

Russell's viper found at government residential school in Siddipet

Siddipet: Snakes straying into government institutions, hospitals and schools have become a regular occurrence in Telangana, with another venomous snake found at a government girls' residential school at Ensanpally near Siddipet on Sunday.

The inmates panicked after spotting a Russell's viper on the school premises. Locals killed the snake before the snake catcher arrived at the spot.

Rosaiah's Handling Of Finances Provided Telangana With Surplus Budget: Revanth

Hyderabad, Sept 13

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday credited former chief minister K. Rosaiah's financial stewardship for helping Telangana emerge as a financially prosperous state with a surplus budget of ₹16,000 crore at the time of bifurcation in 2014.

Revanth Reddy, speaking after laying the foundation stone for the Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam at Uppal Bhagayat, recalled the role played by leaders from the Arya Vysya community in previous governments, particularly in undivided Andhra Pradesh. He said former chief ministers, including Chenna Reddy, Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy and Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, had entrusted Rosaiah with the key responsibility of managing the state's finances.

"It was the Congress that gave Rosaiah the opportunity and the respect he deserved. Despite multiple chief ministers changing over a 16-year period, Rosaiah remained the steadfast finance minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh," he said. Revanth Reddy also recalled his personal association with Rosaiah and said the former chief minister was among the first to recognise his long-term political potential when he first entered the Legislative Council.

"Rosaiah also blessed me to pursue a great political career, while advising me to maintain restraint, after observing me speak aggressively as an MLC," the Chief Minister recalled.

The Chief Minister defended his government's decision to install Rosaiah's statue in Hyderabad against criticism that he belonged to Andhra Pradesh. He said prominent leaders transcended regional boundaries.

"We installed the statue of Rosaiah in the heart of



Hyderabad to honour and uphold his legacy after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Rosaiah always maintained that he has been staying in Hyderabad for 40 years and declared the city as his home during good and difficult times," he pointed out.

Revanth Reddy also recalled Mahatma Gandhi's contribution to the freedom struggle and his influence beyond India.

"Mahatma Gandhi's main principle of non-violence played an important role in the fight for independence by many countries. 'A son of the Arya Vysya community, he rose from India to become a global leader. It is a matter of pride that Mahatma Gandhi, a leader of global stature, belonged to the Congress,' he emphasised.

Stating that he had always been a well-wisher of the Arya Vysya community, Revanth Reddy said the community helped the poor during times of financial distress. He said the community had not received the recognition it deserved and assured government assistance for the construction of the Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam.

GHMC garbage workers detained during protest near Telangana Assembly

HYDERABAD: , SEPT 13

Several GHMC garbage collection workers were taken into custody by police when they attempted to stage a protest near the Telangana Legislative Assembly on Saturday, opposing the proposed changes to the door-to-door garbage collection system.

The workers demanded that the decades-old door-to-door household garbage collection system be continued and opposed handing over the work to private agencies.Waste Management

They carried placards highlighting their opposition to the private agency system and sought protection of their existing work.

The protesters said they wanted to continue door-to-door garbage collection rather than be shifted to wage- or salary-based jobs.



Police detained several workers when they tried to proceed towards the Assembly and shifted them to a nearby police station.

Indian Non-Veg Food Is Delicious: Rahul Slams All-Veg BRICS Dinner

NEW DELHI, SEPT 13

Eighty per cent of Indians are non-vegetarian and Indian non-vegetarian food is delicious, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi said on Sunday, a day after an all-vegetarian spread was served at a BRICS Summit gala dinner.Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the dinner for the leaders and delegates of the BRICS Summit at the Bharat Mandapam Saturday.

In a post on social media platforms X, Facebook and Instagram, Gandhi wrote, "For the record: 80% of Indians are non-vegetarian. Indian non-vegetarian food is delicious. As are my sister's chole bhature." He also posted a picture of chole bhature on a dining table.

The remarks of the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha came a day after the gala dinner, which featured an elaborate all-vegetarian menu. 'Khandvi mille', a feuille steamed gram-flour roll, and 'khumb galouti', pan-grilled mushroom kebabs with mint pearls, were served as starters

The main course offered 'paneer lababdar', 'gucchi marmik' -- Himalayan morel mushrooms and tender asparagus -- and 'carrot bean poriyal'. The other items on the menu included 'thakkali belle saaru' -- light lentil broth,



millet pulao, beetroot raita, and assorted Indian breads.

For the desserts, 'Old Delhi fruit cream with jalebi' and 'shahtoot phirni' wrapped up the menu for the VVIP guests. The gala dinner was served to the accompaniment of a performance by an ensemble of over 100 artistes drawn largely from India, as well as other member countries of BRICS.

I am a dimagi Naxal: Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal

Kochi,Sept 13

Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal on Sunday said that he is a 'dimagi Naxal', a term coined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and used by the BJP to attack those they accuse of being ideological sympathisers of Naxalism.

Sibal referred to himself as a 'dimagi Naxal' while speaking at a talk here on 'Horse Trade and Democracy'.

"I have to make a confession. I am a 'dimagi Naxal'," he said while beginning his speech.

Modi had used the term as a warning to the country about "dimagi Naxals" who have allegedly entrenched themselves in the system and continue to pose a threat to

society by manipulating policies.

He had urged citizens to "identify and isolate" them.

On the topic of horse-trading, Sibal said that during ancient times the equine species played an important role in "determining the outcome of wars".

He said that back then, due to the importance of horses, their sellers played various tricks while selling them to the buyers."It has now taken a different colour. At that point, it was the seller who used to be the trickster. At this point, it is the buyer who is the trickster. That is the difference," he said while speaking at the event organised by LiveLaw.

Pothole ridden roads reflects Cong's ignorance of development: Harish Rao

Siddipet: Former minister T Harish Rao said development and welfare activities had come to a halt after the Congress came to power in Telangana.

Addressing a gathering after distributing Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques worth Rs 65.60 lakh to 286 beneficiaries in Siddipet on Sunday, Harish Rao said the pothole-ridden roads in the town reflected the Congress government's alleged neglect of development in the State



BRICS Summit: PM Modi warns against weaponisation of technology, critical minerals

NEW DELHI, SEPT 13

As rising geopolitical tensions adversely impact ordinary people globally, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Sunday that BRICS must rise through cooperation and inclusive growth to meet these challenges and blossom for the sake of humanity.

In an address at the concluding session of the two-day, India-hosted BRICS summit, the prime minister also flagged serious concerns over the "weaponisation of technology and critical minerals" warning that it could hinder shared progress and prosperity.

Modi added that developing nations in the Global South increasingly trust BRICS because their voices are heard, their experiences are valued, and solutions are

created in partnership with them rather than imposed on them.

The annual summit of BRICS—a grouping of 11 major emerging economies representing around 49.5 per cent of the global population and 40 per cent of global GDP—concluded with key outcomes across logistics supply chains, start-ups, and infectious disease control.

"We may be rooted in different realities, but together, we rise through cooperation and blossom for humanity. May our diversity be our identity, our cooperation our inspiration, and our progress serve all of humanity," Modi said in presence of top leaders of the grouping, including Chinese President Xi Jinping, Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian. — with Agencies

Keesara ORR Accident: Car Driver Killed After Hitting Lorry

Hyderabad: A tragic road accident claimed the life of a car driver after an XUV 700 rammed into a lorry from behind on the Keesara ORR. The incident took place when the car was travelling from Shameerpet towards Keesara. The front portion of the car was completely mangled in the impact, and the driver died on the spot. Police reached the spot and launched an investigation. Further details are awaited.



NDA Governments in 21 States to Introduce UCC Before 2029: Amit Shah

Mumbai, Sept 13

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said BJP-led NDA governments in 21 states will introduce Uniform Civil Code (UCC) before 2029. Shah was speaking to reporters here while highlighting the achievements of the Centre over the last 12 years and the BJP's 25-year journey under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

He said the government had ended five decades of Naxalism and signed more than 14 peace agreements in the country's North-East region.

