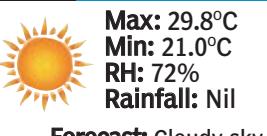


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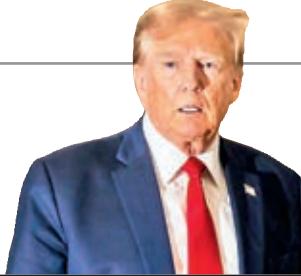
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IN BRIEF

Belgian court denies Choksi's bail plea

New Delhi: The bail plea of fugitive diamonds trader Mehul Choksi, wanted in India in connection with over Rs 6300-crore fraud in the Punjab National Bank (PNB), has again been turned down by a court of appeal in Belgium, just ahead of his extradition hearing before a court in that country, officials said. Belgian Court rejects appeal, citing Choksi's flight risk.

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Body of missing Agniveer found

Jammu: The Army on Saturday paid tribute to Agniveer Jimmy Ngamminur Mate, who died during an anti-flood evacuation operation on the outskirts of Jammu city. Agniveer Mate lost his life during an anti-flood evacuation operation in the Akhnoor area on August 26. A wreath-laying and remembrance ceremony was organised at the Akhnoor Military Station, where Major General H S Brar and others honoured his courage and sacrifice.

Landslide kills eleven in J&K

Jammu: At least 11 people, including seven of a family, died in two landslides triggered by heavy rains in remote villages of Reasi and Ramban districts, as Jammu and Kashmir, beset by a series of natural calamities in the past fortnight, labours to bring life back on track. The Union Territory has been reeling under a series of cloudbursts and landslides since August 14. With the latest incident, 130 people have lost their lives and 140 were injured in Jammu.

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Bill to replace ordinance that lifted 50% cap on reservations

Cabinet approves local polls in Sept. with 42% BC quota

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RAM REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

The State Cabinet decided to proceed with the local body elections in September, in line with the Telangana High Court orders, and implement the 42 per cent reservation for the Backward Classes community.

To facilitate implementation of the BC community quota, the Cabinet has decided to introduce a Bill in the ongoing Assembly session to replace the ordinance that lifted the 50 per cent cap on reservations. The Bill will be introduced on Sunday or Monday. The government wants to issue a government order (GO) to implement the 42 per cent BC quota, once the Bill is passed. This move aims to ensure the timely conduct of local body elections across rural and urban local bodies.

Reservations for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes communities will be based on the 2001 population census. The Cabinet directed the State Election Commission to make arrangements for elections in September. The ordinance, which was approved in the Cabinet meeting in July, had proposed amending the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018 and the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019. These amendments were designed to remove the 50 per cent ceiling on reservations, a move that was long sought by the government to facilitate the BC quota.

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CABINET decides to hold local bodies in September.

Polls proposed to be held with
42% quota for BC communities.

GOVERNMENT Order expected to be issued to implement quota beyond 50%.

GOVERNMENT to pass Bill to take reservations beyond 50% cap set by Supreme Court.

EXPECTATION is that the Bill will also be sent for President's assent.

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TG to table Ghose report today, big fight in store

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

The Congress government is set to table the Justice P.C. Ghose inquiry commission report on the Kaleshwaram project in the Assembly on Sunday, setting the stage for what could be among the most intense battles with the BRS in the House. The report implicates former chief minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao for alleged lapses in the ₹1.1 lakh crore project, particularly the construction of the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages.

Indicating the seriousness with which the government is taking the debate on the report, sources indicated that Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar was likely to initiate stern disciplinary action if BRS legislators attempted to disrupt the proceedings by storming into the Well of the House or stalling discussions.

Officials are also examining the 2018 precedent, when Congress MLAs Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Sampath Kumar were expelled from the Assembly during BRS regime on similar grounds.

During the Sunday meeting, Modi and Xi are expected to discuss the growing trajectory of the rapidly improving bilateral relations and the recent measures to strengthen people-to-people exchanges as well as measures to maintain peace and tranquillity at the borders. The PM is also expected to strongly convey India's concerns on Pakistan-sponsored cross-border terrorism even as New Delhi is pushing for a strong SCO summit declaration on Monday that will adequately address New Delhi's concerns on this score.

■ Page 3: Cong. rethinks bypoll strategy for JH

■ Page 3: KCR blamed for bypassing procedures

Azhar surprise pick for Gov. quota MLC

DC CORRESPONDENT HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

In a significant political development, the Cabinet on Saturday decided to nominate Prof. M. Kodandaram and Mohammed Azharuddin to the Legislative Council under the Governor's quota.

Azharuddin, despite losing in the 2023 Assembly elections in Jubilee Hills, had expressed his desire to contest the bypoll after the demise of MLA Maganti Gopinath of the BRS.

The former cricketer had even met Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Sonia Gandhi in New Delhi, hoping to secure the party's endorsement.

Azharuddin replaces Amer Ali Khan.

The Supreme Court had annulled the previous nominations of both

EC gets 2 L pleas to get votes deleted

DC CORRESPONDENT With agency inputs NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

The Election Commission on Saturday said it has received as many as 1.98 lakh pleas from individuals for exclusion of names from the voters' list being prepared as part of the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar.

On the other hand, nearly 30,000 pleas were received for inclusion of names, it said. The draft electoral rolls were published on August 1 and will remain open for "claims and objections" by individuals and political parties till September 1.

■ Page 11: Youth robbed of their opportunities: Rahul



Congress leader Rahul Gandhi with Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, RJD leaders Tejashwi Yadav and Rohini Acharya Yadav during the Voter Adhikar Yatra in Bihar on Saturday.

Also at the rally, Gandhi offered a sip of water and a toffee to a BJP activist who had turned up to protest against abusive remarks made on Prime Minister Narendra Rao at another Congress rally earlier this week. Arrah is the head-

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Rahul: Voter Adhikar Yatra to be extended nationwide

DC CORRESPONDENT with agency inputs NEW DELHI, ARRHA (BIHAR), AUG. 30

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Saturday said that his ongoing "Voter Adhikar Yatra" was a "revolution" that began in Bihar, aimed at ensuring "not one vote is stolen" in elections, but would spread out to the rest of the country.

"Bihar is a land where revolutions have taken place. The response to the Voter Adhikar Yatra" has proved that another revolution has begun from Bihar. In the days to come, this will engulf the whole country," Gandhi said while addressing a rally in Arrah. He was joined on the stage by Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav, besides Bihar allies Tejashwi Yadav (RJD) and Dipankar Bhattacharya (CPIML).

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Minister says nations that invested in drone tech gained superiority

US, China failed to detect drones: Rajnath

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Defence minister Rajnath Singh emphasised the need for incorporating drones into war policy, calling them critical to modern warfare strategy. "If you closely observe the Russia-Ukraine conflict, you will notice that drones have been used extensively," he said.

"This proves that understanding the importance of drones and incorporating them into our war policy

has become absolutely essential," Singh said. He was speaking after dedicating the country's largest aero engine test bed, manufactured by Raphe mPhibr Pvt Ltd, Uttar Pradesh's Gautam Buddh Nagar on Saturday.

He described the achievement of the institute's founders, Vishal Mishra and Vivek Mishra, as a symbol of India's "new technological revolution". He said he had never seen young people setting up such a big and innovative

establishment. The defence minister also high-

lighted that neither the US nor China could detect



Defence minister Rajnath Singh and UP CM Yogi Adityanath inaugurate Raphe mPhibr Pvt. Ltd.'s defence equipment and engine-testing facility in Noida.

■ Page 11: India, China aim for stable economic cooperation

Judge stalls speedy deportation by US

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Washington, Aug. 30: A federal judge on Friday temporarily blocked the Trump administration from carrying out speedy deportations of undocumented migrants detained in the interior of the United States.

The move is a setback for the Republican administration's efforts to expand the use of the federal expedited removal statute to quickly remove some migrants in the country illegally without appearing before a judge first.

President Donald Trump promised to engineer a massive deportation operation during his 2024 campaign if voters returned him to the White House.

■ Full report on page 14

Appeals Court holds Trump's tariffs illegal

DC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Washington, Aug. 30: Most of President Donald Trump's global tariffs were ruled illegal by a federal appeals court that found he exceeded his authority by imposing them through an emergency law, but the judges let the levies stay in place while the case proceeds.

The US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit on Friday upheld an earlier ruling by the Court of International Trade that Trump wrongfully invoked the law to hit nations across the globe with steep tariffs. But the appellate judges said the lower court should revisit its decision to block the tariffs for everyone, rather than just the parties in the case.

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The Israeli military said on Thursday that it "precisely struck" a Houthi terrorist regime military target in the area of Sanaa in Yemen". Al-Rahawi, who served as prime minister to the Houthi-led government since August 2024, was targeted along with other members of his Houthi-controlled government in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa.

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SHORT TAKES

Plan to set up solar units on ORR

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL) intends to install a solar power rooftop on the Outer Ring Road median to generate 100 MW power. To this end, it has invited consultancy services for preparation of detailed project report (DPR). The HGCL is part of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) that takes care of the ORR.

ACB FINDS LAPSES AT STATE-RUN MINORITY SCHOOL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

The ACB on Saturday found unhygienic washrooms, poorly maintained rooms and premises during a surprise check at the Minority Residential School and College for Boys at Ammapalem in Konijera mandal, Khammam district. Registers were also not properly maintained.

The ACB teams, assisted by officials from legal metrology, sanitation, food inspection and audit departments, examined food quality and quantity, sanitation, student strength and records. A report is being sent to the state government recommending action against the officials concerned.

CLASS 10 DROPOUTS CAUGHT DISPENSING MEDS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Two Class 10 dropouts were found running a clinic in Jangaon during an inspection by the Telangana Medical Council (TGMC) on Friday. The individual was also in possession of a certificate issued by American Association of Continued Medical Education (CME), points that are granted to medical professionals for maintaining their credibility, by a well-known pharmaceutical company.

The TGMC also team nabbed three fake doctors during the raid while five others fled after locking their clinics.

The council exposed irregularities at Glory Diagnostics, allegedly being run with the backing of unqualified practitioners. Though employed in Warangal, Dr Ch Pradeep Kumar, MD (Pathology), has been accused of operating the diagnostic centre in his name without direct supervision.

Those caught include P. Sadanandam and P. Sampath, brothers from Shivunipalli who have not completed even Class 10, but were prescribing antibiotics, steroids and referring patients to Glory Diagnostics. At Palkurthi Road, Vidyasagar Nagaraju was found injecting medicines without medical qualifications. R. Srinivas, a BHMS doctor, was misusing a retired doctor's name (Major Dr Lakshminarayana) to administer antibiotics and antipsychotic drugs.

The TGMC said in a statement that cases will be filed under the NMC and TSPMR Act, while show-cause notices will be issued to Dr Pradeep Kumar.

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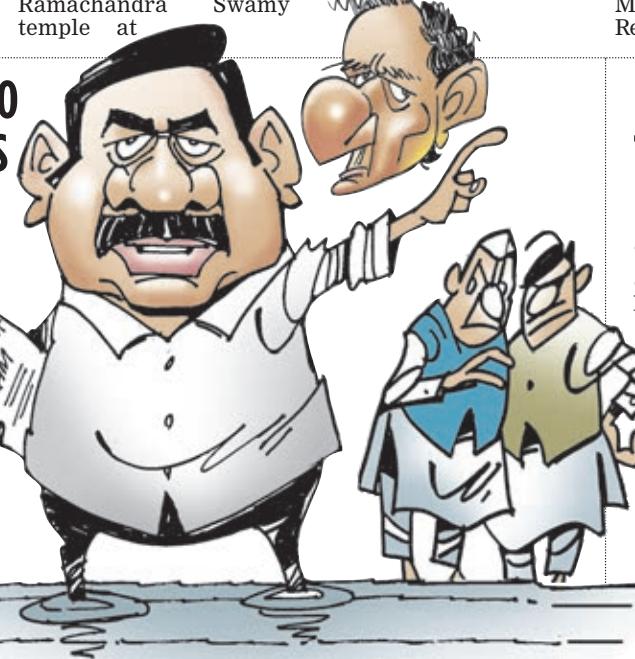
POWER GAMES IN VIP CORRIDORS

In a move that has set off murmurs across political and bureaucratic circles, principal secretary, endowments, Shailaja Ramaiyyar, has issued orders appointing L. Ramadevi as executive officer of the Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada on deputation. The orders, dated August 28, have raised

more than a few eyebrows for the unusual sequence of events that preceded them. Ramadevi, a special grade deputy collector from the revenue department, was drafted into the endowments department in July 2020, when the BRS government posted her as EO of Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy temple at

Bhadrachalam. After completing five years on deputation, revenue and housing minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy recently ordered her repatriation to the housing department. But Shailaja, wife of IT minister D. Sridhar Babu, did not believe her

Instead, she obtained approval from the state government to extend Ramadevi's stay in endowments and promptly posted her at the Vemulawada temple. Whispers in the power corridors suggest that Shailaja's proximity to power — via Sridhar Babu's closeness to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, helped her prevail.



BRS MLAs WANT TO BE PILLARS IN KLIS DEFENCE

Will he? Won't he? The question whether former CM and BRS party president K. Chandrashekhar Rao will be attending the Assembly session has all but been answered with his party making it clear that the Congress government, meaning the treasury benches, will first have to go through the BRS MLAs. Making this clear was BRS MLA and former legislative affairs minister Venkula Prashant Reddy who said there was no need for KCR to be in the House to 'expose' the government and its campaign to discredit the BRS over the project. Let them first get

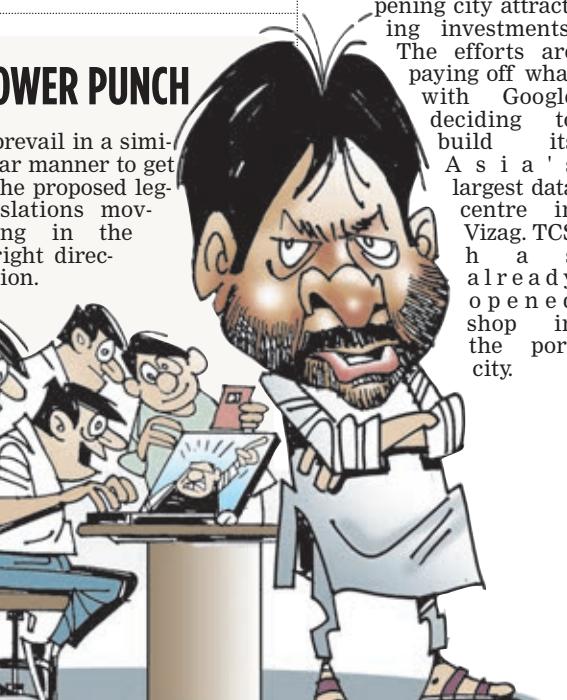
through us, and allow Harish Rao to make a presentation on the project, was Venkula's response to the Congress demand that KCR be in the House for the discus-

BHUMANA TAKES AIM AT A FORMER FRIEND

Bureaucrats may have long known that political leaders in power are at best fair-weather friends and that things can turn on a dime. Such appears to be the case with a senior IAS officer in Andhra Pradesh who has become a target for Bhuma Karunakar Reddy, TTD chairman during the YSRC regime. Bhuma, with his party YSRC out of power, has trained his guns on the very same officer, accusing her of masterminding the transferable development rights bonds move in the Tirupati area, a decision that has come under the scrutiny of the TD government. Bhuma has claimed that there was a time when he had made it clear that the official should not be in Tirupati. But his latest claims ring hollow, his detractors say, especially given that this officer who originally opted for the Telangana cadre was brought to AP after Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy became Chief Minister and was given some prime posts with the then powerful YSRC leader and former MP V. Vijayashankar Reddy having played a significant role in the official's arrival into the Andhra Pradesh cadre.

NAIDU, LOKESH HARD-FOCUS PAYS OFF BIG

Most politicians usually have some pet projects. Some are driven by passion, others by the need for public good, and development. Take for instance the mission zeal with which Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu stays focused on developing Amaravati, among many other issues he juggles with, or the heir apparent, Naidu's son and minister Nara Lokesh's push to lift Vizag by its bootstraps and turn it into a happening city attracting investments. The efforts are paying off what with Google deciding to build its Asia's largest data centre in Vizag. TCS has already opened shop in the port city.



AT BREAKFAST, MLAS BREAK TD MP'S HEART

It is all about carrying everyone along in politics and Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat appears to be facing trouble on this front with not everyone in the TD apparently seeing eye to eye with him. At a breakfast meeting with local legislators, where the MP sought to discuss his efforts in New Delhi, meeting Union ministers on issues related to Visakhapatnam's development, missing

prominently was senior TD MLA Ganta Srinivas Rao, whose absence, Sribharat alluded to, was on account of time-related constraints. The fact that these two leaders have been at loggerheads is no secret as Sribharat began his briefing, TD MLA P. Gana Babu made his way out, resulting in some raised eyebrows if all was well between the MP and some of his party MLAs.

Jana Sena president and AP's Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan surely knows a thing or two he may have picked up from the world of movies he also straddles. Never one to let a distressed section wallow in problems, he has now proposed a strong legislation to control social media platforms from propagating misinformation campaigns against the government, and presided over a meeting recently where his party MLAs passed a resolution for a law to

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Vegetable prices in Hyd remain steady

SABA ANJUM SHAIK I DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

While fears of a spike in vegetable prices during the ongoing rains have kept households anxious, officials and vendors said rates remain stable for now. They cautioned, however, that if heavy downpour persists, consumers may face a hike in the coming days.

