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WEATHER

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

He Complained About Casteism, Harassment: IIT Bombay Student's Parents

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IIT Bombay student Sahil Wakode's parents on Tuesday claimed that he had told them that he was facing casteist slurs and humiliation at the institute. Speaking to the media after visiting the Mumbai Police Crime Branch office, they demanded a thorough examination of all evidence and action against those found responsible for their son's alleged suicide. "I have full faith in the Crime Branch and request that the investigation into my son Sahil's death be

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Iranian Delegation Walks Out as Trump Threatens Tehran at UN

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As US President Donald Trump began to describe the last six months of on-and-off military strikes against Iran, the delegation of Iranians at the UN General Assembly began to walk out, with only one person remaining seated. Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian and Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi are in New York for the annual meeting but didn't arrive in the General Assembly hall for Trump's speech.

Fast-Track Aid For SC, ST Victims, Says CM Revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday directed officials to release compensation to victims of sexual assault belonging to the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities through a special "green channel" mechanism. He said the government must respond to such cases on humanitarian grounds and ensure that financial assistance reaches victims without delay. The Chief Minister gave the directions at a meeting of the state-level vigilance and monitoring committee on the implementation of the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
This was stated to be perhaps the first such meeting since the formation of Telangana state in 2014. The last meeting was conducted in combined Andha Pradesh in 2013.
The meeting reviewed the implementation of the SC/ST (POA) Act, cases registered, progress of investigations, trial proceedings, disposal of cases and the assistance and rehabilitation extended to victims so far. Revanth Reddy instructed officials, including Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju and DGP C.V. Anand, to ensure that victims, particularly those subjected to sexual assault, were provided timely support and compensation.
The Chief Minister said the government was dealing with incidents of sexual assault involving members of the SC and ST communities with a humanitarian approach. He also highlighted various welfare and development programmes being implemented for the socio-economic uplift of Dalits and tribal communities, including the provision of fine rice and nutritious food. Revanth Reddy stressed that education was the key to transforming the lives of marginalised communities and said their problems could not be permanently addressed unless they had access to quality education. He appealed to SC and ST communities to encourage their children to pursue education as well as sports. Revanth Reddy said the government was drawing inspiration from the vision of former prime minister Indira Gandhi and was allocating benefits in proportion to population demographics.
He said SCs accounted for 31 per cent of the beneficiaries of Indiramma houses, while 17 per cent of the houses sanctioned under the scheme had gone to ST beneficiaries. He said the government was also providing breakfast to 27.5 lakh students across Telangana, covering children from nursery to Class XII, as part of its efforts to improve nutrition and support education.
Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, government adviser Shabbir Ali, MPs Mallu Ravi, Balaram Naik and Dr Kadiyam Kavya, and MLAs Thota Laxmikantha Rao, Medipalli Satyam, Kavvampalli Satyanarayana, Vemula Veeresham, Mandula Samuel, Matta Ragamayi, Vedma Bojju and Murali Naik attended the meeting as also MLC Gorati Venkanna and chairpersons and members of the SC and ST Commissions.

Trump Threatens to "Annihilate" Iran in Fiery UN Speech

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US President Donald Trump said Tuesday he has to decide whether to make a deal with Iran or "annihilate" the country, in a bombastic speech to the United Nations that appeared tailored to war-weary American voters. The 80-year-old president's threat came amid repeated boasts that under him the United States is successfully confronting its adversaries and reshaping the world order to its own advantage.
"While others have spoken of peace, I have made peace. While others have ignored threats, I have confronted them," Trump told the room full of world leaders at the UN General Assembly in New York. Despite claiming credit as a peacemaker, Trump delivered a jarring warning as he sought to justify the nearly seven-month war against Iran, which he said was launched to stop Tehran acquiring nuclear weapons.

MEA Affirms India's Push for Constructive, Forward-Looking Ties with Bangladesh

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India desires positive, constructive and forward-looking ties with Bangladesh, and New Delhi is ready to discuss with Dhaka all bilateral issues within the existing structured mechanisms, the Ministry of External Affairs said on Tuesday. The comment by MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal came during his bi-weekly briefing on multiple queries related to the current state of bilateral relations between India and Bangladesh, and whether External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar is going to have a meeting with a Bangladesh delegation on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly (UNGA) in New York.
"I do not have any information on whether the external affairs minister is going to have a meeting with the Bangladesh delegation, but I will keep you updated if there are any developments of this nature," Jaiswal said. Jaishankar reached New York on Sunday, leading the Indian delegation for the 81st session of the UNGA. He has held a series of bilateral meetings on the margins of the high-level session.
Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman on Monday left for New York on a five-day visit during which he will address the UNGA, attend UN programmes and hold bilateral and multilateral meetings. The state-run BSS news agency of Bangladesh said that on the sidelines of the UNGA, Rahman would hold bilateral meetings with his counterparts from Pakistan, Bhutan, Thailand, Croatia, Haiti and the Crown Prince of Kuwait.
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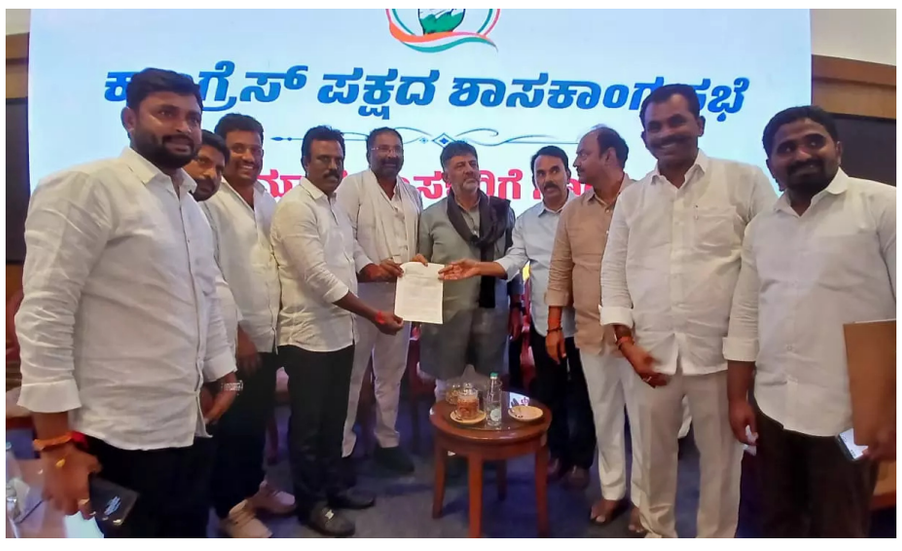
SC: No Penalty for National Song Refusal

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Underscoring that a "conscientious objector" should not be punished for refusing to sing Vande Mataram, the Supreme Court on Tuesday told the Centre to keep in mind its 1986 judgment protecting children who said no to singing the national anthem on grounds of conscience.
The apex court sought the Centre's response on the plea challenging the penal provision to amended Vande Mataram law. A three-judge bench of Chief Justice of India Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V. Mohana said it would expect the principle laid down in the 1986 judgment in the Bijoe Emmanuel vs state of Kerala to govern the amended law while hearing a petition by Carnatic vocalist and author T.M. Krishna, challenging the law mandating the singing of all six stanzas of Vande Mataram, arguing that the last four stanzas violate the secular character of the nation. "... We are not inclined to issue notice. But we would expect that the law of the land, as declared by this court in Bijoe Emmanuel, will govern the (amended) Act," Justice Bagchi observed orally while addressing solicitor-general Tushar Mehta. "What is the national song is not in dispute. The declaration of law in the Bijoe Emmanuel is not yet questioned. It is for the democratic state to decide what is the national song, whether two stanzas or four stanzas.

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Telangana Seeks Krishna Water From Karnataka



Ministers Vakiti Srihari and Jupally Krishna Rao with state MLAs meet Karnataka Chief Minister D.K Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Tuesday to request the release of Krishna river water from Narayanpur dam to ease water shortage in the state.

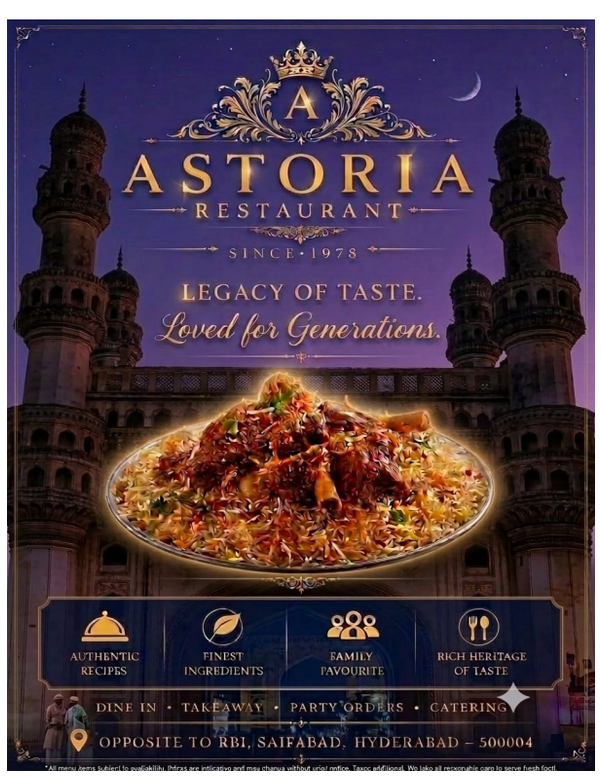
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday requested his Karnataka counterpart D.K. Shivakumar for release of water from its Narayanpur dam to help Telangana cope with severe shortage of water in the river. Revanth Reddy, along with irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. had a conversation with Shivakumar in the afternoon, following which a team of five from Telangana, including two ministers and three MLAs, went to Bengaluru to meet Shivakumar and present the request in person.
The team comprised ministers Jupally Krishna Rao, Vakiti Srihari, and Congress MLAs T. Megha Reddy, and G. Madhusudhan Reddy, along with Bandla Krishna Mohan Reddy who won on a BRS ticket but later aligned with the Congress. They met with Shivakumar late in the night and explained Telangana's needs and the present conditions that warranted the request for release of water. Earlier, Uttam Kumar Reddy said that additional flows in Krishna, if Karnataka released water from Narayanpur as requested, would reach Jurala and provide relief to farmers whose standing crops were under stress. He said the state government was making every possible effort to protect standing crops, while at the same time ensuring that water releases for irrigation were calibrated to maintain drinking-water security if the dry conditions continue.
Meanwhile, the Telangana team which met Shivakumar, in a letter sought a sustained release of 5,000 cusecs of water from Krishna for one month – which amounts to around 13 tmc ft — saying that nearly 5.5 lakh acres of standing crops required irrigation in southern Telangana under the Jurala, Bhima, Jawahar Nettempadu and Koilsagar lift irrigation schemes.

