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WEATHER

MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL: 7.5 MM
FORECAST: LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
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No Sugar Shortage In India, Retail Prices Likely To Ease: ISMA

Amid a sharp rise in sugar prices, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the sugar industry's apex body, on Monday said there is no shortage of sugar in the country and retail prices are expected to ease soon. Sugar prices have risen from Rs 48.18 per kg on July 20 to Rs 63.12 per kg as of August 23, amid tighter domestic supplies and rising demand ahead of the festive season. Some industry insiders had attributed the increase to the diversion of sugar towards ethanol production.

Addressing a press conference, ISMA president Niraj Shirgaokar rejected speculation of a shortage and said the recent price rise was driven by multiple factors, including speculative buying by traders and bulk consumers, as well as lower production due to adverse weather

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Revanth Slams Centre, Modi Over Denial For US Visit

CM says it's an insult to Telangana, alleges 'discrimination' to benefit Gujarat

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday accused the BJP-led government at the Centre of discriminating against Telangana by denying him political clearance to visit the United States, saying the decision was an insult to the four crore people of the state and an attempt to block its development. Revanth Reddy, who returned to the city earlier in the day, questioned how the Centre could dictate terms to a democratically elected Chief Minister and alleged that the decision reflected "Gujarat supremacy" and was against the principles of cooperative federalism.

Addressing a press conference here, Revanth Reddy said Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel had been permitted to visit the US during the same period as his proposed tour to attract investments, while approval for his own visit had been denied. "Why am I being stopped from going abroad even as the Gujarat Chief Minister was allowed to do so?" Revanth Reddy asked. He said Patel had toured the US for eight days and participated in programmes under the Vibrant Gujarat initiative.

"Why did they give permission to him and not to the Telangana CM?" Revanth Reddy asked, alleging that the Centre and Prime Minister Narendra Modi were repeatedly displaying an "anti-Telangana ideology" and conspiring to divert investments from Telangana to Gujarat. The Chief Minister alleged that Modi was acting "as a Gujarati, not as the Prime Minister of India" and accused him of functioning like a "brand ambassador for Gujarat". "What is the political angle behind denying me permission? It's simple. Modi is BJP; Revanth Reddy is Congress. Modi is Gujarat; Revanth is Telangana. Is this the political angle behind denying permission?" he asked.

He also pointed out that



the Prime Minister had travelled to several countries and that the Gujarat Chief Minister had undertaken numerous foreign visits. "How can Modi or the Centre dictate terms to the Telangana CM?" he asked, stressing that the denial was not directed merely at him but amounted to disrespect towards the people of Telangana. Revanth Reddy said his proposed foreign visit was not classified and that its schedule had been submitted to the ministry of external affairs (MEA). He said the state government had informed the MEA that the purpose of the US visit was to promote Telangana as a sports and investment hub, attract investments and explore collaborations with world-class universities.

Revanth Reddy said he intended to sign MoUs with renowned universities. "If foreign universities come to us, our students will not need to go there," he said, adding that several foreign universities had shown interest in signing agreements with Telangana universities and that many companies had evinced interest in investing in the upcoming Bharat Future City.

The Chief Minister said the planned UK and US visits involved similar engagements, making it difficult to understand why clearance had been granted for the UK leg but denied for the US trip. "Why was the US visit denied while the UK visit was allowed?" he asked. He said the

Centre had informed the state government about the denial only after the official delegation had already reached the UK, forcing him to cut short his planned 10-day UK-US tour, which began on August 20, and return to Hyderabad on Monday.

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SLBC Tunnel Crosses Major Physical, Psychological Hurdle

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Work inside the Srisailam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel project has crossed a major milestone from the inlet side abutting the Srisailam reservoir in Domalapenta of Nagarkurnool district this past week. A shear zone — a weak spot in the rocks of the Nallamala hills above the tunnel — of which a portion had collapsed in February 2025 killing eight workers, has now been successfully negotiated with a revised alignment that has taken the tunnel sideways to the left, to reduce the unstable area to a minimum that can be dug through safely.

"There was a fear, an anxiety of what might happen. Now, there is confidence after safely going through the shear zone section in the way most of the shear zone was avoided," according to Krishna Kumar Sati, vice-president of Jaiprakash Associates, the company contracted for the tunnel project. The collapsed section of the shear zone, which was around 50 metres wide in the original alignment, was narrower in the revised path of the tunnel. "In the realigned path, the shear zone is between 10 and 14 metres. In the main alignment it was much much wider and that is why the realignment was chosen," said Col Parikshit Mehra, the tunnelling expert from the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) who is on loan to the Telangana irrigation department, and is in-charge of the SLBC operations. "That did not change anything in terms of caution and care. If anything, even greater care was taken at every step."

Work in the inlet section was halted after a section of the tunnel collapsed on February 22, 2025. Despite a complex rescue and recovery operation involving hundreds of rescuers from different agencies which lasted for weeks, the bodies of only two of the eight workers could be recovered. The tunnelling work resumed this February 22 from a point nearly half a kilometre back from where the collapse occurred at the 13.5 km point, but this time using the drill-and-blast method that provided the engineers greater control on checking the rock conditions. The revised alignment goes towards the left and will rejoin the original alignment to meet the tunnelling work being carried out simultaneously from the outlet end in Nalgonda district.

Since work restarted, around 150 metres has been dug along the revised alignment.

Trump Administration Moves To Impose Over $100,000 Fee For H-1B Visas

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President Donald Trump's administration on Monday released a proposed regulation to codify an unprecedented more than $100,000 fee on new H-1B visas for highly skilled foreign workers that Trump first imposed last year but has been blocked by the courts. The fee

first imposed by Trump in a temporary proclamation last year vastly raises the cost of the visas that are heavily relied on in the tech, education and research sectors.

A federal judge in June ruled that the fee was illegal and blocked the Trump administration from collecting it. A Boston-based appeals court is reviewing that decision while a different court considers whether a judge in Washington, D.C., properly rejected a challenge to the fee by a major business group. Trump's 2025 proclamation imposing the fee expires in September, one year after it was issued, but directed the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to adopt regulations making it permanent.

The proposed $103,265 fee by DHS, posted online in the Federal Register on Monday to be formally published on Tuesday, kicks off a 30-day public comment period. The rule could be finalized by the end of the year. The H-1B program allows U.S. employers to hire foreign workers with training in specialty fields and offers 65,000 visas annually, with another 20,000 for workers with advanced degrees, approved for

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Putin Hails Modi's Role in Boosting India-Russia Ties

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Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for personally steering India-Russia relations and said he looked forward to meeting him at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Summit in Bishkek. Putin made the remarks during a meeting with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in Moscow. Jaishankar conveyed Modi's greetings and handed Putin a personal communication from the Prime Minister.



"Prime Minister Modi looks forward to meeting you at the SCO Summit, then welcoming you to India for the BRICS Summit and, in due course, as per your mutual convenience, having the annual summit," Jaishankar told Putin. The SCO Summit will be held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on August 31 and September 1. The BRICS Summit in New Delhi is scheduled less than three weeks later.

Responding to Jaishankar, Putin said: "I hope to see him soon, as we planned, within the framework of the SCO, very soon. Our schedule is such that we will probably be able to meet again this year."

Putin credited Modi's personal attention with helping expand economic engagement between the two countries.

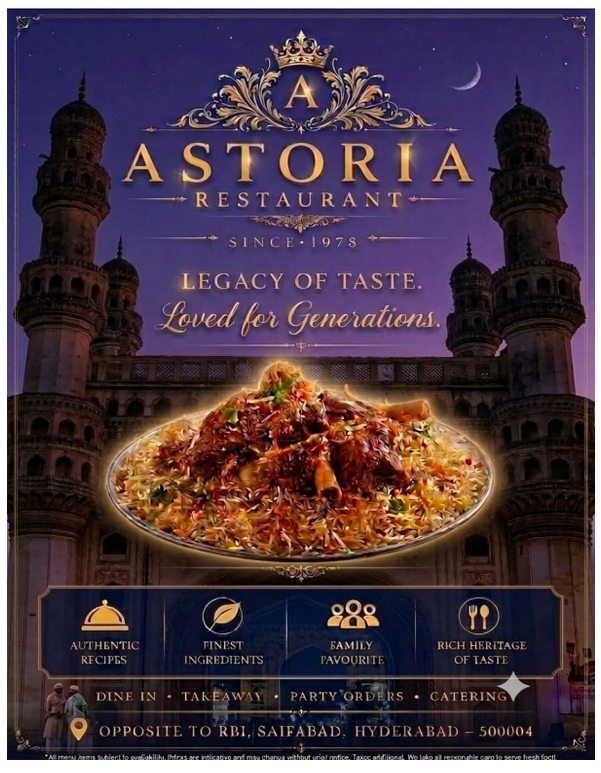
Didi: Won't Take Sanyas From Politics, I'm Not A Monk

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Trinamul Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee, who has almost confined herself to her residence after losing power to BJP in West Bengal, ruled out her Sanyas (retirement) from politics on Monday. Instead, she vowed to continue her fight till she sends BJP to Sanyas. The former chief minister shared her future plans in yet another Facebook broadcast address which has become her routine affair at intervals over the last three months. "It is not correct for the BJP leaders to think about me taking Sanyas if they do not give me permission to hold meetings. I'm not a monk," she said.

Ms Banerjee added, "The real monks are bigger practitioners.

We are below their level, worshipping gods and goddesses with our faith and respect towards all religions. But remember, our fight will continue till BJP is sent to take Sanyas."



CJP Announces Delhi Protest March on September 5, Teachers' Day

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The Cockroach Janta Party has called for a peaceful protest march from India Gate to the new Delhi Police Headquarters on September 5, Teachers' Day, accusing the Centre of failing to honour the promises made on July 25 to convince the outfit to withdraw its 36-day agitation against examination irregularities. The party's National Working Committee, in a press release on Monday, said it has serious doubts over whether the government intends to honour commitments made to the younger generation on July 25.The protest will be led by families of NEET students who died by suicide and victims of the July 20 police action.

The party said it would not accept what it described as "vishwasghaat" with Gen Z, young protesters and the families of those who died. The statement said the march would be led by families of students who died by suicide following the cancellation of NEET exam



and the subsequent re-test, and those who were allegedly subjected to police excesses during the July agitation. "Our patience cannot be mistaken for weakness. Our good faith cannot become an opportunity for the government to betray the young people of this country," the statement read.