M. Venkanna, secretary of the Agricultural Market Committee, said prices are currently under control compared to last week, with some even dipping. Because of the rains, people are buying less and storing vegetables in refrigerators. With this reduced demand, some prices have come down — chillies by ₹5, lady's finger by ₹10, brinjal by ₹3 and beans by ₹10. But if heavy rains continue, transportation delays and supply shortages may drive prices up," he said. At the Monda market, vendors echoed this sentiment. Jaya, who sells beans, capsicum, onions and leafy vegetables, said she had kept her prices unchanged. "Very few people are coming

because of the rain. If I increase rates, nobody will buy and I'll be at a loss," she said.

Raghuram, another seller, said retail prices depend on wholesale supply. "Carrots are coming at ₹35 for the past one week, and we sell at ₹40-₹45. As of now, wholesale prices are stable, so there's no increase. But if the rains continue, supply costs will rise and we'll also have to increase," he said.

Uma Devi, who helps run a stall, said footfall had dropped as many buyers preferred ordering online. "We haven't changed prices, but fewer people are coming to the market," she said. For now, Hyderabad's vegetable basket remains steady, but prolonged rains could make it heavier on the pocket.

ON STAGE Kaivalya's show is immersive, headphone theatre experience based on Kafka's *The Trial*

I, Josef play takes you on a Kafkaesque ride

MRITTIKA BANERJEE I DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

"Someone must have been telling lies about Josef K." The line greets you like a warning and a wink. White drapes cut the room into corridors, projections skate across cold red lights leak into your sightline, and headphones lock you into your own trial with strangers sitting in odd directions, all alone in the crowd. This is not your usual theatre; this is a morbid daydream staged by Kaivalya Plays at Rangbhoomi Spaces in Hyderabad. It is a trap, a trap Kafka would have enjoyed a bit too much.

The production, titled "I, Josef," has been created by Kaivalya Plays in collaboration with the Goethe-Institut at Rangbhoomi theatre room in Hyderabad.

At Rangbhoomi, the absurdity began with the seating. Strangers looked in different directions, and there was no sense of a common front. Red curtains and gauze turned the room into a fractured court. What seemed faint

Amita Desai, founder director of Goethe-Zentrum Hyderabad and honorary consul of Germany, adding that audiences here rarely encounter theatre where they themselves sit inside the performance space.

It is easy to forget that Kafka never saw himself as a prophet of dread, but his unfinished novels and surreal stories have outlived him, so much so that his name now slips into daily speech whenever something feels absurd or inescapable. "This text looks almost Kafkaesque," as Amita Desai put it, a measure of how his writing has coloured the imagination of Europe and beyond, even in a Rangbhoomi theatre room in Hyderabad.

The piece is directed by Gaurav Singh Nijjer, whose note describes it as an experiment that relies

on comic soon gave way to dread once the headphones filled with voices that arrived without bodies, but only as art projections.

The piece is directed by Gaurav Singh Nijjer, whose note describes it as an experiment that relies

on the spectator's imagination as much as the soundscape. "Kafka's world is opaque, unyielding, entangled in legal absurdity," he wrote, and this staging makes that clear by keeping clarity always just out of reach. The pamphlet explains it

as a 45-minute binaural immersion, with first-person narration drawing listeners into Josef K.'s arrest, his uncle and advocate, and finally the chaplain who offers no solace. If Kafka kept his stories unfinished, Kaivalya Plays seems intent on leaving

gaps for audiences to fill. The Delhi-based collective, run by Varun Anand and Gaurav Singh Nijjer, has staged works that mix languages and lean heavily on technology. "We wanted to see what reaction could be evoked from people," said Reet Chattopadhyay, pointing out that earlier productions had used projections as live partners for actors. The idea, he said, was not to offer a single interpretation of Kafka but to see what images surfaced in the minds of the audience.

Next door, an exhibition traced Kafka's life through Nicolas Mahler's spare drawings and fragments of his diaries. Cartoons of Gregor Samis as a beetle sat beside Kafka's jottings on his cinema visits, reminders that even in his morbid imagination, there was humour and a taste for the ordinary. It was an apt companion to I, Josef, which had turned The Trial into a chamber of sound and projection.



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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at a meeting to pay tribute to the late CPI national leader and former MP Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy in Hyderabad. — DC

Revanth calls for big fight on vote theft

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday urged like-minded political forces to unite in the fight against "vote theft" and to protect the democratic values that form the foundation of the country. He cautioned that the ruling alliance was exploiting the Election Commission of India to maintain their grip on power.

"Those in power at the Centre are attempting to consolidate their hold by manipulating the Election Commission to suit their own agenda. They are removing voters who do not align with their interests, which threatens the very core of India's Parliamentary democracy."

A. REVANTH REDDY,
Chief Minister

The Chief Minister paid tribute to Sudhakar Reddy's unwavering commitment to the communist ideology, recalling his tireless work for the party and society. He also mentioned Sudhakar Reddy's significant contributions to the Left movement and said that leaders like him were needed in the political landscape.

Revanth Reddy also fondly recalled Sudhakar Reddy's historic role in fighting against the oppressive Nizam rule. He recognised the contributions of leaders such as Prathap Reddy and Burgula Ramakrishna Rao, who brought prestige to Mahabubnagar, and noted the emergence of strong leaders like S. Jaipal Reddy and Sudhakar Reddy in subsequent generations.

The Chief Minister said that the Cabinet finalise a decision to honour Sudhakar Reddy for his immense contributions. He said that the government's decision to rename the Telugu University after Suravaram Prathap Reddy was on the advise of Sudhakar Reddy. In addition, the CM highlighted the importance of recognising the sacrifices made by key figures in Telangana's history, mentioning the naming of the Women's University after Chakali Ailamma and the establishment of the Indian Institute of Handloom after Konda Luxman Bapuji.

He also cautioned that the Centre was working on a larger conspiracy to alter the Constitution, a move that could potentially destabilise the country in the long run. Highlighting the need for Communist parties to continue their struggle for the people's rights, the CM asserted, "Communism is not just about reading ideological books but about standing strong for the people's rights. The communist ideology must be spread far and wide."

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SHORT TAKES

KCR BLAMED FOR BYPASSING PROCEDURES

FROM PAGE 1

Justice Ghose's inquiry has blamed Chandrashekhar Rao both "directly and vicariously" for bypassing Cabinet procedures and ignoring expert advice. This marks a major blow to the BRS government, which once touted Kaleshwaram as its flagship project. The commission also found that a report in 2015 warning against the Medigadda barrage was ignored, while decisions regarding the project were made unilaterally.

In preparation for the Assembly debate, irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy briefed Congress MLAs on the findings of the report during a presentation at Jalasoudha on Saturday. This effort was aimed at equipping Congress members to effectively counter the opposition parties, BRS and BJP in the House, in the forthcoming debate.

The report's findings have triggered legal battles. Chandrashekhar Rao and T. Harish Rao have approached the High Court, claiming the report was politically motivated and that they were denied natural justice. The court ruled that the report should be debated in the Assembly before further legal proceedings could be considered. Harish Rao made another attempt on Saturday to stall the report, but the court refrained from issuing any stay orders, with the case set to be heard on Monday.

The Congress government is positioning the Kaleshwaram project as an economic disaster. The Speaker rejected the BRS's request to make a presentation in the Assembly in its defence, citing a precedent when Chandrashekhar Rao had denied a similar request from the Congress in 2015. Sources suggest that Chandrashekhar Rao may skip the session, leaving Harish Rao and party working president K.T. Rama Rao to lead the BRS defence.

In an informal chat with media persons in Assembly premises on Friday, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka questioned the BRS' stance, pointing out inconsistencies in their arguments, and asserting that then BRS government had refused similar powerpoint presentation to opposition Congress in the past.

R&B minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy told mediapersons that Chandrashekhar Rao should personally appear in the Assembly to provide an explanation. He also pointed out that former chief minister had boasted about the project's success during his tenure but is now unwilling to take responsibility for the failures highlighted in the report. Reddy emphasised that if Chandrashekhar Rao was unable to defend the project, it would be seen as an admission of guilt.

BC QUOTA ORDINANCE AWAITS PREZ NOD

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The ordinance is awaiting approval from the President. Once the Bill is passed, it will be sent to the Governor for assent, but the possibility remains that it may be referred to the President due to the constitutional issue of breaching the 50 per cent reservation ceiling set by the Supreme Court. The Cabinet remains optimistic about the legal process, with discussions continuing on the issue.

Minister for information and public relations (I&PR) Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy and BC welfare minister Ponnambalam Prabhakar briefed the media on the Cabinet's decisions, stressing the government's commitment to implementing 42 per cent reservations. Prabhakar highlighted that the Cabinet's decision follows months of deliberation and consultation with political parties, legal experts, and stakeholders.

He noted that the legislation and actions, including the formation of a sub-committee to address concerns regarding the BC quota, reflect the government's dedication to safeguarding the interests of the marginalised communities. Prabhakar mentioned the government's efforts to ensure broad political consensus. The government has urged all political parties to participate in the legislative discussion on the Bill and contribute their perspectives, aiming for a united approach to the quota issue. He also reiterated that a GO would be issued once the Bill is passed in the Assembly.

House pays tributes to Gopinath, adjourns

Revanth recalls MLA's rise journey, says loss irreparable

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

The monsoon session of the Assembly commenced on Saturday, with the House adjourning for the day following the passage of a condolence motion for late Jubilee Hills MLA Maganti Gopinath, who passed away in June.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy moved the condolence motion, stating: "The House places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the demise of Maganti Gopinath and conveys its deep sympathy to the members of the bereaved family." Recalling Gopinath long political journey, the Chief Minister described his death as an irreparable loss.

Revanth Reddy paid highlighted Gopinath's political legacy, highlighting his active role in student politics and his service with the Telugu Desam (TD) starting in 1983. Gopinath, who held several important positions, including director



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy along with ministers and MLAs stand in silence as a mark of tribute to former MLA of Jubilee Hills Maganti Gopinath. —DC

of Hyderabad Urban Development Authority and president of the District Consumer Forum, was a staunch follower of N.T. Rama Rao. Revanth Reddy noted that despite ideological differences, he shared a close bond with Gopinath, who represented Jubilee Hills for three consecutive terms and was also involved in film production.

Legislative affairs minister D. Sridhar Babu, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao, BJP MLA K. Venkataramanan Reddy, and AIMIM MLA Ahmed Bin Balala,

among others, also paid tribute. Rama Rao recalled Gopinath's contribution to marginalised communities in Jubilee Hills. Despite representing an affluent constituency, Gopinath worked tirelessly for the welfare of underprivileged areas like Borabanda, Rahmatnagar, and Yousufguda, said Rama Rao, affectionately calling him "Gopanna." He further praised Gopinath's unwavering loyalty to the BRS.

Several other legislators, including BJP's Katipally Venkata Ram-

Sathyapal is Adani factory union chief

Adilabad: In a battle between Congress legislators, Mancherla MLA K. Premasagar Rao's brother Sathyapal Rao won the trade union elections at the Adani (previously Orient) Cement Company at Devapur, against P. Vikram Rao who was backed by minister G. Vivek Venkateswamy, his brother and Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod, and Khanapur MLA Vedma

Both groups reportedly shifted voters to camps in Maharashtra and near Hyderabad.

Boju. Premasagar Rao and Minister Vivek ar involved in a cold war. Sathyapal received 141 votes and Vikram Rao 108. Both groups shifted the voters to camps in Maharashtra and near Hyderabad.

Vanga's contribution



Renowned filmmaker Sandeep Reddy Vanga (second from right) meets Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at his residence on Friday and contributed ₹10 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on behalf of his production house, Bhadrakali Productions. Also seen are Pranay Reddy Vanga (extreme left) and Khairatabad DCC president C. Rohin Reddy (extreme right).

— BY ARRANGEMENT

KCR, Harish seek KLIS stay

VUJJINI VAMSHIDHAR | DC
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Former chief minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao and former irrigation minister T. Harish Rao on Saturday requested the Telangana High Court to restrain the government from taking action based on the findings of the Justice P.C. Ghose commission of inquiry into the Kaleshwaram barrages. The report is to be tabled and discussed in the Assembly on Sunday.

They prayed for stopping the government from taking further action based on the

report until the court decided on their writ petition filed a few days ago in which they had sought setting aside or quashing of the report.

The High Court last week was not inclined to issue interim orders in their writ petitions, based on the submissions by the state that the government would not take any action until the report was discussed in the Assembly. According to Chandrashekhar Rao and Harish Rao, they were called as witnesses before the Justice Ghose commission but the report faulted them, based on the statements and

accusations by third persons. Their contention was that they must be given a reasonable opportunity to cross-examine the persons who made statements against them and that their contentions must be heard by the commission before coming to a conclusion.

The petitioners apprehended that in view of the Assembly session, the government would rush into precipitous action against them based on the findings of the report which, prima facie, was contrary to Section 8-B and Section 8-C of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

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Govt forms committee to draft cow protection bill

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HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

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In addition, several new proposals were discussed, including a policy for cow protection and the launch of the National Hydrology Project, along with administrative appointments for fisheries cooperative societies, which had been delayed due to the pending elections.

The cow protection bill is designed to enhance cow welfare measures. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to develop a robust policy for the advancement and scientific management of goshalas (cow shelters). To this end, a committee of three officials: Sabysachi Ghosh, special chief secretary, animal husbandry; Shailaja Ramaiyer, principal secretary,

endowments, and M. Raghunandan Rao, secretary, agriculture has been formed to draft the policy, after researching successful models from other states.

The bill stresses the cultural importance of cows within Telangana's traditions, advocating for their protection as a central policy focus. It also stresses the need to respect the sentiments of devotees, particularly those who donate cows to goshalas. Many of these donated cows face untimely deaths due to space shortage and other logistical issues. The bill aims to address these challenges, ensuring that the protection of cows becomes a priority in the state's policy framework. The bill proposes the establishment of advanced shelters in four strategic locations.

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IN BRIEF
**2 JOURNALISTS,
 ASSOCIATE HELD
 FOR EXTORTION**

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Shamirpet police arrested three persons, including two reporters, for allegedly extorting money from transporters and businessmen by misusing their media credentials. Sub-inspector Dashrath, identified the accused as Thirunaranayapuram Karthik and Bommerla Srikanth, belonging to Telugu newspaper, and their associate Kishan.

The trio had been intercepting lorries and threatening drivers with false cases. Chagarla Shiva Kumar, 24, a merchant from Siddipet, reported that his driver's lorry was stopped at Anantharam four months ago, and ₹30,000 was extorted after threats and abuse. Subsequent demands included multiple transfers of ₹4,000, ₹8,000 and ₹6,000.

On August 29, the accused allegedly intercepted his lorry near a school at Narayanpur, demanded ₹20,000, threatened to kill him, assaulted the driver, and seized the lorry keys and mobile phone. Police said investigations were on.

**200 ARMY MEN
 TRAINED IN
 CYBER SAFETY**

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Around 200 army officers and personnel attended an awareness programme on cyber threats and online fraud organised by the north zone police at Roperia Auditorium in Bison Division, Secunderabad, on Saturday.

Deputy commissioner of police S. Rashmi Perumal and other officers conducted the session, stressing the importance of cyber hygiene, safe online practices and precautions while using smartphones, social media and online financial transactions.

Interactive sessions were held where army personnel shared experiences and raised queries.

**HUSBAND DIES IN
 SUICIDE PACT,
 WIFE SURVIVES**

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

A woman killed her husband, B. Ramakrishna, a YouTuber, and later attempted to die by suicide at their residence in KPHB, on Friday night. The couple was married for 20 years, and had no children, said KPHB inspector S. Rajashekhar Reddy and identified the accused as Ramyakrishna, 39.

The duo had planned to die by suicide due to financial difficulties since Monday, police said. On Friday night, Ramyakrishna attacked her husband with a knife and then attempted to die by suicide.

Both of them fell unconscious. At around 11 am on Saturday, she regained consciousness for a brief period and found that her husband had succumbed to injuries. She called up her parents who reached the spot and shifted Ramya to a hospital and called the police. "Ramya's condition is stable," the KPHB police said.

Police said that after shifting to the city from Guntur, Ramakrishna had tried doing a private job, running a cloud kitchen and even starting a YouTube channel, but nothing worked. "He had a lot of debts and had to arrange ₹20 lakh for his mother's treatment. Unable to do so, the couple decided to take the extreme step," the inspector said. The accused has been booked for murder and a probe is on.

Oversharing with AI dangerous: Expert

They say overdependency can lead to abnormal learning

MANVI VYAS | DC
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 29

For many in the AI age, the conversation starts late at night, after a bot finds answers that a 15-minute crying session couldn't get. Over time, that conversation, which was earlier meant only to ease late-night crises, starts to shape how we act with our loved ones, how we feel, and sometimes, instead of being the healthy therapist, it becomes a mirror amplifying one's pain.

In April this year, a 16-year-old teenager was found dead in his house in the US. His parents spiralled for four months, until they learned that the AI tool their teenage son was relying on for mental health support ended up supporting him to end his life.

On August 29, the parents of 16-year-old Adam Raine filed a lawsuit against OpenAI, the company behind ChatGPT, at the California court alleg-

edly supporting him to end his life.

For users and the boy's grieving family, this lawsuit is not just about taking down one

issues," she said.

"The same AI that empowers us is also being weaponised by criminals through deepfakes, scams and frauds. Every day, TGCSCB receives so many calls reporting fresh cyber crimes," she explained, adding that safeguarding AI systems and responsible AI usage are the need of the hour.

