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MAX: 32.0°C
MIN:24.3°C
RH: 84%
RAINFALL 7.5 MM
FORECAST: LIGHT RAIN LIKELY
MAX/MIN temp. 32/24°C

Immigration Advisors Warn Of Impact Of Trump's New Order

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Immigration advisors and lawyers said renewal of the $100,000 fee under the new executive order of US President Donald Trump will hit employers hardest, and warned that repeated rule changes on H-1B and specialised immigrant workers could push applicants to look outside the US. Attorney Bhumireddy Sai Srinivas Reddy told Deccan Chronicle the order directs the Departments of State, Labour and Homeland Security to examine

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Ram Temple Donation Case: SIT To File Chargesheet By Sep 25

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The court-appointed Special Investigation Team probing the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya will file its first chargesheet on or before September 25, the Supreme Court was told on Monday. Solicitor General Tushar Mehta told a bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and

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KTR warns of agitation if govt fails to release Jurala water

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Monday warned of a major agitation, including protests at government offices, if the Congress government failed to release water to the Jurala ayacut and protect standing crops. He held the government responsible for any crop loss in the ayacut and demanded immediate measures to ensure water supply.

Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan after a meeting with senior party leaders, including former Ministers and MLAs, Rama Rao said the government should stop using arrests to suppress farmers' concerns and instead address the water shortage. He demanded that the Kannepalli and Narlapur pump houses be operated. He suggested that the State government negotiate with Karnataka for the release of water from the Almatti and Narayanapur reservoirs. The

Jurala Protest: Farmers, Former Minister Detained

NEW DELHI: Tension gripped the Priyadarshini Jurala Project in Jogulamba Gadwal district on Monday, 21 September, as police sealed off the dam and stopped farmers and opposition leaders from reaching it. Farmers from Jogulamba Gadwal, Wanaparthy and Mahbubnagar districts
have protested at the site for about three days after water release was halted, citing low inflows.
They say their paddy, sown three and a half months ago, needs water for six more weeks.

BRS working president stated that about 248 TMCft of Krishna water had been available to Telangana this year, but the State utilised only 28 TMCft. He said substantial quantities had flowed downstream to Andhra Pradesh due to the negligence and inefficiency of the Congress government in filling the reservoirs, while Telangana farmers were being denied water despite availability in upstream reservoirs.

Rama Rao said the problem was not confined to Jurala and similar conditions prevailed at Nagarjunasagar and Srisailam projects. With crops approaching the final stage before harvesting, any delay in releasing water could result in crop losses, he said. He argued that farmers had been forced to take matters into their own hands only after the government failed to respond to their demand for water. He said the administration should focus on water and power supply instead of targeting Opposition leaders.

On the Congress leaders visiting the properties of BRS leaders and claiming them as illegal, he challenged the government to take any action if there were any irregularities involving BRS leaders' properties. He reiterated the party's demand for a sitting judge's inquiry into the assets of leaders of both parties, and pointed out that the government was yet to respond.

"We are ready for any punishment as per law, if the ruling Congress provides evidence of irregularities. But we urge the Revanth Reddy government not to punish farmers and ensure them irrigation water immediately to prevent crop loss," he said, adding that the BRS leaders will not be intimidated by the Congress leaders' theatrics and false propaganda. Rama Rao also targeted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his proposed visit to Sircilla. He demanded that the Chief Minister explain the Congress government's failure to support farmers and handloom workers. He sought a white paper on the Chief Minister's Assembly allegation that 8,000 acres were encroached upon by BRS leaders in Rajanna Sircilla district.

PM Modi Condoles Death of Dubai Ruler's Brother

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday condoled the death of Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, the brother of the Dubai ruler, and said his efforts to serve society will be cherished by generations to come. Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum was the younger brother of Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai. "Deeply saddened by the passing of His Highness Sheikh Ahmed bin Rashid Al Maktoum. His efforts to serve society will be cherished by generations to come.

"I convey heartfelt condolences to the Royal Family and the people of Dubai. May his soul rest in eternal peace," Modi said in a post on 'X'. Born in 1950, Sheikh Ahmed was the youngest son of the late Sheikh Rashid bin Saeed Al Maktoum, former ruler of Dubai, according to media reports.

Mobile retailers warn proposed UPI charges could squeeze thin margins

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The All India Mobile Retailers Association (AIMRA) has urged the Finance Ministry to exempt small and medium mobile phone retailers from any proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) or transaction charges on UPI payments, saying they already operate on very thin margins.

In a letter to Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, AIMRA said it represented more than 1.50 lakh small mobile phone and electronics retailers across India.

The association said imposing a 0.4 per cent MDR on UPI transactions could directly increase costs for retailers at a time when the mobile retail sector is facing weaker sales and higher operating expenses.

"Mainline mobile retailers operate on extremely thin net margins, often between 0.75 per cent and 1.5 per cent. If an MDR charge of 0.4 per cent is imposed on UPI transactions — which account for a significant portion of digital payments — it will directly erode their survival margins," the trade association said.

According to AIMRA, a retailer processing Rs 10 lakh to Rs 40 lakh in monthly UPI transactions could face an additional cost of Rs 4,000 to Rs 16,000 each month if a 0.4 per cent charge is introduced.

The association also pointed to rising smartphone prices, saying higher component and memory costs had pushed handset prices sharply higher since November 2025.

It claimed that entry-level smartphones that were available for around Rs 10,000 in 2025 had risen to about Rs 17,000 and could go up further to Rs 20,000 by December 2026.

AIMRA said retailers had already experienced a significant decline in business volumes and claimed that additional payment-related costs could put further pressure on smaller stores.

The retail association has sought a complete exemption from UPI MDR for small and medium retailers, continued access to low-cost digital payments, consultation with trade bodies before any fee structure is introduced, and broader policy support for the retail sector.

Rain Likely As Low Pressure Moves West North- Westwards

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Heavy rainfall is likely at isolated places over coastal AP and Yanam on Tuesday. Strong winds are also predicted in several areas.

Stating this, an IMD report said on Monday that the well-marked low pressure area over east central and adjoining west central Bay of Bengal moved west north westwards and lay over west central and adjoining east central Bay of Bengal on Monday.

The associated cyclonic circulation extended upto 7.6km above mean sea level. "This is very likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a depression over west central Bay of Bengal during next 24 hours and into a deep depression over west central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal during the subsequent 24 hours," the report issued in the evening said. Continuing to move west-northwestwards, this is very likely to reach near north Andhra Pradesh - South Odisha coasts around morning of September 23. Under its influence, heavy to very heavy rain is likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam on Tuesday.

Strong winds speed reaching 40-50 Kmph likely at isolated places over Rayalaseema. On September 23 and 24, heavy to very heavy rain with extremely heavy falls

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20,000 Police Personnel for Hyderabad Ganesh Immersion



Ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi procession in Hyderabad, Siddiamber Bazar Mosque has been covered with protective cloth as part of precautionary arrangements.

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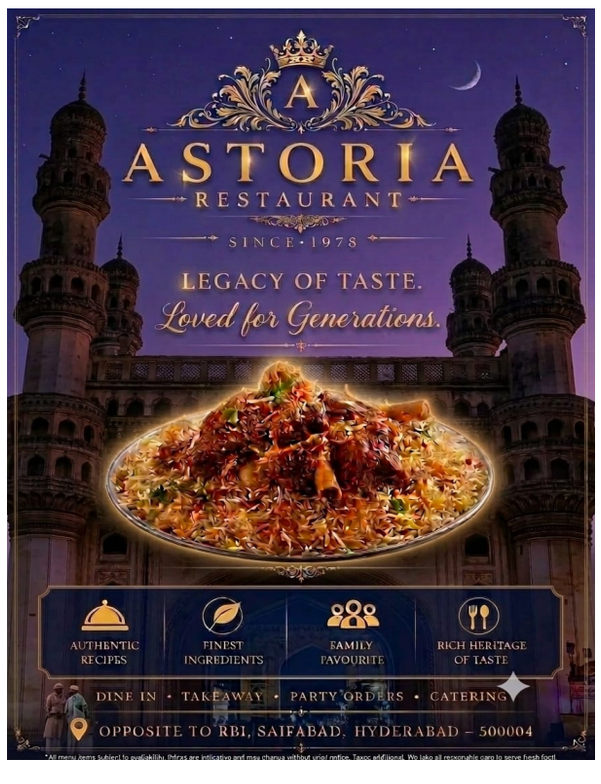
Around 20,000 police personnel will be deployed across Hyderabad as part of elaborate security arrangements for the upcoming Ganesh idol immersion procession, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said.

The Commissioner reviewed the security arrangements along the 19-km immersion route from Balapur to Tank Bund and directed police officials to ensure comprehensive security, effective crowd management and smooth movement of the procession.

As part of the extensive bandobast, Quick Response Teams (QRTs), dog squads, anti-chain-snatching teams and SHE Teams will be deployed at strategic locations. Additional police personnel will be stationed at major junctions, sensitive points and other locations where large crowds are expected.

Traffic management will also receive special attention to prevent congestion and facilitate the orderly movement of devotees and procession vehicles. The entire route will be monitored through CCTV cameras linked to the Command Control Centre, allowing senior police officials to track developments in real time. The surveillance system will help authorities identify potential issues quickly and coordinate an immediate response.

Police officials have been instructed to remain alert throughout the procession and work in coordination with other departments to maintain public safety, regulate traffic and ensure the peaceful conduct of the immersion festivities.



Trump Administration Sued Over White House Access

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CNN, MS NOW and Politico said Monday they've notified President Donald Trump's administration that they're filing a lawsuit over being denied White House access. Reporters from the three major news organisations were blocked from the White House on Saturday, a day after Trump said he was barring them because of reporting he found to be "fake news."

The actions were a clear escalation of Trump's long-running efforts -- in the courts and through administrative
action -- to restrict news coverage by journalists he finds objectionable and were the latest test of First Amendment protections in the United States.
Trump had said Friday he would ban all three outlets because of coverage he disliked.

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Harish Rao Demands Immediate Water Release to Jurala Ayacut

Harish Rao demands immediate Jurala water release, condemns detention of farmers and BRS leaders, and accuses Congress of neglecting Palamuru irrigation.

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Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao strongly criticised the Congress government over the alleged detention of BRS leaders and farmers who were protesting for irrigation water. He demanded the immediate release of former ministers Singireddy Niranjan Reddy, Lakshma Reddy and V. Srinivas Goud, former MLAs Chittem Rammohan Reddy and Ala Venkateswar Reddy, along with other detained party leaders and farmers.

Harish Rao questioned the government's handling of Krishna river water and raised concerns over the alleged diversion of water from Srisailam towards Kuppam in the Penna basin. He questioned why water was being taken to a location nearly 738 kilometres away while Palamuru, which is comparatively closer, was allegedly being denied its share of irrigation water.He recalled that the previous BRS government had developed major reservoirs under the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, including Narlapur, Eedula, Karivena and Wattem.