"More than 9,000 people have surrendered and today we have taken the North-East on the path of development," Shah said.

He said surgical strikes, air strikes and Operation Sindoor have established a policy of zero tolerance towards terrorism.

On being asked whether the 1951 baseline would be used for implementing National Register of Citizens (NRC) in Manipur, Shah said the Centre was holding discussions with its allies and political parties on the issue.

"We are discussing these issues with our allies and also with the political parties of Manipur. Whatever decision is taken, we will inform you," he said.

Asked about illegal Bangladeshi infiltrators and their detection in cities such as Mumbai, Shah said the government would not disclose the tools used to identify them.

"You are asking the Home Minister to make the tools public and tell you how it will be done. Then how will we catch them? They will also come to know," he quipped.

Shah reiterated the government's resolve to identify and deport illegal infiltrators from the country.

"I repeat our resolve that we will take out each and every illegal infiltrator from this country, identifying them one by one and sending them out," he said.

On the government's anti-drugs campaign, Shah said he had recently launched the 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan' and would visit every state as part of the campaign.

He said he had spoken to a chief minister the previous day and a full-day meeting would be held to ensure the campaign reaches the grassroots.

"It will definitely reach the grassroots and India will achieve victory over drugs," Shah said.



"Triple talaq has been abolished, giving Muslim women equal rights. We have introduced the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in several states and I am confident that in the 21 BJP-NDA ruled states, we will introduce the UCC before 2029," Shah said. The next Lok Sabha polls are scheduled for 2029.

He said the government had strengthened the country's criminal justice system through the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and claimed that several states had recorded a 30 per cent increase in the conviction rate in a single year.

He also said a system was being established to ensure justice could be delivered within three years.

On national security, Shah said the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A had been achieved without a single drop of blood being shed or a bullet being fired, and asserted that Kashmir was now fully integrated with India.

Indian Chronicle

English Daily

9/11 at 25—Memories of a macabre event

The world woke up to a new, brutal reality on September 11, 2001, when America came under the worst terrorist attack in history, a terrible event that reshaped the global security architecture. Till then, the United States had been basking in the glory of being the sole superpower in the post-Cold War era. 9/11 inflicted a rude shock, raising terrorism from what was barely background noise to an existential dread. The attacks, spearheaded by al-Qaeda, completely rewrote the public understanding of terrorism and reset the national security assessments. Airports became fortresses and intelligence agencies gained sweeping powers. Nearly 3,000 people were killed as 19 al-Qaeda hijackers seized control of four airliners, slamming two of the planes into the World Trade Center, one into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, and the fourth into a field in western Pennsylvania. The world had to pay a heavy price for the war on terror that followed. The disastrous military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq only meant more sacrifices and more grief. A quarter of a century later, the balance sheet is sobering: the war on terror may have weakened terror networks but has not eliminated the threat of terrorism. Ironically, America's 'forever wars' in foreign lands have only ended up destabilising the entire region, feeding the very extremism they sought to end.

The US invaded Afghanistan to destroy al-Qaida and topple its Taliban protectors, a war that would drag on for a record 20 years, only for the Taliban to return to power. The war in Iraq was totally unjustified as it was launched on the false premise that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction. The global war on terror expanded into a sprawling enterprise of military intervention, intelligence operations, detention, and interrogation. More than 7,000 soldiers were killed and over 53,000 wounded in the military campaigns. It drained resources that could have been put to better use. Looking back, the key lesson for the world is that military force can weaken extremism, but only justice and a more equitable world order can address its deeper roots. Iraq's collapse gave birth to ISIS. Afghanistan's 20-year war ended with the Taliban back in power. The clearest lesson is that force alone cannot defeat an ideology. Donald Trump rode to power partly by criticising the nation's post-September 11 response more harshly than any other prominent politician — only to repeat some of the mistakes himself, including through a pointless, prolonged war in Iran. He is compounding the errors of his predecessors with his own reckless foreign policy. Since 9/11, the world of intelligence and counterterrorism has changed almost beyond recognition. With the advent of AI and quantum computing, it is only going to continue changing, and in some areas, at exponential speed.

Parameshwar Reddy Congratulates Madhu Yashki Goud

“Congress Leaders Congratulate Madhu Yashki Goud on His Appointment as New AIPC Chairman”“UPPAL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Medchal-Malkajgiri District Congress Committee President and Medchal Assembly Constituency In-charge Thotakura Vajresh Yadav, Uppal Assembly Constituency Congress In-charge Parameshwar Reddy, and senior Congress leader Bhupathi Reddy met



Madhu Yashki Goud, the newly appointed Chairman of the All India Professionals Congress (AIPC), at his residence and conveyed their congratulations. The leaders wished Madhu Yashki Goud success in his new responsibilities and expressed hope that his leadership would further strengthen the Congress party and contribute to the development of the Professionals Congress wing.”

Free Clay Ganesha Idols Distributed in Boduppall

“BODUPPALL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): On the occasion of Vinayaka Chavithi, the Medchal Rural District BJP Endowment Cell organised a free distribution programme of eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols at the Veera Reddy Nagar Colony junction, near the Sai Baba Temple in Boduppall. The programme was conducted under the leadership of Endowment Cell Medchal Rural District Convener Adimoolam Karunakar, District Joint Convener Nomula Vishweshwara Rao and Joint Conveners Ashok, Madhavi, Bhuvaneshwari, Sai Krishna, Pakala Venkatesh, Maruthi Prabhakar Babar and Esnaganti Brahmam. Members of the Endowment Cell executive committee participated in the event. State Joint Convener of the Endowment Cell Pani Bhushan and Medchal Rural District BJP General Secretary Gane Srinivas attended the programme as special guests. BJP Secretary M. Padma Reddy, Vemanuru Muralidhar, Mahila Morcha President Sandhya Reddy, OBC Morcha General Secretary Rayabharapu Venugopal, Boduppall BJP President Talari Ravi Yadav, General Secretary Bhanugunta Venugopal, Donthi Naveen, senior BJP leader and Edulabad in-charge Rasala Narsing Rao, former corporator candidate



Adimoolam Ramadevi, corporator candidate Leelavathi, BJYM General Secretary Dharmapuri Aravind, BJYM leaders Vamsi Mudiraj and Nani, Bhagyanagar Ganesh Utsav Committee Boduppall Co-Convener Gollapudi Srinivasa Rao, BJP leaders P. Sandhya, Chakravarthy Srinivas, Ailaiah Yadav, R. Sudhakar, Narsing Rao and Lakshmiipathi Raju were among those present. The eco-friendly clay idols were distributed free of cost to the residents of Boduppall by the senior leaders and organisers. A large number of Ganesha devotees and Endowment Cell leaders from across Medchal Rural District participated in the programme.

500 Clay Ganesha Idols Distributed Free of Cost in Boduppall



“BODUPPALL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): To promote environmental protection and create awareness among devotees about worshipping eco-friendly clay Ganesha idols, the Sri Mata Nimishambika Devi Temple in Boduppall distributed 500 clay Ganesha idols free of cost on Saturday. The distribution programme was organised under the auspices of the Sri Mata Nimishambika Devi Trust, Sri Hampi Virupaksha Vidyananya Maha Samsthanam, Hampi Peetham, and the Nakash Sangam, with the cooperation of HMDA. The temple has been distributing clay Ganesha idols to devo-

tees for the past several years as part of its environmental conservation initiative. Temple Chairman Kamarouthu Vinod Kumar, General Secretaries K. Ashok Kumar and Sangu Srinivas, State Nakash Sangam General Secretary Koricherla Srinivasa Rao, Penta Reddy Colony President Madhusudan Reddy, and temple priest Chandrasekhar Sharma were among those who participated in the programme, along with temple trust and association members. The organisers appealed to devotees to worship clay Ganesha idols and contribute to environmental protection.