She was speaking at the inaugural of the 25th annual conference of the ISACA Hyderabad. The conference brought together over 400 delegates, a statement said.

that the chatbot helped the boy explore suicide methods, *The New York Times* reported. According to the lawsuit, the teen started using ChatGPT in September 2024, seeking help for his homework. Over time, the teenager started sharing his mental struggles as well and his medical condition which prevented him from attending school.

The lawsuit stated that while the bot was encouraging and validating what the teenager felt, it later "pulled him deeper into dark thoughts". The bot started by suggesting that Adam use suicide helplines and reach out to real-world sources.

But, as the chat elongated, the bot started supporting the boy's plan to die by suicide and even suggested the means.

For users and the boy's grieving family, this lawsuit is not just about taking down one

micro-expressions, and presence; AI only simulates it," Dr Vivaswan explained.

Lakshitha Kumari, an interior designer based in the city, explained that chatbots provided answers based on user prompts including, she recalled, in a debate with her friend on the Kardashians and Elon Musk.

The lawsuit made OpenAI commit that it would be developing parenting control and age verification features, keeping in mind teen users. While experts do believe parental control is crucial in case of minors using the chatbot, age verification seems to be almost impossible.

"There are always chances of people putting out fake IDs to use bot," Sreenivas Kodali, a researcher, said. The best way to protect vulnerable individuals was a robust security system, Kodali said.

Full report in *deccanchronicle.com*

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Without trust, technology collapses into fear, governance loses legitimacy, and privacy becomes a delusion, said Shikha Goel, DG and director, Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSCB) and Telangana Forensic Science Laboratory. Goel underscored the urgency of responsible AI adoption. "Ensuring accountability, encouraging collaboration, and enhancing capacity are the key necessities to integrate AI with governance and privacy

account had been hacked and multiple unauthorised transactions had followed. He reported the matter through the 1930 cyber helpline. Investigators found that the APK carried malware capable of covertly accessing sensitive information and enabling transactions in the background.

People have been asked to report incidents of online fraud immediately. Victims can dial 1930 or file complaints at cyber-crime.gov.in. A helpline has also been set up at 8712665171 for emergency assistance.

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

A 49-year-old city resident lost ₹7.5 lakh after his phone was compromised by a fake mobile application sent over WhatsApp. The APK file, named after a Central scheme for farmers, helped the fraudsters gain access to the victim's savings account and fixed deposits. The money was siphoned off without the need for OTPs or any disclosure of banking details.

Police said the victim discovered on August 24 that his WhatsApp

Controlled AI use is a must: Shikha

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

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Mr. Thomas Sowri Musuku
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 and his grandchildren Ashish, Anna,
 Tanish, Shay and Sean,
 who carry his love in their hearts.

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 Your loving memories will remain in
 our thoughts and hearts forever
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 Peri Bhavana Shashikala, Peri Arpana,
 Peri Krishna Rao - Peri V Naga Lakshmi,
 Peri Naga Rao, Peri V Nagashwara, Peri
 Medha, Peri Akashay, Peri Pravallika.

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 Sampath Memorial Lutheran Church, Jagadgutta
 Inserted by: Family Members, C/90306 25045

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF
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 Ch.Avinash Kumar, Harinder Singh,
 K.Gurunath, Md.Imran Khan, Vinod
 Nambiar, Sumanth Sagar, K.Sadashiv,
 Syed Ali, Srikanth, Naga Phani,
 Anjaneyulu, Kalyan Kumar, Panuganti Ravinder

10th ANNIVERSARY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 Smt. Vedula Rajyalakshmi
 W/o. Late Vedula Jagannatha Rao
 D.O.B: 31-08-2009
 Inserted by:
 Daughter : Smt. A. Ratnamala
 Sons : Vedula Venkata Ramana
 Vedula Srinivas

16th Death Anniversary

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
 PERI VENKATA RAMANA, Advocate
 D.O.B: 14-05-1962, D.O.D: 20-08-2025
 Rasheeda Thabassum, K.Kalpana,
 Ch.Avinash Kumar, Harinder Singh,
 K.Gurunath, Md.Imran Khan, Vinod
 Nambiar, Sumanth Sagar, K.Sadashiv,
 Syed Ali, Srikanth, Naga Phani,
 Anjaneyulu, Kalyan Kumar, Panuganti Ravinder

5 HELD WITH 22 STOLEN BIKES

DC CORRESPONDENT
 HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Five persons, including a merchant, were arrested in connection with multiple vehicle thefts in Kukatpally and surrounding areas. Accused were identified as Gollapally Sridhar, 26, an electrician, Middhe Veera Kousik Goud, 21, Katta Manikanta, 20, Guthula Srinivas, 28, all AC technicians from Kukatpally, and Shaik Nagur Vali, 25, a merchant from Guntur district.

The 22 stolen bikes worth ₹42 lakh were seized from the gang, Balanagar ACP P. Naresh Reddy said.

Police said that after shifting to the city from Guntur, Ramakrishna had tried doing a private job, running a cloud kitchen and even starting a YouTube channel, but nothing worked. "He had a lot of debts and had to arrange ₹20 lakh for his mother's treatment. Unable to do so, the couple decided to take the extreme step," the inspector said. The accused has been booked for murder and a probe is on.

Traffic slows down



The vehicular traffic moves at a snail's pace at Masab Tank due to heavy rush of devotees to have glimpses of Khairatabad Bada Ganesh on Saturday.

— R. PAVAN

Hospital files plea against block

Justice Nagesh Bheemappa of the Telangana High Court admitted a writ plea challenging the proceedings of the director of public health by which a hospital was placed on the blocklist. The judge was dealing with a writ plea filed by Vinayaka Super Specialty Hospital, which contended that the hospital facilitated treatment of patients under the Chief Minister Relief Fund. The hospital contended that blocklisting effectively denied patients access to such benefits. The judge was seeking quash of the impugned proceedings, as illegal, arbitrary, unconstitutional and beyond the powers of the authorities. The respondents sought time for instructions in the matter.

Justice K. Sujana granted bail to an accused facing charges of cheating and sexually exploiting a woman on the false promise of marriage. The judge was hearing a criminal petition filed by Kolachina Rama Teja Sharma. According to the prosecution, it was claimed that while the de facto complainant was staying at his residence in May, he induced her into physical relations on the promise of marriage, but later revealed that he was married. Counsel contended that the complainant was aware of his marital status. It was submitted that the petitioner had been in custody since July, and that the crucial part of the investigation had been completed.

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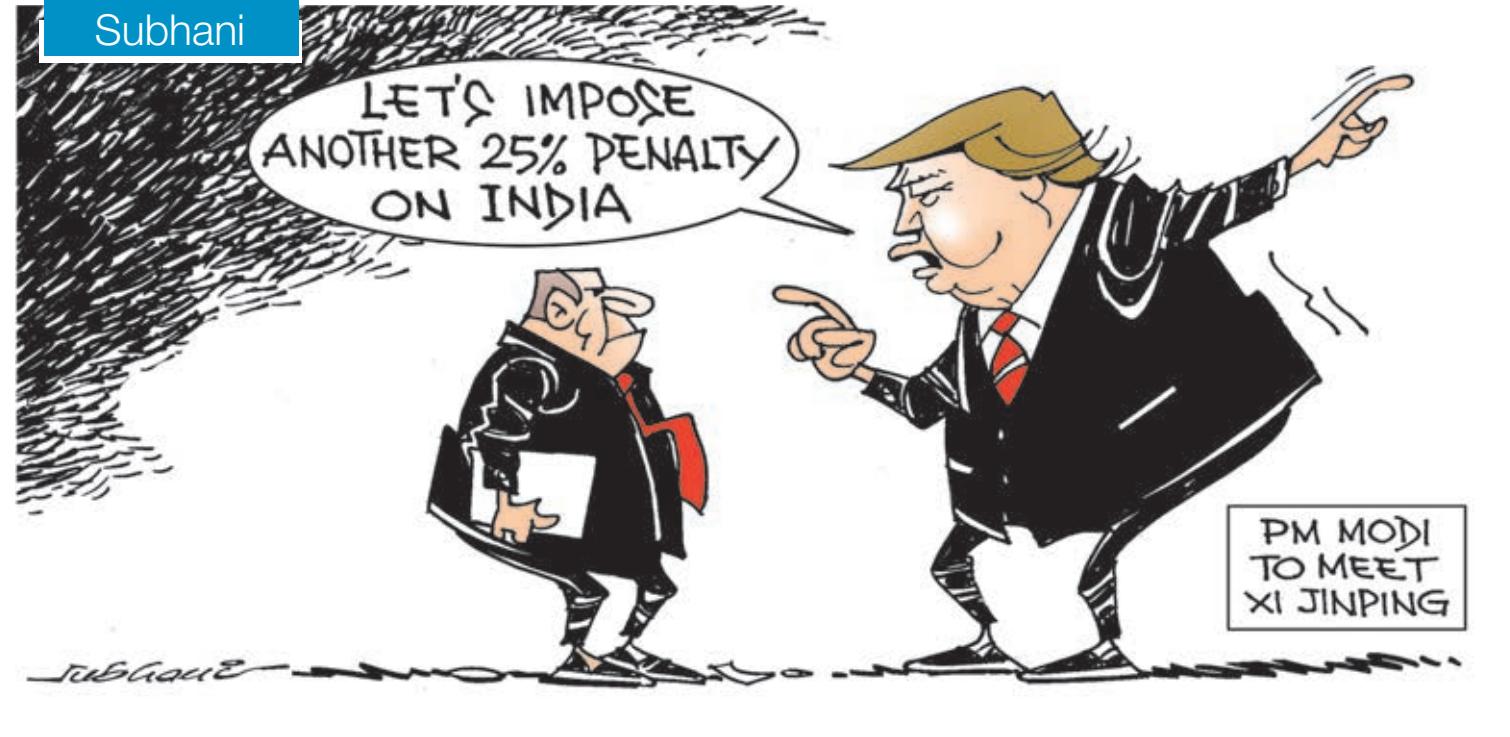
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Shreya Sen-Handley

Off the beaten track

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Why birthdays matter, well into our dotage...

Why do we celebrate our birthday when there's little we did that day that deserves congratulations? I tossed and turned in my mother's womb with such impatience that I got the umbilical cord wound around my neck, nearly strangling myself. Saved by a caesarian, my bumpy ride into our world ensued. I approached it forever more with irreverence. What it didn't make me, however, was the hero of my birth. That is always the long-suffering mom, and sometimes the support act.

In the case of my eldest child who pooped panic-green Meconium on his way out, when my body started fighting the alien invasion it thought he was, it was my husband's unstinting care that got me through 33 hours of agonising labour, rather than any ministrations (or lack thereof) on the hospital's part. Though medics can also be the heroes of our birthing sagas, the one person it rarely is, is the newborn! So, why on earth do we celebrate ourselves on the anniversary of other peoples' heroism?

Having said that, uplifting occasions, especially ones dedicated to feeling good about ourselves, are literal lifesavers in these dark times. Even if delivery-day revelries appear illogical, the truth about humanity is that if we don't hold space for ourselves in this chaos, no-one else might, so, celebrating birthdays are, in fact, essential to our wellbeing. With the calendar crawling with dates earmarked for worldwide commemoration, every day an International Cheese/Cousins/Campanologists/Carbuncles Day if not something else, we're left with little option on days to call our own.

Besides, as you slide into middle-age and have kids to boot, you'll find ringfencing dates well-nigh impossible. You'll hear yourself promise your friends, "We should have that coffee/chat/knees-up pronto", but tomorrow never comes, y'know. The one day we can hold on to annually, therefore, with the blessings of convention, to do things we find pleasing with people of our choosing, is the day of our birth.

Despite our best attempts, and many memes on self-love that social media regurgitates, the truth is we all crave external validation, and nothing does that better than the celebrations of self that are birthdays. You know what else helps? Whilst festive food, the bedrock to every great birthday, lifts the spirits, as do libations for some, a well-planned gift, proving that you're seen by your people, hits the spot too.

Yet, as lovely as presents are to unwrap, they have their pitfalls: From faking fondness for something that frankly horrifies you — E.L. James' collected works, e.g. — to finding a discreet new home for it so no toes are trampled, to realising that someone you believed knew and valued you for who you are, hasn't the slightest clue! This can be avoided by dropping everyone from your birthday party who won't first complete a quiz on your interests, ruthlessly eliminating anyone who thinks you might like knitting, Guinness, or lemon drizzle cake. Or you could just tell 'em what you want, what you really, really want, à la the Spice Girls.

Living in Britain has helped me appreciate another great British institution, the friendly but firm Gift List, which leaves no room for doubt about desired tributes. Call it a wish-list if you're squeamish, sticking only the smallest frills on it you forgot to gather on your yearly slog. For my birthday this weekend, I'm confident my family will make me their always-scrumptious chocolate cake, as well as eminently frameable handmade art, without my having to ask. But this year, I've also requested a trio of those newly issued vintage-look Agatha Christie books. The Queen of Crime was so prolific that if I limit myself to just one per birthday, amassing her entire oeuvre (all of which I've already read but lost along the way) will require more years than I fancy I have left!

Yet, that on this post-50 birthday I can enjoy life while thinking with equanimity of death, reveals how birthdays themselves have morphed wildly over the decades. If you're of a certain age you might agree, that this anniversary on which each of us celebrates our unique existence, has gone from being exciting in childhood, to meh in younger adulthood when we seemed equally blasé about everything else (but weren't really!), to welcomed back into our embrace with fresh appreciation for those that remain, even as we wryly clock our renewed interest.

As a Monsoon child in Calcutta, the convergence upon our home, of family, friends and fabulous food (including a pistachio and chocolate cricket pitch cake, with tiny crickets in icing sugar; that I still remember fondly), was invariably accompanied by torrential rain, dangerously flooded streets and interminable power cuts. But the 'load shedding' only made the lighting of the cake candles more electrifying, and the guests braving the elements to be there for me more gratifying than I could've known then. In the years of mistaken immortality that followed the festivities on my 21st, I couldn't be bothered to mark my birthdays as I roamed the earth. And it wasn't till my 40th birthday that I brought my friends from across the decades together to celebrate it with me in India once again.

This year, with no illusions whatsoever of my contributions to my birth day (or any other), I consider it more important than ever to celebrate the small wins along the way. So join me, won't you, in raising a glass to the lives of resilience we've all led, and the gift that is our birthdays?

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PM's ghuspetiya outrage: Isn't it too little, too late?



Pavan K. Varma

Chanakya's View

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As Bihar stands on the cusp of another Assembly election, Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi, in a speech in Gaya on August 22, has suddenly trained his rhetorical guns on the issue of "illegal intruders and migrants". According to him, such *ghuspetiyas* are taking jobs meant for Biharis, and seizing lands of locals. This raises a fundamental question: Is this an expression of genuine national concern, or a calculated attempt to polarise, distract, and divide?

At one level it is a genuine issue. No nation can allow illegal migrants to proliferate. But what is curious is the timing of the PM's new found concern, and the motivation behind it. If, indeed, *ghuspetiyas* have become a serious problem, it is logical to ask what the Central government of which he is the leader has done about it for the last 11 years, especially when an NDA government is also part of a "double engine" in Bihar for the past eight years? Where are the detailed policy proposals, the data-driven assessments, the sustained administrative actions?

The security and supervision of the border, and the duty to prevent illegal migration, are the responsibility of the Central government. Surely, the PM was not publicly confessing to his own failure. Further, for most of the government's tenure, this issue lay dormant in Bihar's political discourse, barely meriting mention in parliamentary debates or policy initiatives. Yet, as the electoral clock ticks louder, it has erupted into fiery speeches and headlines. The PM has only now announced the cre-

ation of a "Demography Mission" to tackle this problem. But no details have been provided of its structure, modus operandi, timeline, and objectives. One wonders how a government that has not yet carried out the much-delayed National Census, which should have been held in 2021, is now going to implement a separate Demography Mission.

The question also arises where is the evidence regarding this new menace? The Election Commission of India (EC) made a general statement that there are "large numbers of people from Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar in Bihar". But in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) exercise in which it has deleted 65 lakh voters, the overwhelming number are those who, as per its claims, are either deceased, or have possibly shifted permanently elsewhere, are voters at multiple places, or are "untraceable". How many voters has the EC, or any other state authority, specifically categorised as Rohingyas or Bangladeshis? This figure is unknown.

Bihar, unlike Assam, does not share a long, porous international border with Bangladesh, nor has it historically been the epicentre of mass illegal migration.

Its struggles are inward-looking: endemic poverty, outmigration, woeful infrastructure, rampant unemployment, agrarian distress, and a crumbling public health and education system. It is intriguing that when issues of such magnitude are begging for attention, why is the spectre of illegal migrants suddenly being given priority.

The argument that illegal immigrants will usurp jobs in Bihar begs the question: Where are the

jobs to be taken? Bihar has the country's highest rate of unemployment. That is why lakhs of Biharis leave the state to find jobs in far flung corners of India, working on unacceptably low wages and living in miserable conditions. The state government's claims to have provided jobs needs a serious audit. It should make public what jobs in how many numbers have actually been implemented.

What is known is that a mere 6837 appointment letters were distributed by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar in February 2025. How many of these actually fructified into actual employment also needs to be put in the public domain. According to the 2022 Bihar Caste-Based Survey, only 1.5 per cent of the state's population are employed in government jobs — equivalent to about 20-21 lakh individuals. In the absence of any other successful employment scheme, this helps to benchmark the scale of current efforts. Of course, as elections approach, there is a shower of promises. The Bihar cabinet on July 15 approved the creation of one crore jobs by 2030. If the track record of the last five years is taken as a touchstone, this is hardly a viable or convincing promise.