The development comes one month after they called off the previous agitation following negotiations with the Centre. The protests in Delhi's Jantar Mantar maidan saw unprecedented support from the public, and were overwhelmingly led by young students in India. The movement also led to similar agitations sprouting across the country in solidarity. The CJP's agitation began at Jantar Mantar on June 20 over alleged irregularities in the examination system and the NEET paper leak and subsequently spread to other parts of the country. On July 20, a march to Parliament led by the outfit descended into chaos and violence as police cracked down on the protesters, leading to scores of injuries.

The CJP's agitation ended on July 25 after Dharmendra Pradhan resigned as the union Education Minister and the government, following talks with CJP representatives, agreed to its other demands, including compensation for families of NEET aspirants who died by suicide, and withdrawal of FIRs against protesters. The two sides had also agreed to hold further discussions on broader examination reforms. CJP representatives Saurav Das and Ashutosh Ranka had announced the withdrawal of the protest at a joint press conference with Union ministers J P Nadda and Jitendra Singh, saying they were ending the agitation in "good faith" on the understanding that the agreed terms would be implemented within the stipulated timeline.

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Hostels in Hyderabad IT hub unsafe for residents, flouting safety norms

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Though working in high-end office spaces that rise high and spread wide in the bustling IT Corridor of Hyderabad, a major workforce ends up living in drab and dingy spaces of hostels and paying guest accommodations that dot Cyberabad.

Hundreds of PGs and hostels in Gachibowli, Madhapur and Kondapur offer them accommodation but are run with severe safety violations and provide little living space.

Hostels in Anjaiah Nagar have been described as unsafe for residents, raising concerns among people living in the area, and a similar situation prevails in Madhapur and Kondapur too.



Some of the hostels in Anjaiah Nagar can be found with exits blocked by cots, beds, dining tables, washing machines and utensils. Fire extinguishers are largely missing.

The lifts are built with a capacity of three persons in the limited space, and there is no proper railing on the staircases. Residents raise concerns that if any untoward fire accident occurred, there would be no way for residents to escape. Fire alarms are also completely missing at these hostels.

Rooms allotted to occupants are packed with heavy luggage and, in some places, over 90 per cent of the space is occupied by cots, leaving little space for entry and exit. Despite the management's assurance that the hostel premises are under surveillance, no CCTVs could be found anywhere. There were no security personnel to check strangers. A few bachelors said that though living here is a massive risk, they continue to stay because of the affordable rents. Some of them admit that the lack of safety norms directly threatens their physical well-being.

These hostels and PG accommodations operate without following fire safety norms and, in most cases, there is no clearance for their operations from the civic body. In Anjaiah Nagar, building permission was given only for G+1 as the extent of the land was between 50 sq yards and 120 sq yards. Violating the building permissions, most have built hostels up to G+7 with penthouses.Though it is mandatory that those operating with commercial purposes should obtain trade licences, in Gachibowli and Madhapur, several hostels are operated without obtaining trade licences.

Ticking Time Bombs in Ameerpet:

Illegal Constructions Raise Disaster Concerns

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Following the recent multi-storey building collapse in the city that claimed lives and injured several people, serious safety concerns have emerged over allegedly unauthorised multi-storey constructions in Ameerpet. Four adjacent high-rise structures located in the lane behind Paradise Hotel, near the SR Nagar Traffic Police Station, are reportedly undergoing construction despite alleged violations of Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and HYDRAA regulations.

A site inspection reportedly revealed several features raising questions about structural safety. The buildings have prominent upper-floor projections and cantilevered structures extending over narrow public passages, with residents alleging



that required setbacks have not been maintained.

Deep excavation and cellar-related work at the site has also raised concerns about the safety of neighbouring buildings. Residents fear that excavation without adequate retaining walls and soil-shoring measures could weaken surrounding structures, particularly in a densely populated locality.

Another major concern is the presence of exposed electrical wiring and distribution boxes along the building facades. Residents say the arrangement could increase the risk of electrical accidents and fire, especially while construction activity continues.

The fresh exterior painting of some structures has also prompted allegations that cosmetic changes are being used to conceal unauthorised additions or extra floors. However, these allegations require verification by the competent authorities.

Local residents and public safety advocates are demanding immediate intervention by GHMC Town Planning officials and HYDRAA. They have urged authorities to conduct structural stability assessments, verify sanctioned building plans and setbacks, and take action against any construction found to be unauthorised. Residents also want accountability from officials responsible for monitoring building permissions and enforcement in the area.

11th Death Anniversary of Former Narayankhed MLA Patlolla Kishtareddy on August 25



The 11th death anniversary of former Narayankhed MLA Late Patlolla Kishtareddy will be observed on Tuesday, August 25, with family members, followers, well-wishers and people of the constituency preparing to pay rich tributes to the former legislator.

According to the programme announced by the family, the 11th Vardhanti Sabha will be held at 11:30 AM at Maa Function Hall, Mangalpet, Narayankhed.

Late Kishtareddy is remembered by his family and supporters for his long association with Narayankhed and his public service. On the occasion of his death anniversary, they recalled his contribution to the constituency and his close relationship with people from different sections of society.

The organisers appealed to his admirers, public representatives, leaders, activists and well-wishers from Narayankhed and surrounding areas to attend the programme and pay floral tributes to the departed leader.

The commemorative programme is being organised by his family members, including Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy, along with relatives and well-wishers.
Venue: Maa Function Hall, Mangalpet, Narayankhed
Date: August 25, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM

Unauthorised Shed Opposite Circle 49 GHMC Office Raises Safety Concerns

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An alleged unauthorised shed being constructed opposite a GHMC office has raised concerns among local residents over building violations, public safety and inconvenience.The shed is reportedly being constructed in a limited space, while electrical wires are passing very close to the structure, raising additional safety concerns for workers and the public.According to GHMC guidelines, construction without the required permission or contrary to an approved/sanctioned plan can attract enforcement action. GHMC instructions specifically deal with preventing unauthorised constructions and violations of sanctioned plans, with action under provisions including Sections 452 and 461 of the HMC Act, 1955.Calling it a "temporary shed" does not automatically make the



construction legal. Officials have to verify whether the structure has the required permission and whether it complies with setbacks, land-use and other municipal rules.Safety concerns over electrical wiresThe nearby electrical wires are another major concern. Construction materials, metal sheets or scaffolding coming close to live wires could create an electrical accident risk. The concerned electricity and municipal authorities should inspect the site and ensure that required safety clearances are maintained.Residents said such unauthorised structures can also lead to pedestrian obstruction, parking and traffic problems, drainage issues and fire and electrical safety risks.Residents have urged GHMC Town Planning officials to inspect the shed, verify its permissions and take necessary action if violations are found, while also requesting the electricity authorities to check the nearby power lines.

Bowenpally Government Junior College Plan Gains Momentum

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Efforts to establish a government junior college in Bowenpally have gained momentum following the intervention of Secunderabad Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh.

The proposal was highlighted by former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, who pointed out that 10 classrooms on the second floor of the Government Boys Zilla Parishad School near Bowenpally Police Station are currently vacant. He suggested utilising the available infrastructure for the proposed junior college.Responding to the proposal, MLA Sri Ganesh directed Education Department officials to inspect the school premises and assess the feasibility of starting the college there. An education officer subsequently visited the site and examined the available infrastructure and facilities.Jampana Pratap said the inspection report would be submitted to the state government. Following official approval and necessary permissions, steps to establish the college are expected to begin.



The proposed institution is expected to provide affordable higher education opportunities for students in Bowenpally and surrounding areas, addressing a long-standing local demand.Local leaders and activists, including Shakib, Ramesh, Raju, Mukesh and Varaprasad, were present during the inspection and welcomed the initiative.

Telangana Health Minister Mourns Demise of Veteran Farmers' Leader Sarampally Malla Reddy

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Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha expressed profound grief over the demise of CPM senior leader and veteran farmers' movement leader Sarampally Malla Reddy.In a press note issued by the Health Minister's Office, Rajanarsimha said he was deeply shocked to learn about Malla Reddy's passing and recalled his lifelong commitment to protecting the rights and interests of farmers.

The Minister said Malla Reddy dedicated his life to



fighting for farmers' rights and solutions to problems confronting the agriculture sector.

He particularly remembered the veteran leader for his extensive knowledge and deep understanding of irrigation and issues affecting the farming community.Rajanarsimha noted that Malla Reddy, as a prominent farmers' organisation leader and Vice-President of the All India Kisan Sabha, consistently raised farmers' concerns and participated in movements seeking solutions to their problems.

"His lifelong services and struggles for the farming community will always be remembered," the Minister said.Damodar Rajanarsimha prayed for the departed leader's soul to rest in peace and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to Malla Reddy's family members, followers and admirers.

Raksha Bandhan to Be Celebrated on August 28; Auspicious Timings Announced

Raksha Bandhan, the festival symbolising the bond of love and affection between brothers and sisters, will be celebrated on August 28 this year, according to priests and traditional almanac calculations.According to the details provided, Shravana Purnima Tithi will begin at 9:08 am on August 27 and continue until 9:48 am on August 28. In view of the prevailing Purnima Tithi, priests have clarified that August 28 is the appropriate day to celebrate Raksha Bandhan.

The most auspicious time for tying Rakhi on August 28 is stated to be from 6:23 am to 9:48 am. Another favourable period is the Abhijit Muhurtham from 12:14 pm to 1:05 pm.Priests further stated that the Bhadra period will conclude before sunrise, removing a major traditional restriction associated with Raksha Bandhan rituals. Consequently, the day is considered favourable for families to observe the festival and perform Rakhi ceremonies.

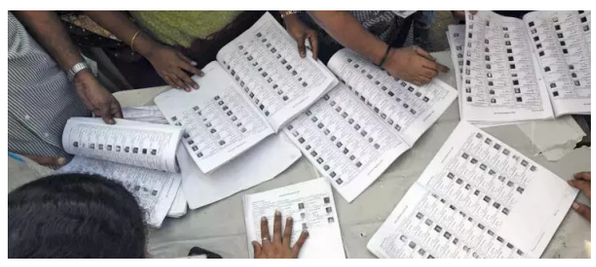
Raksha Bandhan is one of India's widely celebrated traditional festivals, during which sisters tie a sacred Rakhi on their brothers' wrists and pray for their well-being and prosperity. Brothers, in turn, traditionally express their affection and commitment to support and protect their sisters.With the festival approaching, families are preparing to celebrate the occasion with traditional rituals, sweets, gifts and family gatherings.