According to Harish Rao, these reservoirs together have a storage capacity of around 50 TMC. He questioned why the government had not operated the lift



irrigation motors and supplied water to farmers despite significant flows in the Krishna River over the past two-and-a-half years.Harish Rao also questioned why water was not being lifted even when Srisailam had substantial storage.

He alleged that Krishna water was being allowed to flow towards Andhra Pradesh instead of being utilised to safeguard the interests of Telangana farmers.He demanded answers from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Irrigation Minister on the status of the Palamuru project and the government's plans to provide irrigation water to farmers.Harish Rao further criticised the police deployment around the Jurala project. He alleged that a large number of police personnel had been deployed to prevent farmers and opposition leaders from protesting and that several leaders had been detained.

He questioned the government's response to farmers demanding water for their crops.According to Harish Rao, around 8.4 TMC of water was available at Jurala. He demanded that the government immediately release water to the Jurala ayacut and address the concerns of farmers whose crops are reportedly facing water shortages.Harish Rao accused the Congress government of neglecting irrigation issues and focusing on political action against opposition leaders. He said the BRS would continue to raise farmers' concerns and demanded the immediate release of all detained leaders and farmers.He urged the government to utilise available Krishna water, operate the lift irrigation systems and ensure adequate irrigation supply to the Palamuru region.

V Srinivas Goud Demands Comprehensive Caste Census for OBCs

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Former Minister V. Srinivas Goud has demanded that the Centre conduct a comprehensive caste census to establish accurate data on the population and socio-economic conditions of Other Backward Classes (OBCs) across the country.

Goud participated in a protest at Gun Park in Hyderabad organised by the All India OBC Students Association. Association president Kiran Kumar and BC Political Front Convener, along with others, took part in the demonstration.

Speaking at the protest, Goud said the OBC population in India is estimated at around 80 crore, but comprehensive caste-wise data on their population, economic status and social conditions is unavailable. He noted that the last comprehensive caste census was conducted in 1931 and alleged that successive governments at the Centre had failed to conduct a fresh enumeration of BC communities.

He demanded that a separate BC category and specific codes for different BC communities be incorporated into the national census, similar to the identification provided for SC and ST communities. He also called for proper identification of BC castes and sub-castes across the country to ensure accurate representation.

Goud referred to the 2011 Socio-Economic and Caste Census and said the large number of castes and sub-castes identified highlighted the need for a systematic and comprehensive enumeration.

He also urged the Telangana government to implement its promises concerning BC reservations in education, employment and local bodies. Goud raised concerns over pending fee reimbursement for students and alleged that sarpanches were facing cases while seeking payment of pending bills.

Karimnagar-Warangal set for inauguration in October



The stage is set to formally inaugurate the much awaited national highway 563 from Jagtial to Warangal soon. The facility will end the woes of motorists, besides reducing travelling distance by 5 kilometers between the two cities.

The 68 km long four-lane national highway has been built between Hanamkonda and Durshed of Karimnagar Rural mandal, spending Rs 2,486 crore. Trial run of traffic on the highway commenced on September 5. Arrangements are being made to throw the facility open to the public in a few weeks. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to virtually inaugurate the highway in October.

The highway is a part of a large corridor linking Jagtial and Khammam. The highway between Karimnagar and Hanamkonda features nine major bridges, 23 minor bridges, 25 underpasses, 5 bypasses. It is equipped with an advanced traffic management system such as Pan Tilt Zoom solar-powered cameras for every 2 kms, variable message signs and real-time traffic violation identification systems.

The project also has 24/7 incident management with ambulances, cranes, route patrol vehicles and a helpline posted every 5 kms. Median plantation has been created to avoid lighting of vehicles on vehicles coming from opposite directions. Water recharge pits were constructed to restore ground water. A toll plaza has been erected at Kothagattu.

Locals expressed happiness over the facility. They said that they would be able to reach Warangal in 45 minutes with the advent of the Greenfield highway. They opined that they could save both time and fuel. They remarked that the project would boost the agriculture economy and can be a boon for the granite industry.

Jupally Krishna Rao defends Jurala water management amid farmers' protests

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Admitting water scarcity in the Jurala Project ayacut, Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said the Congress government had been appealing to farmers to take up drought-resistant dry crops to cope with deficient rainfall. Amid farmers' protests to release water from the Jurala Project, the Minister said the situation had arisen due to the impact of El Nino. Since the beginning of the season, the government had repeatedly advised farmers to cultivate semi-dry crops, he said.

At a press conference here on Monday, Krishna Rao defended the State government's decision on Jurala water release. He said the available water had to be used judiciously to meet drinking water needs. About 3 TMCft of silt had accumulated in Jurala, while another 2 TMCft was being stored to meet drinking water requirements. "Releasing the available water without fresh flood inflows will create a drinking water crisis," he maintained, adding that the current inflow into Jurala was less than 300 cusecs.



However, the Minister said the monsoon season was still ongoing and expressed hope that more water would flow into Telangana from the Almatti and Narayanpur projects in upstream Karnataka. "We are already making efforts to speak with the Chief Minister of Karnataka regarding the release of water," Krishna Rao said.

On the Almatti issue, the Minister said the Congress government had approached the Supreme Court and that the stay order remained in effect. The legal battle was still continuing, he said. Stating that the Karnataka government was spending Rs 70,000 crore solely on land acquisition for the Almatti project, he assured that the Telangana government would not compromise on water allocations under any circumstances.

He claimed that water was released to the Nagarjunasagar Project solely for power generation. "Why would we ever want to harm the farmers?" he asked.

The Minister also blamed the previous BRS government for failing to construct additional reservoirs in Palamuru. He questioned why an additional reservoir was not constructed near Jurala to serve the 5.50 lakh acres under its ayacut. Countering the BRS charges, Krishna Rao said the Kalwakurthy lift irrigation motors were being operated regularly. They had stopped only for a few hours on a single day, he maintained.

Acknowledging that the State was facing difficulties due to El Nino, the Minister said the Telangana government had requested the Centre to provide an additional Rs 20,000 crore to tackle the drought.

Ambulance Way Turns Into Road-Rage Clash: Cab Driver, RTC Bus Driver Argue Near Parade Grounds

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A road-rage incident involving a cab driver and a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus driver near Parade Grounds, Secunderabad, reportedly led to a heated argument between the two drivers on Monday.

According to the video footage and the account available with Wakeup Telangana, the cab driver appears to have moved towards the left side of the road while attempting to give way to an ambulance. At the same time, the RTC bus reportedly moved forward, resulting in contact between the bus and the cab.

Following the incident, the two drivers were seen arguing on the road. The cab driver subsequently positioned the cab in front of the RTC bus and raised his voice while questioning the bus driver over the incident.

The RTC bus is reportedly associated with the Medchal Depot. The bus was travelling from the Secunderabad/Parade Grounds side towards Hayathnagar, reportedly via Alugaddabavi, Habsiguda and Uppal.

The incident highlights the need for drivers to exercise patience, caution and clear communication, particularly when emergency vehicles such as ambulances are seeking passage. Even a minor misunderstanding in congested city traffic can quickly escalate into a dispute and affect other road users.

There was no immediate confirmation available regarding injuries or further action by the authorities at the time of publication. The exact circumstances leading to the collision would require verification from the concerned drivers, transport officials and traffic police.

Give way to ambulances. Maintain safe distance. Avoid road rage. When an accident occurs, remain calm and allow traffic authorities to assess the situation.

Release Three Months' Pending Wages of School Sanitation Workers Immediately: CITU

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School sanitation workers employed in government schools have urged the authorities to immediately release their pending wages for the past three months.A delegation of school sanitation workers, under the leadership of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU), submitted a memorandum to the RDO AO, highlighting the problems being faced by sanitation workers due to delayed payment of wages.Speaking on the occasion, CITU District Assistant Secretary Mahipal said that sanitation workers were already working for meagre wages and were not being paid even the minimum wages.

Despite this, keeping their monthly salaries pending for three months was causing severe financial difficulties to the workers and their families, he said.CITU demanded that the authorities immediately release the pending three months' wages, ensure that salaries are credited directly into workers' bank accounts on the first day of every month, provide identity cards to the workers, and resolve their other long-pending issues.

HMWSSB intensifies inspections, imposes heavy penalties for water wastage

Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has decided to intensify surprise inspections and disconnect water connections of repeat offenders amid incidents of water wastage across Hyderabad.

First-time offenders will be fined Rs 1,000, with penalties rising to Rs 5,000, Rs 10,000 and up to Rs 20,000 for repeated violations. Repeat offenders also face disconnection of their water supply.

During water-supply hours on Monday morning, officials conducted surprise inspections in Jubilee Hills and identified five consumers unnecessarily wasting drinking water. Fines were imposed under the regulations.

At Saroornagar Circle, officials imposed a Rs 5,000 penalty in SK Nagar, Dilsukhnagar, after finding that a motor was being used illegally. In Alkapuri Yadavnagar, a consumer was fined Rs 1,000 for wasting drinking water while cleaning the floor.

HMWSSB urged consumers to use water judiciously and not waste a single drop, saying El Niño and deficient rainfall had left the Manjira and Singur reservoirs running dry amid continuously rising demand.

HMWSSB management also warned that negligent officials would face action and be held responsible.

Telangana faces rising heat, humidity and prolonged dry spells, study finds

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If you feel summers in Hyderabad are getting longer, stickier, and harder to tolerate, then you are not alone! A landmark multi-decadal study has revealed that Telangana and other States in the South Peninsular region are trapped in a cycle of simultaneous surge of rising heat and prolonged dry spells.

The research, titled 'Evolution of Climate Extremes Over the Indian Subcontinent Using a Revised CEI', published in the peer-reviewed International Journal of Climatology (July, 2026), says both the Telugu speaking States are facing rising heat-humidity stress alongside significant spikes in drought indicators and consecutive dry days.

Urban residents in Hyderabad and Warangal might relate to the study's spotlight on the Heat Index (HI), which calculates what the temperature actually feels like by factoring in relative humidity.

The study by scientists from the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (NCMRWF), said that unlike dry heat where sweating cools the body down efficiently, Hyderabad's microclimate has undergone a drastic transformation.

Rapid urban expansion, massive loss of green cover, shrinking urban water bodies, and continuous concrete sprawl have created a pronounced Urban Heat Island (UHI) effect, the study indicated.

Analyzing 52-year observational dataset from 1971 to 2022, the study finds in south Indian cities, high daytime temperatures are increasingly coupled with urban humidity, creating a suffocating microclimate. As a result of this phenomenon, the heat gets trapped well into the evening.

It pointed out across central and southern regions, weather extremes that appeared as scattered, occasional hot pockets back in the 1980s have changed into broad, continuous zones of heat stress by the 2010s.

While urban centres like Hyderabad and Warangal struggle with heat and humidity, districts are also experiencing the changing climate.Download Interactive Maps

The study findings show that South Peninsular India is drying out rapidly, registering statistically significant spikes in drought-related extremes.