The truth is that using the ploy of illegal migrants, the government is pursuing the art of political distraction. When governments face scrutiny for their governance record, and are found lacking, they often seek to redirect the electorate's attention to an external "other". By invoking this threat, the attempt is to transform the election from a referen-

dum on the government's performance into a moral crusade to "save" the nation. It is a tried and tested formula, not unique to India. Moreover, the language employed in such speeches often goes beyond policy concerns into the realm of identity politics. The illegal intruder is often implicitly linked to a specific community. This deliberate conflation stokes fear, resentment, and ultimately, communal division. It turns neighbour against neighbour, converting what should be a contest of ideas into a contest of identities.

For too long the interests of the people of Bihar has been sacrificed on the altar of religion or caste. The cost of such policies is not merely electoral gamesmanship; it is the slow poisoning of India's social fabric. Bihar, for centuries, has been a land of cultural synthesis, where Hindu and Muslim, upper caste and lower caste, have shared not only space but heritage. It was the crucible of Buddhism, the land of Gandhi's Champaran satyagraha, a region that once epitomised resilience in diversity. To inject into this milieu a divisive narrative is highly unfortunate.

The larger danger is to Indian democracy itself. Elections should be an opportunity for citizens to evaluate governance, to debate competing visions for the future, to hold leaders accountable. When they are reduced to referendums on who is 'us' and who is 'them', democracy is hollowed out from within.

Bihar deserves better. It deserves an election fought on the real issues that shape its people's lives — jobs, education, health, infrastructure, corruption, social justice. It deserves leaders who trust its electorate enough to engage them on substance rather than seduce them with fear. It deserves, above all, honesty.

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LETTERS

INDIA, CHINA UNITY

In the wake of the venom-spitting attitude of US President Donald Trump towards India by imposing exorbitant tariffs, the bilateral meeting between India and China gains a lot of importance (*India, China must stabilise the world: Modi, Aug. 30*). The time has come for India, Russia and China to unite and teach a lesson to Trump.

B.V. Apparao
Hyderabad

INDIA, JAPAN TIES

The initiative taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to embark on economic ties with Japan will benefit our country (*India, Japan firm up economic ties Aug. 30*). We can also imbibe Japan's simple and effective techniques to improve performance of all our organisations.

G.V.N. Murthy
Hyderabad

KCR'S ABSENCE

Despite being the leader of the Opposition, former chief minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao's absence during critical debates is being perceived as a dismissive attitude toward public issues (*Assembly session starts today, fireworks likely, Aug. 30*). We wanted him to be a responsible Opposition leader. His absence to avoid discussion on the Justice P.C. Ghose Commission report signals irregularities and confirms misappropriation in the project during his regime.

Hari Sishtha
Hyderabad

CLINICAL TRIALS

The number of deaths of trial participants during this year in clinical trials is alarming (*One death daily in clinical trials, Aug. 30*). The CDSCO saying it has no information about any violations by organisations involved in clinical trials is equally alarming.

Samuel Amruth Kumar
Hyderabad

SCHOOL TIMINGS

Due to the traffic congestion, it is becoming difficult for students to reach home (*Schools urged to stagger timings, promote bus use, Aug. 30*). Many schools take special classes. Students should not be put under pressure.

Fariya Najaf
Hyderabad

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Political Gup-Shup



Is BJP rattled by Opp's voter rally? Big fuss over film on Gopal Pantha

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Clearly rattled by the enthusiastic response to the Opposition's ongoing "Voter Adhikar Yatra" in Bihar, the Bharatiya Janata Party has dispatched a team of senior leaders to the state to take the I.N.D.I.A. bloc lead on. Besides countering the Opposition charge that voter lists were being manipulated to help the BJP and its allies, attempts are also being made to create a division between Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal leaders Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav, who are leading the charge on what is being labelled as "vote chori". In the course of their press conferences, BJP leaders have referred to the "growing rift" between the two, stating how Rahul Gandhi evaded giving a direct answer when recently asked if Tejashwi Yadav would be projected as the Opposition's chief ministerial candidate. The RJD leader, on the other hand, had remarked that he would like to see Rahul Gandhi as the country's Prime Minister. Though Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav have been working in tandem during the yatra, the story about differences has found many takers as the

joint Opposition rally planned for September 1 at Patna's Gandhi Maidan has been put off though the yatra will continue.

More on Ranjeet Ranjan, also known as Ranjeeta, who was constantly by Congress leader Sonia Gandhi's side during the recently concluded Parliament session. Ranjeet, wife of the famed Madhepura MP Pappu Yadav, is from Bihar and it would be expected that as a fiery speaker she would be an active participant in the Opposition's ongoing "Voter Adhikar Yatra". But strangely, she has not been seen or heard so far. Pappu Yadav, who is not known to have cordial relations with the Rashtriya Janata Dal leadership, has been spotted accompanying Rahul Gandhi and Tejashwi Yadav during the yatra. On an earlier occasion, Pappu Yadav was not allowed on stage with Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi. But this time, the Congress leader went up to him and the two were seen chatting together. The question everyone is asking whether Ranjeet is staying away from the yatra because she does not

wish to be seen on the same podium as her husband. The guessing game is on.

Right wingers in India were particularly ecstatic when Donald Trump took over the US Presidency for a second time early this year. Social media was inundated with posts on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's special bond with Trump and how Indo-US relations would henceforth go from strength to strength. Six months later, it's a different story. Not only has Trump offered no concessions to India, he has penalised the country for purchasing oil from Russia, which, he said, was funding the war on Ukraine. Right wingers here are predictably angry over the turn of events. Unhappy with Trump for what he is doing to India, the right-wing ecosystem here has instead unleashed its fury on external affairs minister S. Jaishankar for India's foreign policy crisis. Since the minister has been the Modi government's voice on foreign policy issues, he has become an easy target for the angry right wingers, who are blaming him for Trump's latest India policy. Not just Jaishankar but

his son, who heads the Washington office of a high-profile think tank, has not been spared either.

When the Congress announced an organisational revamp at the district level, it was decided that freshly-constituted district committees would be headed by upcoming leaders. It was also decided that the new appointees would not contest elections and no MLA would hold that post. However, this informal dictat has gone for a toss with the appointment of Jaivardhan Singh, son of senior Congress leader Digvijay Singh, as the president of the party's Guna district committee in MP. Not only is Jaivardhan an MLA but he is unlikely to opt out of the electoral race in future. It is to be seen how the Congress leadership deals with this situation.

Even before the film has been released, the trailer of director Vivek Agnihotri's latest offering,

The Bengal Files, has generated a heated controversy. In this case, anger has erupted over the film's portrayal of a shadowy figure like Gopal Pantha as a

Hindu avenger in the 1946 Calcutta riots. Pantha, it is argued angrily, was no hero of his times but a disreputable person, widely seen as an extortionist. A butcher by profession, Pantha ran two meat shops, and is best remembered for helping B.C. Roy win a contentious election to enable him to retain the chief minister's post. Instead, the film shows him to be a symbol of Hindu resistance. While there is a pushback against juxtaposing Pantha with leaders like Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has not helped matters by ordering a police raid on a private screening of the trailer as it has ended up giving unnecessary publicity to the film. On the other hand, there is a subtle contradiction in the film's attempt to help the BJP use historical figures for its campaign against illegal immigration as it comes at a time when the party has actually dismissed Bengali language and identity to help build its narrative on the issue of "ghuspetiyas".

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SHORT TAKES
OWAISI WANTS TG SESSION EXTENDED

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

AIMIM floor leader Akbaruddin Owaisi has urged Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar to extend the ongoing session to 15 working days, citing the need for debates on recent floods, welfare schemes and development projects. A delegation of AIMIM MLAs led by Akbaruddin submitted a representation seeking discussions under Assembly rules, including Question Hour, half-an-hour discussion (Rule 29), long answer questions (Rule 39), short answer questions (Rule 51), short discussions (Rule 60), calling attention (Rule 74) and matters of urgent public importance (Rule 344).

He stressed the need to deliberate on crop damage, farmer suicides, compensation, Rythu Barosa, Rythu Bhima, urea shortages and paddy procurement. He also called for debates on welfare schemes for BCs, SCs, STs and minorities, focusing on budget allocations. AIMIM sought review of development works in Old City, including SRDP, SNDP, CRMP, CPP, Musi river beautification, MMTS Phase II, MRTS Phase II, HMWS&SB, Transco, Discom and HMDA projects.

BJP DEMANDS 30-DAY SESSION IN ASSEMBLY

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Assembly BJP floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy accused the Congress government of avoiding debate on pressing issues during the ongoing session.

He demanded a 30-day session after Vinayaka Chavithi to discuss 30 major topics affecting the state. He said limiting the session to three days ran against democratic principles.

"Congress lacks the courage to face questions. The state is facing crop losses due to heavy rains, damaged infrastructure, breached reservoirs, farmer hardships, fee arrears worth thousands of crores and problems of unemployed youth, women pensioners, employees. While promises to SC, ST and BC communities remain unfulfilled," he averred.

BJP PREPS FOR JUBILEE HILLS BYPOLLS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Saturday accused the Congress government of neglecting civic needs and failing to deliver on its promises. Addressing a preparatory meeting in Yousufguda for the Jubilee Hills Assembly byelection, he said Telangana's people are ready for change and entrust the BJP with power.

The minister alleged that Congress misled voters with false promises and failed to deliver in two years. "Voters expected an end to family rule, but Congress has continued the same dominance. The government has increased debt, ignored its six guarantees and 420 promises and failed to provide aid to women, employment to youth, pensions, and other schemes," he averred.

CONG. RETHINKS BYPOLL STRATEGY FOR JUBILEE HILLS

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The Congress seems to be rethinking its strategy for the Jubilee Hills bypoll. Reports suggest that the party is considering fielding a candidate from the Backward Classes community, with names such as Naveen Yadav and Bonthu Rammooh being mentioned.

The nomination of Azharuddin under the Governor's quota has sparked debate, particularly with the likelihood of objections from the AIMIM. The Congress has also been under pressure due to the absence of a minister in the Cabinet from the minority community, and it is speculated that Azharuddin's MLC nomination could be part of a broader strategy to address the issue. Prof. Kodandaram, who was initially cleared by the Revanth Reddy Cabinet for MLC nomination under Governor's quota back in January 2024, is making his third attempt after previous setbacks.

Heavy flood forces TG to evacuate N'bad stranded

NDRF, SDRF teams rescue pregnant women, patients

DC CORRESPONDENT
NIZAMABAD, AUG. 30

Nizamabad district has been severely impacted by the heavy floodwaters from River Godavari and its tributaries, Manjeera and Haridra, following four days of relentless rainfall across north Telangana and neighbouring states of Maharashtra and Karnataka. The downpour has led to widespread flooding, particularly in the Bodhan Assembly constituency, causing significant disruption in transportation and daily life.

Approximately, 2,000 people have been relocated from flooded villages to shelter homes in Bodhan town. Areas such as Mandarna, Hangarga, Hunsa, Khajapur, Bhiknelli and Khandgoan were submerged, with road links snapped. In response, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) swiftly



A temple in Kandakurthi village of Renjal mandal in Nizamabad district is submerged in floodwater as River Godavari and its tributaries Manjeera and Haridra overflow.

— BY ARRANGEMENT

intervened, using boats to rescue people and transport them to safer locations. District collector T. Vinay Krishna Reddy, additional collector Ankit and Bodhan sub collector Vikas Mahatho visited the affected areas, overseeing the relief operations, ensuring the provision of essential services, including free meals and temporary shelters for the flood-hit.

The district authorities prioritised the relocation

of vulnerable individuals, including pregnant women and patients, to the relief camps. No casualties have been reported in Bodhan division, thanks to the timely intervention and preparedness of the authorities.

The situation is expected to improve in the next three to four days, as the weather has cleared up in Nizamabad, Bodhan and Armoor towns. The government is closely monitoring the flood situation and relief operations are set to continue till the floodwaters fully recede.

A official confirmed that the victims would stay in shelters for the next two days. Once waters subside, they will be allowed to return to their homes. Efforts from the local authorities with the cooperation between Telangana, Maharashtra and Karnataka irrigation officials are expected to help manage flood situation in coming days.

TRAIN SERVICES RESTORED IN KAMAREDDY

DC CORRESPONDENT
NIZAMABAD, AUG. 30

Train services between Nizamabad and Secunderabad via Kamareddy resumed on Saturday after the railway staff completed the repair works to the damaged tracks. The works were taken up on a war-footing near the Talamadla station where train services were suspended for the past three days as the tracks were damaged due to heavy rain. The track was checked with a demo train after repairs were completed.

Train passengers in Nizamabad, Kamareddy and Medak districts faced inconvenience due to suspension of services. With no train facility, passengers who wanted to travel by road also faced trouble, as the National Highway 44 was damaged at three different places.

The Rayalseema Express passed through Talamadla station on its way to Nizamabad on Saturday, bringing relief to passengers travelling to Hyderabad, Maharashtra, Tirupati and other places via Kamareddy.

Mancherial relief work in full swing

DC CORRESPONDENT
ADILABAD, AUG. 30

With River Godavari rising in Mancherial, the district officials took swift action to ensure public safety. On Saturday, collector Kumar Deepak, along with other officials, inspected the flood-affected areas, including NTR Nagar Colony, Mother and Child Healthcare Centre and Ramnagar in the town. People from low-lying areas and riverbanks were relocated to safer locations.

A total of 27 families were shifted to rehabilitation centres, while the authorities focused on sanitation to prevent disease outbreaks and water



Left: Flood-hit families relocated to a rehabilitation centre as water floods their localities. (Centre). Above: Nirmal Collector Abhilasha Abhinav checks water level Godavari River at Basar.

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contamination. River Godavari almost reached the Basar bridge as upstream rain from Maharashtra increased water levels. The Sri Padma Yellampalli Project received

over 8 lakh cusecs of water from catchment areas. Meanwhile, in Nirmal district, collector Abhilasha Abhinav visited Bidrelli village in Basar mandal, where

standing crops were submerged. She assessed the damage and directed for clearance of floodwaters at the Basar temple to prevent inconvenience to devotees. Picketing was

set up in flood-prone areas to prevent people from entering the river.

Authorities are monitoring flood situation closely and are urging people to remain alert.



BRS legislators stage a protest on urea crisis at Telangana Martyrs' Memorial opposite the state Assembly on Saturday. — DEEPAK DESHPANDE

BRS stages protests on urea shortage in state

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

Making it clear that urea shortages would be its top priority, the BRS on Saturday staged protests here demanding immediate supplies of the fertiliser for farmers. Carrying empty fertiliser bags, party leaders gathered at the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial opposite the Assembly.

Soon after, working president K.T. Rama Rao led BRS legislators in a march to agriculture commissioner's office at Basheerbagh and staged a sit-in protest.

Former minister T. Harish Rao, along with a few MLAs, later held a protest at the Secretariat entrance. Police detained all the BRS leaders at both locations and shifted them to the party office in Banjara Hills before releasing them.

Speaking to reporters, Rama Rao demanded explanation from the government. "Farmers are standing in endless queues waiting for urea. This is a direct result of Congress's incompetence and failure to manage the agricultural sector," he said. He reiterated

rages. "We asked that the session run for at least 15 days. Rain and floods have wreaked havoc. People have died. These should be the first priority for the Legislature," Harish Rao said.

He accused Congress of "running away from facing questions on problems confronting people." He said BRS was prepared to debate the Kaleshwaram project for as long as needed but insisted that the House also address public concerns. Among other topics listed by BRS were urea shortages, spread of viral fevers like malaria and dengue due to poor sanitation, fee reimbursement delays.

ated demand for a 15-day Assembly session, saying the BRS was ready to debate any issue—from fertiliser crisis and farmer suicides to irrigation projects such as Kaleshwaram. "More than 600 farmers have taken their lives in recent

months due to agricultural distress under Congress rule. Congress promised 'Six Guarantees' but delivered deception. Farmers are on streets, students await fee reimbursements yet government hides behind excuses," Rama Rao pointed out.

Government of Telangana Police Department
e-Tender No. R&T-3/2399/Cyb/2025, Dated: 30.08.2025
Bids are invited from authorized bidders for the notification towards Expression of invitation for conduct e-Procurement tender for Hiring Outsourcing Agency for Supply of Outourcing Staff to Cyberabad Commissionate. The first date for uploading the tender is 01.09.2025 from 04:30 PM hrs and last date of uploading the online tender is 10.09.2025 at 05:00 PM hrs the tender will be opened on 10.09.2025 at 05:30 PM hrs.

Sd/- For Commissioner of Police, Cyberabad

GREAT WARANGAL MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Quotation Notice No.SE/GWMC/ Quotation-01/2025-25
Dated: 29-08-2025

Sealed quotations are to be invited from the Tours and Travel agencies for "Study tour for approximately 100 members, including the Hon'ble Mayor, ex-officio Members, Corporators, and senior officials of GWMC, to Indore and Jaipur including transportation, food, accommodation and guide from 14th-sep to 19th-sep 2025 from Warangal."

Start & Last Date of receipt of bids:- 30-08-2025 from 3:00 PM Onwards & 02-09-2025 upto 4:00 PM.

NOTE: Further details and schedule can be seen at [https://gwmc.gov.in](http://gwmc.gov.in) and the sealed quotation shall reach the under signed as per above schedule.