SIR: Non-Mapped Voters to Appear for Hearings Before October 5

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Voters whose names could not be linked to the 2002 electoral roll or who failed to provide the required details in their enumeration forms will have to appear for hearings before tahsildars or election officers during the second phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Election officials have issued notices to voters whose names were not mapped to the 2002 roll and those listed under various anomalies. The notices will mention the date, time and venue of the hearing and must be served at least 48 hours before the scheduled appearance. Voters will have to attend the hearings before the respective RDOs or tahsildars and submit prescribed documents to establish their eligibility and retain their names in the final electoral roll.

Collectors across the State have been instructed to complete the hearings by October 5. Officials have also been asked to resolve minor discrepancies, including differences in voters' names, fathers' names and ages, at the tahsildar and Booth Level Officer (BLO) levels. The exercise is aimed at reducing the number of voters categorised under anomalies.



In Komaram Bheem Asifabad district, Collector K. Haritha said 20,929 voters had not been mapped out of 2,26,680 enumeration forms distributed in the district. She directed officials to immediately serve notices, conduct hearings and complete the verification process within the October 5 deadline.

The election authorities will also conduct gram sabhas and ward meetings on August 27. During these meetings, names included in the draft electoral roll will be read out, while Forms 6, 7 and 8 will be received for fresh enrolment, deletion and corrections.

In Adilabad town, BLOs have already started serving notices to non-mapped voters and those identified under anomalies in areas including Vidyanagar Colony. Adilabad district has 17,729 non-mapped voters, comprising 9,623 in the Adilabad Assembly constituency and 8,106 in the Boath Assembly constituency.

Adilabad constituency Congress in-charge Kandi Srinivas Reddy said 39,664 voters had been categorised as absent, shifted, deceased or duplicate out of 2,50,393 voters in the district. He urged party Booth Level Agents to coordinate with BLOs and ensure that genuine voters are not excluded. Non-mapped voters can retain their names by submitting any one of the 12 prescribed documents as proof during the hearing process.

Telangana auto-rickshaw drivers on strike from Sunday midnight

Auto-rickshaw drivers across Telangana will go on strike from Sundy midnight, demanding implementation of welfare promises made by the ruling Congress, ahead of the last Assembly elections. Thousands of drivers would take out a protest march from Sundarayya Vignana Kendram to RTC Cross Roads on Monday. He also called for burning effigies of the government at district headquarters.

Speaking to the media after a meeting of various auto workers' unions at Telangana Bhavan on Sunday, Auto Workers JAC chairman and BRTU Auto Workers union president Vemula Maraiah said the Congress government failed to fulfil any of its promises to auto drivers in nearly three years in power, including setting up a welfare board and providing Rs 12,000 annually. He said the Rs 5 lakh accident insurance provided under the previous BRS government

Revanth Reddy declines comment on Konda Surekha controversy

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Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Monday declined to comment on the controversy involving Forest Minister Konda Surekha and her daughter Sushmitha, saying the party high command's decision would be final.

He also appealed to party leaders not to raise speculative issues in public. The issue was already being handled by the TPCC Disciplinary Committee, he said, stressing the importance of discipline in the party. "Irrespective of their rank and position, all leaders have to abide by the party high command's decision," Revanth Reddy said at a press conference here.

The Chief Minister said he would not comment on internal party matters before the media. "If there are any issues, they should be discussed internally in the party," he said, adding that action would be taken based on the Disciplinary Committee's report.

Later, the Chief Minister held a meeting with a few Ministers and MLAs at the Secretariat to discuss various issues. Interestingly, he is learnt to have instructed the MLAs not to make further comments or demands in the media over the controversy involving the Forest Minister and her daughter.

This comes after 18 MLAs held a press conference at the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) office on Friday and demanded stern action against the Minister. Before flying back to Hyderabad from the UK, the Chief Minister had also announced that he would speak extensively on all issues.

Konda's meeting with Kharge

It may be recalled that the Forest Minister had met AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge in Bengaluru on Sunday.

Though the meeting's outcome has not been known, the Chief Minister's comments at the press conference and the reported instructions to the MLAs later, party leaders believe the high command may take its time to decide on the issue and may not be influenced by the pressure exerted by a section of leaders.

Zoom meeting

Meanwhile, AICC incharge Meenakshi Natarajan and TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud held a Zoom meeting with party leaders on the SIR. The Chief Minister, however, held a separate meeting with a few MLAs and Ministers at the Secretariat despite being in the city.

Congress PAC Reviews SIR Phase-II Strategy in Undivided Medak District

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A key meeting of the Congress Party's District Political Affairs Committee (PAC) for the erstwhile Medak district was held in Medak under the chairmanship of TPCC President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud on Monday.State Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, Narayankhed MLA Dr. Patlolla Sanjeeva Reddy, Medak MLA Dr. Mynampally Rohith, former MLA T. Jagga Reddy, Congress constituency incharges, DCC presidents from the districts falling under the erstwhile Medak region, Block Congress presidents and other party leaders participated in the meeting.

Focus on SIR Phase-IIThe PAC reviewed the action taken and implementation of decisions made at its previous meeting and discussed the party's organisational strategy for the next phase.A major focus of the meeting was SIR Phase-II, with leaders discussing an action plan and reviewing the issue Assembly constituency-wise across the erstwhile Medak district.

Party leaders deliberated on coordination at the constituency and grassroots levels and the measures required for effective implementation of the decisions taken by the PAC.The meeting brought together senior leaders and organisational representatives from across the erstwhile Medak district to review previous decisions and strengthen coordination for the upcoming SIR Phase-II exercise.

PJR Stadium Gandhi Statue: Steel Steps Sought

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Social activist Middela Mallareddy has submitted a complaint through Praja Vani, seeking installation of steel steps at the Mahatma Gandhi statue at PJR Stadium.Mallareddy said the statue is positioned at a height that makes it difficult for people to clean it or garland it during Gandhi Jayanti, death anniversary and other constituency programmes.He urged CMC officials to install steel steps at the earliest and, if the existing steps that were reportedly placed near the National Highway are available elsewhere, locate and reinstall them.Mallareddy said he would wait 10 days for the CMC to take action, failing which he and his supporters would install the steel steps themselves.Gangaram, Sangareddy, Janardhan Goud, Rangareddy and Raju Yadav participated in the programme.

Beerla Ilaiah Offers Prayers at Ketaki Sangameshwara Temple on Shravana

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Telangana Government Whip and Aler MLA Beerla Ilaiah visited the renowned Sri Ketaki Sangameshwara Swamy Temple at Jharasangam on the auspicious occasion of Shravana Masa Somavaram and offered special prayers. Beerla Ilaiah had darshan of Lord Ketaki Sangameshwara Swamy and participated in special rituals at the historic Shiva temple. During the prayers, he sought peace, prosperity, good health and the overall welfare of the people of Telangana.

The temple witnessed a deeply devotional atmosphere as a large number of devotees arrived to offer prayers on the sacred Monday of the Shravana month. Devotees participated in various rituals and sought the blessings of Lord Shiva. After completing his darshan, Beerla Ilaiah interacted with local leaders and people in the temple surroundings. During an informal meeting over tea and coffee, he exchanged views with them and enquired about local issues and developments.

Sangareddy District BC Youth President Goruganti Ramesh Kumar, former Andole Municipal Chairman and several other local leaders were present during the visit and accompanied the Government Whip. Beerla Ilaiah's visit combined religious devotion with community interaction, as he offered prayers at the prominent shrine and later engaged with local leaders on matters concerning the people.

Dosapalli Gram Sabha Passes Resolution Seeking Change of ASHA Worker



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A Gram Sabha held at Dosapalli village in Regode mandal on Monday passed a resolution seeking the replacement of the village ASHA worker, following concerns raised by residents over the availability of healthcare-related services.During the meeting, which discussed village development and various public issues, residents raised several allegations regarding ASHA worker Anuradha. They alleged that she was not residing locally and that another person was attending to certain duties on her behalf.Villagers further alleged that Anuradha was staying in her native place, Narayankhed, and was therefore not regularly available to provide healthcare assistance to the residents of Dosapalli. They claimed that ASHA services were particularly difficult to access during emergencies.Following the discussion, the Gram Sabha passed a resolution stating that they did not want the present ASHA worker to continue and requested the authorities concerned to arrange a replacement.The villagers appealed to senior officials to examine the matter and take appropriate action at the earliest. They stressed that essential health and welfare services should be readily accessible within the village, particularly for women, children and people requiring assistance during emergencies.Village Sarpanch Amar Simha Reddy, Deputy Sarpanch Lakshmi, ward members Venkatesham, Shabbir, Lakshmi, Poothalithalli and Pochamma, Youth President Srinivas Reddy, youth leader Gurunath Reddy, and other villagers participated in the Gram Sabha.The allegations reported above were raised by villagers during the Gram Sabha; the response of the ASHA worker or the health authorities was not immediately available.

Ambedkar Sena Seeks Flyover Named After Sudheer Kumar

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The National Ambedkar Sena has urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to name the newly constructed flyover in the Malakpet constituency after late veteran leader and former MLA Punjala Sudheer Kumar, as a mark of respect for his public service and contribution to the constituency. The organisation formally submitted a memorandum to the GHMC Commissioner seeking immediate action on the proposal. Copies of the representation were also sent to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President, requesting the government to consider the demand and honour the late leader's legacy.

The National Ambedkar Sena said Punjala Sudheer Kumar had made significant contributions to Malakpet and worked consistently for the welfare of youth, poor families and marginalised sections. He was elected as the Malakpet MLA in 1989 and played an active role in the Congress organisation. According to the organisation, Sudheer Kumar also served as Youth Congress President and as APCC Vice President between 1988 and 1993. During his political career, he was known for his grassroots engagement and efforts to raise public issues affecting ordinary people.

The Sena said his commitment to weaker sections earned him respect among local residents, Congress workers and his followers. Naming a major public infrastructure project after him, it said, would preserve his memory and inspire future generations.

