

Autorickshaw unions call off strike as Telangana govt agrees to fare hike

Hyderabad: The autorickshaw unions called off their strike following the State Government's assurance to increase the fares. A decision to this effect was taken after transport Minister Ponnampallabharani along with senior officials held talks with autorickshaw union leaders on Sunday night.As autorickshaw fares have not been increased since 2012, it was agreed to increase the fares. However, the decision on new fares will be taken after seeking a report from the stakeholders, the Minister said.Executive Branch

BRS to launch campaign against Congress's 1,000-day betrayal

Hyderabad: Marking 1,000 days of the Congress government in power, the BRS announced a major week-long Statewide campaign from September 2 to highlight the Congress government's failures and betrayal of the people.

The party working president KT Rama Rao called on the cadre to take the unfulfilled promises and public issues to every village through various formats and programmes.

Revanth Reddy Thanks Kharge for Support Amid US Tour Row

Hyderabad, August 23

: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Sunday thanked AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge and other party leaders for supporting him after the Centre denied him permission to travel to the US. Reddy, who is in London, said he will speak about all the related issues once he returns to Hyderabad.

The Telangana CM had planned to undertake a 10-day visit to the UK and US.

Following the denial of permission, he decided to return to Hyderabad from London on August 23.

Reddy, in a post on 'X', said : "My deepest gratitude for the strong support from our leader and Congress party national president, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge ji @kharge on the issue of the Centre denying me permission to travel to the USA. I am very thankful to my party, all the leaders and people across the country who supported in this issue in national interest.

"I am grateful for the overwhelming support that I have received in past three days. In a few hours, I

will be taking a flight back home to Hyderabad instead of proceeding to Boston as per original schedule, after the MEA (Central Govt) denied permission for my USA tour for political reasons," the Telangana CM said.

CM Reddy was denied political clearance for his planned trip to the US because the proposed programme for the visit was not "appropriate", the Ministry of External Affairs said on Friday.

The remarks came after Reddy's office said the CM had been forced to cancel his visit to the US after the MEA declined permission for the travel.

During the planned US trip, Reddy was to visit the campuses of Harvard University, MIT and other institutions.

Telangana BJP president N Ramchander Rao on Saturday said CM Reddy should answer the people over media reports that he had sought to meet New York Mayor Zohran Mamdani during his now-cancelled US visit.

CMO sources, however, said a meeting with Mamdani was not part of the CM's proposed itinerary in the US.



PM Modi Hails Space Startups, Highlights India's Cost Advantage

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged Indian space startups to build the country into a global hub capable of attracting professionals, entrepreneurs and investment from across the world, saying India's talent, cost advantage and appetite for risk could help it rapidly expand its footprint in the sector.

According to a transcript of Modi's interaction with the chief executives and founders of 20 space startups, released on Sunday, the Prime Minister said India should create an environment in which professionals across the world see the country as a preferred destination for pur-



suing careers in space technology.

During the interaction on Friday, one of the executives told Modi that the opening of the space sector to private participation had encouraged Indians working in the US and Europe to consider returning home.

"We need to connect with many people who went abroad and are now returning. I believe we should create an aura where people worldwide feel that if they want to make a career, they should go to India," Modi said.

He said the country's emerging space companies could become a magnet for global talent. People looking to work in the sector should be encouraged to associate themselves with Indian startups and space organisations,

he added.

Modi said breakthroughs in any field draw global attention towards those leading the change and that Indian startups now had an opportunity to establish themselves at the forefront of space innovation.

The Prime Minister also stressed the importance of policy stability in encouraging entrepreneurs to take risks. He said the government's approach was to ensure consistency in its decisions so that entrepreneurs remained confident that they would continue to receive institutional backing even when ventures encountered difficulties.

Referring to India's cost advantage and availability of skilled manpower, Modi said the country was well placed to scale up quickly. "Our people naturally have a higher risk-taking capacity. Because of these factors, we can establish our place very rapidly," he said.

Startup executives, meanwhile, outlined ambitious expansion plans for India's private space industry. They said rocket manufacturing capacity was being scaled up with the aim of conducting one launch a month by mid-2027, followed eventually by weekly and multiple daily launches.

They also told Modi that investor confidence in the sector had risen following successful private-sector launches and that Indian companies were increasingly securing business from overseas clients.

One executive said the company had secured eight launch contracts, most of them from international customers, within a month of a launch. The executives also spoke about plans over the next 18 months to establish a global network of ground stations.