Important study findings:

Weather extremes in South India shifted from scattered hotspots to continuous zones of stress

In TS and AP, the heat, humidity and drought indicators are increasing.

Heat and humidity in urban centres of Telangana are stretching into nights

The gap between between spells of rains are stretching for farming districts like Nalgonda, Khammam, Karimnagar and Adilabad

TS is witnessing prolonged dry spells followed by erratic intense downpours

Managing such climate risks needs focus on urban cool-roofs and rural water security

Due to prolonged dry spells, rural ground water tables and irrigation tanks are under pressure

Equipment stolen from TIMS Hospital, Sanathnagar

Burglars broke into the newly inaugurated Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences, Sanathnagar, and stole equipment on Saturday, September 19.

The burglary occurred on the fifth floor of the Academic Block, where the burglars broke into the materials storage room and stole expensive equipment.

Hospital staff lodged a complaint at the Borabanda police station. Police registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.

Speaking to MEDIA, the Borabanda police said, “A member of the contractor’s team stole equipment worth Rs 30,000 and has been arrested.” A burglary case was registered under Section 331 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

HMRL files police complaint over excavation near Secunderabad

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The Gopalapuram police have registered a case against a private agency following a formal complaint by Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) Executive Engineer K Shyam Mohan over excavation work carried out near Metro pillars C1192 and C1193 at the ISKCON temple premises in Secunderabad.

The development follows a report published on September 20 highlighting concerns over deep excavation being undertaken in the vicinity of the Metro infrastructure. HMRL subsequently approached the police, seeking action against those responsible for carrying out the work without prior permission.

According to the complaint, the Managing Partner of M/s Zreni Solution Ltd, B Ramana Reddy, allegedly undertook excavation work near the Metro pillars without obtaining the required permission or clearance from HMRL. The excavation was reportedly carried out before September 17, 2026, over an area of around 700 square feet and to a depth of approximately 1.8 metres.

HMRL alleged that the agency neither informed the Metro authorities in advance nor ensured adequate safety and protective measures while undertaking the excavation.

However, the Metro rail authority clarified that the complaint was not based on any allegation that the Metro pillars had suffered physical damage. HMRL said its technical assessment available at present did not indicate any adverse impact on the structural integrity of the main Metro pillars due to the excavation.

“The technical clarification presently available with HMRL does not indicate any adverse impact on the structural integrity of the main Metro pillars arising from the reported excavation,” the complaint stated.

Despite the absence of any reported structural damage, HMRL termed the unauthorised excavation a serious safety and control concern because of its proximity to Metro infrastructure. The authority issued a formal notice to the agency on September 19.

The Metro authority has now requested the police and other concerned authorities to initiate appropriate action against those responsible. It has also sought directions to the agency to immediately stop any further excavation or other unpermitted activity in the vicinity of the Metro infrastructure.

The case highlights the importance of obtaining necessary clearances before undertaking construction or excavation work close to operational Metro infrastructure, particularly around critical structural components such as pillars.

Krishank Questions Police Action, Says He Will Continue to Challenge Government

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BRS leader Krishank questioned the Telangana government’s handling of several issues in the state and alleged that cases were being filed against opposition leaders who raised questions about the government.He referred to allegations involving businesswoman Shobha Reddy and claimed that instead of conducting a proper investigation into the matter, the government was diverting attention by targeting BRS leaders who questioned it.Krishank also criticised the police action against him.

He said that on September 18, Manne Krishank’s arrest was rejected, questioning the basis for treating comments made on social media as an offence, particularly when they involved observations concerning a High Court judge.He alleged that CCS police entered his residence after breaking the gate lock and doors, and that officers argued with his wife and frightened his seven-year-old child during the operation.

Krishank said the incident caused distress to his family.He appeared at the Nampally police station at noon for questioning on Monday. According to Krishank, no questions were put to him until 6 pm, after which police issued another notice directing him to appear before the CCS on September 28.

Krishank said he would cooperate with the investigation but questioned the manner in which the government had treated him. He alleged that he had already been arrested twice, handcuffed and subjected to police action at his residence.He asserted that he would continue raising public issues and questioning the government on behalf of the people.

Outsourcing Union Again Complains Over Sumathi PF Dues

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Outsourcing employees’ union leaders have again complained to Hyderabad Water Board officials against Sumathi Corporate Services, alleging non-payment of Provident Fund (PF) contributions for two months in 2021.The union leaders met Director Khader and Chief General Manager Suresh and urged immediate action.

They said a similar complaint was submitted in August 2026, but the issue remained unresolved.Working President Santosh alleged that the agency had failed to respond despite repeated complaints. Union leader Kamalakar also raised concerns over the agency’s alleged negligence in supporting employees during workplace accidents.Working President Srinivas Reddy said delayed PF payments could affect employees’ records and future benefits. The union demanded an inquiry, recovery of dues and crediting of amounts to employees’ PF accounts.

Ayurveda Health Camps Promote Women’s Wellness

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The AYUSH Department and Government Ayurvedic Dispensary (GAD), Sadashivanagar, organised two health and awareness programmes as part of the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations, focusing on women’s health, nutrition, hydration and holistic wellness.

Held under the theme “Ayurveda for Healthier Tomorrow,” the programmes included a morning awareness session and an afternoon community outreach and medical camp.

The morning session focused particularly on the nutritional and healthcare needs of pregnant and lactating women. The Medical Officer, AYUSH Department, GAD Sadashivanagar, stressed that women often prioritise the health of their families while neglecting their own well-being.

Participants were advised to maintain adequate hydration, consume timely and nutritious meals and follow balanced lifestyle practices. Traditional Ayurvedic dietary principles were also explained, along with practical ways to incorporate suitable practices into daily routines.

The afternoon programme focused on preventive healthcare, holistic wellness and sustainable healthy living. A medical camp was subsequently conducted at GAD Sadashivanagar, where beneficiaries received healthcare guidance along with Ayurvedic medicines and oils based on their requirements.

The initiative highlighted the importance of self-care, preventive healthcare and informed lifestyle choices in building healthier individuals and communities.

BRS Meghana Questions Khairatabad Housing Allocations

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Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader from Khairatabad Thandra Meghana has reiterated her commitment to taking up public grievances and fighting for the rights of economically weaker sections. She said she would continue to participate in protests and raise her voice whenever welfare schemes meant for poor and deserving families are allegedly denied to eligible beneficiaries.

Meghana said her public service would extend from streets to police stations, depending on the nature of the grievance. She stressed that she would support citizens facing difficulties irrespective of their social or political background.

“If there is a protest concerning schemes intended for the poor, I will be there,” Meghana said, asserting that government welfare benefits should reach the people for whom they are intended.

She also questioned the allocation of double-bedroom houses constructed near the IMAX area during the previous BRS government headed by K. Chandrashekar Rao. Meghana alleged that irregularities took place in the distribution of the houses and accused local political rivals of favouritism.

She specifically alleged that houses intended for poor and eligible families were instead distributed to followers of Danam Nagender. The allegations are political claims and would require verification from official housing-allocation records and authorities.

Meghana said she would continue raising issues concerning public welfare and administrative accountability. Her remarks indicate that the dispute over housing allocations could become a significant local issue in Khairatabad, with the BRS leader calling for greater transparency in the distribution of welfare benefits.

Gandhi Hospital Patients Forced to Rest on Concrete Platforms

HYDERABAD
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A disturbing scene at Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad has highlighted concerns over patient accommodation and basic facilities at one of Telangana’s major government hospitals.

Patients were seen resting on bare concrete platforms outside the ward areas, with some appearing too weak to stand or sit for extended periods. Family members were seen accompanying them and providing support as they waited for medical attention or other hospital services.

The visuals from the hospital premises raise questions about the availability of adequate beds, waiting areas and resting facilities for patients and attendants. For people already dealing with illness, being compelled to lie on hard outdoor surfaces can add significantly to their discomfort.

Gandhi Hospital caters to a large number of patients from Hyderabad and surrounding districts, placing considerable pressure on its infrastructure and facilities. The situation underscores the need for sufficient inpatient capacity, proper waiting spaces and humane arrangements for patients who require immediate rest.

The ground reality also highlights the gap that can emerge between healthcare infrastructure claims and the experience of patients at public hospitals. Authorities may need to examine the availability of beds and resting facilities and take appropriate measures to ensure that sick patients are not left without basic comfort while seeking treatment.

Former Sarpanches Seek Clearance of Pending Bills at Sangareddy Collectorate



HYDERABAD
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A group of former sarpanches from Vatpally Mandal met the District Panchayat Officer (DPO) at the Sangareddy Collectorate on Monday and submitted a representation seeking the release of their pending bills.The former sarpanches requested the DPO to take necessary steps to clear the outstanding bills related to works carried out during their tenure.

They urged the authorities to look into the matter and facilitate the release of the pending amounts at the earliest.

The delegation said that the pending payments had become a concern for former village representatives and requested the district authorities to examine the issue and provide an early solution.

Raju Gari Biryani’s ₹69 Buzz: Madhapur Eatery Draws Attention

HYDERABAD
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Amid the busy tech corridor of Madhapur, Raju Gari Biryani in Ayyappa Society is attracting attention with its eye-catching branding and a biryani offer starting at just ₹69. Located along the 100-foot road, the eatery stands out with prominent red-and-black signage carrying the tagline “Flavours of the Royal Feast.” The ₹69 starting price has emerged as one of its biggest attractions, drawing curiosity among food lovers and budget-conscious customers.

The outlet features a casual open-air upper-floor dining area, while the interiors offer a more polished setting with decorative lighting and green velvet seating. Purple “Zeeba” branded T-shirts worn by staff add to the outlet’s distinctive visual identity.

A notice board at the premises alerts customers that menu prices may vary between dine-in and takeaway orders, encouraging them to check the applicable rates before ordering.

Another striking feature is the display of framed certificates near the entrance claiming 50,000 online orders and counting, highlighting the outlet’s growing online presence. With its combination of affordable pricing, distinctive presentation and growing customer reach, Raju Gari Biryani has become a talking point in Madhapur’s crowded food scene.

Jagadish Reddy Slams Congress Over Land Surveys, Says Focus on Farmers

HYDERABAD
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Former Telangana minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy has criticised Congress leaders over the ongoing surveys and inspections of properties allegedly linked to BRS leaders, including former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, former minister K.T. Rama Rao and former minister Harish Rao.

Jagadish Reddy said Congress MPs and MLAs had been visiting areas around Suryapet for the past few days and questioned the purpose and expenditure involved in the inspections. He alleged that government machinery and public money were being used unnecessarily for political purposes.

He claimed that the properties held by BRS leaders had already been disclosed in their election affidavits and questioned why repeated surveys were being conducted. “If there are any land-related issues, the Collector, RDO and Tahsildar can examine them. If there are criminal cases or disputes, the police can handle them,” he said.

Jagadish Reddy alleged that Congress leaders were creating a media spectacle instead of addressing public concerns. He said the BRS leaders would welcome officials if they visited their residences for legitimate inquiries and maintained that all their properties had been disclosed through the prescribed legal process.