The organisation appealed to the GHMC and Telangana government to respond positively to public sentiment and officially dedicate the Malakpet flyover to Punjala Sudheer Kumar. It described the proposed naming as a fitting tribute to a leader remembered for his service, grassroots activism and commitment to disadvantaged communities.

Morigesan Velu Appointed TRS Serilingampally Division President

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Morigesan Velu has been appointed as the TRS president of Division 227–Serilingampally in the Serilingampally Assembly constituency.The appointment orders were issued by Serilingampally Assembly constituency in-charge Vasili Chandrasekhar Prasad, following the directions of TRS president Kavitha Kalvakuntla.Party leaders said Velu was given the responsibility in recognition of his active participation in party programmes and efforts to strengthen the organisation.Chandrasekhar Prasad congratulated Velu and urged him to work with dedication for party development and resolving public issues.

Shravana Somavaram: Govt Whip Beerla Ilaiah Offers Prayers at Ketaki Sangameshwara Temple

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Telangana Government Whip and Aler MLA Beerla Ilaiah visited the Sri Ketaki Sangameshwara Swamy Temple at Jharasangam in Sangareddy district on the auspicious occasion of Shravana Masa Somavaram and offered special prayers.On the occasion, Beerla Ilaiah had darshan of Lord Ketaki Sangameshwara Swamy and prayed for the peace, prosperity, good health and well-being of the people.

The temple premises witnessed a devotional atmosphere with devotees offering prayers on the sacred Monday of the Shravana month.Following the temple visit, the Government Whip spent some time with local leaders and people. In a cordial and informal interaction over tea and coffee, he exchanged views with those present and enquired about local matters.

Sangareddy District BC Youth President Goruganti Ramesh Kumar, former Andole Municipal Chairman and several other local leaders participated on the occasion and accompanied the Government Whip during the visit.Beerla Ilaiah's visit to the renowned Shiva temple on Shravana Somavaram and his subsequent interaction with local people and leaders marked the occasion with both devotional and community engagement.

BRS Announces Week-Long Protest Against Congress Government

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The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has announced a week-long protest campaign in the Goshamahal Assembly constituency from September 2, accusing the Congress government of failing to fulfil its election promises and deceiving the people during its 1,000 days in office.

BRS Goshamahal constituency in-charge RV Mahender Kumar made the announcement while addressing a press conference at the party office in Koti Bank Street on Monday. He said the protests would be organised following the call given by BRS working president KT Rama Rao to expose what the party described as the failures of the Congress government.

Mahender Kumar alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, ministers and elected representatives had failed to deliver on several promises made before the Assembly elections. He said the BRS would conduct protests, awareness programmes and other forms of agitation across Goshamahal for a week from September 2.

He particularly raised concerns over the distribution of double-bedroom houses. Mahender Kumar alleged that houses constructed during the previous BRS government for economically weaker sections were being distributed to ineligible beneficiaries, while several deserving poor families were allegedly being denied housing. He demanded a comprehensive inquiry into the allocations and called for houses allegedly allotted to ineligible beneficiaries to be recovered and handed over to deserving families.

The BRS leader also levelled allegations of corruption in the implementation of the Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak welfare schemes. He claimed that beneficiaries were allegedly being asked to pay bribes to revenue officials for their applications to move forward and cheques to be released. He demanded strict action if such allegations were found to be true.

Mahender Kumar further questioned the Congress government over its election promise of providing ₹2,500 per month to women and its commitment to pensions for Telangana activists. He asked the government to clarify the status of these assurances.

He said BRS leaders would hold meetings with senior leaders, active workers and grassroots cadres to finalise the detailed protest programme.

CBI Books Former DGCA Official, Aviation Firms

The CBI has registered a case against a former Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) official and several aviation-related companies for allegedly abusing his official position, extending undue favours to select flying training organisations and facilitating suspicious aircraft transactions. The FIR alleged that the probe uncovered a "systematic network of corporate entities" controlled and managed by the immediate and extended family of Captain Anil Gill, then director of flying training at the DGCA.

Bluethroat Aero Global Pvt. Ltd was incorporated in 2016 with Gill's mother and maternal aunt as directors, while his cousin and sister-in-law joined the company later, the FIR said. Two other companies, Sabres Corporate Solutions Pvt. Ltd and Sandhills Aviation IFSC Pvt. Ltd, were also allegedly incorporated with Gill's relatives as directors. The case was registered on Friday against Gill, Bluethroat Aero Global, Redbird Aviation Academy Pvt. Ltd, Sabres Corporate Solutions and Sandhills Aviation IFSC, besides unidentified public servants and private individuals.

No Sugar Shortage In India, Retail Prices Likely To Ease: ISMA

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Amid a sharp rise in sugar prices, the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA), the apex body representing the sugar industry, on Monday said there is no shortage of sugar in the country and retail prices are likely to ease soon. Sugar prices have increased significantly from Rs 48.18 per kg on July 20 to Rs 63.12 per kg as of August 23, driven by tighter domestic supplies and rising demand ahead of the festive season. Some industry insiders had linked the price increase to the diversion of sugar towards ethanol production.

Addressing a press conference, ISMA president Niraj Shirgaokar rejected speculation of a shortage and said the recent surge was the result of several factors, including speculative buying by traders and bulk consumers and lower sugar production caused by adverse weather conditions.

Shirgaokar also denied allegations that sugar mills were deliberately creating an artificial shortage or increasing ex-mill prices to push up retail rates. "India does not have a sugar shortage," he said, adding that prices had already started to ease after the government permitted duty-free imports of one million tonnes of raw sugar.

According to ISMA, sugar stocks at the end of September are expected to be around 35 lakh tonnes. Sugar mills are likely to begin operations from around October 15 and could produce 10-12 lakh tonnes during October. Monthly domestic consumption, meanwhile, is estimated at around 24-25 lakh tonnes.

The government has also tightened stockholding norms for bulk consumers from September 1. Under the revised rules, bulk buyers will be permitted to maintain stocks equivalent to only 15 days of consumption. The measure is aimed at preventing hoarding and curbing speculative activity during the festive season, when sugar demand traditionally rises.

Domestic sugar stocks are currently estimated at around 3.5-3.9 million tonnes, significantly below the government's normative buffer of six million tonnes. The tightening supply situation ahead of the new crushing season prompted the Centre to allow duty-free imports of one million tonnes of raw sugar until October 31.

The decision marks the first such move by the government in nearly a decade and is intended to improve domestic availability and moderate prices during the transition period before the new sugar season begins. The Centre has attributed the recent increase in sugar prices to lower-than-expected production, weather-related damage to sugarcane crops, concerns over global supplies and possible hoarding. It has, however, rejected the argument that diversion of sugar towards ethanol production is the primary reason behind the price surge.

With imported sugar expected to supplement domestic supplies and mills preparing to restart crushing operations from mid-October, industry officials expect market conditions.

Sarnaik Defends Mandatory Marathi Rule, Slams Akhilesh Yadav

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After former Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister and Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav questioned the Maharashtra government's decision to make working knowledge of Marathi mandatory for taxi and auto-rickshaw drivers, Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Baburao Sarnaik asked him to focus on the upcoming Uttar Pradesh elections instead of Maharashtra's affairs. Defending the decision, Mr Sarnaik accused Mr Yadav of failing to create sufficient employment opportunities during his tenure as Uttar Pradesh chief minister.

The Maharashtra Transport Department, meanwhile, has directed its Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) to enforce the requirement that taxi and autorickshaw drivers possess a working knowledge of Marathi. Drivers found unable to demonstrate adequate knowledge of the language are being served notices and given one month to learn Marathi. Those who fail to comply could have their badges suspended for three months. Continued refusal to learn the language could eventually result in cancellation of both their badges and permits.

Mr Yadav said while regional languages should be respected and promoted, governments should not turn language into a political or employment-related barrier. He warned that making knowledge of a State's local language compulsory for those seeking work could deepen linguistic divisions across the country. In a post on X, Mr Yadav said, "Every state's mother tongue should be respected and promoted, but no language should be politicised. This creates distance and discord in the country's linguistic and emotional unity."

However, Mr Sarnaik said the Samajwadi Party chief should concentrate on the forthcoming Uttar Pradesh elections. He took aim at Mr Yadav's record as Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister, accusing him of failing to generate enough employment in the State and arguing that this had contributed to people from Uttar Pradesh and other parts of North India seeking livelihoods in Maharashtra. "Maharashtra has been providing livelihood to North Indians for the last 40-50 years. You could not generate employment during your tenure, so these people came to Maharashtra and we accepted them. We supported them like our brothers," Mr Sarnaik said.

Right to Walk: SC Seeks States' Response on Footpath Guidelines

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The existence of footpaths is an integral part of human life, the Supreme Court said on Monday while directing all states and Union Territories to respond on the implementation of its directions for properly demarcated, encroachment-free space for pedestrians. A bench of Justices PS Narasimha and Alok Aradhe impleaded all the states and Union Territories as parties in the suo motu case on ensuring properly demarcated footpaths, wherever there is a road.

"The first step is proper demarcation of space for pedestrians. There should be confidence of safety in walking. Wherever there is a road, people should walk in the demarcated space," the bench told Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj, appearing for the Centre. The ASG brought to the notice of the bench that since roads are a state subject, the Ministry of Road, Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) have issued advisories to all the states and Union Territories, besides the National Highways Authority of India for creation of proper demarcated space for pedestrians, in compliance of the directions of the court.

The bench asked the states and UTs to reply to these advisories issued by the ministries, saying, "the existence of footpaths is an integral part of human life". On August 3, the bench directed the Centre to ensure that every road had a properly demarcated space for pedestrians. It had asked the Centre to instruct the authorities concerned to make sure that the space meant for walking is not encroached upon and is properly separated from motor vehicle lanes.

The apex court had emphasised that pedestrians should have confidence that the space is meant for them and they can walk freely without any threat of moving vehicles. On June 19, in a significant verdict, the top court had held that the right to walk on a demarcated footpath is a fundamental right. It held that this right shall have priority over motorised vehicles on demarcated paths, and it forms part of the right to movement guaranteed under Article 19 (1) (d) and other fundamental rights, including Article 21 (right to life and liberty).