The Prime Minister separately marked National Space Day on Sunday by sharing a video highlighting India's space achievements and innovations.

"Here's to dreaming even bigger, innovating more and pushing newer frontiers...", he said.

National Space Day marks the Chandrayaan-3 mission's successful soft landing on the Moon on August 23, 2023.

CJP To Review Centre's Assurances on Monday, May Signal Fresh Protests

New Delhi: The Cockerroach Janta Party will convene a meeting of its national working committee on Monday to review the status of the commitments made by the Centre after the withdrawal of its nationwide agitation on July 25, saying the government is yet to formally communicate the steps being taken to fulfil the assurances.

All steps to secure fulfilment of the commitments would be considered, including the possibility of launching another peaceful nationwide agitation, the CJP said.

"The CJP called off its agitation in good faith because the government gave its word to the young people of this country," it said, adding that it would not allow that "good faith" to be mistaken for "weakness".

The CJP also asked students, young citizens, its supporters and volunteers to remain prepared for the outcome of its Monday meeting.

The announcements came days after the Supreme Court on August 18 sought a consolidated list of FIRs registered against students and protesters across the country.

The CJP said the top court asked the Centre thrice to provide the list so that it could consider exercising its powers under Article 142 to quash the cases.

"Despite the court repeatedly asking for this list, the Union government did not commit to providing it," the CJP said.

The outfit said that immediately after the court hearing, its co-convenor Saurav Das and legal affairs lead Ratna Singh raised concern that the government appeared to be "cheating" the younger generation after the CJP called off its agitation on the basis of the commitments made during its talks with the Centre.

The assurances included withdrawal or quashing of all FIRs arising from the protests, a guarantee that no



student or peaceful protester would face punitive action in future and compensation for the families of NEET-UG candidates who committed suicide after the test was cancelled in May due to paper leaks.

The CJP also said the government delegation that engaged in parleys with the outfit did not formally reach out to it to place on record the steps being taken to fulfil the written assurances, including on FIRs and compensation.

The CJP said its decision to withdraw the agitation was based on the government's words and warned against any attempt to "dilute, delay, reinterpret or dishonour" the commitments, which would be seen as "vishwasghaat" (betrayal) with the country's youth.

The national working committee meeting on Monday will assess the situation and decide the CJP's next course of action.

The CJP called off its nationwide agitation on July 25, soon after then-education minister Dharmendra Pradhan resigned and the government gave assurances that students and peaceful protesters would not face punitive action.

The campaign also sought action in the NEET paper leak controversy and compensation for the deceased victims.

‘Bahubali’ Knocks Down Unsafe Gachibowli Building

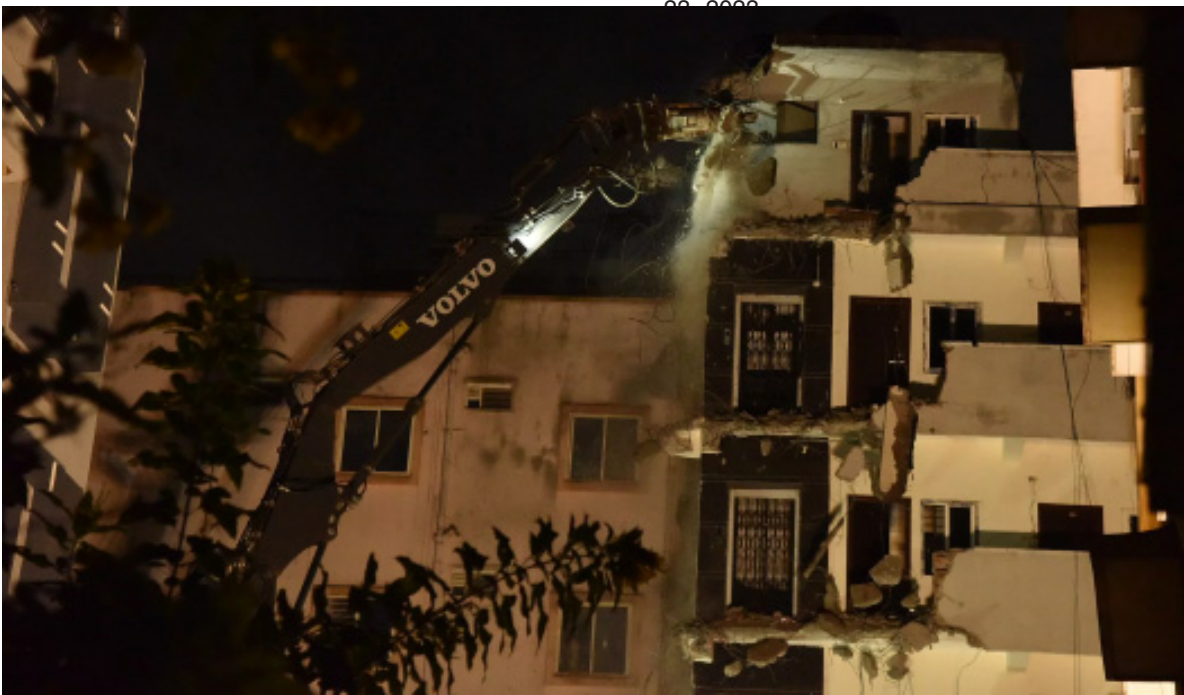
Hyderabad: Officials on Sunday deployed 'Bahubali', a heavy duty excavator, to demolish a seven-storey structure adjacent to the under-construction building that collapsed in Anjaiahnagar, Gachibowli, on Saturday. The structure, an unauthorised construction according to officials, was in danger of collapsing.