He further accused the Congress government of using the land issue to divert public attention from farmers’ problems. According to him, farmers continue to face difficulties while the government focuses on political controversies.

Jagadish Reddy also alleged that BRS governments had protected government lands and criticised the Congress government over alleged irregularities connected with land records and Section 22-A properties. He said people were closely observing developments surrounding land administration.He urged the government to stop what he described as diversionary politics and concentrate on agriculture and development. Jagadish Reddy called for adequate water supply, uninterrupted electricity for farmers and protection of standing crops.“However many diversions are created in the media, the problems of farmers cannot be ignored. The government should focus on farmers and development instead of continuing political dramas,” he said

Disha Salian Case: Uddhav Threatens Legal Action Over 'Character Assassination'

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana

A day after Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray denied links with the Disha Salian death case, his father and party chief Uddhav Thackeray has threatened to take legal action if the 'character assassination' campaign targeting his family over the case continued.
Meanwhile, Disha's father Satish Salian has sent Rs 500 crore defamation notice to Aaditya and former Maharashtra Home Minister Anil Deshmukh from NCP (SP) for attempting to portray his 'fight for justice' as politically motivated.
The former Maharashtra chief minister said Disha's death was an unfortunate incident and reiterated that his family had no connec-

India-US Armies Conduct Joint Firing-Rappelling Drill in Uttarakhand

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Indian and US Army troops are undertaking intensive jungle warfare, indoor firing and mountain combat training as part of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 at Auli, Uttarakhand, strengthening interoperability and operational coordination between the two forces.US Army soldiers from the 11th Airborne Division and Indian Army personnel from the Garhwal Regiment are participating in integrated training focused on operating in difficult terrain.
The drills include movement through dense vegetation, small-unit tactics, simulated firing and mountain-warfare techniques.Operating in integrated squads, troops navigated challenging jungle terrain while engaging designated targets with simulation rounds. The exercises were designed to provide practical experience in coordinated movement, tactical communication and the application of common procedures during combat operations.
The contingents also trained at the recently operationalised indoor shooting range at the Foreign Training Node (FTN), Auli. During the session, soldiers gained hands-on firing experience with the indigenously manufactured AK-203 assault rifle, adding a weapons familiarisation component to the joint training programme.The training programme culminated in a joint rock-face rappelling exercise, with soldiers from both armies descending a steep rock surface under controlled conditions.
The drill focused on enhancing confidence, coordination and technical skills required for military operations in rugged and high-altitude environments.Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 is the 22nd edition of the India-US joint military exercise. It commenced on September 15 and is being conducted over two weeks at the Auli Foreign Training Node in Uttarakhand and the Mahajan Field Firing Range in Rajasthan.Around 600 personnel from each country are participating in the exercise. At the opening ceremony, Major General Amaresh Gunjan, General Officer Commanding, 14 Infantry Division, and Colonel Benjamin Jackman, Commander,
1st Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 11th Airborne Division, US Army, addressed the participating troops.According to the Ministry of Defence, the exercise is aimed at enhancing the joint military capabilities of the two armies for the employment of Integrated Battle Groups in mountainous and semi-mountainous terrain, with particular emphasis on infantry-led operations.The exercise also seeks to improve joint planning and execution, exchange operational best practices and strengthen interoperability through practical soldier-to-soldier training.Technology integration is another important feature of Yudh Abhyas 2026.

'Method to Disenfranchise Indians': Congress Brands SIR a 'Frankenstein Monster'

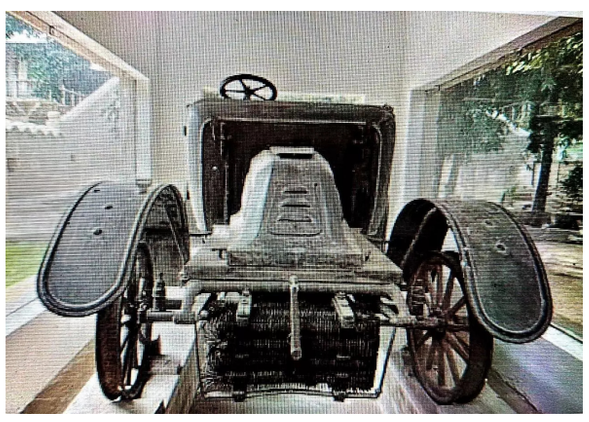
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The Election Commission's SIR exercise is a "Method Of Disenfranchising Indians" and has turned into a "Frankenstein monster", the Congress said on Monday amid outrage over 33.13 lakh notices being issued in the national capital over "discrepancies" in details in enumeration forms. Most notices were issued for voter details not matching with the information in the last Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in 2002.
While Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge put out a lengthy statement on X, terming the SIR flawed, party general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh also spoke out.
Responding to a critical post over the name of late economist Bibek Debroy appearing in the list of voters being issued notices for discrepancies, Ramesh said, "Actually at work here is a Method Of Disenfranchising Indians."
Ramesh posted the words "Method Of Disenfranchising Indians" vertically so the the first capital letter of every word together read -- "MODI". In his detailed statement on X, Kharge said, "The SIR is not just a tool used by the BJP for vote theft and dismantling democracy-it's a flawed process that has turned into a Frankenstein Monster, now trapping its own people!!"
What started as the SIR from Bihar has now knocked on Delhi's door, and perhaps now the powers-that-be realise why the Congress has been calling the entire process flawed from day one, Kharge said in his post in Hindi.
"Several prominent BJP leaders, including the BJP's most senior figure, Lal Krishna Advani ji, the current Foreign Minister, Delhi's Lieutenant Governor (LG), Rajya Sabha MP, former Union Minister, former Chief Minister, and others have now been served notices...," Kharge said. "In Bengal, among those whose names were deleted to prevent them from voting, 93 per cent of the decided cases so far have won their appeals, meaning 1,13,943 people will be reinstated in the voter list!" he said.

Scindia's 120-Year-Old Vintage Ford To Feature in Gwalior Museum

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The 120-year-old vintage Ford car of Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia 1 of the erstwhile Gwalior princely estate is set to be showcased after restoration to its original beauty in the famous 'Gwalior Municipal Corporation Museum' in Madhya Pradesh. The chamber in the Gwalior Museum where this 1904-05 vintage Ford car will be showcased is being renovated with decorated glass walls and modern architecture, officials said on Monday.
"The chamber in the museum where the car will be showcased is being transformed into a glass showcase with lighting arrangements to magnify the beauty of the vintage artefact", deputy nodal officer of the Gwalior Municipal Corporation, Pramesh Dutt Sharma said. Apart from the visitors to the museum, even the passersby will have a good view of the car from outside, he added. According to him, the car is around 120 years old and was used by Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia 1, both for family and official purposes.
After him, the car became part of the collection of vintage cars by his son, the new Maharaja Jivaji Rao Scindia, grandfather of Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia. The vintage piece was donated by the erstwhile Scindia family to the Gwalior Municipal Corporation as a heritage asset following formation of the Madhya Bharat state, the modern-day Madhya Pradesh. Imported from USA by the Gwalior royal family, the Ford engine and chassis of the car reached Bombay, now Mumbai, where the body for Maharaja Madhavrao Scindia 1's new Ford was designed and assembled at the famous A. Highland Garage at Bombay (now Mumbai), the authorized manufacture of the Ford company in India.
The assembled Ford car was then handed over to the Gwalior royal family. Although documentation regarding its specific manufacture is being compiled by the corporation, it is believed to be a 'B' series model from Ford's early lineup, officials said. The vintage car had been preserved in the museum for over seven decades. Specialized artisans have been roped in to build its body and do the necessary woodwork and paint it with classy colours to restore it to its original beauty.

SC Seeks CBI Response On Bail Plea Of Ex-CGPSC Secretary

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Supreme Court on Monday sought a response from the CBI on a plea filed by a former secretary of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission seeking bail in a case related to alleged irregularities in the recruitment process during 2020-2022.A bench of Justices Vikram Nath, Augustine George Masih and Sandeep Mehta was hearing the plea filed by Jeevan Kishor Dhruv, who challenged an August 5 order of the Chhattisgarh High Court denying him bail in the case.
The CBI arrested Dhruv, who was serving as the secretary of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (CGSC) when the alleged irregularities took place, in September last year. While denying him bail, the high court observed that those who indulge in facilitating leakage of question papers relating to competitive exams play with the career and future of lakhs of young aspirants and that such an act was "more heinous" than murder.

Maharashtra Won't Wait For Centre, Says Fadnavis On Drought Relief

MUMBAI
Wakeup telangana



Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday said the state government would not wait for Central assistance to help farmers facing distress due to inadequate rainfall. He said formal crop-loss assessments would be carried out after October 5 as required under the rules, following which the state would seek assistance from the Centre, but the state has already initiated drought relief measures.
The opposition has demanded immediate drought declarations and direct relief. Congress leader Harshwardhan Sapkal criticised the administration's reliance on protracted meetings while crops failed, demanding a complete farm loan waiver and compensation of Rs one lakh per hectare. Citing a visit to Buldhana district, Mr. Sapkal argued that current debt relief schemes are failing, noting one village where only three farmers received payouts — one as low as Rs 40,000.
However, Mr. Fadnavis claimed that the Cabinet has already deliberated on the crisis and proactive measures are actively underway across affected regions. "The state government never waits for assistance from the Central government and starts extending assistance from its own funds. The state cabinet had already discussed the situation and measures are being taken to address the crisis," he said. The CM clarified the distinction between implementing immediate relief and formally declaring a drought under National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) guidelines. Statutory crop-loss assessments will commence after October 5, after which Maharashtra will formally apply for Central aid.
Relief and Rehabilitation Minister Makarand Jadhav-Patil said the procedure for declaring drought was revised by the state Revenue and Forest Departments through a government resolution issued on October 7, 2017, and has been in force since the 2017 kharif season.

Last Rites Of Seven-Member Odisha Family Killed In MP Tragedy

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The last rites of seven members of a Bhubaneswar family who died after their vehicle was swept away by a rain-swollen stream in Madhya Pradesh were performed at Puri Swargadwar on Monday.
The deceased belonged to the family of Banamali Behera, a resident of Jayadev Vihar in Bhubaneswar. They included his son Siba Prasad Behera, two daughters, a son-in-law and three grandchildren. The family had travelled to Madhya Pradesh on a pilgrimage.
The tragedy occurred near the Maa Baglamukhi Temple at Nalkheda in Agar-Malwa district on Saturday when the vehicle carrying the family was swept away by a swollen stream following heavy rainfall. The taxi driver also died in the accident.
The mortal remains of the seven family members reached Bhubaneswar late on Sunday night in ambulances from Madhya Pradesh. Officials from Odisha and Madhya Pradesh coordinated the transportation and completion of the necessary formalities.
The bodies were taken to the family's residence at Jayadev Vihar, where relatives, neighbours and well-wishers gathered to pay their last respects.
The mortal remains were later taken to the family's ancestral house at Gadakana before being transported to Puri for cremation. A pall of gloom descended on the family residence as relatives mourned the loss of seven members in a single tragedy. The Odisha government made arrangements for bringing back the bodies and facilitating the last rites. Officials remained present during the transportation and cremation arrangements. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi announced an ex-gratia assistance of Rs 5 lakh each for the next of kin of the seven victims and directed officials to coordinate with the Madhya Pradesh government for the return of the mortal remains. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also expressed grief over the deaths and announced.