The top court said that a citizen's fundamental right to walk on a demarcated footpath is primary and shall have priority over movement by motorised vehicles. The declaration by the top court came in an unfortunate motor accident compensation case where a father lost his five-year-old son while taking him to school.

"The right to walk is a fundamental right under Part III of the Constitution. It is integral to the right to movement guaranteed under Article 19(1)(d), read with Article 19(1)(a), Article 19(1) (b), Article 19(1) (c) and Article 21 of the Constitution of India. The fundamental right to walk will take within its sweep the right to demarcated footpaths. These rights are primary and shall have priority over movement by motorised vehicles," it had ruled. It held that the fundamental right to walk on demarcated footpaths has a correlative duty and "If the road exists, there is a duty to ensure that there are demarcated and well-maintained footpaths for walkers." The apex court said the duty bearers are the urban development authorities, municipal corporations, municipalities and even panchayats, who must endeavour to demarcate, construct, maintain, and safeguard footpaths and other necessary pedestrian infrastructure, as walking is integral to life.

CAA Citizenship Hearings to End Soon; 23,000 Certificates Issued: Suvendu

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West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Monday said that hearings of applications for citizenship under the CAA will soon be over, and so far the state has issued certificates to 23,000 people out of 2.30 lakh applicants. Addressing a press conference at the state secretariat 'Nabanna', Adhikari said the hearings related to citizenship under the CAA would be completed expeditiously and certificates issued soon.

The CAA or the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, seeks to grant Indian citizenship to refugees belonging to six communities, who had sought shelter in India before December 31, 2014, due to religious persecution in three neighbouring countries - Pakistan, Bangladesh and Bangladesh. The six communities are Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, Parsis and Christians. "We will complete the hearings quickly through the district magistrates. Out of the 2.30 lakh cases, 23,000 have received certificates and 2.07 lakh are still pending," Adhikari told a press conference.

He added that those who had not yet applied for citizenship under CAA would also be able to do so and stated that the process for Hindu refugees who came from Bangladesh citing religious persecution would be expedited. "We will complete the hearings quickly and issue certificates to Hindu refugees who came from Bangladesh because of religious persecution," the chief minister said. Adhikari also sought to reassure members of the Matua community and other Hindu refugees who had been waiting for CAA certificates for a long time that they will receive their certificates from him.

"The Government of India has entrusted this responsibility to me," the CM said. Adhikari had on August 1 said that all pending applications for citizenship under the CAA in the state would be disposed of within the next six months. On the law-and-order front, Adhikari on Monday announced that a provision of a new legislation would come into force from Monday and warned that those damaging government property would not be spared.

WB Minister Backs Police Excess, Encounter To Tackle Goons

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West Bengal panchayat minister Dilip Ghosh has come out in full support of police excess and encounter to end threat culture in the state.

Addressing an event of a BJP office inauguration in his assembly constituency, Kharagpur Sadar in West Midnapore, Mr Ghosh said, "I have asked the cops to act like cops. We will not tolerate police behaving like party cadres or mafia." He pointed out, "If there is any complaint on this, do let us know. We will solve that.

Thieves and dacoits earlier visited Khargapur from surrounding areas and states and ran their control here. The police didn't do anything even after knowing that. Now the police have started their job. But many are now complaining of police excess." The BJP MLA then observed, "You have watched videos of police chasing and catching addicts. No one will be spared.

If needed, there will be encounters that happened in Baruipur during the escape of an accused. Let the police do a little bit of excess. Police excess is better than the excess by goons and mafia. Only then peace can prevail. We want to give people peace."

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Denying media reports that he had planned meetings with US Vice-President J.D. Vance and New York City Mayor Zohran Mamdani without informing the MEA, Revanth Reddy said the entire itinerary had been provided to the ministry. "I would have to obtain a prior appointment to meet a mayor, Vice President or anyone else. It's not as though one can simply drop by the office of a ward councillor. The Indian High Commission has to clear every meeting," the CM said. The Chief Minister said the denial would not prevent Telangana from pursuing its investment and development objectives. An investment summit would be organised at Future City in December, at which investment opportunities in Telangana would be showcased and explained in detail to investors from across the globe. "Even if the Centre stops me from going to the US, it cannot stop me from achieving my objective of bringing investments to the state," he said. Revanth Reddy said Congress MPs would raise the issue in parliament, with AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi taking it up with the Centre. Revanth Reddy disputed the MEA's explanation, saying the CMO had clearly communicated the objectives and schedule of the US visit to the ministry. He said the MEA had examined the proposal and subsequently declined permission for the visit, which he described as a politically motivated decision. He maintained that the Centre's action was not only discriminatory but also contrary to the spirit of co-operative federalism.

CJP Announces.....

After the protests were called off, CJP official spokespersons have since repeatedly accused the Centre of dragging its feet, particularly on the promise to withdraw FIRs and the protection of protesters from punitive action. The issue had reached the Supreme Court, where the CJP on August 18 accused the Centre of resisting efforts to facilitate the quashing of FIRs against students and protesters. It had then warned that failure to show concrete progress on the July 25 commitments could lead to renewed nationwide action. In its statement on Monday, the CJP alleged that the government had "delayed action, hidden behind technicalities and avoided giving clear commitments" and said a written assurance promised by the Centre was also pending. "A government cannot take the trust of an entire generation, use it to send young people home, and then quietly retreat from its own word. We will not accept this betrayal," it said. The outfit appealed to students, youth organisations and young people from across the country to join the September 5 march, while stressing that the protest would be peaceful. "The families who lost their children will walk at the front. Victims of police brutality will walk beside them. Behind them will walk a generation demanding only one thing from its government: Keep your word," it said.

Trump Adminis.....

The H-1B program allows U.S. employers to hire foreign workers with training in specialty fields and offers 65,000 visas annually, with another 20,000 for workers with advanced degrees, approved for three to six years.

The order Trump issued last year sharply increased the cost of obtaining some H-1B visas, which had typically come with about $2,000 to $5,000 in fees, depending on various factors.

Trump, a Republican, and other critics of the H-1B program say it is abused by many companies who replace American workers with cheaper foreign labor. But business groups and many individual companies have said the visa program is needed to address a lack of qualified American workers for some jobs and to allow U.S. businesses to recruit top talent.

About 70 employers had paid the $100,000 fee on a total of □85 visa applications as of late February, according to court filings. In imposing the fee, Trump invoked the president's power under federal immigration law to restrict the entry of certain foreign nationals who would be detrimental to U.S. interests. The fee is being challenged by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the largest U.S. business lobbying group, Democratic-led states and a coalition of unions and employers.

CRIME

ACB Traps Two Revenue Staff in Aleru Tahsildar Office Over ₹15,000 Bribe

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Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials conducted a trap at the Aleru Tahsildar Office on Monday and allegedly caught two revenue staff red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹15,000 for processing a land mutation.According to available information, Budige Mahesh, a resident of Dharmareddygudem village under the Kolanupaka revenue limits of Aleru mandal, had approached the revenue authorities seeking mutation of eight acres of land belonging to his father.

It is alleged that GPO Ahmed and Revenue Inspector (RI) Poornachandra Rao initially demanded a bribe of ₹20,000 from Mahesh for processing the mutation.Mahesh reportedly informed them that he was unable to pay ₹20,000.

However, the officials allegedly told him that the mutation could not be processed unless the demanded amount was paid. Subsequently, they allegedly insisted that he pay at least ₹15,000.Unwilling to pay the bribe, Mahesh approached the Anti-Corruption Bureau and reportedly lodged a complaint on Friday.Following the complaint, ACB officials are said to have kept surveillance for two days and, acting on specific information, laid a trap at the Aleru Tahsildar Office on Monday.

During the operation, the ACB officials allegedly caught the GPO and RI red-handed in connection with the acceptance of the ₹15,000 bribe.The two revenue staff were subsequently taken into ACB custody for further questioning and investigation.The incident created a stir at the Aleru Tahsildar Office, with further details regarding the ACB case and subsequent legal proceedings awaited.The allegations against the officials are subject to investigation and due process.

Fatehnagar Builders Allege Extortion by Local Individual

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Builders and property owners in Fatehnagar and Balanagar have alleged harassment and extortion by a local individual identified as Mallikarjun, popularly known as “Mailer” Mallikarjun. According to local sources, he allegedly visits construction sites, points out purported deviations from Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) norms and threatens to complain to civic authorities unless money is paid.

Developers claim that buildings with minor structural changes or alleged violations are being selectively targeted.

The alleged activities have reportedly caused financial and mental stress among some builders and property owners. Concerned developers recently held a meeting to discuss the issue and explore legal options. Participants reportedly decided to collect evidence, including communications and details of alleged monetary demands, before approaching the police and senior GHMC officials with a joint complaint.

Local construction representatives have urged builders to maintain proper documentation and avoid making payments under pressure. They have also advised affected property owners to approach the authorities through formal channels. The allegations against Mallikarjun have not been independently verified, and no conclusion regarding criminal liability can be drawn without a formal investigation. Builders say they are prepared to submit evidence to the authorities and seek appropriate action if complaints are registered.

Woman Dies After Getting Trapped in Lift at Chandanagar Apartment

A 43-year-old woman died in a tragic lift accident at an apartment in Annapurna Enclave, Chandanagar, under the Chandanagar Police Station limits on Tuesday.According to police, Anasuya, a resident of Nallagandla SC Colony, had visited her relative's residence at Chatwaz Mansion Apartment along with her husband, Dhadi Srinivas. As the couple entered the lift, Anasuya was reportedly still stepping inside when the lift suddenly moved upward before the doors had completely closed, trapping her between the lift and the entrance.Apartment residents rushed to the spot after hearing cries for help and managed to stop the lift before rescuing her. She was immediately shifted to a private hospital.

Gachibowli Building Collapse: Accused Taken Into Custody

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Police took Mohammed Sajid into custody on Sunday in connection with the collapse of an alleged illegal under-construction building at Anjaiah Nagar, Gachibowli.Police registered a criminal case against Sajid for allegedly constructing the unauthorised structure. A contractor has also been named as an accused. The building was reportedly being constructed on a 50-square-yard plot over a nala, raising concerns over building violations and safety norms.Two migrant construction workers from Madhya Pradesh, Umesh Khare and Mopath, died in the incident. Three others were injured, including a 25-year-old resident of a neighbouring apartment who was asleep when debris fell on him.Authorities are continuing further investigation into the building collapse.