The demolition also forced the evacuation of residents in a nearby apartment complex. Block B of Sterling Whitefield Apartments, located close to the building being demolished, was cordoned off and residents were asked to vacate the premises as a precaution.

Saturday's collapse had also damaged C Block of Jagadarsini Residency, located next to the collapsed building. Residents were asked to vacate the apartment amid concerns over its safety. A structural assessment of the partially damaged Jagadarsini Residency is yet to be conducted, leaving residents worried about the condition of their homes.

HYDRAB in coordination with the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) began the demolition on Sunday after using another excavator to clear the debris of the collapsed building to create a path for the 'Bahubali' to reach the site. With hardly any gap between the buildings, the operation was taken up with caution to prevent the structure from falling on neighbouring buildings.

However, residences of Block C of Jagadarsini Residency said they were awaiting a detailed structural assessment of their building to ascertain whether it had suffered any damage and whether it was safe for them to return. "We were asked to vacate the building immediately after the incident. We are concerned about the safety of our building and are waiting for officials to conduct a structural assessment," said Ramakrishna, a resident of Jagadarsini Residency. Another resident, Madhusudhan Rao, said residents were anxious as the condition of the neighbouring structures remained uncertain. "We understand that the authorities are taking precautionary measures, but we want the structural condition of our building to be assessed at the earliest. Only then will we know whether it is safe to return," he said.



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Trump's tariff tantrums fail to dent India's exports

United States President Donald Trump's tariff tantrums have not dampened the enthusiasm of Indian exporters, who continue to view America as their favoured destination. While new trade agreements with Britain, the European Union, Oman and New Zealand have helped India expand its bouquets of options, the US remains the most important export market. America accounted for around 20% of India's exports in the 12 months through July, broadly maintaining its share despite tariffs on Indian goods reaching as high as 50% during the period. The tariff rate was later reduced to 18% in February and currently stands at 10%. While India has expedited free-trade negotiations with other major markets and diversified aggressively into Europe, Britain, the Gulf, Oceania and other markets, it is extremely difficult to replace the world's largest economy. It will take at least two to three years for market diversification to show meaningful results. About one-fifth of India's merchandise exports still go to America, a remarkable level of dependence given the tariff upheaval. Recent Commerce Ministry data show that the US remains India's top export market even as overall Indian exports have accelerated. The sheer scale and appetite of the US for a broad range of Indian goods make it a uniquely important market, particularly for electronics, engineering goods, pharmaceuticals, gems and jewellery and textiles. The two countries are yet to finalise a trade deal, despite months of high-level negotiations. The resilience of Indian exports reflects the depth of the India-US commercial relationship and also the limits of tariffs as an instrument for redirecting global supply chains. The Trump administration's tariff story has been erratic, unpredictable and extraordinarily complicated. Significantly, America has tariffed India unevenly, and this unevenness has mattered enormously for exporters. The categories it chose to exempt—pharmaceuticals, semiconductors, smartphones, cut diamonds—are also the categories in which India is least substitutable, either because of entrenched supply-chain integration or near-monopoly processing capacity. The categories America chose to tariff most heavily—steel, aluminium, and to a lesser extent, finished jewellery and apparel—are precisely the categories where India is most easily replaced by Vietnam, Bangladesh, Mexico or domestic US production. As a result, the feared structural rupture never happened. India's merchandise exports to the US were already worth about \$86.35 billion in 2024. America's importance has remained remarkably persistent even as India's total export machine has expanded. India's combined merchandise and services exports reached a record \$863.1 billion in FY2025-26. The momentum has continued into the current financial year. During April-June 2026, India's merchandise and services exports together reached \$232.73 billion, up 11.37% year on year. This expansion has occurred while American tariffs have been changing almost month by month. The moral of the story so far is that Washington remains the biggest customer, but it no longer has to be the only customer that matters.