Gana Amrutha Raga Vahini Music Concert Delights Audience at Uppal Mini Shilparamam



“UPPAL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): As part of the weekend cultural programmes at Uppal Mini Shilparamam, a music concert by the Gana Amrutha Raga Vahini group, led by Guru Lakshmi Krishna Priya, captivated the audience throughout the event. On the occasion, Virajitha, Srinidhi, Sowjanya, Varalakshmi, Indulekha, Samahitha, Alekhyia Nanditha and others melodiously rendered several devotional songs, including Govinda Govinda, Paluke Bangaramayena, Govinda Hari

Jai, Ramachandra Kripalu, Pahimam Janaki and Jaya Jaya Devi, winning the appreciation of the listeners. Vinay Krishna provided violin accompaniment, while Smt. Sita Mahalakshmi accompanied the performance on mridangam. The weekend cultural programmes being organised at Mini Shilparamam continue to attract art and music enthusiasts.”[7:25 PM, 9/13/2026] +91 93911 09207: End

Distribution of Clay Ganesh Idols

Programme held on a grand scale in Srinivas Nagar Colony

“Indian chronicle, Secunderabad, September 13:“A clay Ganesh idol distribution programme was organised on Sunday by the Srinivas Nagar Colony Residents Welfare Association in Srinivas Nagar, under the Sitaphalmandi Division of Secunderabad. Scientifically prepared eco-friendly clay Ganesh idols were distributed to the residents. A large number of colony residents attended the programme and collected the idols. The programme was successfully conducted under the leadership of Association President Chepuri Venkateswara Rao, General Secretary Durgarao, Vice-Presidents Lakshmi Vaidyanath and Chandraiah, former president and chief adviser Dr. E. Yadagiri, executive committee



members Srihari Gopal and K. Srinivas, along with other members. The organisers said the programme was aimed at encouraging the use of clay Ganesh idols, which help protect the environment. They expressed their intention to organise several more such programmes in the future and sought the continued cooperation of all residents.

Rs 20 Lakh Community Hall Inaugurated in Kamalanagar Colony

“BODUPPALL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): A community hall constructed at a cost of ₹20 lakh in Kamalanagar Colony was inaugurated by former Boduppall Mayor Thotakura Ajay Yadav on Saturday. Speaking on the occasion, Ajay Yadav said



the community hall would be highly useful for residents to conduct social and cultural programmes. He assured that continuous efforts would be made to provide the basic infrastructure required by the people. Division Congress President Bommak Kalyan, Congress leaders Kotha Kishore and Kiran Kumar Reddy, presidents of various colonies, Congress leaders and workers, and local residents attended the programme. Ajay Yadav expressed his special gratitude to the residents of Kamalanagar Colony for inviting him warmly and felicitating him on the occasion. [6:48 PM, 9/13/2026] +91 93911 09207: End

Uppal Arya Vaishya Association Leaders Present Lord Ganesha Idol to CM Revanth Reddy

“UPPAL, SEPTEMBER 13 (INDIAN CHRONICLE): Leaders of the Uppal Arya Vaishya Association presented a Lord Ganesha idol to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The association leaders met the Chief Minister along with Uppal Assembly Constituency Congress Party In-charge Mandumula Parameshwar Reddy, former corporator Rajitha Parameshwar Reddy, and district president Thotakura Vajresh Yadav, and presented the idol. Uppal Arya Vaishya Association President Bikkumalla Santosh Gupta, Secretary Paladugu Sampath Kumar Gupta, Treasurer Renukunta Kiran Kumar Gupta, association leader Mashetty Raghavender, and other members participated in the programme.



The People's Government accords due respect to Arya Vysya community

Corporation Chairmen posts were already given to the Vysya community
CM Revanth Reddy remembers former AP CM K Rosaiah's services
Mahatma Gandhi is a popular global leader
CM Revanth Reddy laid the foundation stone for Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam at Uppal Bhagayat in Hyderabad today.

“Hyderabad : “Honourable Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy has said that the People's Government accorded priority to the Arya Vysya community in the nomination posts. “Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone for “Arya Vysya Atma Gourava Bhavanam” today , the Chief Minister said that the government has already appointed an Arya Vysya representative to a corporation Chairman post. The key post of Chairperson of his own Kodangal Municipality was also given to the Arya Vysya community, the CM said that the unity of the community is important to claim their due share in politics. " In fact, foresight and prudence are embedded in the DNA of the Arya Vysya community.”“The CM praised the Arya Vysyas as gentle by nature and possesses a strong sense of self-respect. Despite many of the community members facing poverty, they never wished to be labeled as “poor” and give value to their dignity above all. " The particular community lives with

dignity in society, even amidst hardships and struggles.”“CM Revanth Reddy remembered the yeoman service rendered by Mahatma Gandhi who stood as a truly global leader. Gandhi's main principle of non violence played an important role in the fight for independence by many countries. “ Mahatma Gandhi was a son of the Arya Vysya community who rose from India to become a global leader. It is a matter of pride that Mahatma Gandhi, a leader of global stature, belonged to the Congress party.”“The Chief Minister recalled many prominent leaders from the Arya Vysya community in the Congress party. The state of Andhra Pradesh was formed thanks to the struggle of Potti Sriramulu. Like Gandhi who sacrificed his life for the integrity of the nation, Potti Sriramulu sacrificed his life for the state of Andhra Pradesh.”“CM Revanth Reddy also remembered the role of the leaders from the Arya Vysya community in the previous govern-

ments. Former Chief Ministers - Chenna Reddy, Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, and YSR entrusted the responsibility of managing the state's finances to Arya Vysyas. State Finance Minister Rosaiah was instrumental in the formation of the Telangana State with a surplus budget of ₹16,000 crore on June 2, 2014. It was the Congress party that gave Rosaiah the opportunity and the respect he deserved.”“The Chief Minister recalled that when he used to speak aggressively in the Legislative Council, Rosaiah would call him and advise to maintain restraint. Rosaiah also blessed him to pursue a great political career during his meeting with the popular leader in the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. The CM also said that Rosaiah was one of the great leaders who recognised his potential to grow as the future leader in Telangana politics. “We installed the statue of Rosaiah in the heart of Hyderabad to honour

and uphold his legacy after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, the CM said that some political forces criticized the installation of Rosaiah's statue. Rosaiah always maintained that he has been staying in Hyderabad and declared the city as his home during Good and difficult times. “Stating that he has always been a well-wisher of the Arya Vysya community, CM Revanth Reddy said that the Vysya community always helps the poor and they also come forward to celebrate on the auspicious occasions.”“The Chief Minister pointed out that the Arya Vysya community has not received the recognition they deserve. The People's Government has complete faith in the community . The CM is confident that the ‘Atma Gourava Bhavan’ serves the needs of children from underprivileged Arya Vysya families. CM Revanth Reddy declared that the government will provide assistance for the construction of the building.

Elaborate security arrangements for Ganesh festivities: Karimnagar CP.



Karimnagar September 13 (Correspondent): Karimnagar Police Commissioner Gaush Alam has directed police officials to ensure elaborate security arrangements for the Ganesh Navratri celebrations and immersion processions in the commissionerate limits.

Reviewing the monthly crime meeting for August at the Commissionerate office on Sunday, Mr. Alam called for effective scientific investigation of crimes, speedy disposal of pending cases and close monitoring of cases under trial in courts.

He directed organisers of Ganesh pandals to install CCTV cameras, display emergency contact numbers and keep volunteers available round the clock. At major immersion points, including Manakondur, Kothapalli and Chintakunta, arrangements had been made for heavy-duty cranes, uninterrupted power supply and trained swimmers, he said.