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Immigration Advisors..

"This applies at every stage: the labour condition application, the USCIS petition, the consular visa, and admission at the port of entry," he said.
He explained that if laid-off positions resemble the sponsored roles in duties, qualifications and location, agencies may treat the layoffs as weighing against the filing. "Similarly situated" is likely to be interpreted through the regulatory concept of "essentially equivalent" jobs, though layoffs in unrelated departments or locations may carry less weight. Consultant M. Dinesh said the order could gravely hurt H-1B employers. "If the employer had fired an American worker within one year for any reason, and is planning on hiring an international worker on an H-1B visa, the new order essentially bars them from doing so," he said, adding that the Department of Labour may reject many applications. He noted that Canada is actively calling for skilled workers and offering incentives, making it an attractive alternative if US restrictions continue.
"For companies that rely on foreign talent, the practical reality is heightened compliance risk and reduced predictability regardless of how litigation resolves. For workers, immigration outcomes now depend more heavily on employer decisions they do not control," Srinivas Reddy said. He added that both employers and workers will be watching three developments: the appellate ruling on the $100,000 fee, the final version of the DHS fee rule after the September 24 comment deadline, and agency guidance on how the layoff order will be applied.

Rain Likely As Low

On September 23 and 24, heavy to very heavy rain with extremely heavy falls is likely at isolated places over Coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam. Thunderstorms accompanied with lightning are likely at isolated places in coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam and Rayalaseema. Squally winds speed reaching 50-60 Kmph are likely at isolated places over coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam . Strong windspeed reaching 30-40 Kmph is likely at isolated places over Rayalaseema.
The same weather conditions will prevail on September 25 also, the IMD said. Private weather forecasting agency Skymet said the weather system does have the potential to shape itself into a cyclone before crossing the coast. More would be known after the system becomes a depression over the west-central Bay of Bengal.

Trump Administra.....

The actions were a clear escalation of Trump's long-running efforts -- in the courts and through administrative action -- to restrict news coverage by journalists he finds objectionable and were the latest test of First Amendment protections in the United States. Trump had said Friday he would ban all three outlets because of coverage he disliked.
White House reporters from the two cable networks -- Betsy Klein of CNN and Akayla Gardner of MS NOW -- went live to report they'd been turned away, their press badges deactivated, when arriving for their jobs at the White House. Soon after, Politico said its White
House reporter Cheyenne Haslett was also denied entry and had her badge confiscated.
All three news outlets had hinted at legal action, saying they would vigorously defend their First Amendment rights.
"Without notice or process, the White House revoked our journalists' credentials because it objected to our reporting," the outlets said in a joint statement posted on X.

Ram Temple Don.....

"Ninety days from the date of the first arrest are going to be over on September 25, so we will have to file the chargesheet, otherwise, they (the accused) will get default bail," Mehta said.
The top court also perused a detailed status report submitted by the SIT in a sealed cover. Under Section 167 (2)
of the CrPC, an accused becomes entitled to grant of statutory bail if the probe agency fails to file the chargesheet in the trial court within the stipulated period of either 60 or 90 days.
Section 187 of the new Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) replaces Section 167(2) of the erstwhile CrPC.

CRIME

HC Halts Beautification at Ameenpur Lake Over FTL Dispute

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana High Court on Monday put hold on the proposed beautification works at Ameenpur Pedda Cheruvu's full tank level (FTL) land, against the backdrop of a conflict over the extent of the land. The court also suspended a government order which claimed that the FTL and lake area was spread over 464.56 acres. It allowed the authorities to undertake restoration works only within the originally notified 93.15-acre FTL area.

Justice B. Vijaysen Reddy issued the orders after finding that the FTL limits were embroiled in a dispute. The judge directed that status quo be maintained over the disputed properties. He suspended the operation of GO Rt. No. 678 issued by the metropolitan area and urban development department on July 13, 2026, insofar as it related to Ameenpur Lake (FID-199). The GO was issued according to administrative sanction to undertake beautification and restoration of four lakes including the Pedda Cheruvu, in which the FTL area was shown as 464.56 acres.

The 'Memoirs of Pedda Cheruvu' showed the FTL at 93.15 acres. Relying on the document, the High Court in a batch of petitions filed in the years 2018 and 2019 issued orders to the same extent. With the present GO specifying a larger extent, the court suspended its operation with regard to the Pedda Cheruvu. Housing societies and individuals had approached the High Court challenging the FTL mentioned in the GO 678. During arguments, Additional Advocate-General Md. Imran Khan, appearing for the state, contended that the earlier order of the High Court had been challenged before a division bench and that no interim orders had been passed in those appeals. He produced Google Earth and Landsat images to contend that the lake spread was around 461 acres. The AAG argued that the 'Descriptive Memoirs' reflected the "shikam' (tank-bed) area and could not by themselves be treated as conclusive evidence for determining the FTL.

The High Court suo motu impleaded the HMDA as a respondent in the batch of writ petitions and adjourned the hearing to October 5. Police Move Telangana High Court Over Rejection of Remand for Two BRS MLCs The police on Monday approached the Telangana High Court challenging the rejection of remand of BRS MLCs Tata Madhusudhan and N. Naveen Kumar Reddy, who were arrested for allegedly making derogatory and demeaning remarks against Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar during the recent Assembly session.

Python Used in Dance Performance Rescued at Jawaharnagar

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Animal welfare activists said that they had rescued an Indian rock python which was allegedly being used during a dance performance at a Ganesh pandal at Jawaharnagar here. The Greater Hyderabad Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (GHSPCA) said carried out a rescue with assistance of the local police. The rescued python, which was found to have an infection affecting its oral cavity and teeth, was under veterinary observation and treatment.

According to the association, their team had been tracking a dance group from Visakhapatnam for the past five days following information regarding the alleged use of a live snake during its public performances. The alleged snake handler reportedly fled from the location before the GHSPCA team and police could apprehend him, it said. After receiving information about the group's presence again on September 20, the GHSPCA team reportedly apprehended the alleged snake handler and found an Indian rock python and a boiler chicken hen in his possession.

According to GHSPCA, the python was being openly used during the group's road performance, while the chicken was allegedly subjected to cruel treatment as part of the performance.

The team rescued both animals and urged the authorities concerned to take appropriate action in accordance with applicable wildlife-protection laws.

Hyderabad court sentences man to life imprisonment for 2020 SR Nagar murder

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A local court on Thursday sentenced a man identified as Raju Naik to life imprisonment and imposed a total fine of Rs 16,000 for the murder of P. Ramesh (50) in SR Nagar in 2020.

Ramesh had gone missing after leaving his Vikaspuri Colony home on February 1, 2020. Though a WhatsApp message was later sent from his phone, subsequent calls went unanswered and the phone was switched off.The SR Nagar lolice investigated

Woman Sentenced to Life for Murdering Husband

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

A woman has been sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering her husband in 2021. District SP D.V. Srinivasa Rao said the District Principal Court imposed life imprisonment and a fine of ₹6,000 on the accused in connection with the case registered at Manoharabad police station. Murali, a native of Parkibanda village, married Vijayalakshmi of Manoharabad 22 years ago. The couple had two children. Frequent disputes led to counselling sessions at the police station and mediation by village elders.

Murali broke his leg in a road accident 18 months ago and had been staying at home since, unable to work. Arguments between the couple increased. On the night of March 15, 2021, while Murali was asleep, Vijayalakshmi attacked him with a pestle, causing fatal injuries. Based on a complaint filed by family members, then SI Raju registered a case and initiated investigation. Police said meticulous investigation and strong evidence ensured conviction.

Two Killed After DU Student's Car Hits Workers on Dwarka Expressway

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

Two labourers were killed, while three others, including the driver of a speeding hatchback, were injured after the car went out of control and hit the workers near Shri Ram Chowk along the Dwarka Expressway early Thursday, police said.The accident occurred when the labourers were installing iron grilles to secure the divider near Shriram Chowk. After positioning the grille, two of them were tightening the screws while the other two stood holding it in place when they saw a white Chevrolet Beat approaching from Delhi direction and going out of control.

The car, allegedly driven by a 20-year-old Delhi University student, ploughed straight into the youths who were standing by the crash barrier, leaving two youths dead on the spot, police said. The other two workers leapt towards the green belt along the middle of the expressway to save their lives. The car then came to a halt after crashing into a wall.

HR Panel Takes Suo Motu Cognisance Of Rat-Bitten Body Incident

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Telangana Human Rights Commission has taken suo motu cognisance of reports that a body was bitten by rats at the mortuary of the Government Area Hospital in Wardhannapet. The Commission, headed by chairperson Dr Justice Shameem Akhtar, took note of a report published in Deccan Chronicle. As per the report, Gare Veeraiah, 58, a resident of Rayaparthy mandal, died in a road accident and his body was kept overnight at the Wardhannapet government hospital mortuary. The following day, rat bite marks were found around and above his eye.

The report also cited the absence of a freezer and cold-storage facility, power supply problems, poor sanitation, inadequate maintenance and resultant rat infestation at the mortuary. The deceased's family members and local representatives expressed their concern and demanded the installation of a freezer and improvement of sanitation and maintenance at the hospital and its premises. The Commission viewed the matter as being violative of a dignified and humane treatment of the deceased. It said appropriate action would be taken if the allegations were found to be true.

The Commission directed the Warangal district collector to submit a comprehensive report on the incident. The report should include details of the conditions in which the body was kept, availability of freezer or cold-storage and electricity facilities, sanitation and pest-control measures, circumstances that may have led to the alleged rat-bite marks, responsibility for mortuary maintenance, and steps taken or proposed to prevent similar incidents in future. The Commission has adjourned the case to October 27 for submission of the report.

EDITORIAL

BRICS MUST LOOK BEYOND DOLLAR DOMINANCE

HYDERABAD
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The US dollar has occupied the centre of the international monetary system for more than seven decades. The Bretton Woods Agreement of 1944 established the foundations of this dominance. Although the Bretton Woods system ended in 1971, the dollar retained its central role in international trade, investment and foreign-exchange markets.

Recent data underline both its strength and the beginnings of diversification. According to the IMF, the dollar accounted for 57.13 per cent of global official foreign-exchange reserves in the first quarter of 2026, compared with 20.03 per cent for the euro and 1.99 per cent for the Chinese renminbi.

The dollar's dominance is even more striking in currency markets. The Bank for International Settlements' latest triennial survey shows the dollar accounted for 89.2 per



cent of all foreign-exchange transactions in April 2025, while the euro accounted for 28.9 per cent and the renminbi 8.5 per cent.