Had a Heart Stent? What Can You Do, What Should You Avoid, and When Can You Resume Sexual Activity?

“Komuram Bheem Asifabad, District Correspondent | August 24: “When the blood vessels supplying blood to the heart become narrowed or blocked due to plaque buildup, doctors may perform angioplasty and place a stent to restore blood flow. After stent placement, many people can return to a normal life. However, adequate rest, regular medication and gradual return to physical activity are important during recovery. “Can you walk after a stent? “If the patient's condition is stable after the procedure, light walking can usually be started. It is advisable to begin with short, slow walks and gradually increase the duration if there is no discomfort. For people



who had a heart attack and underwent stent placement, the timing of exercise may be different. Cardiac rehabilitation under medical supervision can help patients safely increase their physical activity. “What activities are allowed? “Depending on the individual's condition, patients may gradually resume walking, light household activities and normal personal activities. Exercise should be increased gradually and preferably according to the cardiologist's advice. Taking adequate rest when tired is important. “What should be avoided? “Heavy physical activity should generally be avoided during the initial recovery period. Patients should not immediately start lifting heavy weights, running fast, climbing many stairs, doing strenuous workouts or performing physically demanding jobs. If the catheter was inserted through the wrist or groin, extra care should be taken to avoid excessive pressure on that area. The doctor should be con-

BJP Appoints Murthy Nagaraju as Medchal–Malkajgiri Urban District SC Morcha General Secretary

““ Nacharam, August 23(INDIAN CHORNICLE):““Shri Murthy Nagaraju, a prominent BJP leader and resident of Errakunta in Nacharam under the Uppal Assembly Constituency, has been appointed as the General Secretary of the SC Morcha, BJP Medchal–Malkajgiri Urban District. “As part of the appointment process, Shri Nagaraju received his official appointment letter from BJP Medchal–Malkajgiri Urban District President Shri D. Girivardhan Reddy and District SC Morcha President Shri Katikala Sudhakar. Party leaders and supporters congratulated him on his new responsibility and wished him success in his future endeavours. “Speaking on the occasion, Shri Murthy Nagaraju expressed his happiness and gratitude to the party leadership for placing their trust in him and assigning him this important responsibility. He said that he would make every effort to bring together all SC Morcha leaders and workers across the district and work collectively for the strengthening and expansion of the Bharatiya Janata Party. “He further stated that he would work with dedication to take the party's policies, programmes and welfare initiatives to the people, particularly among the Scheduled Caste communities. He assured the party leadership that he would discharge the responsibilities entrusted to him efficiently and sincerely and would strive to strengthen the SC Morcha at the grassroots level. “Shri Nagaraju also said that unity, coordination and collective efforts among party workers are essential for the continued growth and success of the party. He pledged to work closely with senior leaders, party functionaries and grassroots workers to further strengthen the organisation in the Medchal–Malkajgiri Urban District. “On this occasion, Shri Murthy Nagaraju conveyed his heart-



felt thanks to all the state and district BJP leaders, senior party members and well-wishers who supported and encouraged him in securing this appointment. He reiterated his commitment to work tirelessly for the party and fulfil the responsibilities assigned to him with sincerity, dedication and commitment.

Child Found Alone on RTC Bus Handed Over to Parents by Medipally Police

MEDIPALLY , AUGUST 23 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): A seven-year-old girl who was found travelling alone on an RTC bus was safely handed over to her parents by the Medipally police. The child was identified as Shiv Rani (7).

According to details, Shiv Rani had visited the Swarnagiri Temple along with her family members. Later, without informing anyone, she boarded an RTC bus and began travelling alone. The RTC driver from the Yadagirigutta depot noticed that the girl was travelling without any accompanying family member and brought her to the Medipally Police Station, where she was handed over to the police.

The Medipally police, with the assistance of the Bhongir police, conducted an inquiry and traced the girl's details. Police found that Shiv Rani was a resident of Gachibowli and had come to the Swarnagiri Temple with her family.

The police subsequently contacted her parents and safely handed over Shiv Rani to her family members. The police appreciated the RTC driver for his alertness and for ensuring that the child was safely handed over to the authorities.