IIT Bombay Replacing Hostel Ceiling Fans With Wall-Mounted Units

NEW DELHI
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The IIT Bombay has initiated replacement of ceiling fans in hostel rooms with wall-mounted fans, sources said, adding the move predates the death by suicide of B Tech student Sahil Wakode last week. The image of several wall-mounted fans arriving at the institute's campus as part of 'renovation work' has gone viral on social media. The Indian Institute of Technology initiated the move to replace the fans after a student died by suicide in July, but the issue gained renewed attention after 22-year-old Sahil's death.
Replacement of the fans is a part of routine renovation and maintenance work at the prestigious institute, the sources said.
The institute started installing wall-mounted fans in place of ceiling fans across hostels, and the measure was part of a routine refurbishment plan previously considered, they said. Wall-mounted fans will be installed across all hostels on campus and in other utility areas across the campus.





Zero Visibility, Thick Smoke: Docs Bravely Save Infants in Dark

The SNCU has two rooms with a nursing station in between.

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

From interns to assistant professors, doctors and nurses entered the smoke-filled Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) at RIMS, Adilabad, to rescue infants trapped inside. With visibility almost completely blocked by smoke, some of those who entered had no clear view of the exit and had to feel their way along the walls to bring out the babies. The SNCU has two rooms with a nursing station in between. One room had babies in a serious condition, and the other had critically ill infants, with 27 babies attached to various machines at the time of the incident. Only one or two doctors and attendants were familiar with the layout as they regularly worked in the paediatric ward. Others who joined the rescue were from different departments and blocks.



Dr Ifthekar, an intern, had completed his duty and was heading to his hostel when he saw a fire extinguisher being taken towards the emergency block. He took it with his friend Dr R. Sandeep and stopped to ask the security personnel what had happened. After being told about the AC blast and fire, both rushed towards the ward to help. Feeling his way through the smoke, Dr Ifthekar entered the ward. "I could identify the beds of the infants. I first rescued one baby, but parents were crying that their babies were missing. I took God's name and went inside again. I could not see anything or breathe properly," he said.

After spending several minutes inside, he managed to walk out but fainted soon afterwards. He was revived and recovered in about four hours. A nurse continued to receive treatment after being affected by the smoke. Dr D. Ashok, another intern, was on his first day of duty in the paediatric block. He and Dr Shravanti, an assistant professor, were performing CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) on a child when they heard a loud sound. As smoke began spreading through the ward, they started shifting babies with the help of nurses.

When two parents approached them crying about their babies, Dr Ashok said he walked back inside despite the smoke, moving along the walls towards the far end of the room and, after covering his face with his shirt, reached the two infants and brought them out. Dr Navneeth Rathod, assistant professor of general medicine, was not on duty in the paediatric block. He had come to the hospital to see an unwell relative and was taken to the paediatric block for Dr Shravanti's appointment. After noticing the smoke, he joined the rescue effort. "Doctors were carrying babies to other wards for treatment and shifting them onto ventilators. I started helping them by rescuing and pushing the baby transport vehicles," he said. As Dr Ifthekar and Dr Ashok were carrying out the final rescue, Dr Rathod broke the windows panes to allow the smoke to escape.

Revanth Reddy directs officials to remain alert after heavy rains in Hyderabad

HYDERABAD
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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed the official machinery to remain on high alert following heavy rains that lashed Hyderabad on Tuesday evening. He instructed civic and police authorities to closely monitor the situation and take immediate steps to prevent inconvenience to residents.The Chief Minister directed the Commissioners of the three municipal corporations in the Greater Hyderabad region, HYDRAA officials and Police Commissioners to work in close coordination and continuously assess the impact of the rainfall.

Officials were asked to take prompt measures to prevent waterlogging on major roads, important



junctions and residential colonies.

The Chief Minister instructed authorities to immediately deploy the required personnel, equipment and machinery in areas affected by water accumulation.Revanth Reddy also directed the Energy Department to take necessary precautions to prevent power disruptions during the rains. The Traffic Police were asked to remain proactive and take measures to regulate traffic and avoid congestion at key locations across the city.Special attention was ordered to be given to low-lying areas and colonies that are vulnerable to flooding. The Chief Minister instructed officials to deploy special teams to remove obstructions in drains and storm-water channels to ensure the smooth flow of rainwater.He further directed the authorities to keep rescue teams ready to respond immediately to any emergency situation. Control rooms were also asked to remain vigilant and closely monitor developments throughout the night.Revanth Reddy stressed that officials should remain available on the ground and personally monitor the situation in vulnerable areas. He called for swift coordination among all departments to address rain-related problems without delay.

Streetlights Restored in Matoor 5th Ward



Streetlights in the 5th Ward of Matoor village, Motakondur mandal, have been restored after residents' concerns were highlighted through social media, bringing relief to people travelling through the area after dark.

The streetlights had reportedly remained non-functional for three to four days, creating inconvenience for residents and raising concerns about movement during nighttime. Following the social-media report, the issue was brought to the attention of the Matoor Gram Panchayat.Responding to the public grievance, the Gram Panchayat took necessary steps to restore the streetlights in the affected ward.

The restoration has addressed the immediate concern and improved lighting conditions for residents and commuters.Residents, along with the TG–Thalka public awareness initiative, thanked the Gram Panchayat for responding promptly to the issue and taking corrective action.The incident highlights how timely reporting of civic problems can help bring local issues to the attention of authorities. It also underscores the importance of responsive local governance in addressing basic public infrastructure concerns.The streetlight issue was reported from 5th Ward, Matoor village, Motakondur mandal, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.

Telangana Govt hospitals face infrastructure, funding concerns: TGGDA

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Government medical infrastructure in Telangana is showing signs of crumbling under the pressure of non-maintenance, severe staffing shortages, and mounting patient load.



The RIMS Adilabad incident, in which a short circuit inside the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) triggered an AC compressor blast, claiming the life of a newborn and leaving others critical, is a symptom of a bigger problem afflicting tertiary government hospitals.

There are severe infrastructure vulnerabilities in premier tertiary hospitals and district medical hubs. The crisis goes far beyond aging brick-and-mortar structures, pointing directly to a crippling financial drought that strangles the public health system, Telangana Government Doctors Association (TGGDA), said.

TGGDA points out government hospitals are routinely left cash-strapped due to delayed fund releases, particularly pending Arogyasri dues. When remittances remain stuck for months, local hospital managements lose the operational liquidity required for basic upkeep.

As a result, essential preventive protocols like servicing of biomedical equipment, electrical grid overhauls, fire safety audits, and emergency supply purchases are sidelined. Critical care units like SNCUs, NICUs, and operation theatres are left running on borrowed time and overloaded grids, senior officers of TGGDA, including its president, Dr B Narahari, and State General Secretary, Dr Lalu Prasad Rathod, said.

The financial strangulation compounds infrastructural decay across high-burden facilities as major healthcare facilities, including Osmania General Hospital (OGH), Fever Hospital, ENT Hospital, Chest Hospital and MGM Hospital in Warangal operate out of decades-old buildings.

The old hospital buildings battle heavy water seepage during monsoons, electrical grid strains, and outdated ventilation systems while trying to manage daily patient inflows.

In district hubs like Warangal's MGM Hospital, concrete plaster and portions of the roof are caving straight down onto patient beds in the Aarogyasri ward, illustrate lack of timely repairs and proactive structural audits.

Critical care wings running heavy electrical loads 24/7 without proper safety buffers invite catastrophe, a hazard underscored not only by the Adilabad blast but also by similar incidents that took place at Niloufer Hospital.

Four Techies Turn Food Entrepreneurs in Jubilee Hills

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Four young technology professionals—Srinivas, Raj Kumar, Vamshi and Ambarish—have made a successful transition from software careers to the hospitality industry, creating a growing presence in Hyderabad's competitive food scene.

The four friends launched their restaurant ventures near the Jubilee Hills Police Station on Road No. 36, bringing together their technical expertise, business skills and passion for food. Their ventures, including Raju Gari Hotel and Mughal Darbar, have



quickly attracted food lovers from across the city.

The entrepreneurs applied the same precision and discipline they developed in the technology sector to restaurant management. Their focus on food quality, authentic flavours and consistent preparation has helped their establishments gain recognition among customers.

Their approach also extends beyond the kitchen. Effective management, streamlined operations and attention to customer service have helped the restaurants create a welcoming dining experience.

What began as a bold career shift has developed into a promising hospitality venture. The quartet's journey demonstrates how skills acquired in the technology sector can be adapted to an entirely different industry.