Reducing Dollar Dependence

The dollar-based system has provided deep financial markets, liquidity, and convenience for international transactions. Its extensive network makes it difficult for any alternative currency to challenge its position quickly. Yet excessive dependence on a single currency creates risks, particularly for emerging economies. When a domestic currency depreciates, the domestic-currency burden of dollar-denominated debt rises. Changes in US interest rates can also affect capital flows, exchange rates, and borrowing costs in developing economies.

The Russia-Ukraine war and the financial sanctions that followed demonstrated another dimension of the issue: access to reserves and international payment systems can acquire geopolitical significance. This has strengthened the case for diversification.

A Practical BRICS Strategy

For BRICS, the approach is not to attempt an immediate replacement of the dollar. Instead, members can increase the use of national currencies, encourage local-currency lending and strengthen the role of the New Development Bank (NDB). This direction is already visible in recent BRICS discussions.

Local-currency lending can help achieve this objective. The aim should not be de-dollarisation but greater currency choice. India, Brazil and other BRICS members can expand trade settlement in national currencies where commercially feasible. The NDB can increase development lending in local currencies. The idea is not to replace one dominant currency with another, but to create a more diversified international monetary system.

A common BRICS currency is an attractive idea, but it would be extremely difficult to implement. It would require substantial coordination of inflation, interest rates, fiscal policies, exchange-rate regimes, financial regulation, and capital markets. BRICS economies differ considerably in economic structure, levels of development, monetary policy, and geopolitical interests.



Specta Unveils Krest Collection, Targets Hyderabad Luxury Homes

HYDERABAD
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Specta Quartz Surfaces, the luxury quartz brand of ARL Group, is strengthening its presence in Hyderabad, banking on the city's growing ultra-luxury housing market and rising purchasing power among technology and AI professionals.

Hyderabad has emerged as a major luxury residential market in South India, driven by high-value housing projects and increasing wealth creation through the city's technology ecosystem. According to figures cited by Specta, homes priced above ₹10 crore recorded transactions worth ₹8,562 crore in Hyderabad during FY26, making it South India's largest ultra-luxury residential market by transaction value. The figure was reportedly more than four times that of Bengaluru.

The company said the profile of Hyderabad's luxury homebuyer is also changing, with employees of global technology and semiconductor companies increasingly investing wealth generated through restricted stock units in premium residences.

Against this backdrop, Specta showcased its newly launched Krest Collection at Design Democracy 2026 in Hyderabad. The collection features nine nature-inspired shades in 12mm-thin, super-jumbo quartz slabs. Specta describes it as India's first super-jumbo, ultra-sleek 12mm quartz collection, designed for high-impact applications such as vertical stone installations and furniture.

Ankit Jain, Founder of Specta Quartz Surfaces, said Hyderabad was evolving beyond its technology-led growth story to become an important luxury consumption market. He added that four out of 10 upcoming luxury residential projects in Kokapet's emerging luxury corridor are opting for quartz, indicating growing demand for engineered surfaces in premium interiors.

Specta is expanding its engagement with Hyderabad's architects, interior designers, developers and homeowners through exhibitions, product showcases, partnerships and display centres. The company is also introducing new colours, textures and engineered surface technologies aimed at premium residential and commercial projects.With Hyderabad witnessing continued investment in infrastructure and luxury real estate, Specta expects demand for premium surfaces to grow further. The company said its focus will remain on materials that combine distinctive aesthetics, durability and performance for the evolving requirements of high-end Indian interiors.

Industry Experts Visit AI Centre of Excellence at CBIT

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



The MCA Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, hosted industry professionals for an interaction focused on emerging technologies, practical learning and student innovation.

Sri Karthik, Procurement & Operations Lead at Apachita Bioaggregators, and Santosh, Technical Director & Architect at Himansu IT Services, visited the Centre of Excellence and interacted with faculty members and interns.

As part of the visit, interns from M/s Sansai Digital Intelligence Pvt. Ltd. demonstrated recently developed software applications. The presentations highlighted the practical implementation of technology concepts and the project-based work being undertaken by the interns at the Centre.

The visiting industry professionals also interacted with the students and faculty, expressing interest in the activities and technology-oriented initiatives being carried out at the Centre of Excellence. The interaction provided a platform for exchanging ideas and sharing knowledge in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and other emerging technologies.

Dr. B. Indira, Head of the Department of MCA; Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, Coordinator of the Centre of Excellence; and Dr. M. Ram-Chander, Co-Coordinator of the Centre of Excellence, thanked Mr. Karthik and Mr. Santosh for visiting the Centre and encouraging the students and faculty.

The visit strengthened industry-academia interaction and encouraged students to gain practical exposure while developing technology-based solutions through the MCA Centre of Excellence at CBIT.

KL University Launches Agentic AI Campus with HCL GUVI

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KL Deemed to be University has partnered with HCL Group's HCL GUVI AI Labs to establish what the university describes as the "Nation's First Agentic AI Campus—Powered by HCL GUVI AI Labs, with AI-Powered Degrees." The collaboration was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the university's Vaddeswaram campus.

The MoU signing was attended by HCL Group representatives Deepak Saravanan, AVP and National Head–AI Lab, Sandeep, Regional Head, and Sumita, Operations Head. KL Deemed to be University Vice Chancellor Dr. G. Pardha Saradhi Varma, Registrar Prof. Indu Pavan Kumar Konduru, deans, senior officials and other guests also participated in the programme.

The initiative seeks to integrate Artificial Intelligence across degree programmes, curricula, laboratories, projects and other learning activities. Students from different disciplines will receive exposure to AI, Machine Learning, Generative AI, Large Language Models and emerging technologies.

A key objective is to enable students to move beyond using AI tools and learn to create autonomous and semi-autonomous AI agents capable of reasoning, planning tasks, accessing information, interacting with applications and databases, and executing AI-powered workflows.

KL Deemed to be University Chancellor Er. Koneru Satyanarayana said the collaboration would help students develop intelligent solutions and products for real-world challenges while combining technological skills with creativity, entrepreneurship and responsible AI practices.

According to Dr. Srinath, Dean–Student Skilling and Progression, students will receive practical training in prompt engineering, Retrieval-Augmented Generation, multimodal AI, intelligent chatbots, AI copilots, enterprise assistants and workflow automation.

The programme will also strengthen programming, cloud computing, databases, DevOps, cybersecurity and full-stack development skills.

Students will work on projects across sectors including healthcare, agriculture, education, manufacturing, finance, retail and smart cities. Hackathons, innovation challenges and industry-led projects will further support hands-on learning and product development.

Hamleys Opens Flagship Jubilee Hills Store



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Hamleys has opened its flagship store in Hyderabad's Jubilee Hills, marking its 10th outlet in the city. Spread across 10,000 sq. ft. and three storeys, the new destination offers more than 10,000 toys, games and gifting options for children, families and toy enthusiasts.

The store features Hamleys' iconic characters, including the Toy Soldier, Male and Female Pirates, Englishman, Ragdoll, Hamley and Hattie, creating an immersive atmosphere centred on play and discovery. A dedicated play area is also scheduled to open in November.

The flagship was officially celebrated with an exclusive Grand Opening on September 18, attended by customers, influencers, creators, media representatives and invited guests. The event featured appearances by My Little Pony, PJ Masks and the Hamleys family, along with DIY activities, food and beverage experiences, and interactive engage-

IB Manthan 2026 Brings Together 200+ Educators in Hyderabad



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More than 200 school leaders and educators from across India's International Baccalaureate (IB) community gathered at the Aga Khan Academy Hyderabad for IB Manthan 2026, a one-day forum focused on shaping the future of education.Held under the theme "Learning Beyond Boundaries: Education for an Interconnected World," the forum explored student agency, assessment, inclusion, leadership and learning in a rapidly changing world.The event began with the traditional lighting of the lamp and a student cultural performance. Dr Ashish Trivedi, Head of South Asia and Japan at the International Baccalaureate, delivered the welcome address, while Dr Jonathan Long, Head of Academy, welcomed participants.IB Director General Olli-Pekka Heinonen highlighted the growing relevance of IB education in India, emphasising academic rigour, inquiry, critical thinking, adaptability and global engagement.Breakout sessions examined how students can take greater ownership of learning and how assessment can capture changes in thinking and conceptual understanding. Afternoon panel discussions on "Learner Perspectives" and "Leadership and Implementation" brought together educators, IB graduates and educational leaders.The forum concluded with participants reflecting on practical strategies and building professional connections across the IB community. The term "Manthan," meaning deep reflection or churning, reflected the event's focus on questioning existing approaches and converting shared learning into meaningful action.

Teenage Brothers Launch Authentic Brazilian Acai Brand in Hyderabad

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Two teenage entrepreneurs have launched Acai Stations, a B2B foodservice brand bringing authentic, wild-harvested Brazilian Acai to India's growing wellness, HORECA and quick-service restaurant sectors.

Founded by 18-year-old Melbourne-based nutrition science student Satya Dheer Bisam and his 17-year-old Hyderabad-based brother Surya Karthik Puligilla, the venture was unveiled at an exclusive tasting event at Tourism Plaza, Begumpet.

The brand sources Acai from Belém, Pará, Brazil, and aims to provide Indian food businesses with convenient alternatives to powdered Acai products. The launch event was attended by Chikoti Praveen, Dr. Usha Yanamandra, Dr. Poornima Durga and Dr. S. Chinna Reddy, besides representatives from the food, lifestyle, medical and media sectors.

Satya Dheer Bisam said the idea emerged from the popularity of Acai cafés in Australia and the growing demand in India for convenient and health-oriented food options.

The company currently offers two formats — Machine-Ready Liquid Acai, designed for commercial soft-serve and dispenser machines, and Ready-to-Go Acai Sorbet, made using wild-harvested Euterpe oleracea pulp that is blast-frozen and single-blended at origin.

The sorbet is stored at -18°C and comes in 500-gram tubs, with each tub providing approximately seven 70-gram servings. The product is dairy-free, contains no artificial colours and is designed to minimise preparation requirements for foodservice operators.

Acai Stations is targeting cafés, juice bars, hotels, gelaterias, dessert outlets and restaurants. The company currently serves around 35 B2B customers and plans to expand to nearly 200 accounts across India within the next 24 months.

The launch featured live tastings of Acai bowls served with granola, honey, coconut and seasonal berries. The founders said the venture aims to establish a stronger ecosystem for authentic Brazilian Acai in India by combining its Amazonian origins with formats suited to modern food businesses.

MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy Joins Ganesh Celebrations



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Ganesh Navratri celebrations were held with devotion at Indira Nagar in Ramanthapur under the auspices of the Vayuputra Youth Association.

Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended the celebrations, offered special prayers to Lord Ganesha and participated in the Maha Harathi. He wished for the blessings of Lord Ganesha to bring happiness, good health and prosperity to the people. He also expressed hopes for the continued development of Indira Nagar and peace and prosperity among local residents.

Members of the Vayuputra Youth Association later felicitated the MLA with a shawl. Devotional songs and spiritual programmes followed the puja, creating a festive atmosphere.