Bambara Main Road Turns Muddy, Two-Wheeler Riders at Risk

““Kumrambheem, Asifabad, District. Reporter. August. 24. ““Wankidi: Commuters and pedestrians are facing severe difficulties due to mud accumulating on the main road near the National Highway in Bambara Gram Panchayat limits of Wankidi Mandal. Locals alleged that soil excavated for the construction of a side drain was not completely cleared from the road-side. As a result, rainwater has carried the soil onto the main road, turning it into a muddy stretch. The road is the main access route to Bambara village, and hundreds of people use it every day for work, education, business and other purposes. Two-wheeler riders are particularly facing difficulties, as the muddy road has become slippery and vehicles are at risk of skidding. Locals said that around eight two-wheeler riders have already slipped and fallen on the muddy road. Although no major accident has occurred so far, villagers fear that a serious



accident could happen if the situation continues. Several people have reportedly escaped with minor injuries, while the risk is higher during morning and evening hours due to increased traffic. “Residents said the problem could have been avoided if the soil excavated for the side-drain works had been completely removed after the work. Whenever it rains, the soil mixes with water and turns the road into a muddy stretch, making it difficult for both motorists and pedestrians to travel. As the road is a major route, children, women, elderly people and two-wheeler riders regularly use it. Locals said the road becomes even more dangerous at night due to poor conditions. Villagers have urged the concerned authorities to immediately remove the accumulated soil and mud from the road. They also demanded that the side-drain works be completed properly and necessary measures be taken to prevent water from stagnating on the road. They requested that the road be temporarily levelled to ensure safe movement of vehicles until the works are completed. Bambara villagers urged the authorities to act proactively and resolve the road problem before a major accident occurs, instead of waiting for accidents to happen before taking action.

Kalash Vandan Abhiyan Organised as Part of Samarasata Sankalp Abhiyan

“Nacharam, August 23(INDIAN CHORNICLE):““As per the directions and vision of Bharatiya Janata Party SC Morcha State President Shri Kranti Kiran, the Kalash Vandan Abhiyan was organised at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds as part of the Samarasata Sankalp Abhiyan programme. “On this occasion, a sacred Kalash was formally received by BJP SC Morcha Urban District President Shri Katikala Sudhakar and Urban District SC Morcha General Secretary Shri Murthy Nagaraj from former MLA Shri Guvvala Balaraju, in the presence of SC Morcha State General Secretary Shri Dasi Nagaraju. “The programme was organised with the objective of promoting social harmony, unity and brother-



hood among all sections of society. The leaders highlighted the importance of strengthening the spirit of Samarasata and working collectively towards building a united and inclusive society. “Speaking on the occasion, the leaders expressed their commitment to carrying forward the ideals and objectives of the Samarasata Sankalp Abhiyan at the grassroots level. They emphasised the need to reach out to people from all sections of society and spread the message of social unity, equality and mutual respect. “The event witnessed the participation of Ramanthapur BJP senior leader Shri Durgesh and several SC Morcha Urban District leaders and party workers. The participants expressed their enthusiasm and pledged to actively contribute towards making the Samarasata Sankalp Abhiyan a success and strengthening the Bharatiya Janata Party at every level. “The programme was conducted in an enthusiastic atmosphere, with party leaders and workers reaffirming their commitment to work together for social harmony, organisational strengthening and the welfare of the people.

own. “When can sexual activity be resumed? “A stent does not usually mean that a person has to permanently stop sexual activity. However, the appropriate time to resume sexual activity depends on the individual's heart condition. “For a person who underwent uncomplicated angioplasty and stent placement without a recent heart attack, and whose condition is stable, sexual activity may sometimes be resumed within several days to around a week. However, this is not the same for everyone, and the treating doctor may recommend waiting longer. “People who had a heart attack and subsequently received a stent should not rush. Sexual activity should be resumed only after the heart condition has stabilized and the cardiologist gives appropriate advice. For some patients, recovery may take several weeks. “Sexual activity is also a form of physical exertion. If a person can perform moderate physical activity,

such as walking briskly for a short distance or climbing a few stairs, without chest pain or significant breathlessness, they may have a reasonable ability to tolerate sexual activity. However, this should not be considered a formal medical test. Anyone with concerns should consult a cardiologist. “During the first attempt after recovery, it is better not to engage in sexual activity when extremely tired or immediately after a heavy meal. Sexual activity should be avoided if there is chest pain or significant breathing difficulty. If chest pain, severe breathlessness, dizziness or unusual discomfort occurs during sexual activity, it should be stopped immediately and medical attention should be sought. “When can you drive? “People who have undergone uncomplicated angioplasty may be able to return to driving after an appropriate period of rest. The exact timing depends on the individual's condition, whether a heart attack occurred and whether the person is a professional driver. Patients should follow the specific instructions given by their doctor at discharge. “When can you return to work? “People with desk-based or light office jobs may be able to return to work relatively soon, depending on their recovery.

