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Trainee IPS Officer Held in Miryalguda in Sexual Harassment Case

Trainee IPS officer Mulagani Uday Krishna Reddy, wanted in a complaint of alleged sexual harassment filed by a fellow woman IPS trainee, was taken into custody from Miryalguda on Tuesday. The accused has denied the allegations. Attapur police, who had registered the case, went to serve notices on the accused trainee at both the addresses mentioned by him but failed to find him. His mobile phone was also switched off.

Following this, Rajendranagar DCP S. Sreenivas said, the police formed four special teams to locate Krishna Reddy. However, Krishna Reddy maintained that he was not absconding: He had gone to meet his ailing grandmother at his native place in Prakasam district in AP. His family members received the notice, he said, and he was about to appear before the police when he was arrested.

'No One Can Dictate Officer Postings,' Says CM Revanth

Telangana Will Appeal Against HC's HYDRAA Order, Says CM Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday announced that the Telangana government would legally challenge the Telangana High Court's directions concerning HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, asserting that the authority to post government officers rests solely with the state.

Speaking to mediapersons in New Delhi, the Chief Minister said the government respects the judiciary and would abide by court orders, but would also examine the High Court's observations and pursue appropriate legal remedies. He alleged that encroachers of government land had misled courts by submitting fabricated documents and filing false contempt petitions against HYDRAA officials.

Revanth Reddy maintained that HYDRAA would continue functioning without interruption and described it as one of the most significant reforms introduced by his government. He said the agency had successfully protected government lands, parks, lakes, ponds and nalas from illegal encroachments and would continue safeguarding public assets.

Rejecting arguments that officials should be transferred whenever contempt petitions are filed against them, the Chief Minister recalled that nearly 400 contempt cases had been filed against former Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar without similar demands for his removal.

The Chief Minister alleged that the previous BRS government had allowed encroachments on Bathukamma Kunta, which HYDRAA later restored. He questioned attempts to portray encroachers as victims, asking whether demolitions at N-Convention, Gandipet and Bathukamma Kunta involved poor citizens. He also accused vested interests of funding social media campaigns to spread misinformation and tarnish the government's image to shield encroachers.

On examination paper leaks, Revanth Reddy called for stringent punishment against those responsible and advocated a

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Revanth Seeks 11.56 Lakh PMAY-G Houses, Rural Scheme Expansion

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged the Union government to sanction 11,56,915 houses to Telangana under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G), stating that the State is giving top priority to providing permanent housing for the poor through its Indiramma Indlu programme.During a meeting with Union Rural Development and Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Krishi Bhavan, Revanth Reddy said the previous government failed to utilise PMAY-G effectively, resulting in a large backlog of eligible beneficiaries. He informed the Minister that the State had identified 11.56 lakh eligible rural families through the Awaas+ survey conducted using the Union government's app and requested immediate allocation of houses.The Chief Minister also sought expansion of the Vikasit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VBG Ram Ji) to address livelihood challenges caused by deficient rainfall and El Niño conditions. He proposed inclusion of works such as vegetable sheds, fodder plots, mulberry cultivation,

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Paper Leak Row: AISA Threatens Bihar Stir

The student outfit has sought Union home minister Amit Shah to respond to its demands.

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The All India Students Association (AISA) on Monday threatened to move its exam paper-leak agitation to Bihar on July 30 if the students arrested during the "Chalo Sansad" protest are not released immediately. The AISA, which supported and participated in the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led protests, has called on all student organisations to converge in Bihar on the protest day. The AISA claimed that in parts of the country, particularly West Bengal, the administration targeted students from the minority community. The student outfit has sought Union home minister Amit Shah to respond to its demands.

As the use of pellet guns against the protesters during the NEET paper leak agitation has come under fire, a meeting was held at the Delhi police headquarters to discuss the entry in the Parliament Street police station's general diary stating that RAF personnel had used the "non-lethal" weapon



following orders from DCP (North) Raja Banthia. Three students reportedly received "grave pellet injuries", while one girl student received a gunshot injury. The anti-riot force, the RAF, had been requisitioned by the Delhi police to handle the protest.

The AISA has also dubbed the new anti-paper leak amendment Bill an eyewash, while the Lok Sabha has initiated debate on strengthening the punishment regime for the perpetrators of paper leaks. The Rajya Sabha was, however, adjourned for the day over the paper-leak issue. Amid the AISA's call to intensify its stir, the CJP has also threatened to resume the protests if all the protesters who have been detained or arrested are not released immediately. In a late evening post on X, CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said: "If the harassment of students at the hands of the police continues, the Cockroach Janta Party will respond with a massive peaceful protest soon. The government must stop targeting and witch-hunting students."

At Delhi's Press Club of India, AISA national president Neha Bora said it was only because of the student organisation's intervention that 355 of the juveniles and women out of 600 people detained in Bihar are said to have been released. "But CPI(ML) Liberation MLA

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CJP Warns of Fresh Nationwide Protest, Seeks Parliament Debate on Police Action

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The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Tuesday warned of a fresh nationwide protest, alleging that the Centre was citing the Supreme Court's interim order in a batch of PILs related to its agitation to avoid giving a promised written assurance on withdrawing the FIRs against protesters.The outfit said it would not withdraw a fresh agitation until "full accountability" was ensured and urged Parliament to debate the alleged police brutality during the July 20 protest, including fixing responsibility "not just of the police but also of the home minister".



Speaking to PTI Videos, CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das said government representatives informed the outfit during talks on Tuesday that the matter had become "sub judice" following the Supreme Court's interim order and they had not yet provided the promised written assurance.

"They are now using that order and wanting to go back on the guarantees that they gave to the youth of this country. If the government does not honour its word and the agreements, we will be forced to again call for a big protest, not just in Delhi but nationwide," Das said.

Fadnavis Orders Withdrawal Of Cases Against NEET Protestors

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Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Tuesday directed the Home Department to initiate the process of withdrawing cases registered against students who participated in protests demanding the resignation of former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak issue. Following the Chief Minister's



directive, the Home Department will begin the process of withdrawing the cases. A senior Mantralaya official said around 35 FIRs have been registered against students across the state, including 17 in Mumbai.

In solidarity with student protesters at Delhi's Jantar Mantar, demonstrations began in Mumbai last Thursday at Azad Maidan, where around 1,000 people gathered. Over the past 10 days, protests were also held at Shivaji Park, Dadar and Chembur. Similar demonstrations took place in Pune, Nanded, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar and Nagpur against the police action on students in Delhi on July 22. Students and activists demanded Pradhan's resignation over the alleged NEET paper leak.

Modi Reviews West Asia Crisis to Safeguard India's Economy, Supply Chains

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday chaired a high-level meeting with top government secretaries, focusing on major economic reforms, policy proposals, and strategic reviews to protect supply chains and the domestic economy from the ongoing West Asia crisis. The key sector discussed in the meeting include finance and economy, commerce, industry and technology, the government said.

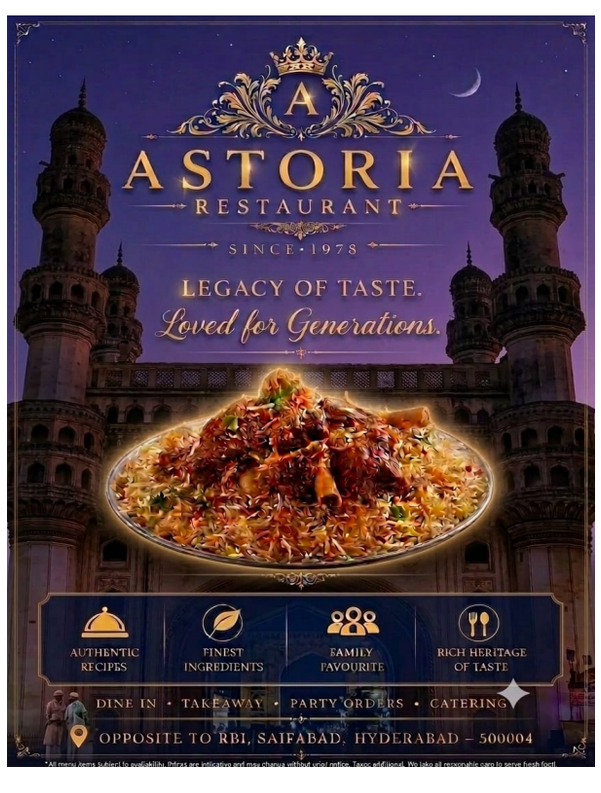
According to the sources, several recommendations, prepared by seven secretary-level groups, were taken up in the meeting. The groups were constituted after the Iran-US war to formulate a strategic response. "Each of the seven groups presented their respective recommendations to the prime minister and all recommendations were discussed in detail during the meeting," the sources said, adding that the deliberations mainly focussed on reform proposals across ministries.

However, the government



said in a statement that the prime minister emphasised the need to break both horizontal and vertical silos within the government. "There is a need for the importance of technological self-reliance and building domestic capabilities in critical sectors. I encourage greater participation of young innovators and entrepreneurs in the cybersecurity ecosystem as well," Modi told the top officials in the meeting.

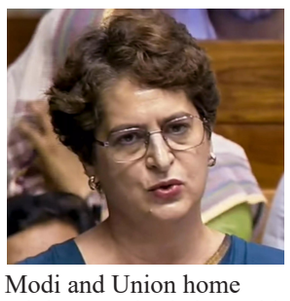
Highlighting the importance of citizen-centric governance, Modi also said that the people of India must remain at the centre of governance. He reminded that every decision and policy should be guided by the interests and aspirations of the common citizen. "While India is making significant investments in infrastructure, equal priority must be given to developing indigenous technologies," he said.



Priyanka Flags Pellet Guns, Police Action

NEW DELHI
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"Why was it necessary to fire tear gas shells at students, to rain lathis on them," Congress Wayanad MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra asked on Tuesday, leading the Opposition's attack on the government over the use of police force on the CJP-led student protesters against the NEET paper leak. The Congress general secretary said the lathicharge on the students broke the credibility of the government and asserted that Prime Minister Narendra



Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah would have to answer as to who gave the order to attack the children with pellet guns.