With their emphasis on quality, consistency and customer satisfaction, Srinivas, Raj Kumar, Vamshi and Ambarish are establishing themselves as young entrepreneurs in Jubilee Hills' vibrant culinary landscape.

Nalgonda District Best Teachers Honoured; Raju Bayya Extends Congratulations

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Two distinguished educators, Polagani Venkateshwarlu and Veerachari, were honoured with recognition as Nalgonda District Best Teachers, marking a proud moment for the education community.

The awardees were felicitated and presented with certificates in appreciation of their dedicated services to education and their contribution towards guiding and inspiring students.



On the occasion, Raju Bayya conveyed his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Polagani Venkateshwarlu and Veerachari for receiving the honour. He wished both educators continued success and further achievements in their service to the education sector.

The recognition has brought appreciation from colleagues, friends and well-wishers, who congratulated the awardees for their commitment and valuable contribution to the teaching profession.

Chakampally Ganesh Mandapam to Host Annadanam Today

A special Annadanam programme will be organised at the Ganesh Mandapam in Chakampally village on Tuesday evening as part of the ongoing Ganesh Navaratri celebrations. The community feast will begin at 7 pm, with devotees and villagers invited to participate.

The organisers appealed to residents and devotees to attend the programme in large numbers and make the religious gathering a success. The Annadanam is being organised with the support of a donor, whose contribution was acknowledged by the organisers.

The programme is expected to bring devotees and villagers together in a spirit of devotion and community participation during the festival.The Annadanam will be held near the Ganesh Mandapam in Chakampally village, under Pedda Bhavi Gram Panchayat in Motakondur mandal of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district.Devotees attending the programme have been invited to offer prayers to Lord Ganesha and participate in the community feast.

RIMS Adilabad Fire: Minister Orders Probe, Three Safety Audits

ADILABAD
Wakeup telangana

Telangana Medical and Health Minister C. Damodar Rajanarsimha has ordered a comprehensive probe into the fire at the Special Newborn Care Unit of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Adilabad, and directed officials to conduct three separate safety audits following the deaths of three newborns.

The Minister visited RIMS on Tuesday and inspected the affected newborn care unit, reviewing the rescue operation, treatment arrangements and condition of the surviving infants. He was accompanied by District Collector Rajarshi Shah, RIMS officials, doctors and other senior officers.

The fire broke out at around 11:40 p.m. on Monday. Preliminary information indicated a possible electrical fault involving an air-conditioning unit, though the exact cause is yet to be established. An expert committee will examine the circumstances surrounding the incident, maintenance systems, safety arrangements and any lapses.



Rajanarsimha directed authorities to undertake electrical, fire and civil structural safety audits at RIMS. He said appropriate action would be taken according to rules if negligence or dereliction of duty is established.

The Minister expressed anguish over the deaths and instructed hospital authorities to continuously monitor the surviving infants and provide them with the best possible treatment. Some affected newborns were shifted to other hospitals for further medical care.

During the review meeting, Rajanarsimha also announced plans to expand RIMS into a 950-bed super-speciality hospital. A new 150-bed Mother and Child Health (MCH) block is proposed to strengthen maternal, maternity and newborn healthcare services. With the existing capacity of around 800 beds, the expansion is expected to take the hospital's planned capacity to approximately 950 beds.

The government also plans to strengthen specialised services, including Haematology for patients suffering from thalassemia, sickle-cell anaemia and haemophilia. An Emergency Department is also proposed to improve treatment for road accident victims and other critical cases.

Steps are being taken to increase postgraduate medical seats and strengthen outpatient and inpatient services, including PG seats in Paediatrics, Gynaecology and Radiology.

CM Focuses On Warangal's Future Development: Naini

Warangal West MLA Naini Rajender Reddy said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy was focusing on the city's future development and had directed officials to expedite underground drainage works, focus on the Outer Ring Road and improve road connectivity.

Speaking at a press conference on Tuesday, Naini said the Chief Minister had also reviewed connectivity between Khammam, Warangal and Karimnagar, road development linked to the proposed airport and plans for a major bus terminal.

He said the Chief Minister called for developing Warangal on the lines of Hyderabad, with emphasis on temple and forest tourism.

Attack on ex-MLA Vinay Bhaskar draws sharp reaction from women, BRS leaders

HANAMKONDA
Wakeup telangana



An alleged police assault on former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar at MGM Hospital in Warangal on Tuesday drew a sharp reaction from women present at the scene, while BRS leaders demanded action against the police personnel allegedly responsible.

In videos and photographs of the incident shared on social media, several women were seen questioning the police over stopping the former MLA from visiting the hospital and speaking to patients who were facing difficulties due to a lack of basic amenities at the facility.

BRS leaders said the incident reflected the support enjoyed by the party and its leaders among the public and alleged that it also showed public dissatisfaction with the Revanth Reddy government over its handling of public issues. Meanwhile, former MP Boinapally Vinod Kumar, speaking to the media, condemned the alleged police assault on Vinay Bhaskar. He demanded that the government explain why Bhaskar was shifted to a private hospital instead of a government hospital.

He demanded that higher officials immediately register cases against the police personnel who allegedly attacked Vinay Bhaskar, warning that a private complaint would be filed if the police failed to do so. It was not wrong to question the government about public issues in a democracy, he said.

In separate statements in Khammam, Rajya Sabha member Vaddiraju Ravichandra and former Pinapaka MLA Rega Kantha Rao strongly condemned the alleged police excesses against BRS leaders.

Ravichandra asserted that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who holds the Home portfolio, bears full responsibility for the alleged attack on Vinay Bhaskar. Cases should be registered against the police personnel and they should be suspended from service, he said.

Kantha Rao alleged that the government was orchestrating attacks on the Opposition for raising questions about its failures. The attacks taking place in the State and the filing of false cases against BRS leaders signalled, he claimed, the beginning of the government's downfall.

Extortion Allegations Rock Goshamahal

Rajasthan-Linked 'Shadow Broker' Extortion Racket Allegedly Targets Builders and GHMC Officials in Goshamahal

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Allegations of an extortion and intimidation racket have surfaced in Hyderabad's Goshamahal constituency, with local builders and ground-level Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) personnel reportedly facing pressure and threats from an individual allegedly operating as a "shadow broker."

According to information emerging from the locality, the individual, who is reportedly originally from Rajasthan, is allegedly presenting himself as an activist or private collector while targeting real estate developers and municipal employees. The alleged activities have reportedly created apprehension among sections of the local construction and civic administration sectors.

The individual is accused of approaching builders and allegedly attempting to extract money by raising objections or creating pressure around construction and development-related matters. Sources familiar with the situation claim that municipal field-level staff have also allegedly faced intimidation when carrying out their routine duties.

The reported racket has raised concerns over the functioning of civic administration in parts of Goshamahal, particularly where building permissions, construction activity and municipal enforcement are involved. Those affected are reportedly worried that individuals without any official authority may be attempting to influence administrative processes through threats or pressure tactics.

The allegations also raise questions about whether private individuals are exploiting the names of activists, officials or civic bodies to exert influence over builders and government employees.

Local stakeholders are seeking greater scrutiny of such activities and clarity from the authorities regarding complaints, if any, received against the individual. They have also called for appropriate action if investigations establish that threats, coercion or illegal financial demands were made.

The matter assumes significance as Goshamahal remains a densely developed urban constituency where construction activity and municipal regulation frequently involve interaction between property owners, developers and civic officials.

Annadanam: Snack Studio Team's Noble Initiative



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Organiser Akhil of Snack Studio Group, along with the Shobha Gardens team, organised a grand Annadanam at Dairy Farm Road, serving food to people as an act of compassion and devotion. In Hindu tradition, Annadanam is regarded as one of the highest forms of charity, as food provides immediate satisfaction and sustenance. The initiative reflects the spiritual belief that "Annam Brahma", meaning food is a manifestation of the Divine. The Bhagavad Gita also highlights the sacred importance of food in sustaining life.

Through this noble effort, Akhil and his team demonstrated that feeding the needy is not merely charity, but a meaningful way of serving humanity and expressing devotion.

Belt Shops Operating Rampantly in Zaheerabad

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Allegations of widespread illegal liquor sales have emerged from several areas of Zaheerabad Mandal. Local residents claim that belt shops are allegedly operating openly in residential and commercial areas, with liquor reportedly being sold through grocery stores, mini tea stalls, open sheds and other small establishments.

Residents of areas including Shantinagar, Aryanagar and many places allege that liquor is being sold beyond regular business hours. They claim that in some locations, liquor is reportedly available as early as 6 a.m., raising questions about monitoring and enforcement by the Excise Department.

Allegations of Early-Morning Sales Behind Wine Shops

According to complaints from local residents, some licensed wine shops allegedly appear closed from the front during early hours, while liquor is reportedly supplied to customers through rear doors or areas behind the shops.

Residents further allege that seating arrangements have been made at certain locations where customers reportedly purchase or consume liquor during the morning hours.

If verified during official inspections, such practices could raise questions regarding compliance with prescribed liquor sale timings and licensing conditions.

Residents allege that liquor is being sold through unauthorized small shops, grocery stores, tea stalls and temporary sheds in different parts of the mandal.

Laughter, Yoga & Ayurveda Bring New Energy to Senior Citizens in Sadashivanagar



HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

Healthy ageing is not just about adding years to life—it is about adding health, mobility and happiness to those years. Carrying this message, an engaging Ayurveda and Yoga awareness programme for senior citizens was organised at Government Ayurvedic Dispensary (GAD), Sadashivanagar, as part of the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations.

The programme focused on holistic wellness, healthy ageing, stress management and simple physical activities that senior citizens can safely incorporate into their daily routines.

As part of the awareness session, participants were introduced to simple chair yoga postures and pranayama techniques. The exercises were demonstrated in an easy-to-follow manner, enabling elderly participants to practise them comfortably.