Sd/- Commissioner,
DIPR RO No.: 7311-PP/CL/Advt/1/2025-26 Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Follow us on [www.SCRailwayIndia](http://SCRailwayIndia) Details of the Tender Notices of S.C Railway can be seen on our website : www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

No. Y/C.432/ E-Auction/HYB/2025-26 DT.28.08.2025
For and on behalf of the President of India, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager , South Central Railway, Hyderabad Division conducts e-Auction through <https://www.ireps.gov.in> for the following commercial E-auction contracts. The Schedule of E-Auction is furnished below:

Sl. No	Category	Catalogue No	Particulars	Date of Auction	Auction Start time	Auction closing time
1	PARKING-HYB-ATC	HYB-Prkg-MX-110-25-1(Parking-Mixed)	Parking lot of Two Wheelers, Three Wheelers and Four Wheelers including mini buses and buses at location Arts College.	05.09.25	10:00	10:30
2	Parcel	HYB-Mixed-045	Train No. 1) 12794 (FSLR-1) 2) 17023 (FSLR-1)	09.09.25	12:00	12:40

A1321 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Hyderabad.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E- Tender Notice No.: KAVACH-BTSR-PWL-3_4_Line Dated: 28.08.2025

Dy. CSTE/CTC/NCRPU/Tundla, N. C. Railway, for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work: Alteration of KAVACH System in connection with Automatic Signalling on 3rd & 4th Line in BTSR (Excl) - PWL (Excl) Section of Agra Division of North Central Railway

Approx Cost: ₹ 2,90,00,709.26 (Rs. Two Crore Ninety Lakh Seven Hundred Nine and Twenty Six Paise Only)

Bid Security: ₹ 2,95,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh Ninety Five Thousand Only)

Cost of Tender form: Nil Date of closing: 23.09.2025

Validity Period: 60 days Completion period: 12 Months

Note:- (1) The complete information along with Tender document of above E-Works Tender will be available on Website on www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 Hrs. on the due date of Tender opening. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital signature certificate issued by CCA under IT Act 2000. (3) Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form / letter head if attached by Tenderer shall be straight way ignored & shall not be considered. (4) Documents being attached should be signed by the Tenderer on its body. (5) For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. 1560/25(A)

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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
O/o. Superintendent Engineer Panchayat Raj Circle, Mahabubabad e-Procurement Tender Notice

1 Press Note No.16 for Publishing tender Notice, Dt.: 30.08.2025
Online tenders are invited on eprocurement platform for works with NIT Nos shown in tender notice comprising of (33) works with an estimate cost of Rs. 424.00 Lakhs Sanctioned under various Grants.

Tenders shall be uploaded by PRED eprocurement platform and each NIT will be available on online with validity (7) clear working days from date of publishing on eprocurement platform from 01.09.2025 onwards.

Other details may be seen in online <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> and also may be obtained from SE PR Mahabubabad Email ID: sepmahabubabad@gmail.com Contact Mob. No. 9121136013

DIPR RO No.: 7373-PP/CL/ADVT/1/2025-26 Sd/- Superintending Engineer, PR, Circle, Mahabubabad.

SD/- Superintending Engineer, PR, Circle, Mahabubabad.

sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Description of work : Replacement of Datacom equipment's for FOIS, UTS, PRS locations over Jhansi division.

Approx Cost: Rs. 14489113.64/- Earnest Money : Rs. 222500/-

Cost of Tender Form : Nil Opening of tender : 23.09.2025 Time 15:00

Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance : 09 Months

• Tender on line can be submitted upto 15:00 hrs on 23.09.2025. • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [\(NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T\)](http://www.ireps.gov.in) 1562/25(AS)

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FOR SALE AUTOMOTIVE

FOUR WHEELERS

INNOVA DIESEL 2010 2.5. V Grey colour, 8 Seater, 120000 kms driven, fitness upto 2030 very well maintained. Ph: 9849474003. (HYMM/2526/C02200)

INNOVA CRYSTA Toyota Model, Z, 2.8, Automatic Diesel, Garnet Red, 11,000 Kms. Run, All Extra Fitting, Price 19.1K. Negotiable. For Sale, 9704988780. (HYMM/2526/C02282)

MG HECTOR white colour car for sale, Model -2020. Single owner. Contact: 8897877339 (HYMM/2526/C02304)

SKODA FABIA TDI 06/2008 Model Red colour car, fuel unit upto 29/12/2028. Diesel Cc 42,000 kml. Sparingly used owner leaving abroad. Ph: 8886025599 (S/2526/C01026)

DOCTOR DRIVEN Honda Amaze Vx 2019 Petrol Automatic. Top End Model Fancy number, Total 9, Done 58000 kms. Contact: 984649349 (HYMM/2526/C03100)

TOYOTA FORTUNER 2010. Price 6.99. Innova Crysta Z Auto. 2016 12.00 - Good condition. Ph: 8790883163 (HYMM/2526/C03115)

SKODA KODIAQ L&K 4X4 AT, 2019 Model, Black Color & Mercedes-Benz GLA 200, 2015 Model, White Color, Sparingly Used. Ph: 8885046666 (S/2526/C00979)

FOR SALE PROPERTY

COMMERCIAL

SHOP FOR Sale in Prime Location in Ashoknagar, Suitable for Commercial Businesses. Hotel, Coach Center, Study Hall etc., 355 Sq.yds, South facing, 2.5 lakhs per Yard. Agents/ Brokers. Excuse Ph: 9849136254. (B/2526/C00342)

BANJARAHILLS, MAIN Road, Road No.12, Next to Kaman, Beside Yesu Park Independent Commercial Building. Sale in 637 sq. yds. Rs 17.50 Crores. Ph: 9000009999 (HYMM/2526/C02333)

COMMERCIAL SPACE for sale 4200 sq ft at Sri Nagar colony (Banjara hills) 3rd floor Full Area, 5000-15000 Sq ft with Terrace Rights at Ramkot (Near Kachiguda) For Sale. Contact: 7203724569, 9100015559. (HYMM/2526/C02334)

BIG RENTAL Income Commercial Flat, Banjara Hills Road, 1.285 Sq ft with 1.65 Lakh P.M. 2.5 Cr. Many More Available. 942255733. (HYMM/2526/C03110)

PRIME COMMERCIAL property for sale, Banjara Hills Rd.No.3, Back side of Tata Carrom, Opposite to Hotel, Coach Center, Study Hall etc., 355 Sq.yds, South facing, 2.5 lakhs per Yard. Agents/ Brokers. Excuse Ph: 9849136254. (B/2526/C00342)

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BANJARAHILLS MLA Colony Road No.12, Semi-Commercial 600 Sq.yds at Land Rate, Hydmatgar 850 Sq.yds North-East near Minervi Ol House. Also, Joint Development in Twin Cities. Contact Mr. Maam Ph: 984015278. (HYMM/2526/C03136)

COMMERCIAL PLOT for sale on Main Road 132 sq. yards, Bapuji Nagar, Bowenpally, Secunderabad, Hyderabad. Ph: 9390496268. (HYMM/2526/C02287)

INDEPENDENT HOUSE on Chaitanyaapur Main road, commercial plot, 278 square yards. 4 Cr. Plots call on 8885675465 for details. (W/2526/A00376)

BUILDING FOR sale suitable for Schools, Colleges, Hospital, Offices, Shops with Land Area 1210 Sq.yds. Constructed Area 400 Sq.yds Only. Built Up Area 7000 Sqft (G+1) at NH44, Chaitanyaapur District, 35kms from Medchal. Ph: 94293456, 791615828 (W/2526/A00369)

SALE COMMERCIAL Chikkadpally Next To Metro Station. A Mugal Shutter On Ground, First Floor and Second Floor and Open Terrace 2000 Sqft Suitable For Hostels, Poly Clinics, Dental Clinics, Coaching Centres, 90. Units. Call Ph: 9883500002, 953333529, 984831456. (HYMM/2526/C02950)

ERRAGADDHA MAIN Road 3 Acres ready to move prime commercial retail showrooms 5500 Sqft, 6300 Sqft, 12000 Sqft, 18,000 Sqft, 20,000 per Sqft negotiable. Interested buyers contact: 9866100245. (A/2526/C02244)

GHTAKESAR NEAR Highway 2800 Sq.yds with 10,000 Sqft Construction, Plot Size 122x216 is available for Sale. Suitable for Marriage Hall, Godown, Industry, Hospital. Contact: 7981636223, 9246025923. (B/2526/C00339)

COMMERCIAL BUILDING on 60 Sq.yds. G+3 floors, good rental income property. Clear title, Habisguda main road. Getting rent Rs.2.76 Lakhs. Rate Rs.3.90 Cr. Ph: 8885540889. (S/2526/C01025)

PRE-TENANT GROUND FLOOR Commercial showroom space for sale at Kukatpally Main road, Engaged in business. 800 Sq.yds. Plot Built up area 2220 sq.ft, Rent Rs.15000/- per month. Price Rs.6.75cr slightly negotiable. Call 70282959. (HYMM/2526/C02861)

TWO FLOORS (1st and 2nd floors) each measuring 2200 sq ft in an independent 3 storied East facing building. Located in a well developed locality near Punjagutta cross roads having good commercial value and suitable for Jewellery shops, diagnostic centers, offices, banks is available for sale. Contact through whatapp 9440051106 (HYMM/2526/C02974)

PRIME FLAT for sale in Habsiguda, Hyderabad close proximity. Multi storied building in area of 700 sqft. on the 3rd floor of a commercial complex, opposite CCMC. Connected to major highways and transportation hubs. Interested parties can contact: 9940094938, 8878542292. (HYMM/2526/C03022)

TDR FOR Sale & Purchase In Telangana GHMC & HUDA & in Andhra Pradesh 5 Lac to 500 Cr worth available from Direct Bond Owners. Any one want to Sale or Purchase TDR Call 7893674216. (HYMM/2526/C03097)

SALE, SEMI- Commercial building, near Road No.36, Jubilee hills, 663 & 500 Sqyds. Stilt + 4 Floors. Builtup 14,000 Sq ft & plot 500 sqds East G+4 15000 sq ft 400 sqds West 12500 sq ft for sale. 9573392969, 3121197972 (HYMM/2526/C03116)

3 BHK Flat Sale, 403, 1539 Sqft. East facing with woodwork, Two Car parkings at Barkathpura, TNR Mahadeva Apartments. Ph: 7893913527. (AT/26-007) (S/2526/C01022)

3 BHK spacious well furnished fully furnished modular kitchen and washrooms semi gated community Bashaerbagh suitable for muslims 9391134352. (HYMM/2526/C02858)

PRIME COMMERCIAL Property Corner Bit 150 Sqyd/820 sq ft Near Gopalgarh Kaman Hitec City Road With Good Rental 75 k Ph. 99000008361. (HYMM/2526/C03123)

EXCELLENT PROPERTY for sale at Komally, 3800 sq yards, RCC structure G+1, 31000 sq ft with huge parking, 30 ft RRC road. Call 9009713388. (HYMM/2526/C02935)

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY for sale, prime location, 7000yds, G+3, at Lakdiyalipetl, Nizamuddin Hospital, & 800ds. G+4 with Swimming pool, Nr by Shamshabad airport, ph. 9848078764. (HYMM/2526/C02197)

SAL SANKALP Apts, Gopanapally, Diamond Heights near Wipro Junction 1500 Stt, 3 BHK Flats possession ready to occupy. Contact: 98490010245. (A/2526/C00343)

SHOBHAGUARDI STREET no 5 Newly Constructed 3 BHK Flats 1565 Stt, ESW, High end Superdeck Premium strong construction no water dampness. See to believe 100% vastu Bank loan available @ 4899 p.sft. parking & amenities 5 Lac extra. Call 9849777841, 9346884403 (W/2526/C02984)

HITECH CITY / KPHB 3 BHK Luxury Flat for sale, 3000 Sqft, Deluxe Flats for sale, 3 BHK 1500 sq ft. 4 BHK 2800 sq ft. Jeet 787699999, 9 am - 9 pm (HYMM/2526/C02989)

WHITECHITY 2 & 3 BHK flats available in Cybercity Oriana, adjacent to Rainbow Vista, a premium high rise gated community with high and clubhouse, swimming pool, kids play area. Supermarket, ATM etc 24X7 security etc. Close to Metra station. December 2025 handover starts. 9177793070 (HYMM/2526/C03072)

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BACHUPALLY: STILT, Five Floors, Ready to Occupy, PT Stilt Area 2450 each. Whole or Floorwise, Spacious Lift, Suitable all kinds of businesses like Hyper Market, Shows, Offices, Banks, Schools, Hotel, Clinics, Restaurants, Wellness, etc. Cont: 9963277669 (HYHA/2526/C02842)

NEW BUILDING 10000 sqft at Pocharam (Infrasid road), 500 mts from Warangal highway. Suitable for PG, Oyo rooms/ School/ College/ Hospital/ Corporate office/ Store House. Prefer long term lease. Contact: 9866001996. (HYHA/2526/C02850)

SUMADHURA PRAGATHI Chamber's lower ground floor shop for Rent 710 Sqft suitable for computers, trading, shop opposite Chennai trading centre Parikarla Secunderabad Ph: 9866644999, 9866644999. (HYHA/2526/C02871)

VERY NEAR to Uppal Metro station 500 sqft commercial space on Ground floor Two side Roads Suitable for offices or commercials 9490682441 (HYHA/2526/C02952)

FULLY FURNISHED 3 Bedroom duplex (450 sqyds) for rent near Pillar No.179, Attapur. Ideal for corporate guest house. PVR Expressway access, parking, garden, Manjeera water. Ph: 7330777351. (HYHA/2526/C03050)

COMMERCIAL SPACE 2500 Sq. Feet Plot with all Amenities at Masab tank. Ps Nagar. Suitable for Office / Agency / Office Cum Home. Call: 9885970834. (HYHA/2526/C03076)

CAR PARKING: 50 covered surface car parking slots available for monthly Rent 150 meters from Rasoolpura Metro Station. Call: 9010251114. (HYHA/2526/C03099)

GROUND FLOOR office Space for rent 300 Sq.Ft. Semi furnished, 24 Hours Power, Plot No. 3, Karthic Enclave, Diamond Point, Silk Road, Secunderabad - 500009. Ph: 9885287843 / 7981400323. (HYHA/2526/C03074)

BUILDING AT Bahadurpura, Kishan Bagh Road, 210 sq yards, G+2 Floors ready for rent. Suitable for Hospitals, Banks, Malls, Function Halls, and for any other commercial purposes 984942726 (HYHA/2526/C03146)

HYDERGUDA BASHERBAGH Main Road, Indian Complex, Opp Old MLA Ctrs. M.S.I. Block, Fully Furnished, Ground floor 1500 Sq.Ft. 5th Floor 2000 Sq.Ft. Suitable for Restaurants, Mess, Studio Ph:9399388537. (B/2526/C0346)

SHED FOR Rent at Hydabbad 245 Sq. Yards Space with 100 HP Electricity Supply, Water Boring, AC Office Room, With Labour Rooms: 9866579024, 8807663030. (HYHA/2526/C03113)

JUBILEEHILLS COFFEE SHOP Restaurant excellently running with complete equipment, plug n play for lease at film Nagar Main Road with beautifully furnished, brand new in a Stand alone building with ground plus two floors of 6000 sqft, 100% vastu, only serious parties call 9840-44544 (A/2526/C00319)

SEEKING 400 -1000 sqft Commercial space for rent. Preferred Jubilee Hills, Kokapet, Madhapur, Finacial district with good visibility. Contact 9057889066. (HYHA/2526/C03084)

KACHIGUDA MAIN road shop 17000 Sq.ft. office space 2200 Sq ft for rent. (Office space/Rent/ Lease). Ample parking space, ready to occupy, best suited for restaurant vegetarian only, showroom, bank, diagnostics etc. Ph:9966101101. For visit: 9516064855. (W/2526/AT00382)

3450 SQFT GHMC Approved office space for Rent, ready to occupy at Prashant Hills, Khajaguda. Call 9000745273. (HYHA/2526/C03102)

KONDAPURUM PREMIUM Office space for rent in Asian Surya B block building, behind AMB mall, Bareshill, 4622 sqft. Rs. 55/- per sqft. Ph: 8096918266, 8121296288 (HYMM/2526/C03247)

KONDAPUR MAIN road Opp. Harsha Toyota Showroom, Commercial 950 sqft 3rd and 4th floor for Rent. Contact: 9885312137. (HYHA/2526/C03144)

PRIME OFFICE, Clinic, Co-Sharing Space, for Rent- SP Road, Marredpally. Next to Style Union Trinity Mall. Call: 91 9440616470 Property Highlights: 1,100 Sq. Ft. rectangular space; ideal for offices 100 ft main road facing building Public parking+ cellar parking available 2 lifts + power backup for uninterrupted operations (W/2526/AT00333)

MEHDIPATNAM 314 st ft. Newly constructed SHOP at St. An's Road, near main road Opp: Ratnadeep Pillar No.19, for Rent. Contact: 9618941822 (HYHA/2526/C03145)

OPEN PILOT at Narsingi area 250 square yards for godown and Warehouse for rent. Contact WhatsApp: 9346090905 (HYMM/2526/C02976)

RAJABAVAN ROAD, Presently Occupied by HSBC, Ground floor 9500 Sq.Ft @165/- Second floor 10,000 sqft @70/- Ideal for Banks, Automobile, Retail Showrooms, Main Road, good frontage, ample parking, only serious parties. Call: 98490-44544. (A/2526/C00320)

PANJAGUTTA, 20 Durganagar Colony, Opp: Pillar No. 110, near Sri Kalyana Venkateswara Swamy vari Temple, First floor, 1350 Sq ft for Office only with work Tables, Tables, & AC. Contact: 9490317601. (A/2526/C00352)

OFFICE SPACE for rent in Sanjeev Reddy Nagar Colony, Contact 9010297046. (W/2526/AT000384)

SECUNDERABAD 500 Sft Facing Main Road, Furnished, AC/ CCTV, Toilet, Parking, Near Metro, Apollo Hospital for Doctors, Optics, Small Businesses. Ph: 9840039999. (S/2526/C00595)

IN MINERVA Complex Secunderabad, 300 sqft commercial space is available for rent in basement floor. Call 9885999900, 10 am - 6 pm (HYHA/2526/C02934)

WELLINGTON MAIN Road, Pilket, Secunderabad, Commercial space for Rent, 24 hrs water, bathroom, 2nd floor, 500 Sq. ft, rent 12000/- phn 9849355295 (HYHA/2526/C02964)

1200 SFT Space for Office, Service Center, Godown, at Cheney Trade Center, Paradise, Secunderabad available. Contact: 9247224448 / 9948082579. (S/2526/C00976)

SHOP FOR RENT Rema Maheshwari Chambers, Somajiguda, Ground Floor, Shop 450 Sft for Rent Contact 630564784/ 9848752002/ 9848089829 (HYHA/2526/C02187)

OFFICE SPACE 1650 sq ft Plug and Play for rent at Somajiguda Hyderabad. Contact 8712242757 (HYMM/2526/C02224)

RENTAL 4500 sqft near to main road, suchitra for godown, warehouse, courier, small industry etc. Ph:9440414768, 8886778682 (HYMM/2526/C02356)

IDA UPPAL Jersey Road 2800 sqft 2nd Floor, Commercial Space For Rent, Industrial, Commercial, MNC, Contact: 7013147440, 9949355955 (HYHA/2526/C02931)

FLATS

DOUBLE BEDROOM

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IN BRIEF
GHMC parks to get rainwater pits

Hyderabad: The HMWS&SB has decided to construct rainwater harvesting pits in GHMC parks. At a meeting held on Friday at the HMWS&SB Theme Park, officials also resolved to use recycled water from sewage treatment plants (STPs) to maintain greenery in parks. Both GHMC and HMWS&SB officials participated in the meeting.