Speaking during the Lok Sabha discussion on The Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill 2026, Vadra questioned the need to use weapons like pellet guns and AK-47s, apart from tear gas, water cannon, and lathicharge on students who were expressing their dissent and frustration over the oft-leaking examinations.

"What was the need to fire tear gas at those students, to rain lathi blows upon them, or to use water cannons against them? What was the need to humiliate those young women, tear their clothes, and have them brutally beaten," Vadra asked.

"What was the necessity of using pellet guns and AK-47s against the country's youth? Were they terrorists? Will the home minister answer? Who gave the order to fire pellet guns? Did the PM give the order or the home minister? Will they answer? The whole country is asking, not just the Congress party.""Why are you scared of the youth of this country and their voices? Who has given you the right to suppress them and stifle their voice?" Vadra said while adding that people of the country are seeking accountability from the government.

Congress accused of double standards over student protests in Telangana

The article alleges that the Congress has adopted different approaches to student and youth protests in Delhi and Telangana. It highlights police action against unemployed youth in Telangana and cites Rahul Gandhi's past assurances on jobs and peaceful protests.

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What it condemns vociferously in Delhi is exactly what the Congress does in Hyderabad.

The Congress party has been loudly condemning and even stalling Parliament proceedings over police action against students protesting the NEET fiasco during the Chalo Sansad march. However, the same party and its top brass, including Rahul Gandhi, have turned a blind eye to the plight of the unemployed in Telangana and resorted to police lathi-charges whenever they protest.

Rahul Gandhi had, in fact, posted on X: "Peaceful protest is a sacred and fundamental right. Every police officer and govt official blindly following orders to attack India's innocent students should keep in mind: The Constitution is your master. Power is not permanent. Accountability will follow." However, the Congress party's response to issues concerning the unemployed and students in Telangana has been entirely different. Since the Congress came to power in the State, unemployed youth who staged a series of protests at Dilsukhnagar, Chikkadpally Central Library and Ashok Nagar, demanding that the government fulfil its election promises, including issuing recruitment notifications for two lakh vacancies, have been met with police action.

The unemployed have been hitting the streets of Dilsukhnagar demanding an increase in police job vacancies, a job calendar and recruitment notifications. However, whenever they take to the streets, they are met with lathi-charges and multiple police cases.

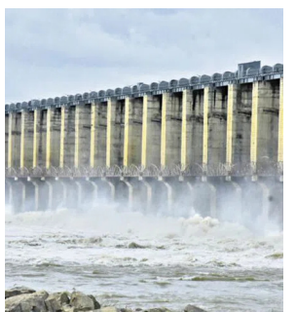
In fact, during the last Assembly election campaign at Ashok Nagar, Congress MP Rahul Gandhi had sought the support of unemployed youth and posted on X, "Our job calendar is the first step in easing their pain. We will ensure two lakh govt jobs in one year. Revamp of TSPSC on UPSC lines and Yuva Vikasam, Rs 5 lakh assistance. The future of our youth is secure in the hands of Congress Prajala Sarkar, this is my guarantee."

The Congress has ignored its assurances in the State and whenever the youth seek to remind it of its promises, in what critics describe as a display of double standards, the party seeks to silence them with force.

Indra Nayak, Chairman of the Unemployed Youth JAC, said that whenever they protested for their rightful demands, the Congress government responded with lathi-charges and police cases. "Police registered at least eight cases against me. Congress and Rahul Gandhi have mastered the art of using unemployed youth for their political gains and betraying them after the elections. We want the Congress to stop this drama and honour its promises, including issuing notifications for two lakh vacancies," said Indra Nayak.

Upper Krishna floods revive hopes for Telangana

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Heavy rainfall in the upper reaches of the Krishna basin across Maharashtra and Karnataka has revived hopes in Telangana. After weeks of concern over the impact of El Nino, the steadily rising inflows into the Priyadarshini Jurala Project have now ensured there is no immediate drinking water crisis in major parts of the State.As on Tuesday, all the major reservoirs were holding 336.47 TMCft against a total storage capacity of 1,059 TMCft.

As floodwaters from the Almatti and Narayanpur reservoirs continued to flow downstream, the Jurala reservoir, with a gross storage capacity of 9.66 TMCft, has been receiving steadily rising inflows. Official figures showed inflows touching around 27,000-32,000 cusecs, prompting authorities to lift the project gates and release over 30,000 cusecs downstream towards the Srisailam reservoir. Officials expect inflows to increase further if heavy rainfall persists in the upper catchment.

The increased flows have enabled the government to operationalise lift irrigation schemes dependent on Jurala backwaters, including the Jawahar Nettempadu, Rajiv Bhima and Koilsagar projects, providing much-needed irrigation support to the erstwhile Mahabubnagar region, though partially.

The Irrigation Department initiated pumping to the Koilsagar reservoir through the Undyala Pump House Stage-I, lifting about 315 cusecs of water. Simultaneously, the Mahatma Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme has begun releasing water into the Singotam, Jonnagaboguda and Gudipalli reservoirs, further strengthening irrigation support in the region.

The flood flows have also marked the beginning of hydropower generation in Telangana for the current monsoon. Telangana Genco commenced electricity generation at the Upper and Lower Jurala hydel stations, initially operating one unit each before receiving permission to expand generation to three units at both power houses as inflows improve.

Vivekanand Demands Judicial Probe Into HYDRA, Targets Revanth Govt

BRS LP Whip K.P. Vivekanand Demands Sitting High Court Judge Probe Into HYDRA, Calls Verdict Victory for Poor, Targets Revanth

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BRS Legislature Party Whip and Quthbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekanand on Tuesday demanded a comprehensive judicial inquiry by a sitting High Court judge into the functioning of HYDRA, alleging large-scale irregularities, extortion and misuse of power.

Addressing a press conference at his camp office in Pet Basheerabad, Vivekanand welcomed the High Court's reported order directing the removal of HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath, describing it as a "victory for the poor" and the result of the BRS's sustained fight against what he termed "bulldozer rule."

Vivekanand alleged that HYDRA had become an instrument of harassment under the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of misusing the agency for political vendetta. He claimed the High Court verdict exposed the government's functioning and questioned how the Commissioner could continue defending his actions after apologizing before the court.

The BRS leader said the Chief Minister had lost the moral authority to continue handling the Municipal Administration portfolio and demanded his resignation. He alleged that HYDRA, instead of protecting citizens, had inflicted severe hardship on poor and middle-class families.

Referring to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's earlier promise, Vivekanand said the BRS would dismantle HYDRA if voted back to power. He further accused the Congress government of violating constitutional values and called upon the Chief Minister to respect the judiciary. The MLA asserted that the High Court's observations had marked the beginning of the political countdown for the Revanth Reddy government and reiterated the party's demand for a judicial probe into HYDRA's functioning and alleged extortion.

Jampana Pratap Reviews New Bowenpally Voter Verification Drive Progress

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Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB) Vice President Jampana Pratap on Tuesday inspected the ongoing Special Summary Revision (SIR) voter verification drive in the New Bowenpally division and reviewed the progress of the electoral roll update.

Speaking to the media after the inspection, Pratap said that out of 27,702 Enumeration Forms issued in the ward, 14,262 voter verifications have been completed so far. The verification exercise identified 374 duplicate voter registrations, while 6,000 voters were found to have shifted their residence. Officials also confirmed 697 deceased voters, whose names will be processed as per Election Commission guidelines.

Pratap further stated that 204 Army personnel previously registered in the ward had been transferred to other military stations, while newly posted service personnel and their eligible family members were being enrolled in the electoral rolls.

He said the voter verification process was progressing systematically and that the final consolidated data for the New Boinpally division is expected to be released by August 3. The inspection was attended by Booth Level Officers (BLOs), Dafedhar Ganesh, BJP leaders B.N. Srinivas and Rakesh Jaipal, Congress BLA Sharath, and other local representatives.

S. Vijay Kumar Assumes Charge as Circle Inspector & Station House Officer of Malkajgiri Police Station

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S. Vijay Kumar formally assumed charge as the Circle Inspector (CI) and Station House Officer (SHO) of Malkajgiri Police Station, under the Malkajgiri Police Commissionerate, on Monday, July 27, 2026.On the occasion, senior police officers, colleagues, family members, relatives, and well-wishers extended their heartfelt congratulations and conveyed their best wishes for his successful tenure in the new assignment.

Family members shared that CI S. Vijay Kumar had earlier received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri Commissionerate, in recognition of his dedicated service and professional excellence.

They expressed confidence that his commitment, discipline, and people-friendly policing would further strengthen law and order in the jurisdiction.His father, Sri Nageshwar Rao, is serving in the Quality Monitoring Wing of MGNREGA (now GIRAM JI), and the family expressed pride over Vijay Kumar's latest posting.Speaking on the occasion, family members and friends wished him continued success in maintaining public safety, ensuring transparent policing, and serving citizens with integrity and dedication.

Congratulations and best wishes to CI S. Vijay Kumar on assuming charge as Circle Inspector and Station House Officer of Malkajgiri Police Station.

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.

Jagityal Set for Major Healthcare Boost with New Specialty Hospital

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Telangana Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has announced that Jagityal Government General Hospital (GGH) will soon emerge as a major specialty healthcare centre with the construction of a state-of-the-art hospital building and the introduction of postgraduate (PG) medical courses at Jagityal Medical College.

During a high-level review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat, the Minister assessed the functioning of Jagityal Medical College, Government General Hospital, Area Hospitals, Community Health Centres (CHCs), Primary Health Centres (PHCs), and other healthcare institutions in the district. He directed the Director of Medical Education to immediately initiate the process of obtaining National Medical Commission (NMC) approval for PG courses in all major specialties, stating that the move would strengthen specialist healthcare and improve medical education in the district.

The Minister said the new Government General Hospital is being built with modern infrastructure and advanced medical equipment to provide comprehensive specialty services under one roof, reducing the need for patients to travel to Hyderabad or other cities. He added that Jagityal GGH would serve as the district's specialty healthcare centre, while Karimnagar Government General Hospital would continue as the regional super-specialty referral hospital.