The programme also included demonstrations of simple Soleus exercises, encouraging senior citizens to remain physically active and incorporate suitable movements into their everyday routine.

Participants were sensitised to the importance of regular movement, mindful breathing and relaxation as part of maintaining overall well-being.

Following the awareness session, the elderly attendees were provided with required Ayurvedic medicines and pain-relieving oils as part of the health initiative. The programme concluded on a refreshing and cheerful note with Laughter Yoga. Participants were encouraged to practise laughter yoga whenever they feel stressed, helping them incorporate relaxation and positive engagement into their daily lives.

BRS Leader Alleges Double-Bedroom House Allocation Irregularities

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



BRS senior leader from Khairatabad Tandra Meghana alleged that eligible Dalit families have been denied double-bedroom houses constructed during the previous government, while the houses meant for them were allegedly allotted to followers of Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender.

Meghana claimed that 11 houses located opposite the Khairatabad Hima Max were supposed to be allotted to eligible beneficiaries from the local Dalit community. However, she alleged that after the change of government, the houses were given to people close to the MLA instead of genuine beneficiaries.

She further alleged that some of the beneficiaries are not eligible and do not even reside in the locality. According to her, the genuine beneficiaries have been living in huts despite facing extreme weather conditions. She also pointed out that some families had reportedly received land pattas during the tenure of former Chief Minister N.T. Rama Rao.

Meghana said she had attempted to raise the issue directly with Nagender and had taken affected families to meet him near the Khairatabad Ganesh idol. She alleged that she was arrested by police during the attempt and that the affected families were also allegedly threatened.

She vowed to continue the fight until justice is delivered to the genuine beneficiaries and the houses are allotted to eligible poor families.

Jampana Pratap Prays at Bowenpally Ganesh Pandal



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Ganesh Navratri celebrations at the Lambhodara pandal, organised by the New Bowenpally Rana Pratap Yuva Sena, attracted devotees and local community representatives on the eighth day of the festival.Former Cantonment Board Vice Chairman Jampana Pratap attended as chief guest and offered special prayers, seeking peace, happiness and prosperity for citizens. Representatives of colonies, slum development cells and welfare associations from Wards 1 and 6 participated in the celebrations. The festival committee felicitated visiting welfare association leaders during the programme.

Parijatha Felicitated as Ranga Reddy DCC Chief

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Newly appointed Ranga Reddy District Congress Committee (DCC) president Chigirinta Parijatha Narasimha Reddy was felicitated by Congress leaders, INTUC representatives and TPCC Labour Cell functionaries at her residence in Serilingampally.

The leaders presented her with bouquets and honoured her with a shawl, conveying their warm wishes on assuming charge as the new DCC president. They expressed confidence that she would strengthen the Congress organisation across Ranga Reddy district and work in coordination with party workers and leaders.

The delegation also thanked Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, TPCC president B. Mahesh Kumar Goud and the Congress leadership for appointing Parijatha Narasimha Reddy to the key district post.

The leaders said the new DCC chief should focus on strengthening the party at the grassroots level and maintaining coordination with workers across the district.

Those present included Nalla Sanjeeva Reddy, INTUC State Organising Secretary and TPCC Labour Cell State Vice-Chairman; Veeramalla Veerender Goud; Uyyuru Sridevi; Samatha; Muddangula Tirupathi; Brahmanandam Nagaraj; Sangeetha Veerender Goud; and Muddangula Hemanth Kumar, among others.

Srinivas Goud Condemns Attack on Vinay Bhaskar

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Former Telangana Minister V. Srinivas Goud condemned the alleged police attack on former government chief whip and four-time MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar in Warangal, demanding immediate action against the police personnel involved.

Srinivas Goud said Vinay Bhaskar had not participated in the proposed Danda Yatra and had instead visited MGM Hospital to see the condition of patients who were reportedly injured after falling from the second floor. He alleged that police deliberately targeted Vinay Bhaskar while he was proceeding peacefully and questioned who was behind the incident.

He demanded that the Director General of Police (DGP) take immediate action against police personnel accused of attacking Vinay Bhaskar.

Goud recalled former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's fast-unto-death protest over the 14F issue and said the BRS would not spare police personnel who acted in an "overzealous" manner or politicians allegedly responsible for the incident.



Goud also raised concerns over irrigation water in the Krishna basin, alleging that despite substantial water availability at Jurala, farmers were not receiving adequate irrigation water. He alleged that Telangana's water was being diverted to Andhra Pradesh and specifically claimed that Krishna water was being diverted towards Kuppam, represented by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu.

He accused the government of pursuing "diversion politics" and warned that the BRS would intensify its response after returning to power. Goud said the party was preparing a detailed book on the issues and announced that activists would again approach Jurala if the gates were not lifted.

He also criticised irrigation advisor Aditya Nath Das, alleging that his role was harming Telangana's interests. Goud asserted that the BRS would continue its agitation until farmers received their rightful share of irrigation water.

TRAI mandates shorter-validity voice and SMS STVs for low-income consumers

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The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India on Tuesday released the Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026, mandating special tariff vouchers with reduced tariffs exclusively for voice and SMS across shorter validity periods.

This amended regulation will provide low-income consumers with more options, allowing them to recharge according to their requirements and financial capacity, according to an official statement. The statement from the Ministry of Communications said the amendment requires telecom service providers to offer STVs for voice and SMS with validities corresponding to each validity period of 30.

MEA asks Pakistan to take credible action against cross-border terrorism

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Pakistan must take "credible action" against cross-border terrorism before the world believes Islamabad would do what it says, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Tuesday.

During his bi-weekly briefing, MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal was asked how New Delhi viewed the comments by Pakistan's Chief of Defence Forces, Field Marshal Asim Munir, who said the armed forces were determined to defeat terrorism amid the rising threat of militancy in the country.

"Pakistan needs to demonstrate action and firm commitment. And it must take credible action against cross-border terrorism before the world believes it would do what it says," he said.

India after the Pahalgam attack last year, has maintained that Islamabad should credibly and irrevocably abjure its support for cross-border terrorism.

Field Marshal Munir earlier in the day, said Pakistan armed forces are determined to defeat terrorism amid the rising threat of militancy in the country.

The field marshal visited Corps Headquarters in Peshawar, where he interacted with senior officers and was briefed on the prevailing security situation in the province, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR).

He was also briefed on the ongoing counter-terrorism operations, border management measures and operational preparedness of formations deployed in the province.

"He emphasised that the Armed Forces, with the unwavering support of the nation, remain resolute in their determination to defeat terrorism and ensure lasting peace and stability across the country," according to the Pakistan Army.

Field Marshal Munir also paid tribute to those who laid down their lives in the fight against terrorism.

Islamabad has repeatedly urged the Taliban administration in Kabul to dismantle terrorist sanctuaries on Afghan soil — particularly those linked to the banned Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) — that are used for attacks in Pakistan.

Afghanistan, however, denies allowing its territory to be used for attacks against Pakistan.

India on Tuesday also strongly condemned airstrikes carried out by Pakistan in parts of Afghanistan and said "such instances of aggression" against a sovereign neighbour is something that vitiates regional peace and security.

Jaiswal said this in response to a query during the bi-weekly media briefing.

Pakistan on Monday said its security forces carried out airstrikes on terrorist camps and hideouts in the border region with Afghanistan, killing 28 terrorists, including multiple suicide bombers.

It's A Proud Moment For Telugu Cinema, Says Raj Kandukuri

NEW DELHI
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It was a proud moment for Telugu cinema as several prominent personalities received the 72nd National Film Awards from President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held in Gujarat on Tuesday evening. Nag Ashwin's Kalki 2898 AD, starring Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan, won the National Award for Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment. The film's production designer Nitin Zihani also received the award for Best Production Design.

Director Nag Ashwin, producer Swapna Dutt and veteran producer C. Ashwini Dutt attended the ceremony to receive the honours for the sci-fi epic. Vyjayanthi Movies expressed its happiness over the recognition, describing the National Award as a proud moment for everyone associated with the film. The production house said it was particularly gratifying to see an ambitious vision such as Kalki 2898 AD receive national recognition.

The makers also credited the achievement to the collective efforts of the film's cast and crew, whose dedication and creativity helped bring the film's expansive futuristic world to life and connect with audiences.

Director Sukumar was another major Telugu recipient at the ceremony. He won the Best Screenplay award for Pushpa: The Rise. Other Telugu winners included Niharika Konidela, whose production Committee Kurrollu was named Best Telugu Film, and Venky Atluri, who won Best Screenplay for Lucky Baskhar. Nitin Zihani was recognised for Best Production Design for Kalki 2898 AD.

Producer and former National Film Award jury member Raj Kandukuri said the recognition was an important moment for the Telugu film industry and could inspire more filmmakers to aim for excellence in mainstream cinema.

Deep Depression To Cross Odisha-Andhra Coast, Heavy Rain Forecast

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana



Odisha stepped up its preparedness on Tuesday as a depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified and was forecast to become a deep depression before crossing the north Andhra Pradesh-south Odisha coast, bringing the possibility of heavy to extremely heavy rain, flooding and landslides.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) said the system was located about 220 km from Gopalpur and 320 km from Visakhapatnam and was likely to intensify further over the west-central and adjoining northwest Bay of Bengal. It is expected to move west-northwestwards and cross the coast between Visakhapatnam and Gopalpur during the night of September 23 and early hours of September 24.

