become a police officer, through a special interaction at the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate. Rahul was warmly welcomed by the commissioner, who invited him into her office and seated him in the commissioner's chair, allowing him to experience the role he admired. She also presented him with a police cap and spent time interacting with him, making the occasion memorable.

The gesture was aimed at encouraging and inspiring Rahul while recognising his aspiration to serve in the police force. The interaction reflected the police department's efforts to build stronger community bonds through compassionate initiatives. The event concluded with Rahul expressing happiness over the experience, which turned his long-cherished dream into a memorable reality, even if only for a day. Videos of the interaction are circulating on social media platforms, lauding Sumathi's gesture.

AKTC to Maintain Qutb Shahi Heritage Park

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In a move to improve upkeep and tourist footfall, the state government has decided to handover the Qutb Shahi heritage park operations to the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC) under the public-private partnership (PPP) model from August 1. The pilot PPP project for the state protected monument is aimed at better scientific conservation, landscape upkeep, visitor management and sustainable heritage tourism.

The initiative is expected to preserve the internationally recognised conservation standards established during the restoration phase, strengthening Hyderabad's position as a leading cultural tourism destination. As the park is spread across several acres it is not being managed effectively now, said heritage department officials. A similar model will be considered for the development and maintenance of other forts and heritage sites in the state. More than 100 monuments have been restored over the past decade in the country.

Heritage department director Prof. Arjun Rao Kuthadi said the AKTC, which earlier undertook restoration works, would now engage in maintaining the park, ensuring scientific conservation, landscape upkeep, visitor management and sustainable heritage tourism. The new initiative follows successful completion of the conservation program that transformed the Qutb Shahi heritage park into one of India's largest and most acclaimed heritage restoration projects. The AKTC, in collaboration with the heritage department and Quli Qutb Shah urban development authority, undertook the restoration as per an agreement signed in January 2013. Spread across 108 acres at the foot of Golconda fort, the heritage park comprises over 40 royal mausoleums, 23 funerary mosques, six stepwells, a hammam, pavilions and historic garden structures. The restoration project was formally inaugurated by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Prince Rahim Aga Khan in July 2024.

Transport department bans brokers from RTA, RTO offices across T'gana

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The Internal Vigilance Wing of the transport department has directed officials across the State to ensure that brokers are not allowed inside Regional Transport Authority (RTA) and Regional Transport Office (RTO) premises.

As part of a drive to improve transparency and eliminate middlemen from public service delivery, the Vigilance department has also instructed authorities to remove any unauthorised agents operating around transport offices.

As per information available, the directive comes after instances and reports highlighted alleged involvement of brokers in RTA offices, illegal slot booking rackets and complaints regarding technical glitches in online transport services.

Taking serious note of these issues, the Internal Vigilance Wing has asked transport authorities to tighten monitoring and ensure that citizens can access services directly without the interference of brokers.

Officials have also been instructed to maintain strict vigilance over office premises and prevent any unauthorised persons from influencing or facilitating transport-related services.

To ensure seamless public access, transport centers have been asked to establish dedicated help desks and public guidance counters. These facilities aim to assist applicants with online registration, slot bookings, and fee payments, eliminating the dependence on third-party operators.

Supervisory staff will conduct regular surprise inspections and monitor office grounds via CCTV surveillance.

Local transport authorities will also work alongside regional police teams to clear out touts operating from nearby shops and makeshift setups surrounding office perimeters."The department believes that eliminating the role of brokers will help curb corruption, improve accountability and make services more accessible to the citizens," said C Ramesh, Joint Transport Commissioner.

Uppal pipeline repairs to be completed by Tuesday: HMWSSB

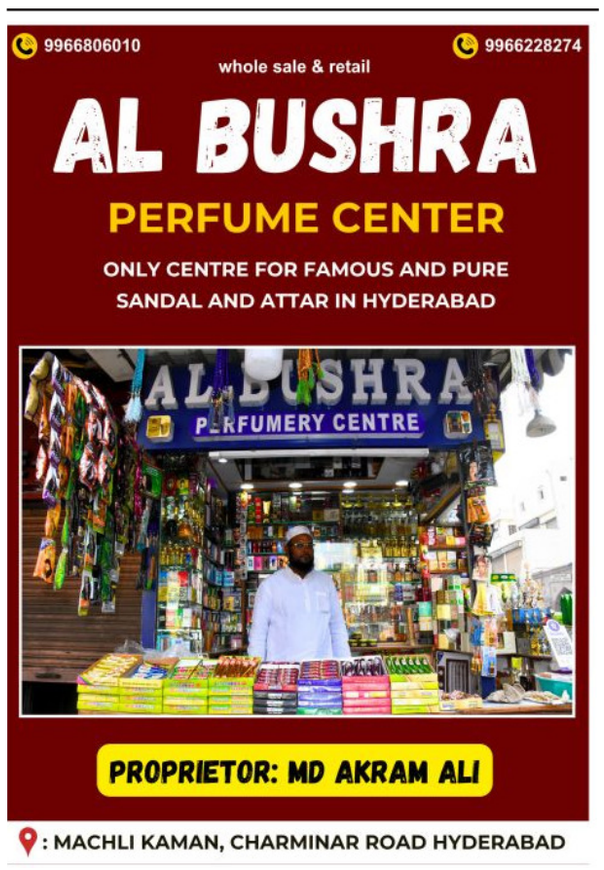
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Repair work on the main pipeline under the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project Phase-II at Uppal Junction is as per schedule, the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) said on Monday, July 27.