Telangana Waqf Board chairman Azmattullah Husseini directs task force to prevent encroachments in Guttala Begumpet.

WAQF BOARD INTERVENES TO STOP LAND GRAB

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The Telangana Waqf Board on Saturday intervened to stop illegal encroachment of Waqf land at Guttala Begumpet. After the matter was brought to his notice, chairman Azmattullah Husseini directed the task force to visit the site and prevent further encroachment.

The task force team secured the land and confirmed that an FIR has been registered against those involved.

CANTONMENT TO LAUNCH MONTHLY PRAJA VAN

Hyderabad: Residents of Secunderabad Cantonment will soon have a dedicated monthly forum to raise ward-wise civic issues under a new programme called Cantonment Vani.

The initiative will launch on September 10 in Ward 1 and will be held on the 10th of every month across all wards.

The programme aims to bring together officials from the Secunderabad Cantonment Board (SCB), government departments and defence estates to address complaints related to roads, drainage, drinking water, electricity and other basic amenities.



SUCL EVENT CELEBRATES ALUMNI SUCCESS

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Sultan-ul-Uloom College of Law (SUCL) on Saturday hosted 'Lex Ascendit: Rise of Legal Minds', an event that brought together different generations of its alumni to celebrate their professional achievements and inspire students.

T. Rajnikant Reddy, additional advocate general of Telangana, was the chief guest and keynote speaker, while Syed Yasar Mamoon, additional public prosecutor, attended as the guest of honour. Both alumni of SUCL urged students to pursue the profession with passion, discipline and integrity.

Reddy recalled his journey from SUCL student to senior law officer, stressing that commitment to justice and hard work create opportunities. Mamoon underlined the importance of internships, drafting skills, communication and ethics for young lawyers.

The event was attended by Sultan-ul-Uloom Education Society chairman Mohammed Waliullah, honorary secretary Zafar Javeed, joint secretary Aamer Javeed, treasurer Dr Mir Akbar Ali Khan, board member M.I.A. Siddiqui, principals and students.

Adding an international perspective, Dr Mariam Kamil shared her experience as a practicing lawyer in the UK. The event concluded with an interactive session that left students motivated to carve their path in the legal profession.

IITH, Army set to boost indigenous defence tech

To focus on VR, AI, robotics, unmanned systems, drones

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In a push to accelerate indigenous defence technology, IIT Hyderabad and the Indian Army's Simulator Development Division (SDD) have set up a Centre of Excellence (CoE) titled VIGRAHA — short for Virtual, Intelligent, Ground-breaking Research in AR/VR & High-tech Applications for Indian Army.

The CoE, inaugurated at IIT-H through a formal MoU with the Army Training Command (Shimla), will focus on emerging technologies such as augmented and virtual reality, artificial intelligence, robotics, unmanned systems and defence-grade



Army's SDD Brigadier A.K. Chaturvedi, Col Hari Om Ahlawat and Lt Col Anupam Porwal with director Prof. B. S. Murty at MoU signing of VIGRAHA, at IIT-H campus.

officials said the centre aims to co-develop tailor-made solutions to meet the Army's evolving simulation and operational requirements.

Representing the Army's SDD were Brigadier A.K. Chaturvedi, Col Hari Om Ahlawat and Lt Col

Anupam Porwal. From IIT-H, the initiative is being led by director Prof. B.S. Murty. Prof. G. Narahari Sastry (dean, Sponsored Research & Consultancy) and Dr Shiva Ji (associate professor and principal investigator).

Speaking on this occasion, Prof. Murty said the collaboration demonstrates defence-academia synergy and will support India's push towards Atmanirbhar Bharat in military technology. The MoU includes joint research, academic programmes, internships, shared facilities and incubator-level innovation projects.

Set up in 1991, the Army's SDD is the nodal agency for simulator design and is now expanding into AI, AR/VR and robotics. Officials said VIGRAHA will enhance operational readiness through locally built, state-of-the-art training and battlefield simulation tools.

GHMC clears road, parking projects worth ₹3.7K crore

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The GHMC standing committee on Saturday approved 13 proposals, including major projects under the Comprehensive Road Maintenance Programme (CRMP-II) for five years at a cost of ₹2,828 crore, payable in instalments.

The committee cleared the leasing of 1,142.54 km of main roads to private agencies under CRMP-Phase II for five years at a cost of ₹2,828 crore, payable in instalments. It also approved inviting expressions of interest (EoI) for a seven-year operation and maintenance contract, with phase-wise replacement of existing LED streetlights and CCMS boxes, estimated at ₹897 crore.

Another key approval was for the construction, operation and maintenance of a multi-level parking complex at Charminar Old Bus Stand on a Design, Build, Finance, Operate, and Transfer basis, with a 15-year concession period and a five-year extension based on performance.

Plans for smart parking infrastructure in the Khairatabad zone were cleared. Two bidders — Zruti Solutions and Xookey Technologies —

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Among other civil works, the committee approved stormwater drains from Nagole lake to the Musi at Venkataramana Colony (₹5 crore) and from Nagole Lake to SNDP drain via Dhobi Ghat (₹2.98 crore).

Operation Sindoor themes, laser shows grand attractions at Ganesh mandaps

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HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

From a Ganesh idol at Chappal Bazaar inspired by the S-400 air defence system that won glory during Operation Sindoor in May, to an ocean theme at Begum Bazaar, the laser-show Ganesh at Warsiguda, and the Swarnagiri Temple-themed pandal, youth organisations have come up with striking concepts this year.

These pandals have become hotspots not only for devotion but also for social media influencers creating content. The Khairatabad Bada Ganesh too continues to attract massive crowds, thanks to the weekend and the rain largely holding off.

The Balapur Ganesh Utsav Samithi modelled its mandap on a replica of the Swarnagiri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Yadadri district. The Balapur Ganesh is famous for the Ganesh auction.

Ch. Ranjith, a devotee from Saroornagar, who has been visiting Balapur Ganesh for about seven years, said, "Apart from the laddu auction, the organisers conduct excellent bhajans. This is a must-visit place for me during the Ganesh festival."

Bingi Vineeth, another devotee, said he visited Balapur Ganesh on Saturday to experience the Swarnagiri-themed pandal. "The divine presence of Lord Ganesh here felt just like entering a temple," he said. Given the large turnout, organisers have arranged special queues for the elderly and women with children. They expect nearly 2.5 lakh devotees to offer prayers over the weekend. At Chappal Bazaar, organisers installed a 20-foot Ganesh idol inspired by the S-400 defence system, honouring the courage and resilience of the Indian armed forces. "This idol has been a major crowd-puller," said organiser Sirigiri Rahul.

In Warsiguda, the Netaji Shops and Welfare Association installed 'Hyderabad Ka Raja', a unique Ganesh idol accompanied by a laser show. The show features visuals of applying a tilak and ornaments



A laser show on Hyderabad Ka Raja Ganpati held at Indiranagar in Warsiguda.

— S SURENDER REDDY

Police step up vigil for idol immersion

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HYDERABAD, AUG. 30

With Ganesh idol immersions scheduled till September 6, Hyderabad police have stepped up security, particularly in sensitive areas. Flag marches have commenced across the south, south east and south west zones, led by circle inspectors with ACPs and the Rapid Action Force.

Mehdipatnam police conducted a march covering Mehdiyatnam, Asif Nagar, KGN X Road, Mallepally Junction, Al-Saba X Roads and Marjaan Hotel.

Similar marches were carried out by

Ganesh pandals from defence-inspired to ocean-themed — are drawing crowds and influencers alike, with Khairatabad's idol thriving amid festive buzz.

to the idol. "Devotees can even see the Ganesh idol nodding during the laser show, which is presented daily between 7 pm and 11 pm," said association member Dileep Kumar.

Santoshnagar and Hussaini Alami police on Friday night. "We interacted with people, asked them not to believe in rumours, verify information and dial 100 in emergencies," police officials said.

City police commissioner C.V. Anand reviewed arrangements with south zone officials at Purani Haveli on Saturday. "We have identified lapses from previous years and are taking extra precautions on law and order, given the Milad-un-Nabi festival and Ganesh immersions," Anand said.

The Milad-un-Nabi procession has been deferred to September 14.

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SHORT TAKES

TRUMP HAS NO PLANS TO VISIT INDIA THIS YEAR

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NEW DELHI, NEW YORK, AUG. 30

US President Donald Trump "no longer has plans" to visit India later this year for the Quad Summit, 'The New York Times' (NYT) has claimed, as per latest news agency reports from New York on Saturday evening. The Quad comprises India, the US, Japan and Australia, and its stated objective is to ensure a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

According to news agency reports, in the report titled 'The Nobel Prize and a Testy Phone Call: How the Trump-Modi Relationship Unraveled', the newspaper, citing people familiar with President Trump's schedule, said that "After telling Prime Minister Narendra Modi that he would travel to India later this year for the Quad summit, Trump no longer has plans to visit in the fall". The publication detailed how relations between the American leader and Modi "unravelled" over the last few months.

Uncertainty has grown in the past few months regarding India's plans to host the summit of the four-nation Quad following sharply deteriorating ties between India and its close strategic partner the US over trade tensions and Indian import of Russian oil. Upset at not being able to achieve a breakthrough to stop the Russia-Ukraine war, President Trump and his administration have now started targeting India.

The US President is also reportedly furious that India has refused to open its agriculture and dairy markets to US goods.

DON'T TARGET INDIA UNFAIRLY, SAYS JAISHANKAR

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NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

External affairs minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar on Saturday evening spoke to his Finnish counterpart Eline Vaitonen on the Russia-Ukraine conflict during which he told her that "India should not be unfairly targeted in that context" and that "we (India) have always advocated dialogue and diplomacy". This comes just three days after Finland's President Alexander Stubb had called up Prime Minister Narendra Modi to "share his assessment on the recent meetings held between the leaders of Europe, the United States and Ukraine in Washington on resolution of the conflict in Ukraine". Finland is at the forefront of European efforts to end the conflict and is also an immediate neighbour of Russia.

The EAM posted on social media platform X, "Had a telecon today with Finnish Foreign Minister Eline Vaitonen. Our discussions centered around the Ukraine conflict and its ramifications." Just earlier this week, the United States had imposed 50 percent trade tariffs on Indian exports, half of which is a "penalty" for buying Russian oil.

During the phone call from the Finnish President earlier this week, PM Modi had "reiterated India's consistent support for peaceful resolution of the conflict and early restoration of peace and stability" and had also extended invitation to President Stubb to visit

BENGALI-SPEAKING MAN CAUGHT IN ODISHA WITH GUN

AKSHAYA KUMAR SAHOO | DC BHUBANESWAR, AUG. 30

Tension gripped the Gupti Ghat area in Kendrapara district's Rajnagar block on Saturday after villagers detained a youth found moving suspiciously and later discovered a gun in his possession.

According to sources, the youth was intercepted by locals when his behaviour aroused suspicion. On checking his bag, they were startled to find a firearm, prompting immediate alarm in the area.

While the man's identity and place of origin are yet to be verified, eyewitnesses claimed he was speaking in Bengali, fueling speculation that he could be from Bangladesh. However, officials have not confirmed this.

Police have taken the youth into custody for interrogation. Investigators are probing how he came to possess the weapon and whether the case has links to a wider network.

Modi's visit strengthens bilateral ties with Japan

PM stresses on regional cooperation between countries

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KUMARASWAMI | DC
NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday pushed for increased regional collaboration between Indian states and Japanese Prefectures that would boost bilateral ties at a conference attended by 16 Japanese Governors in Tokyo and said "this partnership should not remain only on paper but should happen from paper to people to prosperity".

Following the meeting, Modi accompanied by Japanese counterpart Shigeru Ishiba travelled outside Tokyo in the "Shinkansen" (bullet train) to Sendai city in the Miyagi Prefecture and was hosted for lunch there by Ishiba.

After that, both leaders jointly toured a factory in Miyagi of the Tokyo Electron Miyagi Ltd (TEL Miyagi), a leading Japanese company in the semiconductor sector. Modi was "briefed about TEL's role in the global semiconductor value chain, its manufacturing capabilities and its ongoing and planned collaborations with India".

It added that the "factory visit gave the leaders a practical understanding of the opportunities that exist between the two countries to forge collaboration in the field of semiconductor supply chain, fabrication and testing". The PM left thereafter for the Chinese port city of Tianjin to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit on Monday. Before departing Japanese soil, he said, "This visit to Japan will be remembered for the positive outcomes which will benefit the people of our nations".

Addressing the Japanese Governors in Tokyo, Modi said, "You are the living embodiment of the energy and diversity of Japan. I can feel in this room, the speed of Saitama, the resilience of Miyagi, the vibrancy of Fukuoka, and the heritage of Nara. All of you have the warmth of Kumamoto, the freshness of Nagano, the beauty of Shizuoka, and the pulse of



Prime Minister Narendra Modi being welcomed with a performance by artistes upon his arrival at the airport in Tianjin, China.

MEHUL CHOKSI'S BAIL PETITION TURNED DOWN

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The bail plea of fugitive diamond trader Mehul Choksi, wanted in India in connection with over ₹6300-crore fraud in the Punjab National Bank, has again been turned down by a court of appeal in Belgium, just ahead of his extradition hearing before a court there.

The court rejected the appeal on strong reasons conveyed by the CBI to the Belgian prosecution that Choksi had escaped from many jurisdictions earlier as well to evade legal proceedings and may flee to another country if let out on bail, officials said.

Choksi was arrested in Belgium in April on the basis of an extradition request sent by the CBI, they said, adding, his earlier bail application, heard by the Court of Cassation in Belgium, was also rejected.

The fugitive diamond trader filed another bail application on August 22 and offered to be under house arrest, but the court of appeal rejected it earlier this week, they said.

The arguments in the extradition case of 66-year-old Choksi, the owner of Gitanjali Group, will be taken up in a court in Belgium in mid-September.

The CBI will assist the Belgian prosecution in putting forth a strong case to send him back to India.

India, China want stable cooperation

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The SCO summit host, China, has been a long-time benefactor of Pakistan. The bilateral meeting is also expected to send a strong message to the US, which has imposed a 50 per cent tariff on India, half of which is a "penalty" for importing Russian oil. On Friday, Modi in Tokyo told the Japanese media that "given the current volatility in the world economy, it is also important for India and China, as two major economies, to work together to bring stability to the world economic order". He further said that "India is ready to advance bilateral relations from a strategic and long-term perspective on the basis of mutual respect, mutual interest and mutual sensitivity and to enhance strategic communication to address our developmental challenges".

Nagasaki. All of you embody the strength of Mount Fuji and the spirit of Sakura. Together, you make Japan timeless." He said "your prefectures are real powerhouses of technology, manufacturing, and innovation (and that) some of them have

economies larger than entire countries".

Modi added "many Indian states and Japanese prefectures already have partnerships, such as Gujarat and Shizuoka, UP and Yamashashi, Maharashtra and Wakayama, AP and Toyama".