Medical Student Dies By Suicide In Uppal

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An 18-year-old Osmania Medical College student died by suicide at an under-construction building near RGI Stadium, Uppal, early Sunday. His family said he was stressed over internal examinations.

The deceased, K. Bhargav Reddy of Medak district, had been staying at his relatives' house in Ramanthapur. He was preparing for exams with his cousin late into the night before leaving unnoticed. His family filed a missing complaint at 7.30 am, and police later found his body. No suicide note was recovered.

Police said he had been under stress due to exams. The body was shifted to Gandhi Hospital for post-mortem and later handed over to the family. Police registered a case under missing circumstances, later altered to BNSS 194. Investigation is continuing.

Gold Ornaments Worth ₹20 Lakh Reported Missing in Jangaon

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Gold ornaments estimated by the complainant to be worth around ₹20 lakh were reported missing from a house in Ambedkar Colony, near Warangal Old Road in Jangaon district headquarters. The incident came to light after the family noticed that valuables kept in a locked almirah were missing.According to the family, the residence is located opposite the Hanuman Temple in Ambedkar Colony. A long gold chain and other ornaments had reportedly been stored inside the almirah.The head of the family had recently undergone surgery at a hospital in Hyderabad and returned home for recovery.

During this period, several relatives, friends and well-wishers reportedly visited the house to enquire about his health.Following the death of a close relative on August 9, family members travelled to Hyderabad to attend the funeral and related ceremonies. They later returned to Jangaon.On the evening of August 11, the family reportedly noticed that one gold ornament was missing.

They subsequently checked the valuables and found that a long gold chain and some other ornaments were also missing from the almirah.As the circumstances surrounding the disappearance remained unclear, the family approached the local police and submitted a written complaint seeking an investigation.The exact time when the ornaments went missing and the identity of anyone responsible have not yet been established.

The family has requested police to thoroughly investigate the matter and verify all available evidence.Police investigation is expected to determine the circumstances of the suspected theft.

Further details regarding the registration of the case and the progress of the inquiry are awaited.

EDITORIAL

IS LATEST JOINT SECY REJIG PAVING ROAD TO 2029?

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

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

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

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

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Former chief minister Nitish Kumar has left a deep imprint, but if the early signals around Samrat Choudhary hold, this isn’t just about moving babus around. The idea is to build a compact core team,
bring in technocrats who understand industry, and push Bihar toward manufacturing-led growth, which it has long promised but rarely delivered. The logic is sound. States like Gujarat and Tamil Nadu didn’t attract investment by accident. They got the basics right — land, power, roads — and ensured the bureaucracy didn’t become a bottleneck. Bihar, for all its ambition,
has struggled precisely here. The sectoral focus on food processing, textiles and automobiles is sensible. These are scalable, job-heavy industries. But sectors don’t grow because policy says so. They grow when businesses can actually set up shop without getting lost in paperwork.

French Montana Headlines Royal Stag BoomBox Season 4 Finale in Hyderabad



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Seagram's Royal Stag BoomBox Season 4 concluded its four-city tour with a high-energy finale at Gachibowli Stadium, bringing together global hip-hop, Bollywood music, gaming, art and culture. The Hyderabad edition featured American rapper French Montana, who made his India debut, alongside LV Revanth, Nikhita Gandhi, Payal Dhare and DJ Sahil Gulati.

The stadium was transformed into an immersive entertainment space with vibrant installations, art displays, food experiences and interactive zones reflecting the festival's "Living It Large" philosophy.

Gaming creator Payal Dhare kicked off the evening with a live gaming face-off against a fan, followed by DJ Sahil Gulati, whose energetic set set the tone for the night. Playback singer Nikhita Gandhi then captivated audiences with popular Bollywood numbers, while LV Revanth delivered an energetic performance featuring his well-known tracks.

The evening reached its peak when French Montana took the stage, delivering his signature hip-hop sound and international anthems. His performance turned the stadium into a vibrant celebration and marked a significant moment for the festival's growing connection with global music.

Debasree Dasgupta, Chief Marketing Officer, Pernod Ricard India, said Royal Stag BoomBox has evolved beyond a traditional music festival into a cultural platform combining Bollywood and hip-hop with gaming, art and immersive experiences.

Nikhita Gandhi said performing in Hyderabad was particularly special as she could connect with her Telugu-speaking fans. LV Revanth praised the festival for bringing diverse sounds together,
while French Montana described the Hyderabad audience's energy as incredible. With Hyderabad as its final destination, Season 4 concluded by bringing together music, entertainment and contemporary culture, delivering a memorable finale for Generation Large.



H&R Luxe Studio Opens Premium Beauty Destination in Patancheru

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H&R Luxe Studio, a premium beauty, makeup and makeover destination, was inaugurated in Patancheru by Chief Guest Dr. Preeti Reddy, Vice-Chairman, Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth, with Sri Gudem Mahipal Reddy, MLA, Patancheru, as Special Guest.
Founded by Mrs. Hemalatha Reddy, actress, model, producer, anchor, influencer and Mrs. Universe International Global Queen 2025 titleholder, the studio offers professional beauty services for women and men under one roof.

Its portfolio includes bridal, HD and airbrush makeup, engagement and reception makeup, hairstyling, hair treatments, colouring and highlights, facials, skincare, nail art and extensions, permanent makeup, saree draping, pre-pleating, bridal saree rentals and rental jewellery.



Chief Guest Dr. Ch. Preeti Reddy, Vice-Chairman, Malla Reddy Vishwavidyapeeth; inaugurating the HR Luxe Studio - Beauty on Wheels, today at Patancheru. Ms. Hemalatha Reddy, Founder, HR Luxe Studio; look on.

The studio focuses on luxury, hygiene, privacy and personalised attention, including dedicated private rooms and VIP treatment facilities. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Preeti Reddy appreciated Hemalatha Reddy's professional training and vision, noting the studio's focus on quality services, comfort and customer experience.

Hemalatha Reddy said H&R Luxe Studio was established to bring premium beauty and grooming services closer to Patancheru residents, who often travel to Hyderabad's major commercial areas for such facilities.

As part of her larger vision, she plans to launch the H&R Luxe Studio Beauty Academy within a month. The academy will provide practical, industry-oriented training in makeup, hairstyling, nail artistry, skincare and permanent makeup, helping aspiring professionals build careers locally.

BITS Pilani WILP Confers Degrees on Record 15,153 Professionals

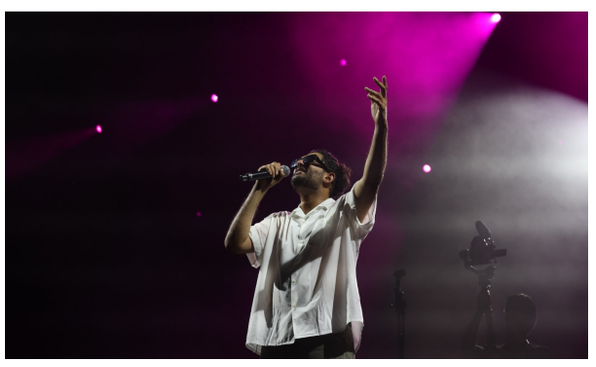
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BITS Pilani's Work Integrated Learning Programmes (WILP) marked a major milestone by conferring degrees on a record 15,153 working professionals across 30 specialised disciplines at its 2026 convocation held at the Hyderabad campus.The cohort, nearly double last year's strength, represented India's growing culture of lifelong learning. The ceremony also featured a pioneering "phygital" graduation, combining the physical Hyderabad campus with an immersive Metaverse experience.The graduating class included more than 2,000 women professionals, 167 medical doctors, 60 defence personnel and over 80 international learners from 15 countries. Technology and digital domains accounted for 46% of graduates, while engineering, manufacturing and infrastructure represented 35%.BITS Pilani Chancellor Dr. Kumar Mangalam Birla said continuous education alongside employment was essential for building a future-ready workforce and strengthening India's productivity, technological capabilities and global competitiveness.Chief Guest Atul B. Lall, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of Dixon Technologies, highlighted the importance of continuous learning as technology rapidly transforms industries. He described WILP as an important bridge between academia and industry.BITS Pilani Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Ramgopal Rao said the programmes combine rigorous academics with advanced simulation tools, enabling professionals to apply newly acquired capabilities directly at their workplaces.



Prof. S. Gurunarayanan, Director-in-Charge, Off-Campus Programmes and Industry Engagement, said WILP's industry-aligned curriculum and cloud-based virtual labs help professionals continuously upgrade their skills.With nearly five decades of experience, BITS Pilani WILP currently has 51,000+ enrolled learners, supported by an alumni network of more than 1.5 lakh professionals across 32 countries. The initiative is trusted by over 1,054 organisations.

HCL Group's 50th Anniversary Celebrations Continue in Vijayawada



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HCL Group continued its golden jubilee celebrations with a special employee concert at the HCLTech campus in Vijayawada on August 22, featuring acclaimed singer and composer Sid Sriram. More than 3,000 employees from HCL Group and the Shiv Nadar Foundation attended the musical evening, which celebrated the organisation's five-decade journey. HCL Group and HCLTech Chairperson Roshni Nadar Malhotra, along with HCLTech senior leaders Rahul Singh, Vijay Guntur and Vijayawada Centre Head Shiva Prasad, joined employees for the celebrations.

Sid Sriram performed several of his popular songs, creating an energetic atmosphere as employees sang and danced along.

The Vijayawada event was the fourth concert in HCL Group's 50th anniversary series, following celebrations in Noida, Lucknow and Chennai. HCL marked its official 50th anniversary on August 11, with events continuing across locations to honour its employees and the shared journey that has shaped the organisation over five decades. The celebrations will continue across various locations as HCL Group commemorates 50 years of its journey.

AEVUM Health Hub Opens in Hyderabad



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AEVUM Health Hub, a physician-led preventive healthcare and longevity medicine centre, has been launched in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, focusing on preventive care, healthy ageing and personalised health management.

Spread across 15,000 sq ft, the facility brings together more than 10 physicians and specialists, comprehensive assessments covering over 100 biomarkers, AI-assisted diagnostics and personalised health planning.