The IMD has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in southern and coastal Odisha, with extremely heavy rain at isolated places. A red alert has been issued for Koraput, Gajapati and Ganjam for September 23-24, while Kalahandi, Nabarangpur, Koraput and Malkangiri are under red alert for September 24-25. Chief Secretary Anu Garg said collectors of 11 districts had been put on high alert, with officials asked to prepare for waterlogging, urban flooding, landslides and mudslides. Cyclone and flood shelters have been kept ready and arrangements made for evacuation, rescue and relief operations, if required.

Schools in Khurda, Jagatsinghpur, Ganjam and Gajapati remained closed on Tuesday, while Malkangiri has ordered closure of schools till September 24. Anganwadi centres in affected areas have also been shut. The government has cancelled leave of employees in vulnerable districts and directed officials to remain at their places of posting. Vehicular movement has been restricted along vulnerable stretches, including Kalinga Ghat, while ferry services between Satapada and Jahnikuda in Chilika have been suspended till September 25.

The water resources department is monitoring reservoirs and rivers in southern Odisha. The Indravati reservoir, currently holding about 84 per cent of its capacity, is being closely watched along with the Telengiri project and other vulnerable infrastructure. Squally weather with winds gusting up to 75 kmph is likely along and off the south Odisha-north Andhra Pradesh coasts on September 23 and 24, the IMD said.

Suvendu Meets Mukesh Ambani to Seek Investments in West Bengal

NEW DELHI
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In a bid to attract investments in West Bengal after the change in power, chief minister Suvendu Adhikari met industrialist Mukesh Ambani and discussed industrial prospects at his residence in Mumbai during a visit on Monday evening. The CM posted on X-handle on Tuesday morning, "Yesterday I visited the residence of renowned Industrialist and Chairman of Reliance Industries, Shri Mukesh Ambani Ji, in Mumbai."

He elaborated, "Had the divine privilege of offering prayers before Lord Ganesha, seeking His supreme blessings for the peace,
progress and prosperity of our Nation. As a sacred token carrying the soul, spirit and timeless devotion of our State, I had the honour of presenting a special holy memento of Maa Kali to the Ambani family, praying that the Divine Mother blesses them with good health, happiness and continued success."

Maharashtra Set To Issue Preliminary Drought Notification By Saturday

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As crop damage mounts across Maharashtra, the state government is expected to issue a preliminary drought notification by Saturday, Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said on Tuesday. The announcement came after a Cabinet meeting at which the drought-like situation caused by deficient rainfall, particularly in North Maharashtra, Marathwada and Vidarbha, was discussed in detail. Mr Fadnavis said the preliminary information on drought-affected areas had been collected following directions issued at an earlier Cabinet meeting. "We will issue the first drought notification before Saturday based on the preliminary information collected from the field. The notification will contain information about the drought-affected areas and measures to tackle the situation," he said.

The CM added that the list of affected areas would be kept updated and expanded as field assessments progressed. The government has directed the administration to conduct panchnamas of damaged crops through ground-level assessments, with the exercise beginning on Wednesday. Soybean, maize, cotton and sorghum are among the crops reported to have suffered significant damage. In the Konkan region, paddy crops have also been affected.

Mr. Fadnavis said the state would not wait for assistance from the Centre to begin providing relief to affected farmers. However, a proposal seeking financial assistance under the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF) norms would subsequently be submitted to the Centre. A Cabinet subcommittee headed by Revenue Minister Chandrashekhar Bawankule has also been constituted to monitor the situation and take decisions on relief measures. Its members are Girish Mahajan, Gulabrao Patil, Sanjay Rathod, Pankaja Munde, Datta Bharne, Jaykumar Gore, Pratap Sarnaik, Makarand Dada Patil and Babasaheb Patil.

Congress Slams Government for 'Hiding' IIT Suicide Data

NEW DELHI
Wakeup telangana

The Congress on Tuesday accused the government of "hiding" data on suicides at IITs and asked what it plans to do to address the crisis faced by the marginalized students at these premier institutions. Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal shared a media report which claimed that at least 53 students died across the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) between 2020-21 and 2024-25, with more than half of these deaths involving students from Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST) and Other Backward Classes (OBC).

In his post on X, Venugopal said more than half the suicides at India's premier IITs are of students from SC/ST/OBC backgrounds. It is the most glaring example of how this regime not only perpetuates social injustice, but hides the truth from its own people, Venugopal alleged. "When I raised this question in Parliament in a question to be tabled on 8th December 2025, the Ministry gave a vague response and evaded disclosing specific numbers," he said.

Now, it has been revealed that the Under Secretary wrote to the IITs on December 1 itself, but the minister deliberately chose to exclude the suicide-related data, Venugopal said. This shows that their intentions were to lie to the people, to hide the extent of discrimination taking place at elite government institutions, he said. "When Sahil Wakode's death has shocked the entire nation, hiding such data makes the government complicit in creating the atmosphere that caused Sahil's death," Venugopal said.

"We demand a clear answer from the Modi government on why they hid this data and what they plan to do to address this crisis faced by the marginalized students of our country," he said. Sahil, a second-year B Tech student in the Department of Energy Science and Engineering, was found hanging in his hostel room on the Powai campus.

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SC: No Penalty for....

"... We are not inclined to issue notice. But we would expect that the law of the land, as declared by this court in Bijoe Emmanuel, will govern the (amended) Act," Justice Bagchi observed orally while addressing solicitor-general Tushar Mehta. "What is the national song is not in dispute. The declaration of law in the Bijoe Emmanuel is not yet questioned. It is for the democratic state to decide what is the national song, whether two stanzas or four stanzas. But nobody who feels an infraction of Article 25 and 26 rights (fundamental right to freedom of religion) or a conscientious objector would be subjected to (penal consequences)," Justice Bagchi said. Indicating that it is not for the court to determine what constitutes the National Song, the top court said it will examine whether the rights of a "conscientious objector", particularly one who declines to sing on religious grounds, are protected under the law. The petition challenges Section 3 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971, amended in 2026, along with Union home ministry orders dated January 28 and July 9, 2026. The amended Section 3 provides for imprisonment of up to three years or fine or both for anyone who intentionally prevents the singing of the National Anthem or National Song or causes disturbance to an assembly engaged in such singing.

Justice Bagchi said it is not the remit of the court to "second guess" what are the national sentiments or aspirations associated with Vande Mataram. That is for the state to decide, he said. Senior advocate S. Muralidhar, appearing for Mr Krishna, said the amendment does not define the expression "National Song", leaving scope for uncertainty and possible misuse. The amendment had been enacted without defining which version or stanzas constituted the National Song, he said.

He Complained.....

"I have full faith in the Crime Branch and request that the investigation into my son Sahil's death be completed fairly, thoroughly, and strictly in accordance with the FIR. The allegations and circumstances recorded in the FIR must be properly investigated, and appropriate action should be taken against those found responsible," Sahil's mother Sonali Wakode said.

Sahil had told them that he was being tortured, abused, and humiliated on the basis of his caste, she claimed. "He specifically told us that Professor Suryanarayana Doolla would say 'I am from an upper caste and you are from a lower caste.' According to what Sahil told us, this had been continuing for around three months," she claimed. On September 13, when they met Sahil in his hostel room, he told them he was being tortured and subjected to abuse, Sonali Wakode said.

"We tried to give him moral support and advised him to focus on his studies because he had secured admission to IIT and had a bright future ahead. In hindsight, I feel that telling him to tolerate the situation was our mistake," she said. She also objected to the Institute's initial claim that he had been allegedly caught using ChatGPT during an examination. Anyone making allegations of cheating must provide evidence, she said.

MEA Affirms India's.....

Jaiswal was also asked if Bangladesh's foreign secretary Asad Alam Siam, who is set to be the country's new high commissioner in New Delhi, as reported by several media outlets, indicated that the bilateral ties are "back on track". "On the trajectory of the bilateral relationship, we have said this in the past as well, India desires a positive, constructive and forward-looking relationship with Bangladesh. We are ready to discuss all the issues within the structured mechanisms that we have right now. We want to take this relationship forward in a positive and constructive direction, in a forward-looking manner," Jaiswal said.

The relations between India and Bangladesh witnessed a major downturn after the interim government headed by Muhammad Yunus came to power following the collapse of the Sheikh Hasina government in August 2024 in the face of a massive student-led agitation. A new Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) government, led by Prime Minister Rahman, came to power in February following the parliamentary elections.

CRIME

Traffic Cops Honoured for First Aid Help to Accident Victims

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The Traffic Trimulgherry Division felicitated two traffic police personnel for their prompt response and timely first aid assistance during separate emergencies involving road accident victims and a Home Guard.

At the Office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Traffic Trimulgherry Division, ACP G. Shankar Raju felicitated S. Vijay Kumar, PC 143, Mobile-3, Traffic PS Trimulgherry, and G. Kiran Kumar, PC 9599, Mobile-2, Traffic PS Begumpet, appreciating their presence of mind and commitment to public safety.



In the first incident, a two-wheeler carrying two persons was hit by a four-wheeler near Alwal Bus Stop on the Alwal–Lothkunta Road. The car reportedly fled the spot, leaving both two-wheeler occupants injured. Vijay Kumar immediately attended to them and administered first aid using a kit provided by the ACP. He also extended necessary assistance at the scene.

In another incident at Rasoolpura Junction, Home Guard K. Veera Shekar suffered a bleeding injury to his left leg while closing barricades to prevent right-turning traffic towards Minister Road. A car that stopped near the barricade slightly hit him and later left the spot.

Kiran Kumar immediately attended to the injured Home Guard and administered first aid using the department-provided kit. Veera Shekar was subsequently shifted to Gandhi Hospital for medical examination and treatment.

The ACP said the first-aid kits supplied to traffic personnel are helping provide immediate medical assistance during accidents and emergencies before victims reach hospitals.

The ACP appreciated both personnel for their timely response, noting that such assistance helps accident victims and injured police personnel. Inspector V. Sardar Naik and SI N.S.K. Raju also participated in the programme.