Local residents appreciated the youth association for organising the celebrations collectively. Several local leaders and residents, including Gandham Nageswara Rao, Pasula Prabhakar Reddy, Kareem Khan, Sameer, Suram Shankar, Chand Pasha and others, participated in the programme.

Miss Universe 2026: Kaziah Liz Mejo All Set to Bring the Crown Home



Kaziah Liz Mejo, who was crowned Miss Universe India 2026 last month, is now preparing to represent India at the global Miss Universe competition, with the 19-year-old expressing confidence and hope of bringing the country its fourth Miss Universe crown.Kaziah, who hails from Mavelikkara in Alappuzha district of Kerala, won the national title at the grand finale held in Jaipur on August 23. She emerged victorious from a field of 51 contestants representing different parts of the country.Speaking about her journey and preparations for the international competition, Kaziah expressed gratitude to her supporters, trainers, organisation and people across Kerala and India. She described the opportunity to represent the country as deeply meaningful and personal.“I’m so grateful to India, to Kerala, and to my organisation, my supporters, and my trainers. This is so special to my heart. We are so prepared to bring the fourth crown of Miss Universe back to India,” she said, according to ANI.Kaziah also recalled her meeting with the Kerala Chief Minister after winning the Miss Universe Kerala title. She said the Chief Minister had encouraged her and expressed faith in her abilities even before she competed in the national pageant.“I met him a few months ago when I won Miss Universe Kerala and was going to represent the state at Miss Universe India, hoping to bring the first crown back. Even when I met him then, he had so much support, so much faith in me, and he told me all the best,” she recalled.A law student and model, Kaziah has already gained international pageant experience. She represented India at Miss Teen International 2025, where she finished as the first runner-up. She subsequently won the Miss Universe Kerala title before securing the national crown.Her victory at the age of 19 marks another significant milestone in her pageant journey. With the Miss Universe India title, she now has the opportunity to represent India on one of the world’s biggest beauty-pageant platforms.For Kaziah, the upcoming global competition is not merely an individual achievement but an opportunity to represent Kerala and India on the international stage. As preparations continue, she has said she is excited about the challenge and determined to give her best in the competition.India has previously won the Miss Universe title three times, with Sushmita Sen (1994), Lara Dutta (2000) and Harnaaz Sandhu (2021) bringing the crown home. Kaziah now hopes to add another chapter to India’s Miss Universe history.

Bengaluru Court Orders Action Against Targeted Posts on Nani’s The Paradise

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A Bengaluru civil court has issued an interim order protecting actor Nani and his upcoming film "The Paradise" ahead of its worldwide theatrical release on September 24. The court has directed social media platforms, including X Corp, and other online entities to refrain from hosting, sharing, or disseminating targeted derogatory content against the film, as per a report by Bar and Bench.
The legal action began when the movie production company Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Cinemas LLP approached the court. They pointed out that ever since the official trailer was released on August 6 a wave of coordinated false and hateful posts started popping up across various social media platforms.
The producers argued that this was not normal audience feedback but a deliberate attempt to ruin the film reputation and hurt its box office collections. Recognizing the extreme urgency of the situation the Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge agreed with the producers. The judge noted that the submitted documents clearly showed the online material went far beyond standard artistic evaluation or fair criticism.
Instead it looked like a targeted effort to diminish the commercial value of the production. Waiting too long to act the court noted would cause irreversible financial and reputational damage to the makers. Because of this the court granted an interim injunction ordering the removal of the specific harmful URLs and links highlighted by the producers. However to ensure fairness the judge made an important clarification: the court order strictly applies only to the malicious coordinated posts listed in the case.
The report further mentioned that, It does not stop everyday people fans or critics from posting genuine reviews honest opinions or fair critiques about the movie. The court also instructed the film producers to hand over all the official lawsuit papers to the defendants within 24 hours warning that failing to follow these rules could cause the injunction to be canceled. The legal battle is far from over and the court has scheduled the next hearing for October 28 to review the case further.

11-Year-Old Mir Najamuddin Azam Crowned Champion Rider 2026

HYDERABAD
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Waheed uddin



Eleven-year-old equestrian prodigy Mir Najamuddin Azam emerged as the Champion Rider 2026 at the Telangana Show Jumping Championship held at Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy in Hyderabad.
Azam delivered a series of impressive performances across the championship, showcasing skill, confidence and composure well beyond his years. Representing Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy, he secured top honours in multiple categories and emerged as one of the standout performers of the ten-day equestrian event. The championship brought together around 450 participants and featured three major events at a single venue, with 118 medals awarded across different categories. Riders, coaches, horses, equestrian academies and families from across the country participated in the competitions.
Azam claimed first place in the 105–110 cm Show Jumping Under-14 category, riding Rikotta. He also secured first place in the 60 cm Show Jumping Under-14 category with Sana. Continuing his winning run, he finished first in the 60 cm Show Jumping Open category, again partnering with Sana.
His performances highlighted his growing expertise in show jumping and his strong partnership with his horses. At just 11, Azam’s achievements reflect the emerging talent among India’s young equestrian riders.
In the 105–110 cm Under-14 event, Suryaram Varma riding Happiness of Archi Horse Riding Academy finished second, while Aizah Mir on Quibelee of Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy secured third place.
In the 60 cm Under-14 category, Aayan Verma on Western Style of Covia Stable finished second, followed by Dhruva Potineni on Grace and Jeevitesh on Tyson.
The 60 cm Open category saw Prabhanoor Singh Madan on Monte Carlos finish second, followed by Chandra Shekhar on Eagle Eye, Jeevitesh on Tyson, and Korra Ganesh on Astro.
The successful championship highlighted the growing popularity and competitive standards of equestrian sport in Telangana. The hosting of three events at Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy also underlined the academy’s efforts to provide a professional platform for riders and nurture the next generation of equestrian talent.
The championship concluded by celebrating sporting excellence, horsemanship and the promising future of Indian show jumping, with young champion Mir Najamuddin Azam emerging as one of its brightest highlights.

Asian Games 2026: India’s Women’s Kabaddi Team Begin Campaign With Win Over Bangladesh

NEW DELHI
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India began their campaign to defend the women’s kabaddi title at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with a commanding 42-21 victory over Bangladesh in their opening Group A fixture at the Tokai Citizens Gymnasium on Monday.The Indian team produced a disciplined and composed performance, combining strong defensive organisation with sustained attacking pressure.
Sanju Devi emerged as one of the key contributors in attack, repeatedly finding successful raids as India maintained control for much of the contest.India made an assertive start and quickly established their authority on the mat. Their defence made it difficult for Bangladesh’s raiders to reach the bonus line, while India’s raiders consistently collected points. Bangladesh captain Sraboni Mollick managed to keep her team on the scoreboard, but India’s defensive structure restricted Bangladesh’s opportunities to build momentum.Manisha Kumari was particularly effective from the left cover position, helping India contain Bangladesh’s attacking moves. At the other end, Sonali Shingate and captain Pushpa Rana contributed important points as India steadily increased their advantage.
India eventually inflicted an All-Out on Bangladesh and went into the half-time break with a comfortable 21-10 lead.The Indian side maintained the same intensity after the restart. Sanju Devi and Pooja produced quick hand touches, while India’s defence continued to operate with a high line, putting sustained pressure on Bangladesh’s raiders.India’s approach once again paid dividends as they secured another All-Out, further extending their advantage.
Sanju Devi continued to play a crucial role in attack, successfully completing raids and keeping the Indian scoreboard moving.Bangladesh, however, showed determination during a brief period of resurgence. Sraboni Mollick and her fellow raiders managed to string together consecutive points, while Bangladesh’s defenders also succeeded in slowing India’s attacking momentum.With approximately five minutes remaining, Bangladesh had reduced the deficit and threatened to make the closing stages more competitive. India responded strongly at the crucial moment. Sanju Devi produced a series of successful raids, restoring a substantial advantage and allowing the defending champions to close out the match comfortably.India finished with 42 points, including 11 bonus points and four points from All-Outs. Bangladesh recorded 21 points, with five bonus points and one Super Tackle point.
The victory provides India with a positive opening to their campaign as they begin their pursuit of another Asian Games women’s kabaddi gold medal. The Indian team will now turn its attention to a significantly challenging Group A encounter against Iran.India are scheduled to face Iran at 8:30 am on September 23, with the match expected to provide a stronger test of the defending champions’ defensive organisation and attacking consistency.With a convincing opening victory already secured, India will look to carry the confidence and intensity displayed against Bangladesh into their next group-stage fixture as they continue their title defence at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games.

Tension at Tank Bund as Ganesh Utsav Samithi protests barricading

Tension prevailed at Tank Bund after Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi members protested barricading and attempted to remove iron structures installed by GHMC and police. The protesters demanded that devotees be allowed to immerse Ganesh idols at Tank Bund.

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Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Samithi representatives on Monday staged a protest against restrictions on the immersion of Ganesh idols at Tank Bund in Hyderabad.

In an act of defiance, they removed barricades erected by authorities to prevent immersion of idols into Hussain Sagar Lake from Tank Bund.

Wearing saffron caps and scarves and raising slogans, the protestors sat on the road, disrupting the movement of vehicles on the busy road which connects the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

The protest triggered tension in the area in the heart of the Telangana capital. The protestors removed the barricades in the presence of scores of



police personnel. They also threw a few railings into the lake.

Police later detained the protestors and shifted them to police stations.

Like the last few years, the Ganesh Utsav Samithi is protesting against the decision to prohibit Ganesh idol immersion at Tank Bund on the ground that it remains a traditional immersion point.

Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and police have put up flex boards on Tank Bund saying immersion from the stretch is not permitted.

Devotees have been advised to use only designated points for idol immersion. The authorities have installed cranes at People's Plaza, Necklace Road and NTR Marg to immerse the idols.

Authorities have also announced that only clay and other eco-friendly idols will be permitted to be immersed from the designated points.

Citing the High Court orders, they said Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols should be immersed in artificial 'baby ponds' created at various places in the twin cities.

In 2021, the Telangana High Court prohibited direct immersion of PoP idols in Hussain Sagar and other lakes in and around the city on environmental grounds. It directed authorities to provide artificial ponds as an alternative.

The court also restricted immersion from Tank Bund, a 2.2 km long road that connects the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The stretch is a popular spot for tourists on the banks of the picturesque lake.

However, following the protest by Ganesh Utsav Samithi, authorities permitted immersion at Tank Bund on the final day of festivities by arranging cranes.

The festivities, which began on September 14, will conclude with a massive immersion procession on September 25. Idols from various parts of the twin cities and outskirts are brought to the lake for immersion.

Meanwhile, BJP has extended its support to the Ganesh Utsav Committee, demanding lifting of restrictions on immersion of idols at Tank Bund.

Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao stated that for decades, the immersion of Ganesh idols has been taking place at Tank Bund.

Uttam sets deadline for Rs 813-crore payout to farmers

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Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday, September 21, asked district collectors to disburse Rs 813 crore to farmers affected by land acquisition.