A Critical Care Block has already been established, and advanced trauma care services will be introduced soon.

Damodar Rajanarsimha said the government has made nearly 15,000 appointments in the Health Department over the past two-and-a-half years. Recruitment of 1,616 specialist doctors is underway,

with 1,182 appointments already completed, and additional specialists will soon be posted to hospitals in Korutla, Metpally, and other parts of the district.

The Minister also stressed reducing unnecessary Caesarean deliveries through expanded midwifery training and assured that infrastructure, staffing, and medicine supply would be strengthened across all government healthcare institutions,

reaffirming the government's commitment to providing accessible, affordable, and quality healthcare in every district.

Leader Who Played a Defining Role in Telangana Movement Remembered

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Telangana Medical, Health & Family Welfare Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha paid heartfelt tributes to former Union Minister, eminent parliamentarian and senior Congress leader Late S. Jaipal Reddy on the occasion of his death anniversary.In a press note released on Tuesday, the Minister described Jaipal Reddy as one of India's finest parliamentarians, an intellectual statesman, and a leader who made an invaluable contribution to the Telangana movement. He said Jaipal Reddy's exceptional parliamentary debates, political integrity, and unwavering commitment to democratic values earned him respect across party lines, making him an "Ajata Shatru" (a leader without enemies).The Minister recalled that Jaipal Reddy's remarkable public life was marked by honesty, simplicity, and a steadfast commitment to constitutional principles. His outstanding contributions in Parliament and his distinguished service in various Union Ministries brought immense recognition to Telangana and the nation, he said.Damodar Rajanarsimha noted that Jaipal Reddy played a significant role in articulating the aspirations of the people of Telangana and consistently worked for the region's development with vision and dedication. His guidance, wisdom, and statesmanship continue to inspire political leaders, public representatives, and the younger generation, the Minister added."On the death anniversary of Late S. Jaipal Reddy, I offer my respectful tributes to a visionary leader, an outstanding parliamentarian, and a true democrat whose ideals, integrity, and lifelong service to the people will remain an enduring source of inspiration," the Minister stated.

IMD issues heavy rainfall alert for 16 Telangana districts

The spell of heavy rain in several districts across Telangana, after weeks of dry weather, is expected to continue, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Hyderabad, on Tuesday issuing a heavy rainfall alert for the next 48 hours for multiple districts in the State.

The 16 districts placed under a heavy rainfall alert (64.5 mm to 115.5 mm) are Adilabad, Komuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Bhadradri Kothagudem, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak and Kamareddy.

Rainfall is also expected in Hyderabad, with the weather department issuing a thunderstorm, lightning and strong winds warning for Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, Yadadri-Bhongir, Khammam, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanumakonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Mahabubnagar, Nagarkurnool, Wanaparthy, Narayanpet and Jogulamba Gadwal.

Congress Sharpens Focus On SIR Across Undivided Warangal Ahead Of Civic Polls

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With the Warangal, Hyderabad and Khammam municipal corporation elections expected in the coming months, the Congress has intensified its focus on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The state's ruling party is treating the civic polls as a political semi-final ahead of the next assembly elections. Having completed half the term, and a little more than two years is left before the nextt polls, the Congress high command has directed district leaders to ensure that not a single eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls.

Viewing undivided Warangal as one of Telangana's most politically significant regions, the party has deployed ministers, public representatives, district leaders and grassroots workers to conduct door-to-door voter verification and assist people with the digitisation process. According to party sources, a recent review meeting in New Delhi, attended by AICC general secretary KC Venugopal, Telangana incharge Meenakshi Natarajan, TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and chief minister A Revanth Reddy, assessed the progress of the SIR district-wise. Leaders were told to ensure that voters from poor and weaker sections, considered traditional Congress supporters, are not omitted from the rolls.

The leadership has directed district units to independently monitor the exercise instead of relying solely on official reports, while warning that negligence would invite accountability. Congress workers are now actively touring all 12 assembly constituencies in the undivided Warangal region, including Warangal city, Hanumakonda, Kazipet and rural areas, helping voters complete verification, submit forms and resolve documentation issues.

District Congress president Inagala Venkat Ramireddy said the party cadre was working relentlessly to ensure that every eligible voter is included in the electoral rolls before the revision process concludes. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has also stepped up its campaign to protect its voter base. The party has established voter assistance help desks in several localities across Warangal, Hanumakonda and Kazipet, where workers are guiding voters through the SIR process, assisting them in filling out forms and creating awareness about the documentation required.

The BJP, however, appears to be adopting a restrained approach. The party is confident that the ongoing voter revision exercise will work in its favour and has therefore not matched the extensive field mobilisation seen by the Congress and the BRS.

HC Verdict on HYDRA Vindicates BRS Stand: Dasoju Shravan

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BRS MLC Dr. Dasoju Shravan on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, stating that the High Court's verdict removing the HYDRA Commissioner was "not a surprise" and amounted to a judicial rebuke of the state's "bulldozer governance." Addressing a press conference, he claimed the judgment had validated the BRS's long-standing criticism that HYDRA had become a "monster" under the Revanth Reddy government.

Shravan described the High Court verdict as a "surgical strike on bulldozer rule" and alleged that the government had misused HYDRA to selectively target citizens while ignoring alleged illegal constructions by influential individuals. He questioned why action was not taken against certain structures, including those allegedly built in Full Tank Level (FTL) areas, while poor families were evicted.

The BRS leader accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of encouraging arbitrary demolitions and claimed the court's ruling had exposed the government's functioning. He reiterated BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao's promise that HYDRA would be abolished if the party returned to power, asserting that the court's observations echoed the opposition's concerns. Shravan also alleged that selective governance, intimidation, and irregularities had become widespread under the present administration. He claimed police were failing to act impartially and alleged that officials were acting under political instructions.

Warning that "power is never permanent," the BRS MLC said governments must respect the Constitution and judicial institutions. He maintained that rulers should focus on building homes and protecting people's rights rather than demolishing properties, adding that the High Court's verdict marked a significant setback for the state government's approach to governance.

Karate Students Excel in Nayak Budokan Belt Grading Test



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Nayak Budokan Karate Academy, Nadergul – Graph High School Playground Branch, successfully conducted a Karate Belt Grading Test at St. Mary High School, Lal Darwaza, under the guidance of Head Sensei and Head Examiner Ganesh Nayak.

The grading examination was conducted by Sensei K. Saloni, Black Belt Karate instructor of the academy. Students were assessed on various aspects of karate, including basics (Kihon), Kata, Kumite, discipline, and self-defence techniques.

Two students, Medhashwi and Qayyum Hussain, appeared for the examination and successfully qualified for the next belt level after demonstrating commendable performance. The examiners appreciated their dedication, discipline, and technical skills displayed during the test.

Speaking on the occasion, Sensei K. Saloni congratulated the successful students and encouraged more children to take up karate to improve their fitness, confidence, discipline, and self-defence abilities. She stressed that consistent practice and determination are essential for success in martial arts.

The academy expressed gratitude to the management of St. Mary High School for providing excellent support in organizing the grading test. Parents who attended the event appreciated the academy's efforts in promoting martial arts among children and assured their continued encouragement.

President of Nayak Budokan Karate Academy, Ganesh Master, congratulated all the participating students for their sincere efforts and successful performances. He also praised Sensei K. Saloni for her dedicated coaching and excellent preparation of the students for the belt grading examination. Ganesh Master urged the students to train harder and remain focused for the upcoming National and International Karate Championships, expressing confidence that they would bring greater laurels to the academy through discipline, dedication, and consistent practice.

'Rythu Nestham' Completes 100 Episodes, Strengthens Scientific Farming in Telangana

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Telangana's flagship agricultural knowledge programme Rythu Nestham celebrated its 100th episode on Tuesday, marking a significant milestone in the State's efforts to promote scientific and technology-driven farming. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao described the initiative as a vital bridge between agricultural experts and farmers, helping disseminate modern cultivation practices across Telangana.The Minister urged farmers to prepare for possible El Niño conditions by adopting climate-resilient farming, efficient water management and low water-consuming alternative crops. He encouraged diversification into horticulture and oil palm cultivation, highlighting the income potential of intercropping with jasmine, black pepper and cocoa.Tummala said the Telangana Fertilizer Booking App has simplified fertilizer availability through advance booking, while welfare schemes such as Rythu Bharosa and Rythu Bima continue to provide financial and social security to farmers. He also directed officials to provide daily groundwater status updates to support scientific irrigation planning.

To commemorate the milestone, farmers who participated in all 100 episodes were felicitated for their commitment to continuous learning. The programme was held simultaneously at nearly 1,600 Rythu Vedikas across the State, with participation from ministers, senior officials, agricultural scientists, district administrations and progressive farmers, reaffirming Telangana's commitment to sustainable and knowledge-based agriculture.

Harish Rao, Srinivas Goud Invited for Papanna Jayanti



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Former ministers Harish Rao and V. Srinivas Goud were invited by the leaders of the Jai Goud Movement Committee to participate in the 376th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud, scheduled to be held on August 10 at Rabindra Bharati in Hyderabad. On the occasion, the leaders also unveiled the official poster for the celebrations.

Speaking at the event, former minister V. Srinivas Goud described Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud as the first Bahujan emperor in the Asian continent, stating that he established his rule over 33 forts, including Golconda, and fought courageously for the welfare of the oppressed and backward communities.

CMC Processes 783 kg of Religious Waste Under 'Divine Waste Drive'

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has successfully processed 783 kg of religious waste under its 'Divine Waste Drive', an initiative aimed at the sustainable collection, segregation, dismantling, and recycling of devotional materials, including idols and religious photographs.

According to the CMC, Allwyn Colony recorded the highest collection with 382 kg, followed by Madhapur (277 kg), Nizampet (78 kg), Kompally (29 kg), and Medchal (17 kg).Sharing the update on its official X (formerly Twitter) account, the civic body stated that the initiative reflects its commitment to converting devotion into environmental responsibility while promoting a cleaner, greener, and more sustainable Cyberabad.



AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin handed over the Letter of Consent (LOC) under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to a beneficiary for medical treatment during a programme held at the AIMIM Party Office in Hakeempet, extending financial assistance for healthcare.

District Collector Anuraag Jayanti Inspects Government ZP High School at Kolanupaka, Encourages Students to Excel

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Yadadri Bhuvanagiri District Collector Anuraag Jayanti visited the Government Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) at Kolanupaka village in Alair Mandal on Tuesday to review academic standards, school infrastructure, and the implementation of government education programmes.

During the inspection, the Collector visited classrooms and interacted with students to assess their learning levels and subject knowledge. He encouraged them to remain committed to their studies, develop strong reading habits, and work hard to achieve academic excellence and build a bright future.

The Collector also reviewed classroom teaching, student attendance, school cleanliness, drinking water facilities, sanitation, and other essential amenities.

He directed teachers and education officials to ensure a safe, clean, and student-friendly learning environment while maintaining high standards of education in government schools.Emphasising the Telangana Government's commitment to strengthening public education, the Collector instructed officials to effectively implement all educational initiatives and ensure that every student receives quality education and equal learning opportunities.

Green Guardians Drive Promotes Tree Plantation in Kondapur

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A tree plantation drive was organised at Masjid Banda Camelot Layout Park under the "Green Guardians" initiative by Sri Sanatana Ayurveda and Sri Saraswati Devi Anuragadhara Foundation to promote environmental conservation and increase greenery in local communities.The programme was attended by BJP State Spokesperson and Serilingampally Assembly Incharge Ravi Kumar Yadav, 8th Battalion Commandant SP Ramakrishna, and DSP Rambabu, who planted saplings and urged citizens to protect the environment.Speaking on the occasion, Ravi Kumar Yadav said that just as children are nurtured with care, saplings should also be protected until they grow into trees. He stressed that rapid urbanisation is turning cities into concrete jungles, making tree plantation essential for a cleaner and healthier future.The speakers appreciated the efforts of the organising foundations and called upon every citizen to plant and protect at least one tree. They also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's environmental initiatives, including "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" and Swachh Bharat, aimed at promoting greenery and cleanliness across the country.The programme was attended by representatives of the organising organisations, BJP leaders, Red Cross Youth members, social activists, teachers, students, and local residents..

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, Nepal Revive Heritage Ties with Restoration of Lalitpur Sites

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India and Nepal on Tuesday jointly inaugurated two restored cultural heritage sites in Lalitpur, marking another significant milestone in Nepal's post-earthquake reconstruction efforts supported by the Government of India. The restored Gusthal Mahavihar and Agam of Prathamshree Mahavihar, located at Guita Tole in Lalitpur Metropolitan City, were rebuilt under India's post-earthquake reconstruction assistance programme.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Chiribabu Maharjan, Mayor of Lalitpur Metropolitan City, Jagdish Kharel, Member of Parliament, and Naveen Srivastava, India's Ambassador to Nepal. The dignitaries jointly unveiled the inaugural plaque and participated in traditional ceremonies. Government officials, local community representatives and members of the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu also attended the event.

The restoration project was completed with an Indian grant of Rs 120 million. The reconstruction was implemented by the Central Level Project Implementation Unit (CLPIU) – Building and Housing under the Government of Nepal. Design and project management consultancy services were provided by the Indian National Trust for Arts and Cultural Heritage (INTACH), ensuring that the heritage structures retained their historical and architectural significance.

Speaking at the event, Mayor Chiribabu Maharjan expressed gratitude to the Government of India for its continued support in restoring Nepal's cultural heritage. He appreciated India's contribution to the reconstruction of important monuments across Lalitpur and other districts affected by the devastating 2015 earthquake.

Indian Ambassador Naveen Srivastava highlighted the centuries-old cultural and civilizational ties between India and Nepal. He noted that the restored monuments symbolize the shared heritage, friendship and close people-to-people relations between the two neighbouring countries. He reaffirmed India's commitment to supporting Nepal's reconstruction and development efforts.

According to the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu, India has assisted in the conservation of 30 cultural heritage sites across eight districts under its post-earthquake reconstruction programme. Beyond heritage restoration, the assistance package also includes the reconstruction of 50,000 private houses in Gorkha and Nuwakot districts, 85 educational institutions across eight districts, and 133 health facilities in 11 districts.

C'garh's Proposal To Create Bastar Regiment In Indian Army Under Examination, Says Rajnath Singh

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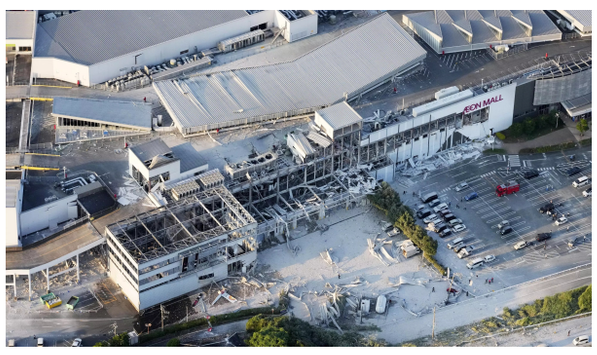
Defence minister Rajnath Singh has indicated that the Chhattisgarh government's proposal to create 'Bastar Regiment' in the Indian Army is under examination. In a communication dated July nine to Chhattisgarh deputy chief minister Vijay Sharma, who holds home portfolio, Mr. Singh acknowledged the receipt of a letter in this regard by the former and indicated that the matter is under examination.

"Your (Mr. Sharma's) letter dated June 26, 2026 regarding the proposal to create a Bastar Regime in the Indian Army has been received. The matter is under the process of examination", Mr. Singh, in his letter, written in Hindi, said. Mr. Sharma, in his letter, has justified the proposal, citing the bravery and valiance of the local tribal youths in Bastar region in the counterinsurgency operations.

He said that the local tribal youths in the region have long served alongside the security forces to take on the Maoists by braving the most challenging environments and exhibited amazing courage and resilience. The Bastar Fighters and District Reserve Guard (DRG), the specialized counter-insurgency forces of Chhattisgarh police comprising exclusively the tribal youths of Bastar range, have played a crucial role in combating the Maoist menace by countering the Left-wing Extremism in the hostile terrains and jungles of Bastar for the last one decade. Mr. Sharma said that the Bastar Regiment, if created, could utilize the operational experience of these tribal soldiers in difficult geographical regions, and can contribute to both the national defence and internal security. Such a move would not only generate employment for the tribal youths of Bastar region but also instill a sense of patriotism and pride in them for becoming a part of Indian defence forces, he said.

Shopping Mall Collapses in Japan Quake, Dozens Feared Trapped

TOKYO
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Dozens of people were feared trapped in a shopping mall in Japan on Tuesday after a major earthquake toppled buildings, sparked fires and reportedly killed one person and injured more than 100. Private broadcaster TBS reported that a "considerable number" of people were feared dead inside the mall in the town of Kashima after the fire brigade said that the second floor collapsed in the 7.1-magnitude tremor.

Emergency services earlier said "many people" were trapped inside the building. Public broadcaster NHK cited police sources as saying that between 20 and 30 employees could not be contacted, showing footage of emergency vehicles with flashing red lights outside. Police told AFP they could not confirm any fatalities inside the building. Kyodo News reported that four people had been taken to hospital, all of them conscious.

Multiple people were also believed to be unaccounted for at a factory in Yatsushiro city where the tip of a chimney fell down, NHK reported, citing sources. One person was killed when a house collapsed during the quake, Kyodo reported. NHK aired footage from elsewhere in the southwestern Kumamoto region on Kyushu island showing several blazes, damaged bridges, a derailed cargo train and a number of houses threatening to topple over.

Chiharu Hara, a 35-year-old recruitment agent who was in Kumamoto, told AFP that she was "terrified" when the quake struck. "The office swayed violently side-to-side. I was afraid it would collapse. Everyone panicked," Hara said. The tremor at 4:27 pm (0727 GMT) had a magnitude of 7.1, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said, but reached the highest level of seven on Japan's Shindo scale.

The US Geological Survey put the magnitude at 6.8. A succession of aftershocks followed, including one with a magnitude of 6.1 at 5:08 pm. Hundreds of earthquakes strike Japan every year, but the vast majority cause little damage.

Many roads were closed and high-speed shinkansen train services were suspended in the region affected by Tuesday's quake. Kumamoto airport was closed for several hours before re-opening in the evening. Two hospitals reported taking in at least 50 injured patients each, NHK said. "People are coming in with burns and fractures from being trapped under objects due to the earthquake, and ambulances are constantly bringing in injured people," NHK quoted one hospital employee as saying. "Inside the hospital, there are water leaks and electrical system failures." The broadcaster also said that around 10 people were hurt at a nursing home for the elderly. "Human casualties, building collapses, road damage, fires... have been confirmed so far," Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said on X, adding there were also "water and power outages". The Japanese military has mobilised 3,600 personnel for disaster relief operations and sent 20 aircraft to assess the damage from the air, the defence minister said. The JMA initially issued a tsunami alert, but withdrew it at around 6:10 pm. Unverified footage shared on social media showed parts of a wall at the centuries-old Kumamoto Castle collapsing. No immediate abnormalities were recorded at nuclear power plants, the Nuclear Regulation Authority said.

Pawar Rules Out Merger Of NCP Factions

MUMBAI
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Veteran leader Sharad Pawar categorically dismissed ongoing discussions regarding a potential merger between the Sunetra Pawar-led NCP and the NCP (Sharadchandra Pawar). "There is no question of the two NCP factions coming together," he said, putting an end to the speculation about a merger. Talks of Sharad Pawar's party merging with the NCP and joining the BJP-led government have been doing the rounds after Sharad Pawar met Prime Minister Narendra Modi a few days ago. When asked about ongoing discussions regarding the coming together of the two NCP factions, he ruled out the possibility of a merger. It recently came to light that Parth Pawar and Praful Patel had met Sharad Pawar in Delhi a few days ago. Pawar's remark in Baramati came a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah held meetings with leaders of both NCP factions in Delhi on Monday. Shah met NCP (SP) MP Supriya Sule and Maharashtra NCP president Sunil Tatkare. Earlier, Pawar and Sule had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. Following this meeting, Parth Pawar and Praful Patel had visited Sharad Pawar.