Ganesh Festival in Gannora, Mudhole Mandal, Sets a Remarkable Example of Peace and Brotherhood

NIRMAL
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Gannora village in Mudhole Mandal has emerged as a remarkable example of peace, brotherhood, unity and communal harmony in the celebration of Ganesh festival.

The villagers came together and installed a single eco-friendly clay Ganesh idol and are celebrating the festival with devotion and reverence in a peaceful and pleasant atmosphere. To control noise pollution during the festivities, only two sound boxes are being used. Rising above differences, the villagers are celebrating the festival with unity and brotherhood, conveying a strong message of peace and harmony.



Special efforts by local Sarpanch Uppal Raju brought all sections of the village together on a common platform, and the villagers appreciated his initiative. Mudhole SI Bitla Persis appreciated the arrangements in Gannora and said that the village's approach of celebrating Ganesh festival by giving priority to peace, brotherhood, unity and environmental protection is a commendable example that can be followed by other villages as well.

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.

MDMA Drug Network Busted in Malkajgiri

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

The SOT Malkajgiri Zone team, along with Malkajgiri Police, arrested two persons who were allegedly attempting to sell MDMA near Malkajgiri Railway Station, police said. The police seized 23 grams of MDMA, two mobile phones, ₹5,600 in cash and a handbag. The total value of the seized property was estimated at ₹2.76 lakh.

According to police, the arrested persons were identified as Mahaveer Singh, 28, and Laxman Singh Rajpurohit, 45. Based on credible information, the police detained the two near a neem tree close to Malkajgiri Railway Station on the afternoon of September 21. During a search, MDMA allegedly concealed in polythene covers inside a handbag was recovered.



During the preliminary investigation, police found that the MDMA was allegedly brought from Jodhpur, Rajasthan, and supplied to customers in Hyderabad.

Police said Kuldeep of Jodhpur, who was allegedly supplying the drug, and Kailash of Kokapet, who was allegedly a customer, are absconding. Special teams have been formed to trace them.

A case was registered at Malkajgiri Police Station under Crime No. 707/2026 and Sections 8(c) read with 22(c) and 29 of the NDPS Act. Further investigation is underway.

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.



SIO Yakutpura Concludes Rif'at Fest with Grand Expo

HYDERABAD
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The Students Islamic Organisation of India (SIO), Yakutpura unit, concluded its Rif'at Fest with a Grand Rif'at Expo at Grand Festival Function Palace, IS Sadan, Santosh Nagar. More than 700 students and children participated in various religious, educational, intellectual and creative activities conducted during the fest.

The Rif'at Fest, which began on August 24, aimed to promote faith, knowledge, creativity and awareness of the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) among students and children. The activities encouraged participants to understand Islamic values and reflect their teachings in practical life.





The Grand Expo featured creative 3D models and presentations prepared by students and children on diverse subjects. More than 700 visitors attended the exhibition and appreciated the participants' creativity and efforts.

As part of the fest, competitions including Quran recitation, Rif'at Test, picture essay writing, calligraphy, reel-making and group 3D model-making were organised. The Rif'at Test for students of Classes 8 to 10 covered topics such as Tawheed, knowledge, character, accountability, personality development and the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Addressing the concluding programme, SIO Telangana President Mohammed Faraz Ahmed and Mohammed Ziauddin Baig Kazim, a member of the Shura Council of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Riyasat Nagar, spoke to the gathering. They also distributed prizes, certificates and trophies to the winners and participants.

The organisers said the fest provided children with a platform to showcase their talents while developing Islamic awareness, intellectual growth and creativity. The programme concluded with prayers seeking Allah's acceptance of the efforts and guidance for children and society to remain connected with the Quran and Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Free Services for Special Children Mark World Sign Language Day

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana



On the occasion of World Sign Language Day, Ideal School for Disabled, IICD Hyderabad, Azampura, Malakpet, highlighted its free educational, therapeutic and support services for children with special needs.

IICD Secretary S. M. Naveed-ur-Rahman said sign language is more than a communication tool, describing it as a means of inclusion, dignity and self-confidence. He stressed that every child has the right to express thoughts, communicate freely and participate in society with dignity. Communication, he said, can take place through signs, hands, eyes and facial expressions.

Ideal School for Disabled provides education from Nursery to Class X for children with hearing impairment. The institution follows a sign-language-based teaching method designed to make learning easier and more effective. It also offers audiology testing and hearing assessment facilities.

The school provides several therapies for children with intellectual and other special needs, including Occupational Therapy, Behaviour Therapy, Physiotherapy and Speech Therapy.

A key feature of the institution is that education and essential services are provided completely free of cost. These include schooling, therapies, audiology testing, lunch, uniforms, books, stationery, educational materials and other support services.

The initiative aims to ensure that financial difficulties do not prevent children from accessing education, therapy and developmental opportunities. The institution seeks to help children discover their abilities, improve communication, develop independence and gain confidence.

KL University Launches Agentic AI Campus with HCL GUVI

HYDERABAD
Wakeup telangana

KL Deemed to be University has launched an Agentic AI Campus in collaboration with HCL Group's HCL GUVI AI Labs, aiming to integrate Artificial Intelligence and next-generation technologies across academic programmes.The initiative was formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at the university's Vaddeswaram campus on September 21. The programme is designed to move students beyond using AI tools and equip them to develop and deploy autonomous and semi-autonomous AI systems.

The MoU signing ceremony was attended by HCL Group officials, including 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 were also present.Under the initiative, AI will be progressively incorporated into degree programmes, curricula, laboratories, projects and learning activities.



Students will receive exposure to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Generative AI, Large Language Models and other emerging technologies.The programme will focus on developing students' capabilities in building AI agents that can understand objectives, reason through complex tasks, plan multi-step actions, access enterprise knowledge, interact with databases and applications, use external tools and APIs, and execute context-aware workflows.

KL Deemed to be University Chancellor Er. Koneru Satyanarayana said the collaboration would help embed AI across the learning ecosystem and enable students to design intelligent agents and develop deployable solutions for real-world challenges.According to Dr. Srinath, Dean–Student Skilling and Progression, students will gain hands-on experience in prompt engineering, Retrieval-Augmented Generation, multimodal applications, AI copilots, intelligent chatbots, enterprise assistants and workflow automation.

The initiative will also strengthen programming, full-stack development, cloud computing, databases, DevOps and cybersecurity skills. Students will work on AI solutions for sectors including healthcare, education, agriculture, manufacturing, finance and smart cities.Hackathons, industry projects and innovation challenges will further promote product development, with promising prototypes encouraged towards startups and market-ready solutions.

EMIs Equal to Monthly Income Pushing Families to Debt-Trap

CHENNAI
Wakeup telangana

Around 60% of borrowers have EMIs that are nearly equal or exceed their total monthly family incomes, finds a survey. Forty per cent are managing existing EMIs by taking new loans or using credit cards, a pattern that can indicate a growing debt trap. Festive season buying using debt can add to the woes. As per debt and loan resolution platform Expert Panel's data based on borrower inquiries, 60% of borrowers have EMIs that either exceed or nearly equal their total monthly family income.

Around 26% of borrowers took out loans because of medical emergencies or health issues, making it the largest cited reason. Another 22% borrowed for family or personal expenses, including weddings and education, while 18% cited business or job-loss-related requirements. Household and daily needs accounted for another 15%. Around 40% are managing existing EMIs by taking new loans or using credit cards, a pattern that can indicate a growing debt trap.

The problem becomes more visible when borrowers struggle to repay. Job loss or salary reduction was cited in 31% of cases where borrowers could not repay, followed by high EMI burden relative to income at 28%. Multiple loans or overborrowing accounted for another 19%, while medical or family emergencies contributed to 12%. The consequences of repayment difficulties are not restricted to finances. Among the borrowers surveyed by Expert Panel, 39% reported recovery calls or abusive language, while 28% faced frequent.

Inorbit Mall Cyberabad to Bring 'Matcha Land' to Life



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Inorbit Mall Cyberabad is set to host The Match Social: Matcha Land, a two-day lifestyle festival celebrating the growing culture of matcha, wellness, fitness, healthy food, athleisure and music. The event will take place on September 26 and 27, from 12 noon to 9 pm, at the mall's atrium, offering visitors a mix of curated experiences focused on discovery, creativity and healthier living.

One of the key attractions will be the Matcha Sommelier experience, where visitors can participate in guided tastings and witness live matcha preparation. Led by a matcha expert, the session will introduce participants to different varieties, flavour profiles and brewing techniques, while providing insights into the traditional craft and rituals associated with the beverage.

The festival will also feature activities designed especially for children. Through the Matcha Discovery activity sheet, young visitors can learn about the matcha plant, understand how its leaves are transformed into powder and discover the traditional bamboo whisk. They will also have an opportunity to design their own matcha cup through the interactive activity.

Adding a creative dimension, the Matcha Tote Bag Painting activity will allow visitors to personalise their own tote bags with matcha-inspired artwork and designs.

Bringing together flavour, movement, creativity and music, Matcha Land is designed as a social lifestyle experience for Hyderabad's wellness enthusiasts, fitness lovers, families and lifestyle explorers. The festival aims to showcase matcha as part of a broader contemporary wellness and cultural movement.

India Leads Global Growth Outlook but Slips to 4th in Business Environment: WEF

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India stands out with the strongest growth outlook globally, but has slipped to fourth place in terms of a favourable business environment for multinational companies. India was ranked second in the previous quarterly Chief Economists' Outlook survey published by the World Economic Forum (WEF) in May this year. The latest survey by WEF found that a majority (56 per cent) of chief economists surveyed expect the global outlook to remain stable or improve -- a sharp improvement from May, when 89 per cent expected conditions to weaken. The improvement comes with limited confidence that the stabilization will hold.