The Commissioner instructed officials to implement route maps to regulate traffic during processions and warned of stringent action against those spreading rumours or posting provocative content on social media.

Mr. Alam called for expediting investigations into crimes against women and children, particularly POCOS

and rape cases, to facilitate speedy justice. He also directed officials to step up efforts to recover money lost by cybercrime victims and expedite the recovery of stolen or lost mobile phones through CEIR.

The police were asked to maintain strict surveillance over drug-related offences, gutka sales, gambling and illegal sand transportation. Traffic regulations should be enforced rigorously to prevent road accidents, he said.

During the National Lok Adalat held on September 12, as many as 4,268 cases were settled in the commissionerate limits, including 451 FIR cases, 1,019 accident and other related cases, 2,798 motor vehicle cases and 34 cybercrime cases. Karimnagar Traffic Police settled 685 cases and Karimnagar I Town police settled 495 cases.

The Commissioner appreciated the police officials and public prosecutors for their efforts in disposing of the cases and appealed to the public and festival committees to celebrate Ganesh Navratri peacefully while adhering to the law.

Additional DCP Venkataramana, Deputy Director of Prosecutions P. Krishnamurthy, ACPs, Inspectors and other police officials attended the meeting.

Flood Situation is even grim in Bihar

Journalist-Ajay Kr Mishra "BETTIAH/BIHAR, SEPTEMBER 13(INDIAN CHRONICLE)"

The News " "After the receding trend of all the major rivers in Bihar as the Ganga, the Koshi, the Punpun, the Sone, the Gandak and the Budhi Gandak the flood situation is grim in several districts of Bihar and the flood victims have to spend their time in relief camps and embankments. "

As in Purnia district of Bihar flood situation is even grim. Boats are being used for the transportation. Ration and other items are being sent to relief camps by boat. Worst is the condition of Rupauli area in Purnia district where the MP Pappu Yadav reached among the flood victims and heard their problems and assured them to provide help. As the receding trend of the Ganga could not help the flood victims in Bhagalpur district of Bihar where the flood victims are in the worst state and compelled to spend their time in relief camps. The condition of Diara belt of the Ganga and the Koshi basins are miserable. The shortage of fodders has badly affected the cattle farmer of the Diara belt where the economy is dependent upon milk production. In Sita Madhi district all the major rivers which originate from Nepal over flowing and the flood of the Basmati river has inundated in several new areas of the district. In west Champaran district after the receding of the Gandak river the erosion has made the situation panic in several areas of the district. As under Bhitha Block of Bagha Subdivision in West Champaran the erosion is fast near Revahiya village of Chivrahi Punchayat. As the danger of erosion

has increased on Dhanha-Ratwal main road which connects Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. As the administration has issued alert against the erosion in the area. The erosion has made the situation alarming in the Gandak basin area of several districts as West Champaran, East Champaran, Gopalganj, Saran and Vaishali. As on Sunday in Supaul district of Bihar a temple of Radhe Krishna submerged in the river. As the leader of opposition in Bihar Assembly Tejashvi Yadav alleged that the relief work among flood victims is unsatisfactory state. As about 45 lacs people are affected with flood in north Bihar of the state. The prime Minister should try to consider the situation of flood in Bihar and its victims. "

Vengeance with the Exise Dept Team

"On Sunday a raid team of the Excise Department reached to conduct raid against liquor in Samastipur district of Bihar where the liquor mafias attacked the raid team in which several members of the raid team were injured. After that the police team of several police stations rushed to the spot and conducted search operation the liquor mafias. As it is noted that in Bihar liquor is banned on the name of dry Bihar. As yesterday a murder incident occurred in Sita Madhi district of Bihar in which the husband of a Zila Parishad Member was shot dead by the criminals. As the angry mob torched several vehicles of the police. The local people alleged that the reason behind this incident would be the oppose of liquor flow in the village locality. After that the incident of Samastipur district occurred. As the former CM of Bihar Nitish Kumar banned alcohol in Bihar to control domestic violence. " Ajay Kr Mishra "Bettiah/Bihar

Seerat Expo to be held in Karimnagar from September 25.

Karimnagar September 13 (Correspondent): Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Karimnagar district president Sohaib Ahmed Khan said the organisation would reach out to people across communities to explain the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as part of the birth-month celebrations."

Speaking at an interfaith spiritual conference, Jalsa Seerat-un-Nabi, organised at the MIM party office, Darussalam, here on Sunday, Mr. Khan said the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) had relevance for the entire humanity and that his teachings could help guide youngsters away from undesirable influences and addictions."

The meeting was held as part of the Rabi-ul-Awwal celebrations on the directions of MIM national president Asaduddin Owaisi. MIM city president Syed Ghulam Ahmed Hussain presided over the programme, which was attended by religious scholars and representatives of different faiths."

Mr. Khan said Jamaat-e-Islami Hind had planned

to reach out to nearly one lakh people in Karimnagar district, irrespective of caste and religion, and explain the Prophet's life and teachings. Outreach programmes would be conducted at the district headquarters, mandal headquarters, major gram panchayats and municipal areas, he said."

A Seerat Expo-2026 would be organised at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Maidan (Circus Grounds) in Karimnagar from September 25 to 27. Various stalls featuring books and material on the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) would be set up during the expo."

A public meeting is scheduled to be held on September 27, with the national and State-level office-bearers of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind expected to attend."

Pastor Christopher, Mangalampalli Srinivasa Sharma and Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee leader Lakhan Singh were among those who addressed the conference. More than 200 people, MIM corporators, former corporators and leaders attended the programme.

Cloudflare to cut over 1,100 jobs amid AI-led restructuring

New Delhi: US-based connectivity cloud company Cloudflare has announced that it plans to cut more than 1,100 jobs globally as the company restructures its operations around the growing adoption of artificial intelligence (AI), according to an internal memo sent to employees by the company. The company said that its internal use of AI has surged by more than 600 per cent over the last three months, with employees across engineering, finance, human resources and marketing increasingly relying on AI agents to carry out day-to-day tasks. Cloudflare described the move as part of a broader organisational overhaul aimed at adapting to the 'agentic AI era', rather than a conventional cost-cutting exercise or a performance-driven layoff programme. "This decision is not a reflection of the individual work or talent of those leaving us," the company said in the memo. "We are reimagining every internal process, team and role across the company." The company further

added that all employees would be informed directly about how the restructuring affects them, with notices being sent to both official and personal email addresses for impacted workers. Cloudflare said the severance packages for departing employees would include full base pay through the end of 2026, continued healthcare support in the US through the end of the year and additional equity vesting benefits through August 15. The company noted that employees who had not yet completed their one-year vesting cliff would receive prorated equity vesting as part of the separation package. According to the memo, the company intends to complete the restructuring exercise in a single phase to avoid prolonged uncertainty and repeated rounds of layoffs. Cloudflare said it was reshaping its organisational structure to remain competitive as AI rapidly transforms business workflows and operating models across the technology industry.

40 metres below Malad Creek – Mumbai's Rs 5,821-crore tunnel takes shape

Nearly 40 metres below the Malad Creek, Poisar River and mangrove patches, Mumbai is set to carve out a 3.9-km twin-tunnel corridor linking Mindspace in Malad West to Charkop in Kandivali. The Rs 5,821-crore tunnel package, a key part of the 22-km Versova-Bhayander Coastal Road, is expected to enter the mining phase early next year and be operational by 2029. The underground route is aimed at easing the western suburbs' dependence on the Western Express Highway, Link Road and SV Road, while allowing the coastal road to pass through an ecologically sensitive stretch without cutting trees or disturbing mangroves.