A series of meetings between NCP (SP) leaders and BJP leaders has sparked speculation that the party is contemplating merging with the NCP and joining the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance. However, NCP (SP) MLA Rohit Pawar, who is the grandnephew of Sharad Pawar, too clarified that they would not be joining the government stating that almost all their leaders.

Youth Employment Gets A Lift As CM Omar Abdullah Issues 470 Appointment

SRINAGAR
Wakeup telangana



At a mega job fair held in Srinagar's iconic Amar Singh College on Tuesday, as many as 470 youth received on-the-spot recruitment while another 430 candidates were shortlisted. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah hailed the 77th State-Level Mega Job Fair as a meaningful stride toward reducing unemployment in Jammu and Kashmir. He noted that nearly 900 young people have either secured jobs or reached the final stage of recruitment, quoting that "around 470 youth received on-the-spot recruitment while another 430 candidates have been shortlisted" . With 5,300 registrations and over 50 employers, including companies operating in the Gulf, the fair offered direct recruitment, industry exposure and career guidance.

Abdullah emphasised that higher education institutions must go beyond awarding degrees and actively support students' transition into employment. He praised Cluster University Srinagar and Desh Bhagat University for bridging the long-standing gap between education and employability. He called for institutionalising campus recruitment across all universities in the Union Territory, stressing that government jobs alone cannot solve unemployment and that the administration must expand opportunities through private sector engagement, skill development, entrepreneurship and industry partnerships.Highlighting the region's talent, he reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening the startup ecosystem, connecting youth with venture capital and providing structured support for new enterprises.

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On examination paper leaks, Revanth Reddy called for stringent punishment against those responsible and advocated a nationwide policy to regulate coaching centres, alleging that several such institutions had become hubs for question paper leaks. He urged the Centre to refrain from excessive control over universities, saying education should largely remain under state governments, while supporting a parliamentary debate on the issue.Highlighting recruitment reforms, he said Telangana had revamped the Telangana Public Service Commission on the lines of the UPSC to ensure transparent examinations and restore confidence among job aspirants. He also demanded strict action against organisations allegedly involved in examination irregularities.Addressing fee reimbursement, the Chief Minister said the previous BRS government left arrears of ₹8,000 crore. He assured that genuine institutions would receive pending dues after verification and announced that future reimbursements of ₹2,200-₹2,400 crore annually would be paid within the same academic year by directly crediting eligible beneficiaries, ensuring no recurrence of a fee reimbursement crisis.

Revanth Seeks.....

The Chief Minister also sought expansion of the Vikasit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VBG Ram Ji) to address livelihood challenges caused by deficient rainfall and El Niño conditions. He proposed inclusion of works such as vegetable sheds, fodder plots, mulberry cultivation, silkworm rearing sheds, bamboo plantations, kitchen gardens, water storage pits in hilly areas, moisture conservation trenches in orchards, and restoration of lands damaged by floods and sand deposition.Revanth Reddy further requested that beneficiaries constructing Indiramma Indlu be allowed to avail up to 90 days of wage employment under MGNREGS during house construction. He urged the Union Minister to incorporate Telangana's locally relevant proposals into the rural employment programme to strengthen livelihoods of SCs, STs, small and marginal farmers, and agricultural labourers.The meeting was attended by several Telangana MPs, Chief Minister's Advisor Ramakrishna Rao, and senior officials.

Paper Leak Row.....

"But CPI(ML) Liberation MLA Sandeep Saurav and several AISA activists still remain behind bars for participating in protests against paper leaks." Presenting what it described as a fact-finding report, AISA Delhi University secretary Anjali demanded strict action against those police personnel who allegedly "assaulted women protesters" by hitting them on their private parts in the heart of the national capital.

In the Delhi High Court, Justice Girish Kathpalia said the right to protest did not extend to damaging the "seat of sovereignty", and a police officer's image cannot be "tarnished" over an alleged "overuse of power" during the July 20 march to Parliament. The judge made the observations while dismissing a petition seeking withdrawal of an inquiry from the Delhi police's additional DCP Sandeep Lamba after he was seen slapping a woman during the Chalo Sansad march called by the CJP and consequential administrative action was taken against him. Advocate M. Sufian Siddiqui contended that the petitioner's confidence in the fairness of the inquiry into her alleged illegal detention in 2025 has been irretrievably shaken due to Lamba's conduct, as seen in the video clip, and therefore, the proceedings should be assigned to an independent officer. Justice Kathpalia, however, asserted that the police officer had the right to a fair trial, and even if he was seen slapping a woman, he may not be biased in every case.

"Just because he is caught on some video clip slapping a lady, we cannot tarnish him in black. Are we aware of the ground realities? How the crowd would have entered the Parliament and firing would have started? So many people would have died," the court remarked.Retired Delhi police personnel have, meanwhile, sought permission from the Delhi police to hold a peaceful dharna at Jantar Mantar on Friday in solidarity with police personnel injured .

CRIME

Traffic Police Urge Students to Become Road Safety Ambassadors

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



Under the "Arrive Alive" initiative, the Malkajgiri Traffic Police conducted a comprehensive Traffic Awareness Programme at Government Boys High School, Lal Bazar, Trimulgherry, on Wednesday, urging students to become responsible road users and spread road safety awareness within their communities.

The programme was organized under the directions of Malkajgiri Commissioner of Police Smt. B. Sumathi, IPS, and Deputy Commissioner of Police (Traffic-I) Sri K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, with the objective of educating students on traffic discipline and accident prevention.

Addressing the gathering, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Traffic), Trimulgherry Division, G. Shankar Raju, emphasized that road safety begins with individual responsibility and that children can play a crucial role in creating safer roads by adopting good traffic habits from an early age.

He advised students to always use footpaths wherever available, cross roads only at designated pedestrian crossings, remain alert while walking on roads, and strictly avoid riding or driving vehicles before reaching the legal age. He also encouraged them to remind their parents and family members to wear helmets and seat belts, obey traffic signals, avoid using mobile phones while driving, and never drive under the influence of alcohol.

Calling upon students to act as Traffic Safety Ambassadors, the ACP urged them to share road safety messages with their families, friends, and neighbours to help reduce road accidents and build a culture of responsible road use.

The programme was attended by Headmistress A. L. Vijayalakshmi, Additional Inspector of Police P. Ramanaiah, Srinath Sharma, Bhagyavathi, St. Victoria, R. Rama Krishna, Srinivasa Rao (PET), teaching staff, and students, who actively participated and appreciated the Traffic Police's initiative to promote road safety awareness.

Man Swept Away After Falling Into Open Manhole in Miyapur; Rescue Operation Underway

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A tragic incident occurred in Miyapur after a man reportedly fell into an open manhole and was swept away, triggering an intensive rescue operation by emergency teams.According to initial reports, the man accidentally stepped into the uncovered manhole while passing through the area. Local residents immediately alerted the authorities, following which police, disaster response personnel, and civic officials launched a search operation.The incident has once again raised serious concerns over open manholes, drainage safety, and civic maintenance in Hyderabad, especially during the monsoon season. Authorities are investigating the circumstances that led to the accident, while rescue efforts are continuing to trace the missing person.Further details are awaited as the operation progresses.

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.

Two Interstate Criminals Arrested in Chandanagar; Five Stolen Bikes Recovered

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Chandanagar Police arrested two interstate property offenders for allegedly attacking a 16-year-old boy and robbing his mobile phone near HUDA Colony, close to Chandanagar Railway Station. According to police, the accused first approached the victim asking for drinking water. They later returned after consuming alcohol, threatened him with a knife, assaulted him when he resisted, and fled with his Redmi Note 11 Pro mobile phone.

Using CCTV footage and technical evidence, police arrested Ujarla Vishnu Vardhan (21) of Mangalhat and Dandugula Bhanu Prasad (25) of Rajiv Gruhakalpa, Serilingampally, during a raid at Papireddy Colony.

During interrogation, the duo allegedly confessed to their involvement in 11 property offences across Cyberabad, Hyderabad, and Yadadri-Bhuvanagiri districts. Police recovered the stolen mobile phone along with five stolen motorcycles—Bajaj Pulsar 220, Pulsar 150, Pulsar NS160, KTM Duke 200, and Yamaha Fascino. Police also stated that Vishnu Vardhan has multiple previous criminal cases, including offences registered at Asif Nagar, Rajendranagar, Madhapur, and under the POCSO Act. Both accused were produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody.

Roads Turn Death Traps: CPM Warns of Protest Escalation if Zaheerabad–Hoti–Shekapur–Tandur Road Is Not Repaired

HYDERABAD
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The deteriorating condition of the Zaheerabad–Hoti (K)–Shekapur–Tandur road has triggered public outrage, with the Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) demanding immediate intervention from the Roads & Buildings (R&B) Department. The party organized a protest in front of the R&B office, urging officials to repair the badly damaged stretch without delay.Addressing the gathering, CPM Zaheerabad Area Committee Member S. Mahipal said the road has become riddled with potholes, posing a serious threat to commuters, farmers, workers, students, and emergency vehicles. He alleged that years of official neglect have turned the busy road into a dangerous stretch, increasing the risk of accidents every day.The protesters demanded that the government sanction and construct a new road at the earliest. Until permanent reconstruction is taken up, they insisted that the authorities carry out immediate repair works to ensure the safety of the public.Following the protest, an R&B Assistant Engineer (AE) received a memorandum from the CPM leaders and assured them that the issue would be addressed within one week.However, CPM leaders warned that if the assurance is not implemented within the promised timeframe, the party will intensify its agitation by organizing an R&B office siege (gherao) or a road blockade, holding the department responsible for any inconvenience caused.

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.