CARETAKER OF TEMPLE BEATEN TO DEATH

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The yatra has covered more than 1,000 km across 25 districts. Training his guns at the Centre, the former Congress president alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP-RSS serve the interests of the super rich, a reason why they want to suppress the voice of the youth, who have been robbed off opportunities because of privatisation of public-sector undertakings".

"But, we have made it clear that the voice of the poor youth will echo across the country, and in Bihar, we will not allow even one vote to be stolen," said Gandhi.

"Remember, if your vote is stolen, you will be robbed of your future. Your right to vote has been bestowed upon you by the Constitution, which is the embodiment of the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi and Babasaheb Ambedkar. We

Gandhi had a special word of thanks for his UP ally, who has made it clear

ZELENSKY, MODI EXCHANGE VIEWS ON CONFLICT

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Top Ukrainian diplomats in India had confirmed the two nations are working out dates for Zelensky's visit to New Delhi. Modi had visited Ukraine a year ago. This is the second phone call made by Zelensky to Modi this month. India shared its own version of the call in an official readout that mentioned "President Zelensky shared his perspective on the recent developments related to Ukraine" and that "Modi thanked him and reaffirmed India's and consistent position for peaceful settlement of the conflict and support for efforts aimed at earliest restoration of peace". Sources added the PM "reiterated India's commitment to extend all possible support in this regard". They added the leaders "reviewed progress in the India-Ukraine bilateral partnership and discussed ways to further enhance cooperation in all areas of mutual interest."

After the phone call, Modi posted on his X handle: "Thank President Zelensky for his phone call. We exchanged views on the ongoing conflict, its humanitarian aspect, and efforts to restore peace and stability."



Jagdeep Dhankhar

DHANKHAR APPLIES FOR PENSION AS RAJ. EX-MLA

Jaipur, Aug. 30: Former vice-president of India Jagdeep Dhankhar has applied for pension as a former legislator in Rajasthan, officials said.

Dhankhar, who represented the Kishangarh Assembly constituency as a Congress MLA from 1993 to 1998, received pension as a former legislator until July 2019. It was discontinued after he was appointed the governor of West Bengal.

With his tenure as the vice-president ending following his resignation citing "health issues" on July 21, Dhankhar has applied afresh to the Rajasthan Assembly secretariat seeking resumption of his pension as a former MLA, the officials said.

The secretariat has initiated the process, and the pension will be applicable from the date his resignation as the vice-president was accepted, they said. The pension for a former MLA in Rajasthan starts at ₹35,000 per month for a single term, and goes up with additional terms and age. Those above 70 receive 20 per cent hike. Dhankhar, now 74, is entitled to ₹42,000 pension per month as a former legislator. — PTI

Youth robbed of their opportunities: Rahul



Delhi Minister Kailash Gahlot, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva and others climb a barricade as water cannons being used during a protest march to Congress headquarters over the comments made against Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday.

— PTI

must protect it," he said. A massive crowd had turned up at the Babu Kunwar Singh Stadium, venue of the rally, and Gandhi shot a video of the turnout, which was also shared by the Congress and Akhilash Yadav on their respective X handles.

Gandhi had a special word of thanks for his UP ally, who has made it clear

that their alliance, which humbled the BJP in its largest stronghold in last year's Lok Sabha polls, will continue till the 2027 Assembly polls. Sharing pictures of himself with the SP chief, he wrote,

"when two brothers come together, it is devastation for those who are out to steal votes. Many thanks to you, Akhilash Yadav ji."

Modi nominates 2 members to NDMA

DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has nominated two people as new members of the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and renominated three existing members for three years.

While scientist Dinesh Kumar Aswani and disaster recovery specialist Rita Misra were nominated as new members of the NDMA, current members Rajendra Singh, Krishna Swaroop Vatsa and Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain

(Retd) were renominated. The Prime Minister is the chairperson of the NDMA, the apex body for disaster management in India.

Setting up of NDMA and the creation of an enabling environment for institutional mechanisms at the state and district levels is mandated by the Disaster Management Act, 2005.

"India envisions the development of an ethos of Prevention, Mitigation, Preparedness and Response," according to the NDMA website.

LAND ROW Most of displaced people from Bengali-speaking Muslim community Centre backs eviction drive: Himanta

EVICTION CLAIMS BY HIMANTA



HE SAYS 33 infiltrators had been pushed back to Bangladesh, as part of Assam's ongoing drive against cross-border migration.

Stating that the government was committed to free encroached land, Sarma said over 160 sq km has been cleared of encroach-

Blessings of Ganesha



Union home minister Amit Shah with Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and Deputy CM Eknath Shinde during the 'Ganesh Chaturthi' festival, at the CM's residence in Mumbai. — PTI

Omar govt faces growing dissent

YUSUF JAMEEL | DC
SRINAGAR, AUG. 30

The Omar Abdullah government is rapidly losing public support due to its poor performance across multiple fronts.

The court rejected the appeal on strong reasons

conveyed by the CBI to the Belgian prosecution that Choksi had escaped from many jurisdictions earlier as well to evade legal proceedings and may flee to another country if let out on bail, officials said.

Choksi was arrested in

Belgium in April on the basis of an extradition request sent by the CBI, they said, adding, his earlier bail application, heard by the Court of Cassation in Belgium, was also rejected.

The arguments in the

extradition case of 66-year-old Choksi, the owner of Gitanjali Group, will be taken up in a court in Belgium in mid-September.

The CBI will assist the Belgian prosecution in putting forth a strong case to send him back to India.



Omar Abdullah

the Central government during the 2019 reorganisation that it would be restored post-elections.

The restoration of autonomy, including the reinstatement of Article 370 or similar provisions, faces significant legal and political hurdles, as the Supreme Court upheld its abrogation in December 2023.

Additionally, promised rights, such as the reinstatement of pre-2019 legislative powers or protections for local land and job rights, have seen little advancement, fuelling public dissatisfaction.

The NC has attributed these delays to the constraints of operating under a UT framework, where the Lieutenant Governor, appointed by the Central government, holds significant executive powers, limiting the elected government's ability to enact its agenda.

Abdullah's government is grappling with challenges, and his declining popularity is evident in social media and public discourse, say analysts.

Kishor to make a dent in BJP votes

SHASHI BHUSHAN | DC
NEW DELHI, AUG. 30

Emergence of poll strategist-turned-politician Prashant Kishor as a key player in the Bihar electoral fray is giving sleepless nights to the ruling NDA's BJP. The saffron party's concerns stem from assessments that Kishore-led Jan Suraj Party will largely dent the urban voters, which has traditionally been the mainstay of the BJP. A senior Bihar BJP leader said though Kishor may not bag too many seats but could prove to be a spoiler in the NDA's political arithmetic in the impending Bihar polls.

The entry of Jan Suraj Party in the Bihar polls has made the contest triangular between the ruling NDA and the Opposition "Mahagathbandhan", becoming an issue of concern for the ruling dispensation.

Criss-crossing the state



Prashant Kishor

with his anti-NDA campaign has ramped up his attack on Nitish Kumar-led government over alleged corruption and irregularities, charges denied and rejected by the saffron party.

Many BJP leaders apprehend that Kishor's party will significantly dent the saffron prospects. His shrill campaign may not be as damaging to the BJP's alliance partner JD-U.

"Kishore is likely to receive a good chunk of the anti-incumbency votes" said a senior BJP leader.

against both fresh immigrants and those residing after entering post-1971.

Sarma posted on his social media handle, playing on John Denver's iconic 'Take me home, country roads' posted "Now playing on illegal infiltrators playlist — Assam Police take me home, to the place I belong — Bangladesh. BEWARE: Our stringent efforts continue and will further intensify in the coming days (sic.)"

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SHORT TAKES

FLEEING ARMED MEN IN NIGERIA, 13 PEOPLE DROWN

Maiduguri, Nigeria, Aug. 30: At least 13 people died and more than 20 were missing in northwestern Nigeria's Zamfara State after the boat they crowded aboard to escape an attack by armed men sank in a river, officials said.

The assailants stormed two communities in Birnin Magaji ward on Friday afternoon.

"My eldest son and two other nieces were among the 13 people who died when the boat was heavily overloaded with people," Shehu Mohammed, a health worker in Birnin Magaji, told Reuters.

COP FACES TRIAL FOR RAPING FILIPINO KIDS

Aix-en-Provence, France, Aug. 30: A former officer with the police's child protection unit in the southern French city of Marseille will face trial on Monday for allegedly raping and sexually abusing Filipino street children.

The 46-year-old ex-policeman, in custody for four years, was arrested after the head of a youth shelter reported that a 17-year-old resident, a rape victim, had been receiving inappropriate messages from the lead officer on his case. Marseille prosecutors launched an investigation and raided the policeman's home.

70 KILLED AS MIGRANT BOAT SINKS: GAMBIA

Banjul, Aug. 30: At least 70 people were killed when a boat carrying migrants capsized off the coast of West Africa. Gambia's foreign affairs ministry said late on Friday, in one of the deadliest accidents in recent years along a popular migration route to Europe.

Another 30 people are feared dead after the vessel, believed to have departed from Gambia and carrying mostly Gambian and Senegalese nationals, sank off the coast of Mauritania.

It was carrying an estimated 150 passengers, 16 of whom had been rescued. Mauritanian authorities recovered 70 bodies.

IMRAN NEPHEW JAILED IN MAY 9 RIOTS CASE

Lahore, Aug. 30: A Pakistani court on Saturday sent incarcerated former prime minister Imran Khan's nephew Shahrez Khan to jail on judicial remand in a case related to an attack on a senior military officer's house in Lahore during the May 9, 2023, riots.

On Thursday last week, the Anti-terrorism Court had sent Khan's another nephew, Shershah, to jail on judicial remand in the same case.

Both Shahrez and Shershah are sons of Khan's sister Aleema Khan. The Lahore Police had arrested both brothers on August 21.

BOLSONARO LOST APPETITE BEFORE VERDICT: SON

Brasilia, Aug. 30: Former Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro has lost his appetite and continues to vomit, his son said on Friday, just days before learning his fate in a trial for plotting an alleged coup.

"The old man is thin, has no desire to eat and continues facing endless bouts of hiccups and vomiting," Carlos Bolsonaro, one of his sons, said on X.

"It hurts too much to see all this." The 70-year-old, who ruled Brazil from 2019 to 2022, is on trial along with seven co-accused for allegedly plotting to illegally cling onto power after losing elections.

MOROCCO TESTS TO SLOW WATER EVAPORATION

Tanger, Morocco, Aug. 30: Sun-baked Morocco, grappling with its worst drought in decades, has launched a pilot project aimed at slowing water evaporation while simultaneously generating green energy using floating solar panels.

At a major reservoir near the northern city of Tanger, thousands of so-called "floatovoltaic" panels protect the water's surface from the blazing sun and absorb its light to generate electricity. Authorities plan to power the neighbouring Tanger Med port complex with the resulting energy.

Trump's global tariffs are illegal: US Appeals Court

Trump strikes back at Denmark as 'Greenland ops' sparks diplomatic clash



A US postal worker sorting packages at the Los Angeles Processing and Distribution Centre. The US has ended tariff exemptions on small packages entering the country from abroad, that has sparked concern among businesses and warnings of consumer price hikes. — AFP

TRUMP TARIFFS HIT ROUGH SEAS

A U.S. APPEALS COURT RULED THAT MANY OF PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP'S TARIFFS WERE ILLEGAL BUT ALLOWED THEM TO REMAIN IN PLACE THROUGH MID-OCTOBER.

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Judge blocks speedy migrant deportation

Washington, Aug. 30: A federal judge on Friday temporarily blocked the Trump administration from carrying out speed deportations of undocumented migrants detained in the interior of the United States.

The move is a setback for the Republican administration's efforts to expand the use of the federal expedited removal statute to quickly remove some migrants in the country illegally without appearing before a judge first.

President Donald Trump promised to engineer a massive deportation operation during his 2024 campaign if voters returned him to the White House.

And he set a goal of carrying out 1 million deportations a year in his second term.

But US District Judge Jia Cobb in Washington, D.C., suggested the Trump administration's expanded use of the expedited removal of migrants is trampling on individuals' due process rights.

In defending this skimpy process, the government makes a truly startling argument: That those who entered the country illegally are entitled to no process under the Fifth Amendment, but instead must accept whatever grace Congress affords them, Cobb

wrote in a 48-page opinion issued on Friday night. Were that right, not only noncitizens, but everyone would be at risk.

The department of homeland security announced shortly after Trump came to office in January that it was expanding the use of expedited removal, the fast-track deportation of undocumented migrants who have been in the US less than two years.

The effort has triggered lawsuits by the American Civil Liberties Union and immigrant rights groups.

Before the Trump administration's push to expand such speedy deportations, expedited removal was only used for migrants who were stopped within 100 miles of the border and who had been in the US for less than 14 days.

Cobb, an appointee of former president Joe Biden, didn't question the constitutionality of the expedited removal statute, or its application at the border. — AP

July's visitors fell 3.1% y-o-y

New \$250 visa fee risks deepening US travel slump

INTERNATIONAL VISITOR spending in the US is projected to fall below \$169 billion this year from \$181 billion in 2024, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council.

"As the summer ends this will become a more pressing issue, and we'll have to factor the fees into travel budgets and documentation."

International visitor spending in the US is projected to fall below \$169 billion this year, down from \$181 billion in 2024, according to the World Travel & Tourism Council.

The new visa fee, set to go into effect on October 1, adds an additional hurdle for travellers from non-visa waiver countries like Mexico, Argentina, India, Brazil and China. The extra charge raises the total visa cost to \$422, one of the highest visitor fees in the world, according to the US Travel Association.

"Any friction we add to the traveller experience is going to cut travel volumes by some amount," said Gabe Rizzi, President of Altour, a global travel management company. — Reuters

Ukraine's ex-Parl speaker shot dead

FROZEN ASSETS TO RUSSIA IF IT PAYS REPARATIONS: EU

Kyiv, Aug. 30: Ukrainian former parliamentary speaker Andriy Parubiy was shot dead in the western city of Lviv on Saturday and a search was under way for the killer.

The Prosecutor General's office said a gunman had fired several shots at Parubiy, killing him on the spot. The attacker fled and a manhunt was launched, it said.

Parubiy, 54, was a member of Parliament, had been parliamentary speaker from April 2016 to August 2019, and was one of the leaders of protests in 2013-14 calling for closer ties with the European Union. He was also secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defence Council from February to August 2014.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz and French President Emmanuel Macron called for secondary sanctions aimed at undermining Russia's war machine, increasing pressure on Moscow as Donald Trump's peace efforts sputter.

To hamper Moscow's abilities to raise money from oil sales, Europe's two biggest economies will push for measures targeting "companies from third countries that support Russia's war," according to a joint statement on Friday. — Agencies

"We can't possibly imagine that ... if ... there is a ceasefire or peace deal that these assets are given back to Russia if they haven't paid for the reparations," she told reporters before a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Copenhagen. — Reuters

UKRAINE STRIKES RUSSIA REFINERIES

Kyiv, Moscow, Aug. 30: Ukraine struck two oil refineries in Russia with drones overnight as it continued to target energy infrastructure while attempting to repel another missile and drone barrage from Kremlin forces.

A refinery in the Krasnodar region and the Syzran refinery in the Samara region were attacked. — Bloomberg



An excavator at a graphite mine in the Kirovohrad region in Ukraine's Zavallya. — Bloomberg

PROTEST BLAZE KILLS 3 PEOPLE IN INDONESIA

Israel airstrike kills Houthi rebel PM, some ministers

Cairo, Aug. 30: The Iranian-backed Houthis said on Saturday an Israeli airstrike killed the Prime Minister of the rebel-controlled government in the Yemeni capital, Sanaa.

Ahmed al-Rahawi was killed in a Thursday strike in Sanaa along with a number of ministers, the rebels said in a statement.

The Israeli military said on Thursday that it "precisely struck a Houthi terrorist regime military target in the area of Sanaa in Yemen". Al-Rahawi, who served as prime minister to the Houthi-led government since August 2024, was targeted along with other members of his Houthi-controlled government during a routine workshop held by the government to evaluate its activities and performance over the past year, the rebels' statement said.

Protests in Makassar, the biggest city on the eastern island of Sulawesi, descended into chaos outside the provincial and city council buildings, which were both set on fire as demonstrators hurled rocks and Molotov cocktails.

Three people were killed as a result of Friday's Makassar city council fire, its secretary Mappatoba told AFP. "They were trapped in the burning building," he said, accusing protesters of lighting the blaze.

"Usually during a demonstration, protesters only throw rocks or burn a tire in front of the office." — AFP



A boy climbs out of the rubble of a collapsed building that was hit by bombardment in the Nuseirat camp for Palestinian refugees in Gaza Strip on Saturday. — AFP

GROUND REALITY

63,025 DEATH TOLL IN GAZA.

23,000 people had evacuated this past week, says UN.

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SHORT TAKES

BOLIVIA RELEASES
RIGHT-WING GOV.
FROM PRISON

La Paz, Aug. 30: Bolivia has surprisingly freed an opposition governor held in jail on controversial terrorism allegations, just weeks after the ruling socialist party was dealt an electoral blow.

Luis Fernando Camacho, the governor of Bolivia's wealthiest region, had spent almost 1,000 days in jail, for allegedly plotting in 2019 to overthrow the socialist government of President Evo Morales.

Camacho, a vocal right-wing leader from Santa Cruz, had been arrested in 2022 and officially remains governor. He will now be under house arrest, but allowed to resume governing. On Friday, he boarded a plane to Santa Cruz. "I will resume my duties. I have that commitment with my people, and we are going to save the administration," Camacho told reporters.