Significance of the project At present, North-South connectivity in the western suburbs is dependent on the Western Express Highway (WEH), Link Road and SV Road. Considering the increasing vehicular density, the coastal road is expected to take off the load from the existing roads, providing an alternate route for seamless connectivity. Out of the total 3.9 km length, around 3 KM of this tunnel will be cylindrical in shape, to be constructed by mining through a Tunnel Boring Machine (TBM), and is set to have a diameter of 14.2 meters. Coastal Road -- Tunnel Alignment Each tunnel will have three lanes for vehicular movement, along with five cross passages (Express photo)

The cylindrical portion of the tunnels will pass beneath the Poisar River and Creeks. The remaining portion of the tunnels will be rectangular in shape and 700 meters long. Each tunnel will have three lanes for vehicular movement, along with five cross passages, built as a precautionary measure against emergency situations. The width of the tunnels will vary between 36 meters and 45 meters. Civic officials maintained that the tunnels will be equipped with a modern-day fire and accident prevention system, along with ventilation facilities

and heat sensors. Why a tunnel? The area through which this tunnel will pass is an ecologically sensitive zone (ESZ) having mangrove patches and water bodies. The BMC has maintained that the reason the tunnel is chosen is to ensure that the mangroves don't get damaged and the process also doesn't require cutting of any trees. Cost and timeline

The total cost of this project has been pegged at 20,000 crore, of which Rs 5,821 crore has been earmarked for constructing the twin tunnels. The mining for the tunnels is set to begin in early 2027, and the tunnels are likely to become operational by 2029.

Administration speaks "Considering the tunnels will pass below mangrove patches, rivers and creeks, we can say that this will be Mumbai's first vehicular tunnels that will pass underneath water bodies. We are eyeing a 2029 deadline for the coastal road project, and once operational, travel time between Versova and Bhayander will take less than 20 minutes, which now takes more than an hour," Abhijit Bangar, additional municipal commissioner (Projects). The tunnels will be part of the Mumbai Coastal Road Project (Phase II). This 22 km-long high-speed corridor being built by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is set to connect Versova with Bhayander in the northern end of Mumbai. As part of this project, a 3.9 KM stretch between Mindspace and Charkop will be connected through these underwater tunnels. Pratip Acharya is a seasoned journalist based in Mumbai reporting for The Indian Express. With a career spanning over a decade, his work demonstrates strong Expertise and Authority in critical urban issues, civic affairs, and electoral politics across Eastern and Western India. Expertise & Authority Current Role: Journalist, The Indian Express (IE)

CM Revanth Reddy greets Telangana People on Vinayaka Chaturthi.

"Hyderabad: "Honourable Chief Minister Shri A Revanth Reddy extended heartfelt greetings to Telangana people on the occasion of Vinayaka Chaturthi. "The Chief Minister prayed to Lord Vigneshwara to remove obstacles from everyone's lives and bestow happiness, prosperity and good health upon all. The CM urged people to celebrate the festival with pomp and devotion

at the Ganesh pandals set up in every neighborhood. "CM Revanth Reddy ordered police to make proper arrangements for a smooth traffic flow in Hyderabad and all district headquarters during the festive season. The officials were also instructed to take appropriate precautions at pandals to manage heavy crowds. The State government is already providing free electricity to the pandals this year as well.

M.Sc. Chemistry 1999–2001 Batch Celebrates Silver Jubilee at Osmania University



"Tarnaka, September 13(INDIAN CHRONICLE) "The M.Sc. Chemistry 1999–2001 batch of Osmania University celebrated its Silver Jubilee Reunion at the Department of Chemistry, Osmania University, with great enthusiasm and nostalgia. "The programme was attended by Prof. M. Vijulatha, Head, Department of Chemistry, and Prof. P. Vijay Kumar, Chairperson, Board of Studies, Chemistry. "Several senior and former faculty members who taught the batch, including Prof. Satyanarayana, Prof. Chandrapal, Prof. P.S.N. Reddy, Prof. M.S.N. Reddy, Prof. Vittal, Prof. Veera Reddy, Prof. Jagannatham and Prof. Anand Rao, participated in the programme and blessed their former students. "Around 38 alumni of the 1999–2001 batch took part in the reunion and recalled their memorable student days, classroom experiences and association with the Department

over the past 25 years. "Marking the occasion with a meaningful contribution to their alma mater, the alumni donated an LED projector to the Department of Chemistry to support teaching and academic activities. "Addressing the gathering, the faculty members appreciated the alumni for maintaining a strong bond with the Department and encouraged them to contribute their knowledge, experience and expertise for the benefit of students, the University and society. "The event reflected the enduring Guru-Shishya relationship and strengthened the bond between the alumni and Osmania University. The participants expressed hope that the Silver Jubilee celebration would inspire other batches to organise similar reunions and contribute to the academic development of the Department.

Indian crew member killed in black sea attack on commercial vessel: MEA



New Delhi: An Indian national was killed in an attack on a commercial vessel while it was reportedly transiting Russian territorial waters in the Black Sea on July 18, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Friday. The fresh incident comes to light days after the MEA said four Indians were among 10 killed in an attack on a commercial vessel off the coast of Ukraine on July 19.

"It has come to our attention that on July 18, the commercial vessel MV OMORFI was attacked while tran-

siting the Black Sea, reportedly in Russian territorial waters. At the time of the incident, there were 10 crew members on board, including three Indian nationals," the MEA said."As per available information, one Indian national tragically lost his life in the attack. We extend our deepest condolences to the bereaved family of the deceased. The other two Indian nationals on board are reported to be safe," it said in a statement.

The MEA said the Indian mission in Russia has reached out to the relevant authorities and is making efforts to extend all possible assistance to the affected family. "India unequivocally condemns such attacks targeting commercial shipping and placing the lives of innocent civilian crew members at risk. It is a matter of serious concern that the freedom of navigation and international commerce is facing increasing threats," it said."India calls upon all concerned parties to uphold international obligations to ensure the safety and security of maritime navigation and uninterrupted flow of global commerce," the MEA added. New Delhi summoned the Russian charge Charge d'affaires on Tuesday following the killing of the four Indians in the strike on the MV Golden Leo vessel on July 19.

US court rejects Trump administration bid to revive USD 100,000 H-1B visa fee

A US federal appeals court has refused to stay a lower court order striking down the Trump administration's decision to impose a USD 100,000 fee on H-1B visas for highly skilled foreign workers.The three-judge bench at the Boston-based First Circuit Court of Appeals denied the federal government's motion to stay US District Judge Leo T Sorokin's June 8 ruling that struck down the fee, terming it an unlawful tax not authorised by Congress....we deny the defendants' motion to stay pending appeal to this Court, the district court's June 8, 2026, Memorandum and Order and accompanying Judgment," the bench ruled on Friday.

The judges agreed with the plaintiffs -- 20 Democrat-ruled states -- that "the question here is not whether Congress may delegate the authority in question. It is whether Congress has done so".President Donald Trump had issued a proclamation in September last year imposing a USD 100,000 fee for obtaining new H-1B visas.The H-1B visa is a non-immigrant visa that allows US companies to employ foreign workers in speciality occupations that require theoretical or technical expertise. American technology companies depend on it to hire tens of thousands of employees each year from countries like India and China.Citing a 1989 US Supreme Court ruling, the appeals court said the executive must show that Congress had spoken "clearly" in conferring discretionary authority to impose financial burdens, whether described as "fees" or "taxes".However, the Trump ad-



ministration has not explained why that clear standard isn't required in this case," the order said.The court also said the administration had failed to show why the plaintiff states would not suffer substantial injury if the stay was denied.The defendants "cursorily assert that the plaintiffs would face 'minimal' harm without developing that argument -- if it does constitute an argument as to the plaintiffs' lack of substantial injury -- further," the order said.The US issues 65,000 H-1B visas annually, along with an additional 20,000 visas for foreign workers holding advanced educational qualifications. These visas usually cost between USD 2,000 and USD 5,000 in fees.