Dreame launches D30 Ultra robot vacuum in India

Dreame Technology Redefines Hands-free Cleaning with the Launch of the Dreame D30 Ultra Robot Vacuum

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Smart home appliances brand Dreame Technology has expanded its premium cleaning portfolio in India with the launch of the Dreame D30 Ultra Robot Vacuum, a hands-free cleaning solution equipped with powerful 25,000Pa suction, intelligent mopping technology and a fully automated maintenance station. The new robot vacuum is priced at ₹52,999 and will be available on Amazon immediately, while sales through Dreame India's official website, Croma and select retail outlets will begin from August 1.

The launch reflects Dreame's focus on bringing advanced home automation solutions to Indian consumers seeking smarter and more convenient household cleaning.

Speaking on the occasion, Manu Sharma, Managing Director, Dreame India, said modern Indian households are increasingly adopting smart living solutions and expect appliances that reduce manual effort. He said the D30 Ultra combines powerful cleaning performance with intelligent automation, allowing users to spend less time on routine chores while delivering a seamless home-cleaning experience.

The D30 Ultra is designed to automatically adapt to different floor types, clean difficult edges and corners, protect carpets during mopping and minimise user intervention through a self-maintaining docking station.

Among its standout features is 75 days of hands-free dust collection, enabled by a 3.2-litre dust bag and an automatic base station that also performs mop washing, drying, water refilling and maintenance reminders.

The robot vacuum delivers 25,000Pa Vormax™ suction power, capable of removing dust, debris, pet hair and fine particles from both hard floors and carpets. Users can select from five suction levels depending on their cleaning needs.

Its MopExtend™ technology intelligently extends the mop to clean edges, corners and skirting boards, while the 10.5mm automatic mop lift prevents carpets from getting wet by raising the mop pads when carpet is detected.

For navigation, the D30 Ultra uses Smart Pathfinder™ Navigation with laser obstacle avoidance to create accurate home maps, support multi-floor layouts and avoid furniture and household objects.

The robot also features AceClean DryBoard™ washboard auto-cleaning technology, ensuring efficient mop cleaning with multiple precision spray nozzles. An optional Tri-Cut Brush further reduces hair tangling, making it suitable for homes with pets.

Users can control the vacuum through the Dreamehome App, enabling room-wise cleaning schedules, virtual boundaries, customised routines and dedicated pet-cleaning modes. Powered by a 5200mAh battery, the device supports extended cleaning sessions with 30 per cent faster charging.

Uber Bike Arrives in Warangal With Free First Rides

WARANGAL
Wakeup telangana



Uber has launched its bike taxi service, Uber Bike, in Warangal, offering residents a faster, affordable and convenient travel option. As part of the launch, new riders can avail their first Uber Bike ride free for a limited period.

The service allows users to book bike rides through the Uber app for daily commuting, college travel, errands and short-distance trips. The launch also provides flexible earning opportunities for local drivers.

Marking the launch, Wardhannapet MLA K. R. Nagaraju and Telangana Youth Congress State Secretary Thota Pavan distributed ISI-approved helmets to Uber Bike drivers, highlighting the importance of road safety and responsible riding.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA K. R. Nagaraju said Uber Bike would improve affordable mobility options in Warangal while supporting local drivers with livelihood opportunities. He appreciated Uber's focus on safety through helmet distribution and in-app safety features.

Thota Pavan welcomed the launch, stating that the service would strengthen first- and last-mile connectivity and provide residents with a convenient travel solution.

Rishant Ghosh, Director – Consumer & Growth, Uber India & South Asia, said bike taxis have become an important mobility option across India, especially for short-distance travel, while safety remains the company's priority.

Uber Bike rides include safety features such as Driver Realtime ID Check, SOS button, 24x7 Safety Line and trip-sharing options.

Booking Steps: Users can open the Uber app, enter pickup and drop-off locations, select Uber Bike, confirm the ride and track their journey in real time.

Net FDI drops to USD 6.95 billion in FY26 amid higher repatriation, ODI outflows: Govt

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Net foreign direct investment (FDI) declined in recent years, from USD 27.99 billion in FY23 to USD 6.95 billion in FY26, due to increased repatriation by foreign investors and rising Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) outflows, Parliament was informed on Tuesday.

Net FDI moderated to USD 10.13 billion in FY24 and further to USD 960 million in FY25, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply to the Rajya Sabha quoting RBI data.

In gross terms, he said, India registered a record FDI inflow of USD 94.84 billion in FY26 as compared to USD 80.61 billion in FY25. "The decline in net FDI in recent years recovered to USD 6.95 billion in FY26 from USD 0.96 billion in FY25. The recent trend in net FDI inflows is associated with increased repatriation/disinvestment by foreign investors and rising Overseas Direct Investment (ODI) outflows," he said.

The ODI outflow on account of liberalized ODI rules notified in 2022 is helping Indian entities enhance their business footprints abroad enabling them to compete in the global market, adding to the strength of the Indian economy in the long run, he said.

The increasing trend of repatriation indicates that India is not only attracting foreign capital but also delivering strong returns, which enhances its reputation as a reliable investment destination, he said.



Replying to another question, Chaudhary said, the government has been actively undertaking a series of measures to control inflation and mitigate its impact on consumers, particularly the poor and middle class. The government continuously monitors the prices of essential commodities and undertakes fiscal, administrative and supply-side measures to contain inflation, particularly to protect low- and middle-income households, he said.

Daily price monitoring is complemented by regular reviews by the InterMinisterial Committee (IMC), which recommends measures, including import-export policy interventions, to improve domestic availability.

Some of the measures taken include the augmentation of buffer stocks for essential food items, strategic sales of procured grains in the open market, facilitation of imports and export curbs during periods of short supply, implementation of stock limits to push more supplies of select commodities into the market, retail sales of select food items under the Bharat brand at subsidised rates.

Above all, there is distribution of food grains free of cost to around 81 crore beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act and increasing the disposable income of individuals by exempting annual incomes up to Rs 12 lakh (and Rs 12.75 lakh for salaried individuals with standard deduction) from income tax, he added.

Further, he said, the rationalisation of the Goods & Services Tax (GST) rates, especially on items consumed by the common man, such as food products, household articles, medicines, medical equipment, agricultural goods and specified automobiles etc., supports affordability for the households.

Replying to another question, Chaudhary said, the monthly average exchange rate of the Indian Rupee (INR) against the US Dollar (USD) in May 2014 was Rs 59.3/USD, and the corresponding exchange rate in May 2026.

Air India, Express post Rs 22,238 cr FY26 loss

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Tata Group-owned Air India and its low-cost subsidiary Air India Express reported a combined net loss of Rs 22,238 crore in FY26, more than double the Rs 10,859 crore loss recorded in the previous financial year, even as their combined revenue declined nearly 9 per cent. According to the airlines' annual reports, the combined revenue stood at Rs 71,870 crore in FY26.

Air India posted revenue of Rs 51,452 crore and a net loss of Rs 15,368 crore, while Air India Express reported revenue of Rs 19,088 crore and a net loss of Rs 6,767 crore.

Air India is currently owned 73.82 per cent by Tata Sons, 25.1 per cent by Singapore Airlines and 1.08 per cent by employees under a share benefit scheme created during the airline's privatisation in 2022.

Addressing shareholders, Air India Chairman N. Chandrasekaran said the carrier's transformation should be viewed as a long-term exercise, stressing that building a world-class global airline cannot be achieved within a few quarters.

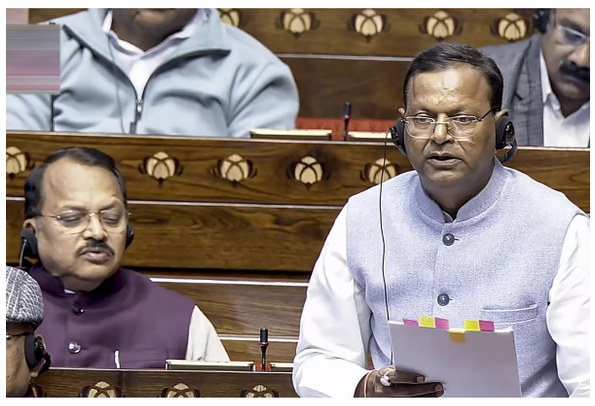
"Every great airline in history was built over decades, not quarters," Chandrasekaran wrote in his message to shareholders.

He said Air India's transformation should be seen as a five- to 10-year journey, given the condition in which the airline was acquired, prolonged supply chain disruptions affecting aircraft components, the need to modernise legacy systems and processes, renew the fleet, reshape the organisational culture and build a large pool of skilled technical and aviation professionals.

However, his comments indicate that the airline's turnaround is likely to take longer than initially anticipated as the Tata Group continues its multi-billion-dollar investment to revive the national carrier following its acquisition from the government in 2022.Earlier in the month, Air India had appointed UK-based aircraft marketing and asset management firm Skytech-AIC to oversee the sale of six Airbus A319 aircraft.

Rupee Falls 5.8% Amid West Asia Crisis, Govt Assures Economic Stability

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The Indian government has said that the ongoing conflict in West Asia has contributed to the depreciation of the Indian Rupee (INR), which has weakened by 5.8 per cent against the US Dollar in FY27 between February 27 and July 22, 2026.

Responding to concerns over the currency movement, the government clarified that the rupee is influenced by global economic trends and geopolitical developments, making exchange rate fluctuations a market-driven phenomenon.

The minister stated that despite global uncertainties, the Indian economy remains resilient due to strong domestic demand, healthy corporate balance sheets, and prudent fiscal management. High-frequency economic indicators for the first quarter of FY27 continue to reflect sustained momentum in economic activity and consumption.

Highlighting industrial performance, the minister said that the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) recorded a growth of 4.9 per cent in April 2026 and 5.1 per cent in May 2026, indicating continued investment-led industrial expansion even amid international challenges.

However, industries dependent on imported raw materials may face increased production costs due to the weaker rupee and global supply disruptions. To address these pressures, the government has initiated several measures, including reducing import-led inflation through duty adjustments, expanding credit support for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), ensuring affordable financing, attracting long-term Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), promoting trade facilitation and digital platforms, and accelerating free trade agreements with partner nations.