After the completion of main repair works, pipeline restoration and line-filling operations will begin.

According to the Water Board, junction works on both sides of the 1,600-mm pipeline are underway and are likely to be completed by midnight. Of the seven 300-mm sluice valves planned, six have already been installed, while work on the remaining valve is in progress.

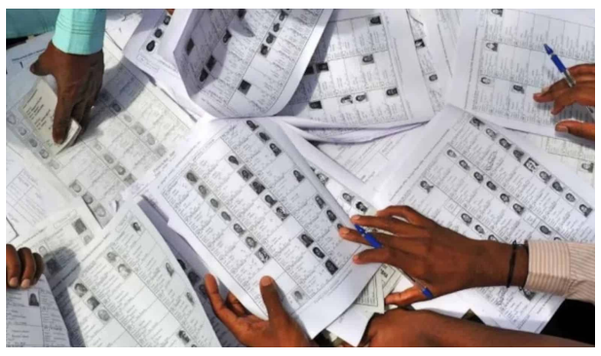
Replacement of the damaged 300-mm air valve extension pipe on the 1,600-mm pipeline near Uppal Stadium is also underway and is expected to be completed by midnight.



Hyderabad voter list to shrink as Telangana SIR drops 27 lakh

The digitisation percentage in Hyderabad is the lowest, while other districts, including Medchal-Malkajgiri and Ranga Reddy, have performed better.

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The voter list in Hyderabad is expected to witness a significant reduction following the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, with a large number of electors identified under the ASDD (Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate) category across Telangana.

According to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), nearly 27.7 lakh electors have been identified under the ASDD category during the revision process. The exercise aims to ensure that the electoral rolls are accurate and free from duplicate or invalid entries ahead of future elections.

The data shows that 1.38 lakh electors are either absent or untraceable, 7.28 lakh have been identified as deceased, 14.85 lakh have permanently shifted to other locations, and 4 lakh have been marked as duplicate entries because they are already enrolled in another constituency.

The CEO also stated that the digitisation of SIR forms across Telangana has reached 74.38 percent. However, Hyderabad has recorded the lowest progress among major districts. Of the city's 47.36 lakh electors, only 24.55 lakh forms have been digitised so far, taking the digitisation rate to 51.85 percent. Neighbouring districts such as Medchal-Malkajgiri and Ranga Reddy have reported better progress.

Officials believe Hyderabad's voter list may shrink considerably because many residents originally belong to villages in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and other states. Several electors who hold multiple voter registrations are choosing to retain their names in their native constituencies instead of Hyderabad. In addition, many deceased voters continue to remain on the rolls because their families often fail to submit Form 7 requesting deletion.

The enumeration phase of the SIR will conclude on August 3, while the draft electoral roll reflecting all revisions is scheduled to be published on August 10. The final figures will provide a clearer picture of the extent of changes in Hyderabad's voter list.

OMR sheet fiasco: TGPSC suspends 2 officers, issues notices to four

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Two officials were suspended, and four were served showcause notices after original optical mark recognition (OMR) sheets from a recruitment examination were found scattered under Hyderabad's PVNR Expressway.

The suspension followed after the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC) ordered a probe into the matter.

The old OMR sheets belonged to the 2018 examination for the recruitment of Hostel Welfare Officers. A large quantity of papers were dumped along the stretch from Shivampalli to the Arranghar underpass.

In a statement, TGPSC clarified that the records had been identified for disposal in accordance with the prescribed record retention and destruction procedures.

"The OMR answer sheets were handed over to an authorised contractor for destruction. During the process, it appears that a few were found on the roadside and the circumstances leading to the incident are being verified," read the statement.

"The Commission has initiated all necessary measures to ensure strict adherence to the prescribed procedures for disposal of records and to prevent recurrence of such incidents in future," the statement concluded.

10 Hyderabad Metro stations to get an upgrade for smoother commute

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To tackle peak-hour overcrowding, parking bottlenecks, and street-level maintenance challenges, Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) announced plans to upgrade 10 major stations.

Additional Managing Director B Ajith Reddy on Monday, July 27, conducted a detailed field inspection of the facilities inside the metro stations and the perimeters as well. He travelled on the metro from Begumpet Metro Station to Raidurg Metro Station to evaluate platform management and maintenance, station floor facilities, and ground infrastructure.

Ajith Reddy criticised the poor upkeep of central medians between metro pillars and strictly cautioned the agencies handling sanitation. Insisting on strict quality control, he called for immediate cleanup measures across station premises.

The additional managing director directed officials to focus efforts on reorganizing transit arrangements at key IT hubs, specifically the Raidurg skywalk and the Mindspace junction, to ensure a smooth commute during peak office hours.Instructions were given to redesign street-level parking lots at Begumpet, Ameerpet, and Raidurg for optimal space usage.

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