As AI grows more powerful, a US-China feud threatens safety efforts



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BEIJING, U.S. threats to sanction Chinese AI developers over alleged intellectual property theft and export-control violations risk unravelling efforts to establish a bilateral dialogue on AI safety, analysts say, just as increasingly powerful models raise concerns over serious security ?breaches.U.S. officials on Wednesday accused Chinese AI lab Moonshot of distilling its Kimi K3 model from Anthropic's advanced Fable 5 model, prompting Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent to warn of potential sanctions.Jumpstart your morning with the latest legal news delivered straight to your inbox from The Daily Docket newsletter. Sign up here.Distillation is the process of training AI models using output from more advanced ones to lower the costs of training a powerful new AI tool.

The Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security is also investigating whether Chinese firms like Moonshot are accessing advanced U.S. chips illegally to train their models. A Moonshot ?spokesperson did not respond to Reuters' request for comment.The dispute exposes a growing tension at the heart of the U.S.-China AI race. Both sides increasingly view frontier AI as a ?strategic asset and a security risk, yet experts argue cooperation on safety standards is becoming more urgent as powerful models could be misused for cyberattacks ?or other harmful applications.The accusations, coupled with reports Washington is weighing restrictions on Chinese open-weight models, could provoke tit-for-tat measures and jeopardise a planned U.S.-China AI dialogue in September, analysts say.

The tensions come atop years ?of U.S. export controls designed to curb China's access to cutting-edge chips, measures that have increasingly dominated trade talks between the two countries."Depending on the number of Chinese companies targeted, (and) the nature of the punitive

?actions taken... the retaliation has the potential to scuttle both the AI dialogue and the September 24 meeting between Presidents Trump and Xi," said Paul Triolo, a partner at DGA-Albright Stonebridge Group.Beijing meanwhile is considering whether to restrict overseas users' access to its models as a retaliatory measure, Reuters previously reported.

CLOSED AND OPEN-SOURCE SECURITY RISKSNew York-based Hugging Face last week used a Chinese model, Z.ai's GLM-5.2, to contain a cyberattack by a rogue OpenAI agent that escaped during safety testing. ?since American closed models' safety guardrails were ironically too strong.As Chinese and U.S. frontier models achieve recursive self-improvement (RSI), where systems can autonomously enhance their own capabilities, researchers say both countries have an incentive ?to cooperate on safety standards before a more serious incident occurs.

Industry experts are also highlighting the risks posed by open-weight models, which can be downloaded, modified and redistributed with little oversight, limiting the effectiveness of software-based export controls."Godfather ?of AI" ?Yoshua Bengio warned at China's flagship AI forum last week that the deployment and sharing decisions of open-weight models are irreversible, and their safeguards are easier to remove."The logical thing to do is to find a good evaluation of these models, share the models that are not too dangerous, and not share those above the threshold of risk," he said via videolink.Chinese AI models must undergo government safety and content reviews before release, though current rules do not cover post-release modifications.

Unlike U.S. giants OpenAI and Anthropic, many Chinese AI labs lack the computing resources for extensive safety training and instead focus on improving model capabilities, industry observers say."It's plausible China reconsiders allowing open-weight releases for frontier models down the line, but the bar for doing so is high," said Kristy Loke, a MATS research fellow studying China's AI governance.Some AI safety researchers argue that frontier models in both the U.S. and China should face stricter pre-release testing and independent third-party evaluations.In the U.S., firms can voluntarily submit models for testing by ?the state-funded Center for AI Standards and Innovation (CAISI), though some lawmakers have called for mandatory federal reviews."In an ideal world, the two countries will ?come together to work on ?safer models... agree to build common standards around pre-release testing and set red lines for the most advanced open models," said Loke.Some U.S. government and AI industry officials remain split on how to respond to Chinese models, which account for about 60% of token usage by U.S. companies on the OpenRouter platform.OpenAI and Anthropic have lobbied Washington against lower-cost Chinese models, arguing they could undermine their business ?models.OpenAI lead strategist ?Dean Ball wrote on X that the Trump administration could "create large amounts of regulatory risk around the use of open-weight ?Chinese models" to curb their adoption by U.S. firms.White House AI adviser David Sacks countered that leading U.S. labs "want the government to eliminate their open-source competition" and argued for fair competition, adding in another post that the "Kimi Panic needs to stop".As long ?as we don't sabotage ourselves with unnecessary rules, the U.S. will continue to win," he said.Reporting by Laurie Chen in Beijing; Additional reporting by Samuel Shen in Shanghai; Editing by Eduardo Baptista and Shri Navaratnam

Death of Black teen Nolan Wells to go to Mississippi grand jury



A grand jury ?in Mississippi will review the circumstances around the death of Nolan Wells before the evidence is made public ?in the case of the Black teenager whose body was found in the water off an island he had visited with white friends, a local prosecutor said this week, but as of Friday had not said when jurors would take up the matter.This week, an attorney for the ?teenager's family said a private autopsy could not rule out foul play. The family's calls for answers have ?been amplified by civil rights leaders and social media, feeding a debate about the safety of ?young Black Americans in predominantly white environments.

Jumpstart your morning with the latest legal news delivered straight to your inbox from The Daily Docket newsletter. Sign up here.The district attorney for Jackson County said that, as a matter of routine, case ?information would be withheld from the public to protect the "integrity" of the grand jury which will decide if there is ?evidence a crime

may have taken place and someone should be charged.Every death in the county -- except those of natural causes and non-criminal car wrecks -- is presented to your grand jury," Jackson County District Attorney Angel Myers McClrath said in a video message on Thursday. "Nolan's case is ?being handled the same way."The prosecutor did not respond to questions from Reuters about when jurors would be convened and ?what kinds of evidence they would consider.She promised a thorough, careful and uncompromised investigation into a case that has become a flashpoint for ?race ?relations in America.Wells, 18, died after he went to a Fourth of July party on Horn Island with three white friends he had known since high school in nearby Ocean Springs, Mississippi.The three friends returned to the mainland without him and were in possession of his mobile phone, according to the family's lawyer Ben Crump.A pathologist who conducted an independent autopsy of Wells ?on behalf of his family could ?not draw conclusions and ?requested further information from the state medical examiner's initial autopsy, Crump told a press conference earlier this week.Wells' mother, Christine Wonsley, said Jackson County Sheriff John Ledbetter told her less ?than an hour after her son's body was recovered on July 6 that he believed ?the death was ?accidental and he did not see foul play.Ledbetter did not respond to requests for comment.Crump, civil rights leader Al Sharpton and some Democratic lawmakers have said the case highlights the lack of scrutiny given to deaths of young Black men.Mississippi Governor Tate ?Reeves, a ?Republican, said in a statement on Friday that authorities were conducting a ?thorough investigation and Crump and Sharpton were "stoking division for political gain."Crump's office, and Sharpton, did not immediately respond to requests for comment. There was no ?one available for comment at Myers McClrath's office.

Trump orders signs outside Smithsonian history museum to correct what he calls 'inaccurate information'

WASHINGTON, President Donald Trump directed federal officials on Friday to ?install signs outside the Smithsonian's flagship National Museum of American History to reflect his administration's criticism of how the institution portrays the United States.Trump's executive order cited a White House Domestic Policy Council report accusing the museum of "thinly veiled ?anti-Americanism" and "extreme political activism." He said he directed officials to install temporary signs on ?sidewalks maintained by the National Park Service to correct "inaccurate information presented in the ?Museum."The Reuters Daily Briefing newsletter provides all the news you need to start your day. Sign up here.While the Park Service falls under the secretary of the interior's authority, the 180-year-old Smithsonian is ?an independent institution. Trump has for months denounced the Smithsonian in what critics say is part ?of a larger campaign to present U.S. history from a conservative point of view.In his order, Trump said the "current leadership of both the Smithsonian Institution and the Museum cannot be trusted to tell America's story with honesty and ?gratitude."The White House Domestic Policy Council report had recommended the museum post a notice ?at its entrance reading: "Warning: the exhibits in this museum were prepared by people who don't want you to ?love ?your country."National Museum of American History director Anthea Hartig and Smithsonian Institution secretary Lonnie Bunch have both said the White House report unfairly characterized the museum's work.