The launch was attended by MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, MLA Anil Kumbam, former Supreme Court Judge Justice Subhash Reddy, former MLC Bhoopal Reddy and film producer Dil Raju. Telugu actor Nithiin also attended with his family.

Dr. Mahathi Reddy, CEO and Founder, said AEVUM takes a whole-person approach by examining cardiovascular, metabolic, hormonal, digestive, sleep, nutrition, movement and mental wellbeing. The centre follows a five-stage model—Assess, Analyse, Personalise, Optimise and Protect.

Its specialised pathways include cardio-metabolic health, orthopedics and movement, menopause and hormone optimisation, weight management, sleep and stress resilience, gut wellness and longevity.

Services include nutrition, physiotherapy, IV therapy, red light therapy, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, compression and contrast therapy, VO_2 max testing and body-composition analysis.

AEVUM's philosophy is: "Prevention is the Discipline. Longevity is the Outcome."

Escorts Kubota Launches MU4502, MU5002 with 8-Year Warranty

Escorts Kubota Launches MU4502, MU5002 with Industry-First 8-Year Transferable Warranty for Higher Farm Productivity and Long-Term Ownership Confidence

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Escorts Kubota Limited has strengthened its premium utility tractor portfolio with the launch of the Kubota MU4502 and MU5002, offering 45 HP and 50 HP respectively. The new tractors target the important 41–50 HP segment and come with an industry-first 8-year transferable warranty, providing farmers with long-term ownership assurance and enhanced resale value.

Both models are powered by the proven Kubota KQP4 Japanese engine and feature an advanced 12F + 4R Multi-Speed Synchromesh Gearbox. The transmission allows farmers to select suitable speeds for different operations, including heavy tillage and haulage, helping improve productivity and reduce operational time.

The tractors also feature Pompa Lift with Dual Stabilizer Spring (DSS) Technology, which helps maintain implement stability and consistent working depth, particularly when operating on uneven terrain.

Designed for modern Indian agriculture, the MU4502 and MU5002 combine Kubota's global design language with practical comfort and advanced features. Full LED lighting improves visibility, while the fully covered flat-deck platform, premium bucket seat, suspended pedals, double-acting power steering and ergonomically positioned controls are designed to reduce operator fatigue during long working hours. Balancer shaft technology further helps minimise vibration.



The tractors are compatible with a wide range of primary and secondary agricultural implements, including super seeders, seed drills, potato planters, mini round balers and cultivators. They are suitable for major crops such as paddy, wheat, maize, pulses and soybean, while also supporting haulage and commercial applications. A reverse PTO enables specialised operations involving rotavators and straw reapers.

The new models expand the Kubota MU range, which now includes the MU4201, MU4501, MU4502, MU5002 and MU5502, giving farmers a broader premium utility tractor portfolio.

Nikhil Nanda, Chairman and Managing Director, Escorts Kubota Limited, said the new tractors strengthen the company's position in one of India's largest and most significant tractor segments, while catering to progressive farmers, tractor upgraders, contract farming operators and custom-hiring businesses.

Akira Kato, Deputy Managing Director, highlighted the combination of Japanese engineering, durability and dependable performance. Rajan Chugh, Chief Officer, Tractor Division, said the company is shifting the focus from horsepower to "earning power," with the tractors designed to help farmers increase productivity and generate additional income through custom hiring. The MU4502 and MU5002 are being offered pan-India and are suited for landholdings of 5 acres and above.

Sensex, Nifty fall on Iran sanction fears

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The Indian benchmark indices on Monday afternoon gave up their early gains, as investors remained cautious amid elevated crude oil prices and
uncertainty surrounding potential fresh US sanctions on Iran. However, selective buying in IT, Metal, and Realty stocks helped limit the downside, with the Nifty managing to hold above the crucial 24,200 mark at close. At close, the Sensex declined 171.72 points or 0.22 per ent to settle at 77,369.11, while the Nifty 50 fell 32.95 points or 0.14 per cent to close at 24,219.05.

The weakness was broad-based, with 11 of the 16 major Nifty sectoral indices ending in the red. On the sectoral front, Metal, Realty, Energy,
and IT emerged as the key gainers, supported by selective buying interest.On the downside, Banking, Financial Services, and Media remained the key laggards, with profit booking weighing on these sectors.

Renovated Astoria Restaurant Reopens with Diverse Menu and Enhanced Dining Experience













Astoria Restaurant has marked its grand reopening in Hyderabad following a major renovation, with several political leaders, community scholars and prominent personalities attending the inauguration ceremony.

The renovated restaurant was inaugurated in the presence of TPCC Working President Anjan Kumar Yadav, Chairman of the Telangana State Minorities Commission Tariq Ansari, Secunderabad DCC President Deepak John, community scholars and other distinguished guests. Proprietor Fatteh Affan, along with management representatives Syed Asim Hussain,Syed Nadeem Hussain and other members of the management, welcomed the guests and shared details about the restaurant's renewed services and offerings.

Speaking on the occasion, Fatteh Affan said that Astoria Restaurant has been renovated with the aim of providing customers with a wide variety of food options under one roof.

He said the restaurant offers a diverse menu including breakfast and tiffins, meals, biryani, Indian cuisine, Chinese dishes, tandoori items and Mughlai cuisine. In addition to its food menu, the restaurant also features “Chai Ki Dukaan” and “Paan Ki Dukaan”, offering customers traditional tea and paan options.

The grand reopening brought together political leaders, community representatives, scholars and other prominent personalities, who congratulated the management and conveyed their best wishes for the restaurant's future. With its renovated premises, expanded menu and variety of dining options, Astoria Restaurant is looking forward to welcoming customers and offering a distinctive dining experience in Hyderabad.

Bhakti Beats Aarya To Emerge LFC Champion

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Maharashtra’s Bhakti Jayesh emerged victorious at the Legacy Fighting Championship (LFC-2), a high-intensity Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) tournament held at the Katedan GHMC Sports Complex in Hyderabad. Bhakti defeated Madhya Pradesh’s Aarya Choudhary 30-27 in a closely contested final bout to clinch the championship title.

The title clash attracted a capacity crowd, with spectators creating an energetic and vibrant atmosphere throughout the contest. Both fighters displayed strong technique, endurance and determination, matching each other for much of the bout. However, Bhakti gradually gained the upper hand and maintained her advantage to secure a decisive 30-27 victory.

Telangana Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari attended the championship as the chief guest and presented the prize to the winner. Addressing the gathering, Srihari emphasised that sporting success should not be measured only by victories and titles.

“Winning is not the only measure of success in sports; discipline, determination, perseverance and the fighting spirit are equally important,” he said.

Sports Authority of Telangana chairman K. Shivasena Reddy was also present at the event. He interacted with the participating fighters before witnessing the championship bouts and encouraged the athletes taking part in the competition.

The second edition of Legacy Fighting Championship featured a series of highly competitive MMA bouts, bringing together 22 international fighters. The tournament provided a platform for athletes to demonstrate their skills, physical strength, tactical ability and fighting spirit before an enthusiastic Hyderabad audience.

The event also witnessed the participation of several prominent personalities from the sporting and public spheres. Rajendranagar MLA Prakash Goud, National Mixed Martial Arts Association joint secretary Sheikh Khalid and Alpha Global CEO Tayaba Sultana were among those present.

The championship highlighted the growing popularity of Mixed Martial Arts in Telangana and provided an opportunity for international fighters to compete before a large audience. The successful staging of LFC-2 at the Katedan GHMC Sports Complex further added to Hyderabad’s reputation as a venue for major sporting events.

IOA seeks verification of Telangana Olympic Association electoral process

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Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president and legendary athlete Dr P.T. Usha has urged the Telangana government to take “urgent attention and necessary action at the earliest” on the verification of the electoral college and electoral process of the Telangana Olympic Association (TOA).In a letter dated August 17, 2026, addressed to the Special Chief Secretary of the Telangana government dealing with Sports, Dr Usha underlined the significance of the issue, particularly as Telangana is scheduled to host the prestigious Khelo India Games in December. She also referred to her earlier communication on the matter dated June 6, 2026.Dr Usha said the issue required immediate attention as it had a direct bearing on good governance, stakeholder confidence and the interests of sportspersons. She requested the State government to initiate necessary action at the earliest, keeping in view the larger objectives of the Khelo India Games and the development of sports in Telangana.

In her earlier communication, the IOA chief stated that the national body had received several representations, complaints, reports, objections and counter-representations from stakeholders regarding the governance and electoral processes of the Telangana Olympic Association.The issues raised, according to Dr Usha, primarily concern the composition of the electoral college, verification of constituent units, maintenance of membership records, eligibility of representatives and participation of affiliated associations in the electoral process.

She noted that the persistence of these disputes had led to competing claims and adversely affected confidence among stakeholders within Telangana’s sporting ecosystem.However, Dr Usha clarified that the IOA was not seeking to interfere with the autonomy, administration or management of the Telangana Olympic Association. She emphasised that the IOA remains committed to respecting the autonomy of State Olympic Associations.

At the same time, she said the interests of athletes, affiliated associations and the wider sporting community would be best served by an organisation that is transparent, credible, inclusive and capable of securing the confidence of all stakeholders.The IOA, she said, was of the considered view that verification of membership and related electoral processes would help strengthen good governance, institutional stability and the welfare of athletes in Telangana.

Accordingly, the IOA sought the assistance of the Telangana government and invited it to extend facilitative support, in accordance with the National Sports Governance Act, 2025 and the Rules framed under it, for verification of the electoral college.Dr Usha further said that, if the State government considered it necessary, it could facilitate an independent, transparent and credible electoral process for the Telangana Olympic Association.The IOA president also appealed to all stakeholders to maintain institutional decorum, act in good faith and extend full cooperation to the process.

She stressed that a transparent and democratic governance structure would be in the larger interest of sportspersons and sports development in Telangana.With the Khelo India Games scheduled to be held in the State in December, the IOA’s renewed communication has brought the TOA’s electoral and governance issues into sharper focus.

Welcare India National Excellence Awards 2026 Held in Hyderabad

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The Welcare India National Excellence Awards 2026 were held in Hyderabad, bringing together more than 300 distinguished guests, including social workers, healthcare professionals, educators, entrepreneurs, journalists, community leaders and awardees. The event was organised by the Welcare India Social Welfare Foundation to recognise outstanding contributions to society.