The WEF also said that nearly all respondents (97 per cent) named geopolitical conflicts as a likely source of uncertainty over the next



year, 58 per cent expected asset-price corrections, and only one-quarter expect the global economy to become more resilient.

"About India, the country continues to have the strongest growth outlook among the geographies covered in the survey," it said. Of chief economists surveyed from across the world, 98 percent expected moderate or stronger growth over the next 12 months in India, including 74 per cent who anticipated strong or very strong growth, compared with 52 per cent in May. The growth forecast for fiscal year 2026â€“27 was raised to 6.7 per cent in August, reflecting continued resilience in domestic demand.

"Growth is expected to remain supported by resilient domestic demand, although higher energy prices continue to weigh on the outlook. The US leads the ranking of favourable business environments for multinational companies, followed by South-East Asia and Europe (both up one position). India dropped from second to fourth place compared to the last outlook, with only 40 per cent of respondents including it in their top three destinations," it said

However, it said, China came in fifth with 31 per cent of respondents including it in their top three destinations.

"Globally, 97 per cent chief economists expect AI adoption to rise, but 79 per cent foresee data-centre expansion facing significant backlash, with 61 per cent not expecting significant global job creation," the WEF said. It further found that the artificial intelligence (AI) race between China and the United States is expected to narrow, with 69 per cent expecting Chinese large language models to catch up to their US counterparts in the next 12 months. "Growth prospects have strengthened across most regions but remain uneven, with India, South-East Asia, Central Asia and the United States receiving the strongest assessments," the report said.

FOLK Youth Empowerment Club Volunteers of CBIT

MCA Honoured for Dedicated Service at Janmashtami Festival



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The Hare Krishna Movement, Hyderabad, in association with the FOLK Youth Empowerment Club, honoured a team of dedicated volunteers from the Department of MCA, Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT) for their committed service during the two-day Sri Krishna Janmashtami Festival held at the Hare Krishna Heritage Tower, Kokapet, Hyderabad.Among those honoured was Dr. G. N. R. Prasad, who was felicitated with a certificate in recognition of his dedicated volunteer service throughout the festival. He was joined by fellow student volunteers Saanvika, Saai Kaarthick, Shiva Kiran, Uma Maheshwari and Sri Nikitha. Their collective efforts contributed to the smooth conduct of various activities and assisted devotees and visitors during the two-day celebrations.Dr. B. Indira, Head, Department of MCA, and Dr. M. Ramchander presented the certificates in recognition of the volunteers' dedicated service and active participation in the festival.

Tom Cruise Says AI Is Coming, But Audiences Want 'Real Things' On Screen

Hollywood star Tom Cruise has acknowledged that artificial intelligence (AI) is set to become an increasingly important part of the film industry, while stressing that audiences continue to value authenticity and real-world experiences on screen.

Cruise made the comments during a BAFTA "Life in Pictures" conversation held in London on Monday. The veteran actor, who has spent more than four decades in Hollywood and is known for films such as Top Gun: Maverick and the Mission: Impossible franchise, discussed the growing role of technology in filmmaking and the continuing importance of cinema.

Asked about the impact of AI on the entertainment industry, Cruise said the technology was inevitably going to become part of filmmaking. However, he pointed out that audiences still want to see genuine experiences and real elements in movies. He also encouraged filmmakers and other creative professionals to continue producing original work despite the rapid development of AI.



Cruise's comments come amid an ongoing debate in Hollywood over the opportunities and challenges created by artificial intelligence. While the technology is increasingly being explored for visual effects, production and other filmmaking processes, concerns have also emerged over its impact on performers and creative professionals.

The actor also spoke about the importance of watching movies in theatres. Cruise said he had no objection to streaming platforms but maintained that the theatrical experience represents a distinct form of art. For him, watching a film on the big screen offers an experience that is different from viewing the same content at home.

During the BAFTA discussion, Cruise also highlighted his upcoming film Digger, directed by Oscar-winning filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu. The project marks the first collaboration between Cruise and Iñárritu, whose acclaimed works include Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance) and The Revenant.

Digger is Iñárritu's first English-language feature since The Revenant, which starred Leonardo DiCaprio and was released in 2015.

The film follows Digger Rockwell, played by Cruise, an influential oil baron whose company's activities contribute to an ecological disaster that could potentially trigger a nuclear conflict. According to the film's official premise, the central character embarks on a desperate mission to convince the world that he can save humanity before the unfolding catastrophe destroys everything.

Cruise described Digger as an exceptionally original project, saying he had never encountered a screenplay like it and found the film deeply moving.

The movie is produced by Iñárritu, Cruise and Michael Sharp through TC Productions and M Productions. Warner Bros. Pictures is presenting and distributing the film globally.

Mammootty Receives Standing Ovation as He Wins Fourth National Award



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Veteran Malayalam actor Mammootty received a standing ovation at the 72nd National Film Awards ceremony after winning his fourth National Award for Best Actor for his acclaimed performance in Bramayugam. The prestigious ceremony was held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, near the Statue of Unity, marking the first time the National Film Awards ceremony was conducted outside New Delhi.Mammootty was honoured for his portrayal of Kodumon Potti in director Rahul Sadasivan's Bramayugam. The Malayalam film, noted for its distinctive black-and-white visual style, earned widespread appreciation for its storytelling, atmosphere and performances.The latest honour adds another major achievement to Mammootty's illustrious career. He previously won the National Award for Best Actor three times. His first victory came in 1989 for Oru Vadakkan Veeragatha and Mathilukal. He won the award again in 1990 for Ponthan Mada and Vidheyan. His third Best Actor honour came in 1994 for his performance in Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar.This year, Mammootty shared the Best Actor award with actor Kartik Aaryan, who was recognised for his performance in Chandu Champion.Yami Gautam won the Best Actress award for Article 370, while Rajkumar Periasamy was named Best Director for Amaran. Article 370 also secured the Best Feature Film award, while Kalki 2898 AD won Best Feature Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment.Among the other major winners, Srikanth was named Best Hindi Film, Raayan won Best Tamil Film, Feminichi Fathima was honoured as Best Malayalam Film, and Committee Kurrollu won Best Telugu Film.Mammootty's fourth National Award further underlines his enduring contribution to Indian cinema and was celebrated by the audience with a warm and prolonged standing ovation.

Telangana Showjumping Championship Concludes at Nasr Polo Hyderabad

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The Telangana Showjumping Championship 2026 concluded at Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy, Hyderabad, marking the finale of a ten-day celebration of equestrian sport that brought together around 450 riders and 120 medal-winning performances.

The championship, conducted on September 19 and 20, featured 198 participants competing across 13 categories, with riders ranging from young beginners in the 45 cm classes to experienced competitors in the demanding 105–120 cm Open events.

Mohammed Hasham emerged as one of the championship's leading performers, partnering Kanye Kang to victory in the 105–110 cm Open category. He also secured the 115–120 cm Open title, completing an impressive double.

Home rider Mir Najamuddin Azam delivered a strong performance for Nasr Polo & Equestrian Academy. Riding Sana, he won the 60 cm Under-14 and 60 cm Open categories, while also claiming victory in the 105–110 cm Under-14 event with Rikotta. He further recorded two second-place finishes and one fourth-place finish.

Samyukta Vanapalli and Captain secured a notable double, winning both the 100 cm Under-14 and 100 cm Open competitions. Nasr Polo rider Aizah Mir also produced a consistent performance, securing five placings across different categories.

Other notable winners included Naag (King) in the 45 cm Under-10 category, Moksh (ALF) in the 45 cm Under-14 class, Chandra Shekhar (Eagle Eye) in the 45 cm Open, Vivaan in both 60 cm Under-10 placings, and Abdul Mannan (ALF) in the 80–90 cm Open category.

The Telangana championship formed part of a larger equestrian festival featuring the Hyderabad Horse Show 2026 and the EFI National Qualifier for JNEC 2026. The academy acknowledged the riders, horses, coaches, parents, officials, veterinarians, jury members, grooms, clubs and support teams for contributing to the successful conduct of the events.

Sports Minister Unveils Khelo Telangana Drive

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Aiming to expand the culture of sports across Telangana and promoting a healthier society through regular physical activity, the Department of Sports and the Sports Authority of Telangana (SATG) are launching the "Khelo Telangana" initiative. The official poster of the programme was unveiled by Hon'ble Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari at the State Secretariat. Speaking on the occasion, the Sports Minister said that the initiative aims to create widespread awareness on fitness and encourage people of all age groups to dedicate at least 30 minutes every day to physical activity.

As part of the initiative, the "Khelo Telangana Bandhan" campaign will motivate citizens to make walking, jogging, running, yoga and other fitness activities an integral part of their daily lives. To strengthen the sporting ecosystem and transform sports into a mass movement, the Department plans to organise leagues and competitions in a wide range of disciplines, including wrestling, boxing, volleyball, table tennis, judo, basketball, athletics, football, cycling and yoga, among others. Opportunities will be provided from the school level onwards, with a focus on encouraging participation, identifying talent and nurturing champions.

Shaik Majeed Hussain Clinches Gold at State Karate Championship

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Shaik Majeed Hussain, a student of New Hope Model School, Baba Nagar, Hyderabad, won a Gold Medal at the 5th State Inter-School Karate Championship 2026, bringing recognition to his school, family and karate academy.

The championship was held at the Habeeb Miya Complex in Shaheen Nagar, where Majeed delivered a strong performance and secured the top position through his skill, discipline and determination.

Majeed is the son of Maqbool Hussain and has been receiving karate training under Shihan Zafar Khan, founder of the Tiger Shotokan Karate Academy, Telangana. His latest achievement reflects his consistent practice and commitment to developing his martial arts abilities.