On the issue of exchange rate management, the minister reiterated that the value of the rupee is market-determined and that neither the government nor the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) maintains a fixed target or exchange rate band. The RBI continuously monitors developments in global financial markets and intervenes only to curb excessive volatility in the foreign exchange market whenever necessary. The government maintained that India's macroeconomic fundamentals remain strong despite external risks and emphasized that policy measures are focused on protecting economic stability, supporting businesses, and sustaining growth amid evolving global conditions.

Pratyusha International Chess Festival Offers ₹16.26 Lakh Prize Pool



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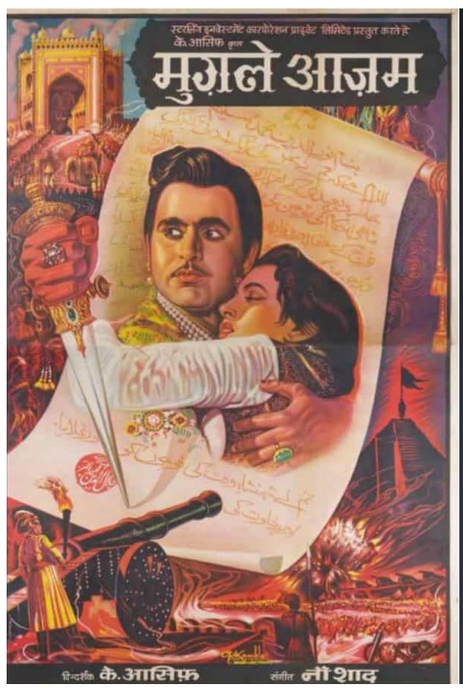
Woman Chess Grandmaster Pratyusha Bodda has announced a grand Pratyusha International Chess Festival, which will be conducted in four phases from August 9 to September 16 under the banner of the Pratyusha International Chess Academy. Addressing a press conference at the Somajiguda Press Club on Tuesday, Pratyusha shared details of the prestigious tournament alongside RJ Sekhar Basha, RJ Raj, and Academy Director Raviteja.

She said the festival will be hosted at Sri Chaitanya Future Pathways Global Schools, Miyapur, and will feature a total prize pool of ₹16,26,666, making it one of the major chess events in the region. A poster announcing the tournament was unveiled during the press conference.

Pratyusha also revealed that participants will have the chance to win gold coins through daily lucky draws, while film celebrity entertainment will add excitement to the event, making it a unique blend of competitive chess and family entertainment.

Speaking on the occasion, RJ Sekhar Basha appealed to parents to encourage their children to learn and play chess. He emphasized that the game enhances intelligence, memory, analytical thinking, and creativity among young minds. He also urged aspiring players to participate in the festival and showcase their talent on a competitive platform.

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.

Pallavi Model School Hosts South Zone CBSE Boys Chess Championship 2026

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Pallavi Model School, Boduppal, on Monday inaugurated the South Zone CBSE (SZ-1) Boys Chess Championship – 2026, bringing together hundreds of young chess enthusiasts from four southern States and setting the stage for four days of intense competition.

The championship, scheduled from July 27 to July 30, has attracted 846 players representing 212 CBSE schools from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Puducherry, making it one of the largest inter-school chess tournaments in the South Zone this year.

The event was inaugurated by Bodda Pratyusha, who performed the ceremonial first move, officially declaring the championship open. She encouraged the participants to play with confidence, determination, discipline, and sportsmanship while emphasizing that every match offers an opportunity to learn and grow, irrespective of the result.

The inaugural ceremony was attended by Director Sushil Kumar, Principal T. Tanuja, and International Arbiter R. Chandramouli, along with teachers, coaches, students, and parents from participating schools.

Speaking on the occasion, Director Sushil Kumar described chess as a game that goes far beyond competition, saying it nurtures analytical thinking, patience, strategic planning, concentration, and sound decision-making skills—qualities that help students excel both inside and outside the classroom.

Principal T. Tanuja welcomed the participants, coaches, and accompanying staff, expressing confidence that the championship would provide a valuable platform for young players to showcase their talent while fostering friendship and healthy competition among students from different States.

International Arbiter R. Chandramouli briefed participants on tournament regulations and stressed the importance of fair play and adherence to official chess rules throughout the championship.The school has made elaborate arrangements for the smooth conduct of the tournament, including spacious playing halls, digital scoring systems, accommodation, refreshments, medical assistance, and dedicated volunteer support.

CWG 2026: Gulveer Scripts History, Harjinder Shines as India Adds Two Silvers on Day 6

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India enjoyed another productive day at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow on Tuesday, with Gulveer Singh creating history by winning the country's first-ever medal in the men's 10,000m and Harjinder Kaur clinching silver in weightlifting, while three Indian boxers stormed into the semifinals to assure the nation of at least three more medals. Long-distance runner Gulveer emerged as the star of the day, producing a remarkable performance to claim silver in the men's 10,000m. The Army athlete clocked 27:49.78, staying with the lead pack throughout before producing a blistering final-lap sprint to finish behind Australia's Ky Robinson. His silver ended India's long wait for a medal in the event, marking the country's first-ever podium finish in the men's 10,000m at the Commonwealth Games.

Earlier, Harjinder Kaur opened India's account on Day 6 with a silver medal in the women's 69kg weightlifting event. The Punjab lifter finished with a career-best total of 227kg, including 101kg in the snatch and 126kg in the clean and jerk, to finish behind Canada's Charlotte Simoneau. Harjinder also enjoyed a memorable outing by rewriting the Commonwealth Games snatch record twice before eventually improving on the bronze medal she had won at the Birmingham 2022 Games. India's boxing contingent continued its impressive run, with three more pugilists booking semifinal berths and guaranteeing themselves at least bronze medals. In the men's 55kg category, Mandengbam Jadumani Singh defeated Zambia's Mwengo Mwale with a commanding display to enter the last four. Preeti Pawar also advanced to the women's 54kg semifinals after outclassing Northern Ireland's Nicole Clyde by a unanimous 5-0 decision.

Reigning Asian champion Priya Ghanghas completed a spirited comeback against Scotland's Niamh Mitchell in the women's 60kg quarterfinal, recovering after losing the opening round to seal a semifinal place and remain in contention for gold. However, it was a mixed day for India's other boxers. Parveen Hooda bowed out after losing to England's Sacha Hickey in the women's 65kg quarterfinal, while Kapil Pokhariya's campaign ended with a defeat against Scotland's Robert McNulty in the men's 90kg quarterfinal.

In athletics, Vishal TK qualified for the men's 400m semifinals, while Rajesh Ramesh failed to progress. High jumper Pooja Singh endured a disappointing outing in difficult rainy conditions, finishing outside the medals after failing to clear 1.82m despite owning a national record of 1.93m. Weightlifter Nirupama Devi Seram suffered heartbreak in the women's 63kg competition after failing to register a successful clean and jerk lift, resulting in a no-result. There were mixed fortunes in the pool as well. Srihari Nataraj advanced to the men's 100m backstroke semifinal but narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Sajan Prakash finished 28th overall in the men's 50m butterfly heats and failed to qualify for the semifinals. In para swimming, Karthik Budigina and Ali Imam reached the men's 50m freestyle S13 final, where they finished sixth and eighth respectively. India also tasted success in bowls, with the men's pairs team of Dinesh Kumar and Navneet Singh defeating Cook Islands in their sectional play encounter. In the women's singles, however, Nayanmoni Saikia suffered a 0-2 defeat against Wales' Amy Williams. At the end of Day 6, India occupied ninth place in the medal standings with 12 medals — two gold, seven silver and three bronze. Australia continued to lead the table with 80 medals, including 35 gold, 18 silver and 27 bronze.

India's medallists so far are Mirabai Chanu (gold, weightlifting), Sharmila Dhankar (gold, women's shot put F57), Rishikanta Singh (silver, weightlifting), Muthupandi Raja (silver, weightlifting), Gyaneshwari Yadav (silver, weightlifting), Sarvesh Kushare (silver, men's high jump), Gulveer Singh (silver, men's 10,000m), Harjinder Kaur (silver, weightlifting), Valluri Ajaya Babu (silver, weightlifting).

HYDRAA a tool of extortion for Revanth Reddy govt: KTR

BRS working president KT Rama Rao accused the Congress government of using HYDRAA as an "extortion tool" and targeting ordinary citizens through selective demolitions. He said the BRS would abolish the agency if voted back to power and also raised concerns over prohibited lands,

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a blistering attack on the Congress government, accusing it of using HYDRAA as a tool of extortion, mishandling land administration and pursuing politics of intimidation. He reiterated that upon returning to power, the BRS will abolish HYDRAA and even consider necessary action over its illegal use against the poor.

Interacting with mediapersons in New Delhi on Tuesday, Rama Rao cited recent observations of the Telangana High Court on HYDRAA and stated that the agency had become an instrument for targeting properties of ordinary citizens, while sparing illegal constructions of influential persons including the Chief Minister, the Ministers, the ruling party leaders, and their family members. Demanding uniform enforcement of the law, he called for action against alleged constructions within Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones belonging to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's family members, Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and G Vivek Venkataswamy, MLA Pat-



nam Mahender Reddy, KVP Ramachandra Rao and others. He said people would believe the law was being applied fairly only if action was taken irrespective of political affiliation. "The Revanth Reddy government has been using HYDRAA as a tool for blackmail and extortion," he remarked.

The former Minister also stated that the extent of prohibited lands in Telangana had increased from about 16 lakh acres when the BRS left office to nearly one crore acres under the Congress government. He accused the government of expanding the prohibited lands list to facilitate corruption and commissions. "Large-scale demolitions and wrongful inclusion of properties in the prohibited list in Hyderabad had hurt the real estate sector. During the same period, the government failed to create any new housing for the poor," he said.

On financial management, Rama Rao said it was natural for an incoming government to inherit both assets and liabilities. He reminded that the BRS government cleared nearly Rs 4,000 crore in pending dues left by the previous Congress government and ensured that students and citizens were not inconvenienced even during the COVID-19 pandemic. He also said the State's monthly revenues had increased from about Rs 4,000 crore when the BRS assumed office to around Rs 18,500 crore by the end of its tenure. He reminded that the State's assets increased proportionate to the increased debts and liabilities during the BRS rule.