However, those working in construction, agriculture, manual labour or jobs involving heavy lifting should consult their doctor before returning to strenuous duties. Recovery and rehabilitation may take longer for people who underwent stenting after a heart attack. “Dietary changes are also important. “Medicines alone are not enough after stent placement. Risk factors for heart disease must also be controlled. Reduce salt intake and limit foods high in unhealthy fats. Include more vegetables, fruits and whole grains in the diet. Smoking should be stopped completely. Alcohol should be discussed with the treating doctor. Maintaining healthy levels of weight, blood pressure, cholesterol and blood sugar is also important. “When should you seek emergency medical attention? “After stent placement, immediate medical attention is necessary if a person develops persistent or severe chest pain, severe difficulty breathing, fainting, severe dizziness or cold sweats. Medical help should also be sought for persistent bleeding from the catheter insertion site, or if the affected arm or leg becomes cold, numb or severely painful. “A normal life is possible after a stent. Having a heart stent does not mean that a person has to avoid all activities for the rest of their life. With appropriate medicines, a heart-healthy diet, regular exercise, smoking cessation and proper medical follow-up, many people can return to a normal routine. “However, recovery is different for every patient. Factors such as whether a heart attack occurred, the number of affected blood vessels, the number of stents placed, heart function and other medical conditions can influence recovery. “Therefore, decisions regarding exercise, heavy work, driving, returning to employment and sexual activity should be made according to the advice of the patient's cardiologist and individual health condition.

Telangana Transport Strike: Autos & Cabs Off Roads

“Indian Chronicle” 23 Aug 2026: “Manikonda” “Hyderabad, August 23, 2026: Commuters across Telangana are likely to face significant transportation disruptions as auto-rickshaw, cab and school van unions have launched an indefinite statewide strike from mid-night on August 23.” “The strike, led by the Joint Action Committee (JAC) representing various transport unions, is expected to particularly affect daily commuters in Hyderabad and other major cities across the state.” “What is the strike about?” “The transport unions are demanding action on several long-pending issues, including unfulfilled welfare assurances, revision of fares and financial relief for drivers and vehicle owners who say they have suffered losses following the introduction of free bus travel schemes.” “Students and parents may also be affected if school transport operators participate extensively in the strike. Commuters are advised to plan their journeys in advance, explore alternative modes of transport and allow additional travel time during the strike period.” “###End###



Housewife Missing in Chengicherla

“Medipally, August 23 (Indian Chronicle): Medipally police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the disappearance of a 35-year-old housewife from Chengicherla.” “According to the police, Mamidala Srikanth (38), a resident of Indira Nagar Colony in Chengicherla, lodged a complaint stating that his wife, Mamidala Mamatha (35), was missing. He reportedly told the police that the couple had recently had a quarrel.” “Srikanth stated that Mamatha was at home when he left for work at around 7 a.m. on August 22. When he returned home at around 8 p.m., he found that she was missing. He searched the surrounding areas and made inquiries with relatives, but could not find any information about her whereabouts.” “Srikanth subsequently approached the Medipally police, who registered a case and launched an investigation to trace Mamatha.” [7:40 PM, 8/23/2026] +91 93911 09207: End



Kuchipudi Dance Performance at Uppal Mini Shilparamam



“UPPAL, AUGUST 23 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): As part of the weekend cultural programmes at Uppal Mini Shilparamam, a Kuchipudi dance performance was organised on Sunday under the aegis of Sri Sai Nataraja Academy. The troupe of students trained by academy guru Smt. Tulasi captivated the audience with their graceful performances.” “The artistes presented various Kuchipudi items, including Vinayaka Kautham, Panchakshari Stotram, Annamacharya Keerthana,

Tandava Nritya, Ramadasu Keerthana, Jenutha Shabdam, Mooshika Vahana, Garuda Gamana, and Gajavadana, among others.” “Vihasi, Gayatri, Sharanya, Vindhya, Rifain, Meghamala, Charvi, Vanshika, Tanvi, Akshaya, Shanvi, Mahathi, Renuka and other artistes impressed the audience with their performances.” “The organisers said that promoting traditional art forms through such weekend cultural programmes was highly commendable and helped preserve and encourage India’s rich cultural heritage.