The prestigious awards honoured individuals and organisations for their work in journalism, social service,

healthcare, education, women empowerment, youth development, entrepreneurship and community welfare.

Among the prominent awardees were TJRA President Mohd. Mustafa Ali, Chairman Syed Mubeen, Mohd. Ismail, Baba, Alamdar, Syed Rafif Hyder Razvi, Noor Uddin Ali Abeid and Faizuddin, along with other





members of their team. They were recognised for their contributions to journalism and their efforts to highlight public issues and provide a voice to communities.



Advocate Mir Qurram Ali, who attended the programme as the Guest of Honour, congratulated all the award recipients. He appreciated their dedication to public service and their efforts to bring important social issues to the attention of the wider community.

The ceremony featured award presentations, keynote addresses and interactions with distinguished guests.

The organisers said the awards were aimed at recognising meaningful contributions while motivating more individuals and organisations to work towards social welfare and community development.

Syed Taher Hussain, Founder and Director of Welcare India Social Welfare Foundation, said the initiative was conceived to recognise meaningful work, inspire others and promote a culture of service, excellence and social responsibility.

The programme concluded with the organisers expressing gratitude to the dignitaries, awardees, jury members, sponsors, media partners, volunteers and participants whose support contributed to the successful conduct of the awards ceremony.

Raidurg Wakf Land Panel Seeks Halt to TGIIC Auction

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The Raidurg Waqf Land Joint Action Committee has unanimously passed key resolutions seeking protection of Jamia Nizamia's waqf lands and the historical heritage of Raidurg Panmaktha village.At a round-table conference organised under the Telangana State Minority Rights Struggle Committee (TSMHPS), the committee demanded an immediate halt to the proposed TGIIC auction of 10.63 acres in Survey No. 83/1 until ownership, waqf and heritage claims are legally settled.

The committee also called for a comprehensive investigation into Survey No. 83 and protection of the area as a heritage site. It sought a review of the earlier auction of 6.2 acres and related ownership claims raised by SBI. Another major demand was a complete survey and demarcation of 510 acres and 35 guntas of Jamia Nizamia waqf land, followed by construction of a permanent boundary wall to prevent encroachments and unauthorised transactions.

The committee further proposed establishing a Jamia Nizamia Skill and Health University to provide higher education, skill development, healthcare-related education, technical training, research and employment opportunities.

The committee urged the Telangana government to preserve all revenue, survey, waqf, inam, gazette and heritage records and conduct an independent inquiry into any alleged disappearance or tampering of records. It also demanded a high-level committee to examine the legal, heritage, waqf, educational and developmental aspects of the issue and submit its report within a fixed timeframe.

TGTDC to Upgrade Haritha Hotels to Star-Hotel Standards

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The Telangana Tourism Development Corporation (TGTDC) said it would upgrade its Haritha Hotels with a focus on food quality, hygiene, accommodation, maintenance and guest services. TGTDC managing director Gowthami Pujari has been conducting surprise inspections of Haritha Hotels to their condition. As part of the enforcement measures, departmental action was initiated against the unit manager of Haritha Hotel, Vikarabad, for lapses in maintaining the required standards.

During the inspections, particular emphasis is being placed on kitchen hygiene and food quality, according

to a statement. The corporation has directed hotel units not to compromise on prescribed standards and said action would be taken against personnel found negligent. To strengthen monitoring, TGTDC said it was installing CCTV-based live monitoring systems in the kitchens of all Haritha

Hotel units for continuous monitoring of food preparation, kitchen hygiene and staff activities. In another initiative, the corporation is implementing an automated booking system through which visitors will be able to check room availability and make reservations online.

CMC, HYDRAA Inspect Unsafe Buildings After Gachibowli Collapse

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The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) and Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) have begun identifying dangerous buildings in Anjaiahnagar following the collapse of a seven-storey structure that killed two workers on Saturday. HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath, along with Kukatpally zonal commissioner Mayank Singh, inspected the site on Monday and said urgent action was needed to prevent further loss of life. "We do not know when a building may collapse. We will work with CMC and take steps to prevent further loss of life," he said.

The collapsed building, built on a plot of about 50 sq yds, stood next to another seven-storey structure also found to be in dangerous condition. CMC and HYDRAA jointly began removing the damaged building on Sunday and continued the work on Monday. Local residents flagged other potentially unsafe structures in the area. Ranganath said these would be inspected and removed if found hazardous. He noted that structural problems were linked to buildings being raised several floors beyond permitted limits on very small plots. Some had approval for only two floors, with foundations and pillars designed accordingly, but were later extended to seven or eight floors without sanction.



Mills Colony and CCS police arrested an interstate burglar on Monday and recovered gold and silver ornaments worth around Rs 12 lakh, along with cash and mobile phones, in connection with a series of house burglaries in Warangal.

Rakesh Jaiswal Offers Prayers at Srisailam on Shravan Somavar



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On the auspicious occasion of Shravan Somavar, former Jambagh Division Corporator Shri Rakesh Jaiswal visited the Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Jyotirlinga at Srisailam Devasthanam and offered prayers. He sought the blessings of Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy for the welfare and prosperity of the people.

Jaiswal was accompanied by Jambagh BJP family members, well-wishers and senior party leaders, including Srinivas Yadav, Amar Singh, Venkatesh Goud, Anil Yadav, Talwar Srinivas, Mohan Goud, Sudhakar Goud, Balaji Thakur, Raju Yadav, Narsingh Thakur, Shanker, Shiv Guttedar, Saniah Guttedar and Harinath. The devotees performed prayers and sought divine blessings on the sacred Shravan Somavar.

Polytechnic Students Protest GO 97 Over 3-Yr Diploma, Lateral Entry Fears

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Polytechnic students and their representatives have opposed Government Order (GO) 97, expressing concern that the order has created uncertainty over the future of the three-year diploma programme and the lateral-entry system into engineering courses.

Students staged a protest outside the State Board of Technical Education and Training (SBTET) office on Monday, demanding that the government immediately withdraw GO 97 and provide clear assurances on the continuation of the existing diploma structure.

Members of the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) also participated in the protest and raised concerns over the academic future of thousands of diploma students.

The students demanded clarity on whether the existing three-year diploma courses would continue without changes. They also sought written assurances that diploma holders would continue to have the opportunity to join engineering degree programmes through the lateral-entry system.

"We want the government to clarify whether the three-year diploma programme and lateral-entry system will continue. Students should not be left uncertain about their academic future," said Prithvi, ABVP Greater Hyderabad city secretary.

Students strongly opposed any proposal to replace the existing three-year diploma programme with a six-month or one-year certificate course. They said such a change could affect the academic progression and career prospects of students who have already enrolled in polytechnic programmes.

Hyd-Based Tech Start-Up Water Raises $2.5 Million

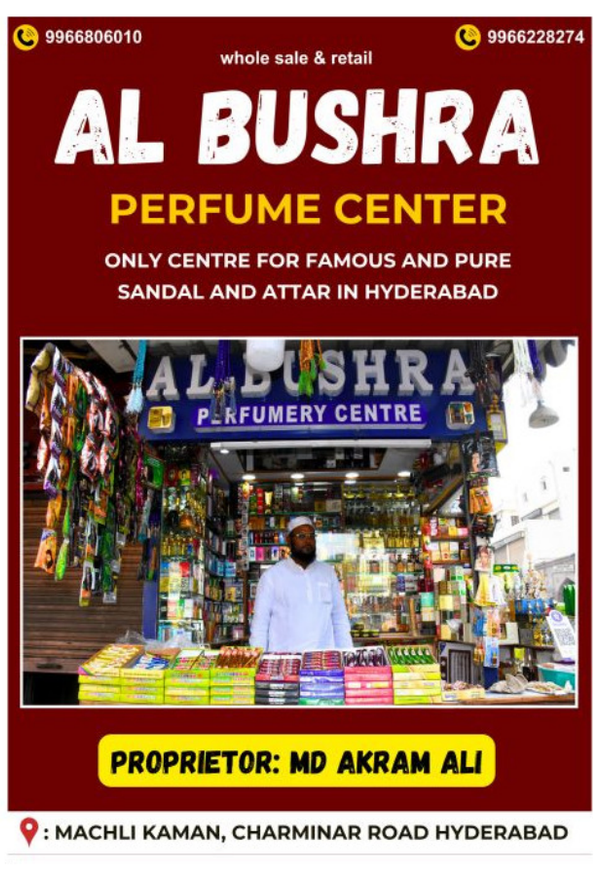
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Hyderabad-based technology start-up Water has raised $2.5 million (about Rs 23.7 crore) in a funding round led by Endiya Partners, with participation from angel investors including Pullela Gopichand, Rohit Chennamaneni and Nandan Reddy. Water is developing AI-powered adaptive surfaces that can sense and respond to the human body in real time. Its current products are Flow, an adaptive chair, and Cama, an adaptive bed, both built on its foundational model, Vortex.

The company is addressing a gap in connected furniture and sleep-tracking products, which largely focus on sensing and monitoring. Water's system combines sensing, decision-making

and physical response, allowing its surfaces to adjust based on the user's needs. Flow is designed to respond to posture, movement and load, while Cama focuses on sleep, recovery and respiration.

"Our thesis is simple: intelligence in the physical world should upgrade the human being at the center of it," said Teja Vinukollu, founder and chief executive officer of Water. "We call that layer biophysical intelligence. The body is constantly telling the surfaces it lives on what it needs, and Vortex is the first model built to listen and respond."



OU Announces 648 PhD Seats for 2026 Test; Science & Engg Lead

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Osmania University announced 648 vacancies for its PhD Entrance Test-2026 under Category-II across 12 faculties, with the largest share of seats in science and engineering. There are 337 vacancies in science, followed by engineering with 119, arts with 61, social sciences with 35 and commerce with 26. Management has 18 seats, technology 15, oriental languages and education 11 each, pharmacy seven, law



six and informatics two. Online registration and submission of applications for eligible candidates will begin on August 26. Applications can be submitted without a fine until September 25. Candidates will also have an opportunity to apply with a ₹2,000 late fee until October 1. The entrance tests are tentatively scheduled for the second week of October.

The university has advised candidates to check its official website and the OU admissions portal for the detailed schedule and further updates.

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