TGSRTC staff, passengers save girl from jumping off moving bus

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he alertness of a TGSRTC conductor, driver and fellow passengers helped save a minor girl who allegedly attempted to jump from a moving RTC bus on Tuesday.

According to TGSRTC, the girl, a student of the Telangana Minorities Residential Gurukul, boarded Bus No. 218 from Patancheru carrying only a Rs 10 note and without any footwear. Her unusual behaviour raised the suspicions of conductor



Shekhar of Midhani Depot when he asked her to purchase a ticket.

Sensing that something was wrong, Shekhar alerted driver J.S. Kumar, and the duo kept a close watch on the student throughout the journey. At one point, the girl borrowed a fellow passenger's mobile phone to make a call. Using the phone number she contacted, the RTC staff identified her as a Gurukul student.

After passengers were informed about the situation, the girl allegedly tried to jump from the rear exit of the moving bus. Alert passengers immediately intervened, prevented her from jumping and comforted her until the bus reached a safe location.

The girl was later handed over to Saifabad Police for counselling and further action.

TGSRTC officials appreciated the staff and passengers for their timely intervention, which averted a potential tragedy.

Jubilee Hills SHO suspended for harassing married techie

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Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar late on Tuesday, July 28, suspended Circle Inspector (CI) Srinivasulu Reddy, then posted as the Station House Officer (SHO) of Jubilee Hills, for allegedly sexually harassing, extorting and threatening a married IT professional, based on an inquiry ordered after the woman lodged a complaint with Director General of Police (DGP) CV Anand.

The DGP had referred the complaint to Sajjanar, who initiated an internal inquiry. The inspector had been kept off official duties for two days before the suspension order was issued.

In her complaint to the DGP, the woman said she had first approached Reddy in December 2021 when he was the SHO of Ameenpur Police Station, seeking help with family problems. He resolved them. He subsequently began calling and messaging her, ostensibly to check on her well-being.

After a few months, he told her he wanted to meet her personally. "He claimed that he liked me and threatened me to get into a relationship with him. If I fail to meet his demand, he threatened to trouble me," the woman alleged in her complaint. She claimed she was sexually abused on several occasions over a period of time.

Police confirmed that the inquiry found Reddy had established physical relations with the woman and that the two had stayed together for several days, after which he repeatedly tried to distance himself from her. He allegedly threatened to defame her by leaking videos and photographs from her private life if she disclosed his actions, and extorted money from her on several occasions through online payments.

Man held for sexually assaulting 4-year-old

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A man was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a four-year-old girl in Malkajgiri police limits on Sunday, July 26.

The convict, identified as Ravi Kumar, worked at a tent house in Mallikarjuna Nagar. He had allegedly lured the girl into a building by promising to give chocolates. The incident came to light after she informed her mother.

Her family approached the Malkajgiri Police Station. A case under the Prevention of Children against Sexual Offences



(POCSO) ACT and section 65 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Malkajgiri Police Station House Officer (SHO), S Vijay Kumar, said, "The incident occurred on Sunday at 2:30 pm. The accused was arrested on Monday and will be sent to judicial remand soon."

Rains Continue to Lash Hyderabad; Yellow Alert in Cyberabad

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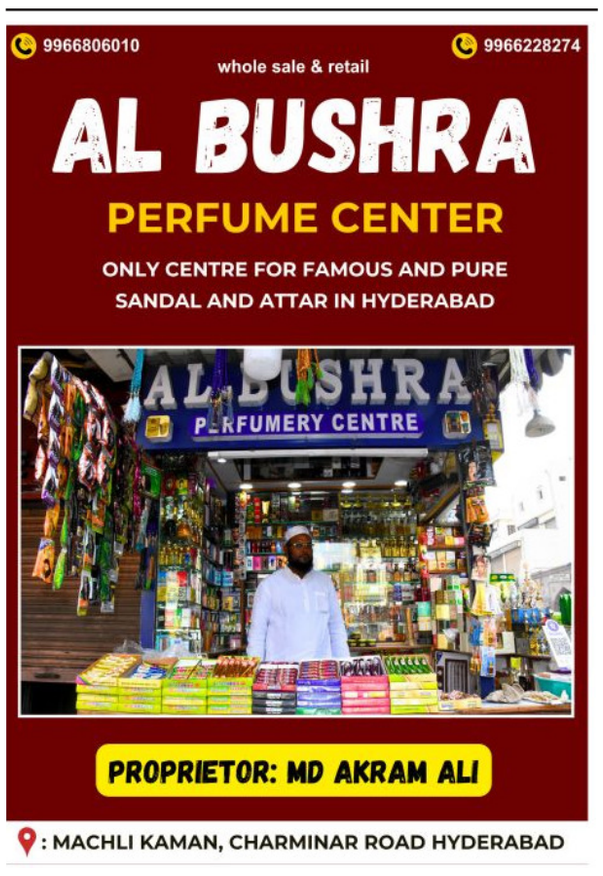
Heavy rains lashed Hyderabad on Tuesday, with continuous showers expected to continue across the city and several parts of Telangana for the next few hours. Weather officials said light to moderate rainfall is likely to persist in the Cyberabad region for around three to four hours, following which the city may witness intermittent showers.A Yellow Alert has been issued for the region, advising residents to remain cautious. Hyderabad is expected to remain cloudy throughout the day, with occasional drizzles from morning to afternoon



and light to moderate rainfall likely from late afternoon until night.Temperatures in the Cyberabad area are expected to remain pleasant, with maximum temperatures ranging between 26°C and 28°C, while minimum temperatures are likely to stay between 22°C and 23°C.The heavy rainfall has resulted in waterlogging at several locations across Hyderabad, affecting traffic movement and causing inconvenience to commuters. Authorities have urged citizens to avoid waterlogged roads and restricted areas. Drivers have been advised to travel cautiously, maintain low speeds, and follow safety precautions during the rainy conditions.



Former BJP Corporator of Jambagh Division, Rakesh Jaiswal, on Tuesday performed Pala Abhishekam to honour Dr. Dharmendra Pradhan for his decision to resign as Union Education Minister, citing moral responsibility over the NEET examination paper leak issue. Jaiswal said the resignation reflected accountability and helped bring an end to nationwide student protests. BJP leaders and party workers, including Raju Yadav, Shanker Kuber, Sandeep Jain, Shabbir, Narsing, Babu, and several others, participated in the programme.



Telangana High Court directs HYDRAA to remove signboard from private plot within 24 hours

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Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy of the Telangana High Court directed HYDRAA to remove within 24 hours a signboard erected on a private plot in Saheb Nagar Kalan and restrained the authorities from interfering with the petitioners' possession without following due process of law. The writ petition was filed by T. Jhansi Rani and T. Ajay alleging that HYDRAA had illegally erected a signboard on their Plot No.40, admeasuring 160 square yards in Survey No.68 of Saheb Nagar Kalan Village, Hayathnagar Mandal, Ranga Reddy District, despite an earlier order of the High Court setting aside the revocation of their building permission and the demolition notice issued against them. The petitioners sought a direction restraining HYDRAA from interfering with their peaceful possession



and enjoyment of the property.

Senior Counsel V. Hari Haran, appearing for the petitioners, contended that HYDRAA had erected the board without issuing any notice or conducting any enquiry to establish that the petitioners had encroached upon public land. Counsel submitted that the construction was raised strictly in accordance with the sanctioned building plan and that the agency's action was in complete disregard of the earlier common order passed by the High Court.

On behalf of HYDRAA, Standing Counsel sought time to obtain instructions. The Court, however, noted that while disposing of the earlier writ petitions on March 2, it had set aside the revocation of the building permission and the demolition notice, while leaving it open to the authorities to initiate fresh action strictly in accordance with law if any encroachment on public land was found. Prima facie finding HYDRAA's action in erecting the signboard contrary to the earlier order of the High Court, Justice Vijaysen Reddy directed the agency to remove the board within 24 hours from the receipt of the order. The Court further directed GHMC, its Deputy Commissioner and HYDRAA not to interfere with the petitioners' possession and enjoyment of the property without following due process of law. The matter has been posted to August 11 for further hearing.Emergency Services

Caterer held for harassing customers over payment

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A 34-year-old man was arrested by Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) Police on Monday, July 27, for allegedly harassing the clients of his catering service. The accused allegedly abused customers over phone calls, used caste-based slurs in some instances, and posted defamatory and offensive content against them on social media.

The accused has been identified as Mudiraj Vannuru Swamy, a native of Andhra Pradesh's Anantapur currently residing in Masab Tank.

According to the police, the accused had started a catering business in 2022, offering staff for functions and events on a contractual basis. However, several customers later complained that the workers were unprofessional, citing poor dressing, late arrival at venues and unsatisfactory service. As a result, some customers either withheld payment or refused to pay the agreed charges.

KFC, Domino's outlets issued improvement notice

Improvement notices have been served on a KFC outlet in Nallagandla and a Domino's Pizza outlet in Gajularamaram following routine checks by Food Safety Officers of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) this week.

In the case of the KFC outlet situated in Aparna Neo Mall, it was observed that water was leaking from the chillers onto the floor, and that the outlet was missing a TPC meter to check the quality of the frying oil. The outlet scored 106 out of 114 points, or 93 percent, on the Food Safety Compliance System (FoSCoS) scale.

Telangana ACB logs highest second-quarter case count since 1983

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he Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered a record number of cases in the second quarter of 2026, the highest for the period since 1983, Director General Charu Sinha said on Tuesday, July 28.

As many as 67 cases were booked in just three months, including 34 trap cases, 10 disproportionate assets (DA) cases and 23 surprise checks, signalling an intensified crackdown across the state, Sinha said during a review meeting.

The record number of cases reflects the organisation's renewed focus on curbing corruption through sustained vigilance, professional investigations and coordinated efforts, she added.

The Bureau also organised a Reward Mela to recognise outstanding work during the quarter and presented commendation certificates and rewards to the best-performing personnel.

Sinha said 'corruption makes a country hollow from within' and reminded the officers of the responsibility they shoulder in protecting public interest.

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