MRPS to Intensify Fight for Social, Economic and Political Equality : “Dr. G.Govind Naresh

“Indian Chronicle,” Secunderabad, August 23: “The Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS) has decided to intensify its movement for social, economic and political equality and strengthen its organisational network at the grassroots level.” “Addressing a meeting of the newly constituted MRPS Boudha Nagar Division committee at the organisation’s national office in Parsigutta on Sunday, MRPS Hyderabad District In-charge Dr. Govind Naresh said SC categorisation was gradually helping address the internal inequalities that had persisted among Scheduled Caste communities for several decades.” “The meeting was presided over by MRPS leader Dappu Mallikarjun. Dr. Govind Naresh said categorisation would enable disadvantaged SC sub-groups to gain better access to educational and employment opportunities and would contribute to greater equality within the community.” “He said social, economic and political inequalities had increased due to caste discrimination, poverty and oppression. A sustained and organised movement was necessary to eliminate these disparities and ensure equal opportunities for all sections of society, he said.” “He said MRPS founder-president Mandha Krishna was preparing to launch the next phase of the movement with the objective of achieving social, economic and political equality. As part of the initiative, new committees of MRPS, MSP and affiliated organisations were being formed at the grassroots level.” “Dr. Govind Naresh called upon leaders and activists to complete the formation of basti and division-level committees by September 9. Strong grassroots-level committees would help identify local issues, mobilise people and strengthen the movement for social justice, he said.” “During the meeting, Chekka Jagadeesh of Warasiguda Basti was announced as the



new president of the MRPS Boudha Nagar Division. Leaders expressed confidence that the new committee would strengthen the organisation and work towards addressing issues concerning socially and economically disadvantaged sections.” “MSP Boudha Nagar Division president Chale Gudam Devender, MRPS senior leaders Sunchu Yadagiri, Edla Mallesh, Cherukuri Satyanarayana, Akanapalli Panduranga Rao, Muralidhar, Srinivas, Raju, Maluri Srinivas and other leaders and activists attended the meeting.” “MRPS to Strengthen Grassroots Network” “The organisation said the formation of new basti and division committees would be taken up on priority to expand its activities and build a stronger platform for social justice, equal opportunities and political participation.

Pending Issues Should Be Resolved -Telangana Gazetted Headmasters Association

“Hyderabad, August 23 (Indian Chronicle) : Sev-

diately. He further demanded the appointment of two Mandal Educational Officers (MEOs) in every mandal



eral headmasters who received GH? promotions on August 21, 2025, participated in a programme organised by the Telangana Gazetted Headmasters’ Association (TGHMA) on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, TGHMA State President M.D.Nazeemuddin appreciated the initiatives being taken by Chief Minister A.Revanth Reddy for the development of education in the state. He said the government’s decision to provide 32,000 promotions at one go, appoint scavengers in schools and provide GH? promotions twice in a single year were significant measures in the education sector. However, Nazeemuddin said several issues concerning teachers and headmasters were yet to be resolved and urged the government to address them. He demanded the immediate implementation of the Second Pay Revision Commission (PRC) report and the simultaneous announcement of the six pending Dearness Allowances (DAs). He also urged the government to shift 2003 DSC employees from the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) to the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) im-

mediate. He further demanded the appointment of two Mandal Educational Officers (MEOs) in every mandal for effective supervision of schools. The government should fill the 750 vacant GH? posts through promotions and provide opportunities for GH? promotions in 267 upgraded schools, he said. Nazeemuddin also urged the government to reduce the qualifying marks for the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) and implement the Employees Health Scheme (EHS) at the earliest. He sought allocation of Rs.2,000 crore every month towards arrears payable to retired employees and serving teachers. He also appealed to the government to implement breakfast scheme in all schools across Telangana. The programme was attended by guest headmasters from all 33 districts, along with TGHMA association members and district and state office-bearers. State General Secretary Chandrashekar, State Associate Presidents Madhusudhan Reddy, Bhukya Srinu Naik, Jaka Venkatesham and Venugopal, besides GHMs Ravinder, Eeranna, Kamala Devi, Tadaka Raju, Budha Dev, Pradeep Kumar and others, participated in the programme.