Hartig testified before a House of Representatives oversight subcommittee this week, saying the museum is most powerful when patriotism is "not instructed but inspired."The ?Organization of American Historians, ?the country's largest group ?of U.S. history scholars, rejected claims made in the 162-page White House report released on July 4.The Smithsonian said it had no comment on



?Friday's executive order.Trump's other declarations and executive orders have led to the ?dismantling of ?slavery exhibits, the restoration of Confederate statues, and reviews into the work of museums.Trump says he aims to remove "anti-American ideology." Civil rights advocates say Trump's actions are reversing decades of social progress and undermining ?the acknowledgment ?of critical phases of U.S. history.The Smithsonian is a ?vast museum and research complex and a premier exhibition space for U.S. history and culture, with 21 museums and galleries and ?the National Zoo.Kanishka Singh is a breaking news reporter for Reuters in Washington DC, who primarily covers US politics and national affairs in his current role. His past breaking news coverage has spanned across a range of topics like the Black Lives Matter movement; the US elections; the 2021 Capitol riots and their follow up probes; the Brexit deal; US-China trade tensions; the NATO withdrawal from Afghanistan; the COVID-19 pandemic; and a 2019 Supreme Court verdict on a religious dispute site in his native India.

International Criminal Court members dismiss prosecutor Khan over sexual misconduct allegation



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Member states of the ?International Criminal Court voted to dismiss prosecutor Karim Khan for serious misconduct, the ICC said on Friday.Diplomats running the executive bureau of the court's governing body said last month the British barrister had an inappropriate sexual relationship with a junior ICC lawyer and should be fired, documents seen by Reuters showed. On Friday, a ?large majority of the ICC's 125 member states voted to follow that recommendation.Get a look at the day ahead in European and global markets with the Morning Bid Europe newsletter. Sign up here.

"The assembly decided by a majority of 82 ?states parties that the elected official, prosecutor, Karim Khan, committed serious misconduct and a serious breach of ?duty ... and to remove ... Karim Khan from office," the president of the court's governing body, Paivi Kaukoranta, said.

"Mr. Khan ?will challenge the lawfulness and fairness of the decision through all available legal mechanisms," his lawyer, Tayab Ali, said after the vote.Khan's dismissal immediately riggers the election process for a new ICC prosecutor who is not expected to be voted in before next year."Members of the court acted swiftly and decisively to remove an embattled and discredited official so that the court can move forward with its important work in all the situations on its docket," ?said Leila Sadat, professor of international criminal law at Washington University.

Khan's dismissal follows an announcement by the United States that it will launch a renewed diplomatic campaign to dismantle the ICC, which it says is a threat to its sovereignty.During a visit to the Philippines on Thursday, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said there were "lunatics and crazies involved in the ICC" and there was no way any U.S. political or military officials would ever go on trial at the court, reiterating previous criticism.State Department spokesperson Tommy Pigott welcomed Khan's removal but said, "he is only one small cog in this irredeemably corrupt institution. Today's outcome will have no impact on the United States' plans to dismantle ?the ICC."The U.S., which is ?not a member, has imposed ?sanctions on 11 ICC judges and prosecutors, including Khan, citing the ICC's arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant, and a past probe into U.S. troops in Afghanistan.While removing Khan helps the ICC's credibility by showing it has accountability for its own leadership, the ?court has more ?hurdles to overcome, said Kyra Wigard, assistant professor of law at Utrecht University."The bigger challenge going forward is whether the court can restore confidence internally and externally while maintaining the perception of independence amid intense geopolitical pressure," she said.Khan's accuser spoke publicly for the first time last week ?in an ?interview with CNN in which she repeated her allegations that the prosecutor had a non-consensual ?sexual relationship with her.

Salman Khan says ‘jo darr gaya vo mar gaya’ amid backlash over CJP protest remarks



Salman Khan has once again grabbed headlines after sharing a cryptic post that many believe is aimed at those trolling him over his recent comments on the ongoing NEET paper leak protests. The backlash began after Salman expressed support for protesting students on Instagram. He urged them to return home after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured strict action against those responsible for the paper leak. While the actor did not mention anyone directly, social media users were quick to link the post to the criticism he has been facing over the last two days. Posting pictures from his workout session, the actor wrote, “Salman Khan darrrrr gaya.... Hmmm. Jo darr gaya vo mar gaya...”

A day prior, Salman had posted on social media where requested Sonam Wangchuk to end his fast. He wrote, “The students are the top priority, educationally and security-wise, so they need not worry or have their parents worried for them. The Hon’ble Prime Minister has tweeted, and I am sure he will take strict action against all those responsible for this leak. So students, please go

back to your parents and homes.”

He also addressed activist Sonam Wangchuk, adding, “Sonam, it’s done, bro. Don’t extend this. Keep the spirit for another day if there be a need, which I doubt, and eat something. If you want, I’ll send you food from home.” A few hours later, it just so happened that Sonam actually ended his fast while in the hospital. However, the CJP protests are still continuing as students are demanding strict educational reforms. The remark quickly went viral and drew various opinions online. While some users appreciated Salman’s message, many mocked the actor. One user commented, “And if you need some books to read, let me know, I’ll send you.” Another wrote, “Not the plot twist I was expecting.” Several others posted, “You are scared,” while another remarked, “Camera ke saamne sher, system ke saamne...”

Two days earlier, Salman had shared a childhood photograph and voiced support for the students. Calling the paper leak a “very serious issue,” he praised students for protesting peacefully and said he was proud to see young people demanding a stronger education system. “It was such a peaceful movement. I feel so sad that it had to take a violent turn. My heart goes out to the students and their families who were hurt,” he wrote. The actor also urged students not to let the movement become politicised, saying the issue should remain between students and the education system. He expressed confidence that the government would address their concerns and hoped India would eventually become a global education hub. The protests continue at Jantar Mantar, although activist Sonam Wangchuk ended his 26-day fast after meeting BJP president JP Nadda, who assured him that the demands related to education reforms would be addressed. Meanwhile, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released a video promising the strictest punishment for those involved in paper leaks, including the use of fast-track courts.

Aamir Khan’s daughter is staying away from CJP protests, Imran Khan speaks up for students



Aamir Khan's daughter Ira said that she has intentionally staed away from visuals of violence. Imran Khan questioned the state's response to the agitating students.

As the nation remains gripped by the ongoing student protests demanding education reforms, several celebrities have come forward over the past few days to express solidarity with the demonstrators. Prominent Bollywood names including Salman Khan, Alia Bhatt, Kareena Kapoor, Hrithik Roshan, Varun Dhawan, Ratna Pathak Shah and Naseeruddin Shah have all voiced their support. The latest to weigh in is Aamir Khan’s daughter, Ira Khan, who shared her thoughts on the issue in a six-minute-long video posted on Instagram. Aamir Khan has maintained silence on the ongoing CJP protests. Sharing the video, Ira admitted that she had consciously maintained a distance from the protests as consuming news often leaves her emotionally overwhelmed. In the caption, she wrote, “I see that being able to, being able to afford to... having the option at all to look away... is a privilege. I’m figuring out what my most helpful role can be that aligns with my values and that’s what I’ll do. Be safe.” Beginning her video, Ira addressed the question many had been asking: why she had not spoken about the protests sooner. “Why am I not speaking up about the protests? It’s true that I advocate for mental health, and I ask for your attention whenever I speak on these topics. And I think that mental health is all of life. So I guess, in a way, I’ve chosen to say things and speak up about certain things. There are a couple of reasons why I haven’t, and I’m going to do my best to articulate them,” she said.