Following his victory, Majeed received congratulations from his parents, teachers, fellow students and academy members. They expressed confidence that the young karate player will continue to improve and achieve success in higher-level competitions.

Shihan Zafar Khan congratulated Majeed on his gold-medal performance and highlighted the importance of discipline, regular practice and determination in martial arts.

The victory marks an important milestone in Majeed's sporting journey and is expected to motivate him to pursue further opportunities in karate while aiming to represent Telangana at advanced levels of competition.

Hyderabad Police Stage Massive Flag March Ahead of Ganesh Festival

DCP Charminar, ACP Mirchowk and SHOs of Mirchowk, Rain Bazar Strengthen Security Ahead of Ganesh Festival





Ahead of the Ganesh Chaturthi procession, law-and-order police personnel and Rapid Action Force (RAF) personnel conducted a flag march in the Old City, covering areas under the Rein Bazar and Mirchowk police station limits.

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Hyderabad City Police on Tuesday conducted a massive flag march through sensitive areas of the Old City as part of heightened security arrangements ahead of the upcoming Ganesh festival.

The march was conducted on the instructions of the Hyderabad Police Commissioner and supervised by the DCP Charminar. The ACP Mirchowk, along with Station House Officers of Mirchowk and Rain Bazar police stations, coordinated the deployment. A heavily armed police contingent marched through major roads, busy thoroughfares and narrow lanes under the Mirchowk and Rain Bazar police station limits. Local police personnel were reinforced by the Rapid Action Force (RAF) and Trainee Deputy Superintendents of Police (DSPs). Police officials said the exercise was aimed at deterring anti-social elements, strengthening security and reassuring residents about their safety during the festival. The flag march also showcased the department's preparedness to respond swiftly to any law-and-order situation.

Officials said strict vigil would continue throughout the festive season, particularly in sensitive areas and along major procession routes.

Police urged citizens, organisers and devotees to cooperate with security personnel and celebrate the festival peacefully. Authorities warned that attempts to disrupt communal harmony or violate law and order would invite strict action.

KTR seeks Rs 25 lakh ex gratia for families of infants killed in RIMS

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BRS working president K. T. Rama Rao has demanded an ex gratia of ₹25 lakh each for the families of the three infants who died in a short-circuit fire at the Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) in Adilabad.

Rama Rao expressed shock and grief over the deaths and sought the best possible medical treatment for the 23 other newborns who were injured in the incident. He also prayed for the speedy recovery and well-being of all children affected by the fire.

In a statement, Rama Rao alleged that the incident highlighted serious shortcomings in the maintenance and supervision of government hospitals in Telangana. He accused the Congress government of failing to ensure adequate monitoring and safety measures in critical hospital wards.

The BRS working president claimed that party leaders had repeatedly brought the condition of RIMS-Adilabad to the government's attention and urged authorities to take corrective measures. He alleged that the government failed to act despite these concerns.

Rama Rao also held Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy responsible for what he described as the government's alleged neglect of the public healthcare sector. He called for immediate steps to prevent similar incidents in the future.

He urged the government to arrange expert inspections of children's wards, intensive care units and other critical facilities at RIMS-Adilabad as well as government hospitals across Telangana. He said such inspections should identify safety and infrastructure deficiencies and ensure that preventive measures are implemented without delay.

Rama Rao stressed that the government must strengthen safety systems, supervision and medical infrastructure in critical-care wards to protect vulnerable newborns and patients.

Balanagar Police Issue Strict Safety Guidelines for Safe Ganesh Idol Immersion

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To ensure a smooth, secure, and incident-free Ganesh idol immersion procession across the jurisdiction, Balanagar CI Prashanth of Cyberabad has issued a comprehensive set of safety protocols and regulations for organizers and the general public.Speaking to the media, CI Prashanth urged devotees to strictly refrain from entering deep waters during the immersion. Authorities have identified 53 officially designated lakes and ponds equipped with cranes, safety barricades, and necessary infrastructure—such as IDL Lake and Sanathnagar—to facilitate safe immersions. Citizens are strongly advised against using undesignated water bodies or major drinking water reservoirs like Gandipet due to high safety risks.

To safeguard the public, extensive emergency response measures have been put in place. HYDRAA has deployed dedicated, professional swimmers at all major lakes to manage the physical immersion process safely.

CI Prashanth advised the organizers transporting large idols must map out their transit routes in advance to avoid low-hanging power lines, overhead cables and tree branches. Pandal organizers are also required to station active volunteers along the procession routes to assist with crowd management and prevent untoward incidents.

World Rhino Day Celebrated With Students At Hyderabad Zoo

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World Rhinoceros Day was celebrated at Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad, with an educational animal keepers' talk show attended by around 250 students from different schools.As part of the celebrations, a special 7-kg fruit-and-vegetable cake was prepared for each of the five rhinoceroses housed at the zoo.

The treats included banana, sweet lime, orange, pineapple, sapota, grapes, pomegranate, guava and green vegetables. The rhinoceroses were served the specially prepared food as part of the awareness programme.J. Vasantha, IFS, Curator of Nehru Zoological Park, said the zoo remains at the forefront of educating visitors and citizens about wildlife conservation. She highlighted the significance of observing World Rhinoceros Day to create greater awareness about the protection of endangered species.

The zoo currently houses five rhinoceroses—three males and two females—named Suraj, Saraswati, Sai, Vijay, Nanda and Prema. It has also been successfully breeding the highly endangered Greater One-Horned Rhinoceros.

A pair, Suraj and Saraswati, was brought from Patna Zoo in 2012. Their successful breeding has resulted in four calves, with three currently housed at Hyderabad Zoo and one transferred to Chennai Zoo under an animal exchange programme.



Bengaluru North City Corporation commissioner and NIT Warangal alumnus Pommala Sunil Kumar, IAS, said discipline, perseverance, consistent effort and a clear goal were essential for succeeding in the civil services examination.

Ganesh Utsav Celebrated in Nadergul

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Ganesh Utsav celebrations at Sri Rama Enclave-4 in Nadergul witnessed enthusiastic participation from residents and devotees, who gathered for special pujas, devotional rituals and aarti.

The beautifully decorated idol of Lord Ganesha attracted devotees, while women residents actively participated in the traditional worship programmes. The celebrations created a spiritual and festive atmosphere, bringing families and neighbours together.

Ganesh Utsav Committee President Sneha Dakey led the celebrations and coordinated the community activities. She was supported by Vice President Baswaraj Gandla, Secretary M. Ravi Kumar, Joint Secretary G. Gopalkrishna and Treasurer P. Sravan.

Residents offered prayers seeking the blessings of Lord Ganesha and participated in the festivities with devotion and enthusiasm.

The celebrations at Sri Rama Enclave-4 highlighted the community's religious faith, cultural traditions and spirit of togetherness during the Ganesh festival.

Collector Inspects Secunderabad Tahsildar Office

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District Collector Dr. Priyanka ordered show-cause notices to six employees found absent without prior permission during a surprise inspection of the Secunderabad Tahsildar's office on Tuesday.

The Collector directed officials to initiate departmental action against employees who fail to follow duty timings and stressed that government services must be delivered to citizens transparently and within stipulated timelines.

During the inspection, she reviewed staff attendance, office functioning and the status of public applications. She examined land registers, land bank details, pension data, prohibited lands (POB) registers and other key Revenue Department records. She instructed the Tahsildar to submit a comprehensive report on POB lands.

At the computer section, Dr. Priyanka personally checked pending applications related to Kalyana Lakshmi, Shaadi Mubarak, social pensions and Aadhaar updation. She ordered officials to update online data regularly and process eligible applications without delay.

Noting staff shortages due to deputation and pension verification duties, she asked officials to prepare an effective work plan. She also directed staff to maintain cleanliness on the office premises. RDO Sai Ram, Tahsildar Pandu Nayak and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

Keerthireddy Offers Prayers at Khairatabad Ganesh



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BJP State Executive Member Jutur Keerthireddy offered special prayers at the 69-foot Panchamukha Sankatahara Mahaganapati idol in Khairatabad during the ongoing Ganesh Navratri celebrations.Keerthireddy, accompanied by his family members, visited the Ganesh pandal and performed special puja to Lord Ganesha. He also offered laddu prasad to the deity and sought blessings for the well-being of devotees.

Festival committee members warmly welcomed Keerthireddy and made special arrangements for his darshan. They later felicitated him and presented him with the sacred offerings of Lord Mahaganapati.Speaking on the occasion, Keerthireddy prayed for peace, prosperity, good health and happiness among the people of Telangana. He expressed hope that Lord Vigneshwara would remove devotees' difficulties and bless everyone with happiness and prosperity.

Four Candidates to Contest Telangana Arekatika Sangh Presidential Election

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Four candidates will contest the Telangana State Arekatika Sangh presidential election, with polling scheduled for October 2, coinciding with Gandhi Jayanti. Voting will be held from 8 AM to 5 PM at Chandra Gardens, opposite Hanuman Temple, Karmanghat, LB Nagar, Hyderabad.

The Telangana State Arekatika Election Committee announced the election schedule and details of the candidates and their respective symbols.

The contestants are Nethikar Ravikumar, who has been allotted the Torch symbol; Jamunalapur Bindulal, contesting with the Cow and Calf symbol; Gajjineekar Sureshlal, whose symbol is the Bus; and Gajbinaakar Bannilal, who will contest with the Camera symbol.

The election committee has urged eligible members of the Telangana State Arekatika Sangh to participate in the polling process and exercise their voting rights during the designated hours.

Members seeking additional information about the presidential election have been asked to contact the Telangana State Arekatika Election Committee on 9494365428.



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