MLA BANDARI LAKSHMA REDDY Attends Sri Nalla Pochamma Bonalu Celebrations

“CHILKA NAGAR, AUGUST 23 (INDIAN CHRONICLR): Sri Nalla Pochamma Thalli Bonalu celebrations and the traditional Thottela ceremony were held with devotion and grandeur in the colony located behind the HP Petrol



Pump in Chilkanaagar, reflecting the rich cultural traditions of Telangana.” “The celebrations were organised under the leadership of Yashwanth Reddy and Akhil. Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy attended the programme as the chief guest, offered prayers and performed special poojas at the Sri Nalla Pochamma Thalli temple.” “Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that the Bonalu festival is a symbol of the devotion, cultural heritage and traditions of the people of Telangana. He prayed to Sri Nalla Pochamma Thalli for the happiness, prosperity, good health and long life of all the people.” “BRS senior leaders from Chilkanaagar Division, Gudi Madhusudan Reddy, Palte Narsing Rao, Eerelli Ravinder Reddy, Pottella Raju and Sadanand Chari, among others, participated in the celebrations.

Sweet tidings? Maharashtra sugar barons make beeline for Opposition MVA



Ahead of the Assembly elections, political activity has started heating up among the sugar barons of Maharashtra, especially those who control cooperative sugar mills. And, in a clear reversal of trends, it is the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) that is emerging as their preferred destination, rather than the BJP-led Mahayuti they had supported during the Lok Sabha elections. Incidentally, as per sugar industry insiders, the new political migration mostly comprises leaders who do not have cases against them or have to deal more with the state government than the Centre. “Those who have serious cases against them might not take the risk but others would certainly do,” a source said, referring to cases lodged against leaders by Central agencies.

When Ajit Pawar walked out with a majority of the united NCP’s MLAs and joined the Eknath Shinde-led government in 2023, one of the common accusations his camp faced was that they had changed sides to escape scrutiny from the Central agencies. For instance, Cabinet minister and NCP MLA Hasan Mushrif’s mills, which are linked to companies led by Ajit Pawar, had seen repeated visits by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for alleged misappropriation of funds. Similarly, when Congress leader and former Maharashtra Chief Minister Ashok Chavan, who manages the Bhaurao Chavan Cooperative Sugar Mill in Nanded district, joined the BJP in February this year, his detractors claimed Chavan was hoping to avoid the glare of Central agencies. The Indian Express had reported in April that as many as 23 of 25 prominent leaders who joined BJP since 2014 were either let off by the Central agencies or their cases were allowed to go cold. Cut to recent days. Samajeet Ghatge, chairperson of the Shri Chhatrapati Sahu Coop-

erative Sugar Mill in Kolhapur district, once seen as close to Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, was among the first to change sides ahead of the Assembly elections. Asked if he feared action from Central agencies, as alleged by many, he said, “The audit of the mill is in public domain. Anyone can examine the same.” On Monday, former minister and BJP leader Harshvardhan Patil became the latest sugar baron to jump ship to the Opposition side. Patil is the chairperson of the National Federation of Cooperative Sugar Factories Limited and Karmayogi Shankarraoji Patil Cooperative Sugar Factory. At his induction, Sharad Pawar said Patil would be the party’s contestant from the Indapur Assembly seat.

After making public his decision to quit the BJP Friday, Patil said he was doing it to honour the sentiments of his workers. “I was offered some proposals by the Deputy Chief Minister, but if I agreed to them, it would have been selfish,” he said. In a meeting with Fadnavis, Patil was reportedly offered a different constituency or a Rajya Sabha berth as consolation but he refused saying his supporters wanted him to contest Indapur, a stronghold for Patil. Patil’s return to the MVA fold came almost exactly five years after he quit the Congress to join the BJP ahead of the 2019 Maharashtra Assembly polls. At the time, the 61-year-old had cited the developmental agenda of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah as the reason behind his move.

This time, Patil’s exit was prompted by his desire to contest the Assembly polls from his preferred Indapur constituency. State BJP chief Chandrashekar Bawankule said, “The BJP could not do this as we have a sitting NCP (Ajit Pawar) MLA, Dattatray Bhanu, from Indapur. In such a situation, it was difficult to stop him.” The exit of the sugar barons comes when the BJP-led Mahayuti is already trying to get its house in order ahead of the Assembly polls. Unlike some of the established Maratha families in western Maharashtra, who can influence half a dozen seats, Patil’s electoral prowess is limited to his own Indapur constituency in the Pune district. However, Patil is a seasoned politician who is seen as a past master at political management, particularly in the sugar belt.