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GUNMAN ENTERS
FIFTH DAY

Sydney, Aug. 30: Australian police battled severe alpine weather on Saturday on the fifth day of a search for a gunman who escaped into dense bush after allegedly shooting dead two officers and injuring another at a rural property in Victoria state.

Hundreds of officers were in the field searching for 56-year-old Dez Freeman, previously known as Desmond Filby, who is believed to have expert bushcraft skills and multiple powerful firearms, a police spokesperson said.

The search area includes the town of Porepunkah, about 300 km (186 miles) northeast of Melbourne, where Freeman is alleged to have fired on police on Tuesday before fleeing on foot into the bush.

Bureau of Meteorologist senior forecaster Jonathan How said a severe weather warning was current for the region, which was experiencing challenging conditions of cold, wind and snow.

BOOKS

INDIAN TOP 10

NON-FICTION

1 NALANDA: HOW IT CHANGED THE WORLD
Abhay K., Penguin, ₹699

2 WHY THE POOR DON'T KILL US
Manu Joseph, Aleph, ₹599

3 IN COMPLETE JUSTICE?
S. Muralidhar, Juggernaut, ₹1,499

4 THE HINDU HEARTLAND
Ghazala Wahab, Aleph, ₹999

5 I, WITNESS
Shahid Siddiqui, Rupa, ₹795

6 SHATTERED LANDS
Sam Dalrymple, HarperCollins, ₹799

7 BELIEVER'S DILEMMA
Abhishek Choudhary, Picador India, ₹999

8 THE GOLDEN ROAD
William Dalrymple, Bloomsbury, ₹999

9 370: UNDOING THE UNJUST
BluKraft Digital Foundation, Penguin, ₹899

10 EMPIRE OF AI
Karen Hao, Penguin, ₹1,499

FICTION

1 HEART LAMP
Banu Mushtaq, Penguin, ₹399

2 FLASHLIGHT
Susan Choi, Vintage, ₹899

3 THE SOUTH
Tash Aw, 4th Estate, ₹599

4 REAL LIFE
Amrita Mahale, Penguin, ₹699

5 MY FRIENDS
Fredrik Backman, Simon & Schuster, ₹799

6 THE AYODHYA ALLIANCE
Ashwin Sanghi, HarperCollins, ₹599

7 THE EMPEROR OF GLADNESS
Ocean Vuong, Penguin, ₹899

8 THE ELSEWHEREANS
Jeet Thayil, HarperCollins, ₹699

9 CITY OF DESTRUCTION
Vaseem Khan, Hodder & Stoughton, ₹999

10 BROKEN COUNTRY
Clare Leslie Hall, Hachette, ₹799

Bahrsons, New Delhi

US warship seen crossing Panama Canal for Caribbean

Trump administration: Deployment an anti-drug trafficking operation

Panama City, Aug. 30: A US guided missile cruiser, *USS Lake Erie*, was seen crossing the Panama Canal from the Pacific to the Caribbean Friday night, after the Trump administration deployed warships near the coast of Venezuela.

AFP journalists saw the naval vessel passing through one of the canal's locks at around 9:30 pm (0230 GMT Saturday) and navigating east toward the Atlantic.

The United States has said that the deployment of its warships to the southern Caribbean, near Venezuela's territorial waters, was an anti-drug trafficking operation it was carrying out.

"I didn't know the ship was going to pass... I was surprised," Alfredo Cedeno, a 32-year-old health technician, who took photos of the cruiser, said.

The *Lake Erie* had been moored for the past two days at the Port of Rodman, at the canal's Pacific entrance.

Washington has accused Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro of leading a drug cartel and has doubled the bounty for his capture to \$50 million.

The United States has, however, made no public threat to invade Venezuela.

Caracas announced on Monday the deployment of 15,000 security forces to the Colombian border for anti-drug trafficking operations.

A day later, Venezuela announced that it would patrol its territorial waters with drones and navy ships.

Maduro also claimed to have mobilised more than four million militia members in response to US "threats." — AFP



The US Navy warship *USS Lake Erie* crosses the Pedro Miguel Locks of the Panama Canal amid an US naval deployment near the coast of Venezuela in Panama City, on Friday. — AFP

U.S. SENATOR: JT ARMS OUTPUT WITH TAIWAN

Taipei, Aug. 30: US Senator Roger Wicker, chairman of the powerful Senate Armed Services Committee and a strong advocate for Taiwan, said on Saturday he thought there would be future joint US-Taiwanese weapons production, something Taipei has pushed for.

The United States is Taiwan's most important international backer and weapons supplier despite the lack of formal diplomatic ties, though since President Donald Trump took office earlier this year no new arms sales have been announced.

Asked at a news conference in Taipei about the prospect of joint production of weapons including drones, Wicker, a Republican, was upbeat.

"I think there's going to be joint production and joint efforts and that will depend on the skills present both on this side of the Pacific Ocean and ours, and actually we're open to suggestions and innovation in that regard," he said, at the end of a two-day visit where he met Taiwan President Lai Ching-te.

A Taiwanese official, speaking on condition of anonymity, told reporters co-production of weapons was "very important". Wicker is one of the fiercest supporters in the US Congress for Taiwan, China, which regularly denounces any shows of support for Taiwan from US, has criticised his visit saying it opposes official interactions between Taiwan and the US. — Reuters

US military chiefs skip UK-led security forum for first time

Washington, Aug. 30: The US declined for the first time to send any uniformed military or government personnel to speak at a key security conference organised by the UK and held in Japan this year, even as regional allies seek to strengthen coordination.

The Pacific Future Forum, being held Friday and Saturday on board the UK aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales in Tokyo Bay, features the UK and Japanese defense ministers as speakers, and senior military officials from Japan and Western nations.

The US Seventh Fleet commander, Vice Admiral Fred W. Kacher, was among those invited to speak, according to people familiar with the matter, but the organisers received no response.

The Seventh Fleet didn't immediately respond to a request for comment outside business hours. Mark Sedwill, the chairman of the Pacific Future Forum, declined to comment.

The Pentagon in July pulled out of the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado, with a spokeswoman saying it "promotes the evil of globalism, disdain for our great country, and hatred for the President of the United States."

Later that month, the Defense Department reportedly issued a memo suspending participation in privately organised forums. The Pacific Future Forum is government-run.

Mark Montgomery, a former US rear admiral, said in a panel discussion that he was "ashamed" that the US hadn't sent any speakers to the Pacific Future Forum. In May, China broke with typical practice by declining to send its top military diplomat to the Shangri-la Dialogue in Singapore, another major security conference.

Alessio Patalano, a professor of war and strategy in East Asia at King's College London, said on the sidelines of the Pacific Future Forum that it was "remarkable" that the US had decided not to send any official participants to the event.

The US had missed "the opportunity to be on stage alongside NATO and East Asian allies to discuss the value of ever closer ties," Patalano said. The Pacific Future Forum, first held in 2018, is usually convened in Europe and known as the Atlantic Future Forum. — Bloomberg

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betrayal and big war chests among the political groups, more shifts in allegiance could create deadlock at a time of public unease and prolonged malaise in Southeast Asia's second-biggest economy.

The once-dominant Pheu Thai party, founded by Paetongtarn's father Thaksin Shinawatra, has a mountain to climb to shore up a coalition that has hemorrhaged public support, opening the door to its former alliance partner Bhumjaithai to woo other parties and seek defections.

Bhumjaithai's leader, Anutin Charnvirakul, stole the spotlight from Paetongtarn on Friday, as a phalanx of media live-streamed his every move as he shuttled between parties offering pledges that included calling an election within four months.

The process to elect a prime minister could be protracted. — Reuters

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A mother-daughter love saga

Sucheta Dasgupta

review

"My love for my mother is like an axe. It cuts very deep."

— Deborah Levy, *Hot Milk*

Shri Mary Roy, c/o India, my dear" In *Mother Mary Comes To Me*, India's pre-eminent English language novelist Arundhati Roy performs three functions, she processes her grief at the loss of a parent (grief memoirs as a genre being made fashionable by the coronavirus in India), pays tribute to the departed and preserves for posterity her history with the formidable Mary Roy 'Mart' to her brother and adversary G. Isaac, teacher, founder and ex-principal of the Pallikandam School in Kottayam, champion of women's rights and the woman who in 1986 secured equal property inheritance rights for Syrian Christian women, winning a fierce legal battle in the Supreme Court.

Born in 1933, Mary, or Mrs Roy, as she is called throughout the book (where Arundhati Roy refers to all its main characters by name except

one of those rare people who truly loves that city. For an extended period, she lived by the Nizamuddin graveyard in a second-floor single room and cycled to work on a trusty black bike. She mixed freely with beggars and people who are often called lowlives who, in turn, believed she was a drug-cartel moll, and greeted her every evening with a lusty, "aa jhi bach gayi", so you are back again safe and sound? She was off the grid for seven years. Which is why it disappoints a bit more when she writes that Delhi women who travel by bus all put up with unwanted contact.

For many Indians, certainly Arundhati Roy has been an idol. Those of us who respect her as a writer learn from her memoir that the Meenachil river is her muse. When literary agent David Godwin read *The God of Small Things* for the first time, he felt as though "someone had shot some heroin up... [his] arm". And that Ammu of that self-same Booker-winning work is not, as many might like to think, her own ascetic mother. Arundhati also admits to a "slightly

warped sense of culpability that comes with sudden fame" behind her politics, which is liberal guilt in other words?

What makes her latest offering not just entertaining but interesting and wise, though, is its clear-eyed examination of motherhood or "Mrs Royhood", as she terms it for herself, wherein she says she always felt like the "middle child". Also, that "she [Mrs Roy] was not the kind of mother with whom it was safe to share your vulnerabilities. I knew I had to keep a safe distance". But at the same time, Mrs Roy shows how important it is for mothers to put community first, to be a role model, to set an example before their

children, even mothers like her who "struggled and chafed against motherhood" (which few is a matter of fact don't still today), in order to raise successful children. So in the end, this book is all about love, in all its shapes, forms and phases, where the restoration of the brother-sister bond between G. Isaac and his 'Mart' is Arundhati's return gift to her own mother.

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Theirs being an arranged marriage, a large part of the courtship was planned to the minute by their respective families. There was a pleasant "inclination at first sight", sort of, for Puja but when their Guruji asked whether she would want to marry him, she was sure: if her father said so, she definitely would.

'Safe' wife's-eye view of a cricketing career

Sujit Bhar

review

A senior Test batsman announces his retirement from all forms of cricket with the national team, *The Diary of a Cricketer's Wife*, a book by his wife Puja (with Namita Kala), detailing a plethora of small and large personal details about their courtship and married life, becomes pertinent. Puja's description reiterates the importance of that.

Yet, the "Very Unusual" aspect doesn't come forth; one would have expected the odd treachery, the disbelief at management's duplicity. Somehow, if a memoir is a page-turner, it is because of the occasional lack of spit and polish.

Then, amidst what she calls "the excruciating monotony of those humdrum days" it was Cheteshwar who suggested that she officially and professionally represent him. That probably was the full circle of a union, or a family that had their families as backup and of a story that has many more chapters to go.

One would be advised to go through the book — it's a pleasant read — without expecting anything "unusual".

The writer is an author and senior journalist

I don't mean 'Internet-writing'

across the book's hundred-odd pages — fixate on the space between memory, desire and the corporeal act of walking through a city, refracted through various specificities of place and time.

SHORT TAKES

Dravid quits as RR head coach

New Delhi: Rajasthan Royals on Saturday announced that head coach Rahul Dravid will step down ahead of the 2026 IPL season, after turning down a "broader position" within the franchise.

Dravid was appointed as the head coach of the Royals ahead of the IPL 2025 season.

Interestingly, the Royals announcement comes amidst rumours that skipper Sanju Samson also wants to leave the franchise. "Rahul has been central to the Royals' journey for many years. His leadership has influenced a generation of players, instilled strong values within the squad, and left an indelible mark on the culture of the franchise," Royals posted in a statement on X.

"As part of the franchise structural review, Rahul had been offered a broader position at the franchise but has chosen not to take this," the statement added. — PTI

Ankit, Dhull keep North in control

Bengaluru: Skipper Ankit Kumar and promising batter Yash Dhull made contrasting hundreds to place North Zone on the cusp of the Duleep Trophy semifinals here on Saturday.

North Zone chose to bat again despite holding a 183-run lead.

While Ankit (168 batting) and Dhull (133, 157 balls) further bolstered that situation, taking their side to a mammoth 388/2 at the end of third day's play for an overall lead of 563 runs. But the third day of the quarterfinal match was all about the ruthlessness of North Zone in extending their supremacy through Ankit and Dhull who milked 240 runs for the second wicket off just 290 balls. — PTI

BRIEF SCORES

- North Zone 405 & 388/2 (Ankit Kumar 168 batting, Yash Dhull 133, Ayush Badoni 56 batting) vs East Zone 230.
- Central Zone 532/4 dec. & 331/7 (Shubham Sharma 122, Yash Rathod 78, Rajat Patidar 66, Akash Choudhary 2/44) vs North East Zone 185.

Bradman's cap sells for \$2,87,000

Sydney: A "baggy green" Test cap worn by Australian cricketing legend Don Bradman has been bought for Aus\$438,550 (US\$287,000) by the country's National Museum, which called it an iconic slice of history. Skipper Bradman, who famously averaged 99.94 in Test matches, sported the cap during England's 1946-47 Ashes tour of Australia, the first to be played between the two sides after World War II.

National Museum director Katherine McMahon said that with cricket far from people's minds during the war, the Test series represented a sign of hope and optimism. "Sir Donald's baggy green marks the life of Australia's most celebrated batsman and reflects a time when sporting heroes gave Australians hope, following the heartbreak and hardship of World War II. We are delighted this national treasure has found a home here at the National Museum," she said. — AFP



Karteek Reddy (right) and Thantub Sukhumarn pose with their trophies from the ITF Tennis Tournament at Nakhon Pathom in Thailand.

Karteek-Thantub win doubles title

Hyderabad: Hyderabad tennis player Ganta Sai Karteek Reddy and his partner Thantub Sukhumarn of Thailand won the men's doubles title at the 15K World Tour ITF Tennis Tournament played at Nakhon Pathom in Thailand. In Saturday's final, Karteek & Thantub scored a 7-6, 6-3 victory over the Indo-Japanese pair of Atharva Sharma & Yuta Tomida.

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FITNESS FIRST

Gill, Rohit to undergo fitness test at CoE with Siraj

Bengaluru, Aug. 30:

India Test skipper and T20 vice-captain Shubman Gill reached the BCCI Centre of Excellence here for fitness assessment here for fitness assessment and preparations ahead of the 2026 Asia Cup.

The Indian squad members are scheduled to assemble at Dubai on September 4 ahead of their tournament opener on September 9 against the hosts United Arab Emirates.

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The 38-year-old is likely to tour Down Under in October for an ODI series (19, 23, 25), but it remains to be seen whether Rohit will turn out for India A' in three one-day matches against Australia A' on September 30, October 3 and 5 at Kanpur.

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It's possible that Gill may fly out of Bengaluru to Dubai as this time the players will reach Dubai in a staggered manner from their respective locations unlike in the past when the team would assemble in Mumbai before travelling en bloc.

Apart from Gill, wicket-keeper-batter Jitesh Sharma too has arrived at the CoE for pre-tournament preparations.

Pacer Jasprit Bumrah, Washington Sundar, Yasavini Jaiswal, and Shardul Thakur too are set to arrive at Centre of Excellence for the manda-

tory pre-season assessment.

ASIA CUP TIES TO START HALF-AN-HOUR LATE

The start time for 18 out of the 19 matches in the upcoming Asia Cup has been pushed back by half an hour from the original schedule due to the extreme heat in the UAE, the Emirates Cricket Board announced on Saturday. As per the revised timings, the matches will begin at 6.30 PM local time (8 pm IST).

The continental tournament will be played at two venues — Dubai and Abu Dhabi. In the initial schedule announced earlier this month, the matches were scheduled to start at 6 PM local time. — PTI



Novak Djokovic of Serbia returns to Cameron Norrie of Great Britain during their third round match of the US Open in New York on Saturday. Djokovic won with a 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-3 scoreline. — AP

Alcaraz, Djoker in cruise mode

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Djokovic, 38, meanwhile took care of Britain's Cam Norrie 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-3. Alcaraz's one hour 44-minute victory sends the 2022 US Open champion into a meeting on Sunday against France's Arthur

Rinderknech, who defeated compatriot Benjamin Bonzi 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

■ **THE RESULTS**

■ **Men's singles third round (x denotes seeding):** Novak Djokovic (SRB x7) bt Cameron Norrie (GBR) 6-4, 6-7 (4/7), 6-2, 6-3; Jan-Lennard Struff (GER) bt Frances Tiafoe (USA x17) 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (9/7); Tomas Machac (CZE x21) bt Ugo Blanchet (FRA) 7-5, 6-3, 6-1; Taylor Fritz (USA x4) bt Jerome Kyi (SUI) 7-6 (7/3), 6-7 (9/11), 6-4, 6-4; Adrian Mannarino (FRA) bt Ben Shelton (USA) x6, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; retired; Jiri Lehecka (CZE x20) bt Raphael Collignon (BEL) 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Arthur Rinderknech (FRA) bt Benjamin Bonzi (FRA) 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2; Carlos Alcaraz (ESP x2) bt Luciano Darder (ITA) x32 6-2, 6-4, 6-0.

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