The irrigation officials were also asked to ensure that funds already released for land acquisition and Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) reach affected farmers on a war footing, warning that money should not remain parked in government accounts while irrigation projects are held up.

Reviewing the progress of land acquisition and compensation disbursal with the District Collectors through a video conference, Reddy expressed concern that about Rs 813 crore was still pending for disbursement in the accounts of District Collectors, Revenue Divisional Officers, and Special Dep-



uty Collectors.

Officials informed Reddy that since April 1, tokens worth about Rs 3,101 crore had been submitted and around Rs 2,504 crore had been released towards land acquisition and R&R. Of the amount currently pending at the district level, about Rs 502 crore was with Land Acquisition Officers and another Rs 311 crore with Collectors.

Reddy said the accumulation of funds without them reaching land losers was a matter of concern. He asked the Collectors to personally intervene and speed up negotiations to facilitate awards and payments.

"If the money has been released, it must reach the land-losing farmers. If for any genuine reason it cannot be disbursed, explain the reason and return the money instead of keeping it idle," he said.

The irrigation minister recalled that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had committed Rs 6,000 crore during 2026 for land acquisition, R&R and forest-related requirements of irrigation projects with a view to ensuring quick completion of the irrigation projects. He said these funds were being arranged outside the regular irrigation budget so that a lack of money would not delay priority projects.

He made it clear that tokens should be raised only after awards were passed and cases were actually ready for payment. At the same time, he stressed that acquisition must follow a humane and reasonable approach towards farmers. "The government does not want to be unfair to farmers while taking away their land.

Bandlaguda RTO constable suspended after cash-counting video goes viral

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The Transport Department has suspended a constable at the Bandlaguda Regional Transport Office (RTO) after a video purportedly showing him counting cash inside the office went viral on social media.

Transport Commissioner K Ilambarithi ordered a detailed inquiry into the incident. Constable Arun was suspended pending the probe.The department also removed Bandlaguda RTO Ram Chander and Motor Vehicle Inspector Bhim Singh from their responsibilities and attached them to the Transport Department headquarters.

The action followed the widespread circulation of the video and media reports.

Officials said the inquiry would establish the circumstances under which the cash was being counted and determine whether any departmental rules or procedures were violated.

The department is also examining allegations regarding the presence and functioning of agents on the RTO premises.

Transport Department officials have been directed not to allow agents to operate from or enter RTO offices, with strict action warned against officials found violating the instructions.

The comprehensive inquiry will examine the viral video, supervision at the Bandlaguda RTO and allegations concerning agents. Further action will be taken based on the findings.

'Harassed by CM aide': Woman entrepreneur seeks Revanth help

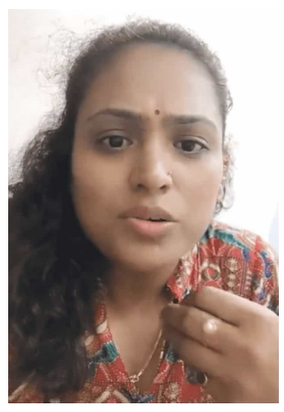
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Claiming that she was harassed while trying to avail opportunities in outdoor advertising, a woman entrepreneur here has turned to the Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, for an appointment.

In a couple of social media posts on Sunday, September 20, Shobha Reddy, the proprietor of Mithuna Ads, said, "For the past three years, I have been seeking only a lawful and fair opportunity to work in the outdoor advertising sector. Recently, I submitted revenue-sharing proposals seeking a temporary opportunity until regular tenders are called."

Elaborating on the alleged harassment, Reddy said she approached a close aide of the CM and "was directly asked to come to a guest house to discuss my matter."

Adding that she did not wish to name anyone, she said, "As a woman entrepreneur seeking a lawful business opportunity, I strongly believe that such matters should be handled only through proper, transparent and dignified channels. I am not asking for any special favour, only a lawful opportunity, equal treatment and dig-



nity."

The entrepreneur has since appealed to people not to link her complaint to political parties or circulate names based on speculation.

In a subsequent video, she said she had approached politicians, ministers, MLAs, and MPs for help, but each time, she was told the matter pertained to the Chief Minister.

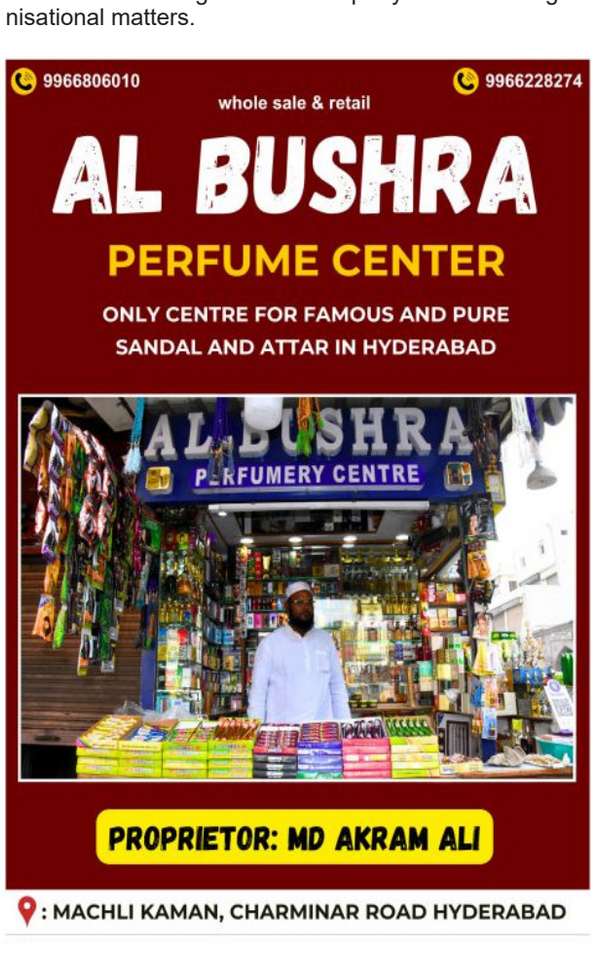
"I am not party-affiliated. I am a woman running an advertising agency," she said, adding that she had approached various gov ernment offices.

She alleged she was abused and threatened after raising concerns over illegal advertising boards and approaching the Lokayukta.

The entrepreneur has urged the chief minister to hear her grievances directly and help.Reacting to her posts, BRS leader Vishnuvardhan Reddy said on Monday, "…Yesterday, a woman entrepreneur levelled some serious allegations against a person who happens to be a very close aide of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, someone from within the Chief Minister's inner circle, regarding how that person allegedly asked for undue favours to discuss an official matter."Speaking to ANI, he said, "Chief Minister Revanth Reddy cannot choose to remain a mute spectator over these sorts of serious allegations being levelled against a person who happens to be his close aid.



Chijirintha Parijatha Narasimha Reddy, DCC President, Rangareddy District; Mohd. Mukarram Ahmed, DCC Vice President; and Mohd. Sameer Khan, DCC General Secretary, Rangareddy District, during a warm interaction and exchange of views on party affairs and organisational matters.



Ganesh immersion: Cyberabad police puts traffic curbs in place

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In view of the immersion of Ganesh idols till September 26, the Cyberabad police has introduced traffic restrictions to ensure free flow of traffic in and around the immersion locations.

The IDL Tank Road will be closed to all vehicles except Ganesh procession vehicles from the IDL Entrance to Rainbow Vista. The traffic coming from Kukatpally Y Junction towards Madhapur via IDL Tank Road will be diverted at the IDL Tank Entrance towards JNTU to Forum Mall, to Hitech City, and then to Madhapur.

Likewise, the traffic coming from Hitech City, Madhapur or Hafeezpet towards Kukatpally Y Junction will be diverted via the Lucky Restaurant signal, 4th phase KPHB, Road No. 1, Remedy Hospital U-turn, and then to Kukatpally Y Junction.

The Road Srinivasa Steel to Three Monkey Junction will be closed to general traffic. So, traffic coming from Gandimaisamma and Pragathi Nagar towards JNTU will be diverted at Pragathi Nagar via Nizampet Village, 191 Sy No. Colony Road, and Nizampet Road to JNTU.

Dalit Christians Demand SC Status at Satyagraha in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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A Satyagraha demanding Scheduled Caste (SC) status for Dalit Christians was held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue at Tank Bund, with Secunderabad SC Cell leaders extending solidarity to the protest.

The programme was organised under the leadership of DCC president Deepak John. Secunderabad Assembly Coordinator G. Swaroop led SC Cell presidents, leaders, youth and party workers who participated in large numbers and expressed support for the demand.

Addressing the gathering, Swaroop said that religious conversion does not automatically end social discrimination and demanded that Dalit Christians also be provided SC status. He called for justice, equality and dignity for the community and urged the Centre to take immediate action.



Deepak John said the Telangana government, under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, had already passed a resolution seeking inclusion of Dalit Christians in the SC list and forwarded it to the Centre. He said the agitation would continue until the demand is addressed.

Leaders also announced plans for meetings, protests and awareness programmes across Telangana, including large-scale programmes on Constitution Day. Retired DG Baburao, Rev. Rajeswar Rao, Rev. Purushotham Rao, Rev. Jonathan, Naveen, Israel, Banerjee, Rajesh, Prasanna, Susan, Pandu and several pastors and Christian minority representatives participated.

TGPSC: Major syllabus changes to be notified a year in advance

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The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) on Monday, September 21, announced that it would notify of any major exam syllabus changes a year in advance, leaving the aspirants with a year of preparation time.

The Commission also clarified that it has not constituted any committee to revise the syllabus at present.

The clarification came after the Commission received several representations and enquiries from aspirants regarding a possible revision of the syllabus for various recruitments.

In a notice, the Commission made it clear that no Syllabus Committee has been constituted to make such revisions.

However, the aspirants will have enough time to understand the revised syllabus and modify their preparation strategy if significant changes are brought in.

According to the Commission, minor changes will be incorporated in the syllabus issued along with the respective recruitment notification.

Jampana Pratap Performs Ganesh Pooja at Bowenpally Mandapam

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Former Secunderabad Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap participated in the ongoing Ganesh Navratri celebrations at the Vinayaka Mandapam near the New Bowenpally Check Post Lorry Adda on Monday.

Pratap attended the programme as the chief guest



and performed special poojas to Lord Ganesha amid devotional fervour. He offered prayers seeking peace, prosperity and well-being for residents of Bowenpally and surrounding areas.

Following the religious rituals, members of the New Bowenpally Check Post Lorry Adda Association felicitated Jampana Pratap as a mark of respect. Association representatives, including Rajireddy, presented him with a traditional shawl and offered theertha prasadams.

A large number of association members, devotees and local residents participated in the celebrations. The mandapam witnessed a festive atmosphere as devotees gathered to offer prayers and seek the blessings of Lord Ganesha.

The organisers said the special pooja was conducted as part of the community's annual Ganesh Navratri celebrations and highlighted the importance of maintaining harmony, devotion and community participation during the festivities.

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