Explaining her silence, Ira said she initially felt she had little to contribute to the conversation and had deliberately stayed away from distressing news coverage. “The first that comes to my mind is that I didn’t think I had anything to say that was going to add to the conversation in any meaningful manner, especially because I’m not having feelings about it. And that’s something that I do actively with all news. I usually just don’t look at it. I don’t go to my Explore page. I have not seen any videos of violence or any videos of the protests. I know that they’re happening, and I know what is happening, I think. But I don’t let it emotionally reach me because it really bothers me, and I get overwhelmed, and I start feeling really helpless.” She further explained that, instead of constantly following the news, she prefers to channel her energy into understanding how individuals can make a difference within their own capacity. “So my way of not getting overwhelmed and helpless, but still not ignoring things, is that I divert my energy and my focus, whatever I have in me, into the attempt to figure out: how can an individual

person navigate the best they can with what they have in their individual capacity, outside of any system or regardless of any system? I’m not saying this is the best approach, but this is what I do. I don’t look at the news, and I don’t look at social media. I purposefully spend time and energy focusing on, regardless of the topic, regardless of the system, regardless of the kind of discrimination or unfairness or whatever I may think and feel, I shift my energy that way.”

Ira also clarified that her silence should not be mistaken for indifference. Recalling how she briefly panicked after seeing a video that reportedly showed her cousin being detained during a protest, she said she realised she had unconsciously been distancing herself from the events. “My feelings still haven’t reached me. I know that I got sent one reel, and the story was that my cousin was in it. I saw the reel, and it was that she was potentially being detained at one of the protests, and I freaked out. And as soon as I realised she was safe, again, I was like, ‘Okay,’ and I went back to work. So I’m sure there are feelings, but they’re not reaching me. I did not say anything because I didn’t realize that me saying anything would make a difference. And so, if me not speaking up at this point implied in any manner that I don’t care, then I’m sorry. That was not my intention. While I’m not fully feeling anything, if there was any doubt, I would like to clarify that I do care.” She concluded by expressing concern over how the situation might unfold, saying, “Something I’m feeling, something I’m closer to feeling, is that I’m worried about how this is going to progress. And I really hope that it ends with the least amount of emotional, psychological, and physical pain possible for anybody.”

Ira’s remarks came after her cousin, actor Imran Khan, joined a student protest march in Mumbai earlier this week. Speaking to Brut India about his experience at the demonstration, Imran said he was deeply moved by the students’ determination to raise their concerns. “I was on the ground with all of these students. The average age over there must have been 16. These were kids who were 16, 17, 18 years old, genuinely raising their voice and highlighting something that affects them, that directly affects their today and their tomorrow. It was hard not to be moved by that, and to not feel empathy with a movement like that,” he said.

Elaborating on his support for the protests, Imran added, “What’s happening today is that a certain section of our Indian citizens, children of this country, are standing up and trying to draw attention to an issue that affects them. If not their cause, what are we supposed to pay attention to?” He further criticised the state’s response to the movement, saying, “The response from the establishment, and the response from society at large, is something that will be remembered by those who are affected by it. To club these kinds of voices and to group them under the umbrella of ‘the other,’ this whole ‘anti-national’ thing which gets thrown around, to invalidate the opinion of other citizens and to deem that as counter to national interest, that in itself is creating a division.” Imran concluded by arguing that such rhetoric risks deepening divisions within the country. “You’re creating a division within the country itself. The idea that the state itself is the country and not its people, that is a problematic thing. The country is its people. The state is an appointed body, appointed by public demand.”

Ira’s statement also comes days after Aamir Khan addressed questions about education activist Sonam Wangchuk during a conversation at the 17th edition of the London Indian Film Festival. Responding to claims that his character in 3 Idiots was based on Wangchuk, Aamir said, “No. That’s not true actually. That is a misconception. I didn’t know about Mr Sonam at the time when we were doing the film 3 Idiots.”

He further explained, “Neither Raju and Abhijat, who were the two writers, nor I knew about Sonam. However, what Mr Sonam is doing doesn’t have to be based on the character of 3 Idiots for us to respect him. In fact, Mr Sonam himself has said that the character is not based on him. He has also clarified.” Speaking about Wangchuk’s then ongoing fast, Aamir had added, “I think all of us are very concerned for his health and life. We hope that he ends his fast.” The protests at Jantar Mantar, spearheaded by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), have intensified over the past few weeks after educator and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk began an indefinite hunger strike, which concluded on Thursday night.

Jyotika backs CJP protest, demands Dharmendra Pradhan’s resignation: ‘Proud of you Gen Z’



After more than a month of silence, actor Jyotika has spoken out strongly on the ongoing CJP protests, demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Taking to Instagram, the actor wrote, “Step down Dharmendra Pradhan. Resign.” Her statement comes amid the increasing number of protests across the country where

students of all age groups have banded together to demand the resignation of the Education Minister.

In her post, Jyotika wrote, “Step down Dharmendra Pradhan. Resign. I stand with the students and the future of our nation! I stand with accountability. I stand for a democratic India! I stand for a reformed education! Sonam Wangchuk, Abhijeet Dipke and Saurav Das, as mothers we want to raise our children to be like you. Proud of you, Gen Z, for being unfiltered. You have proved that together ‘WE’ are India. Thank you for breaking the pressure. Thank you for making us fearless, CJP. Jai Hind.” Jyotika’s statement comes days after Suriya’s fan club released a message saying the actor had requested fans not to celebrate his birthday as a mark of respect for students protesting across the country. According to the statement, Suriya urged fans to keep the focus on the concerns raised by students rather than on celebrations. With her post, Jyotika joins several South Indian actors, including Prakash Raj and Kamal Haasan, who have criticised the government’s handling of the issue and expressed support for the protesting students. The protest, spearheaded by the Cockroach Janta Party, has brought together students from across the country to demand reforms following the NEET paper leak. The movement gained further momentum after educationist and engineer Sonam Wangchuk joined the demonstration on June 28 and began an indefinite hunger strike, which ended on Thursday.

Salman Khan says ‘jo darr gaya vo mar gaya’ amid backlash over CJP protest remarks

Salman Khan has once again grabbed headlines after sharing a cryptic post that many believe is aimed at those trolling him over his recent comments on the ongoing NEET paper leak protests. The backlash began after Salman expressed support for protesting students on Instagram. He urged them to return home after Prime Minister Narendra Modi assured strict action against those responsible for the paper leak. While the actor did not mention anyone directly, social media users were quick to link the post to the criticism he has been facing over the last two days.

A day prior, Salman had posted on social media where requested Sonam Wangchuk to end his fast. He wrote, “The students are the top priority, educationally and security-wise, so they need not worry or have their parents worried for them. The Hon’ble Prime Minister has tweeted, and I am sure he will take strict action against all those responsible for this leak. So students, please go back to your parents and homes.” He also addressed activist Sonam Wangchuk, adding, “Sonam, it’s done, bro. Don’t extend this. Keep the spirit for another day if there be a need, which I doubt, and eat something. If you want, I’ll send you food from home.” A few hours later, it just so happened that Sonam actually ended his fast while in the hospital. However, the CJP protests are still continuing as students are demanding strict educational reforms. The remark quickly went viral and drew various opinions online. While some users appreciated Salman’s message, many mocked the actor. One user commented, “And if you need some books to read, let me know, I’ll send you.” Another wrote, “Not the plot twist I was expecting.” Several others posted, “You are scared,” while another remarked, “Camera ke saamne sher, system ke saamne...”

Two days earlier, Salman had shared a childhood photograph and voiced support for the students. Calling the paper leak a “very serious issue,” he praised stu-



dents for protesting peacefully and said he was proud to see young people demanding a stronger education system. “It was such a peaceful movement. I feel so sad that it had to take a violent turn. My heart goes out to the students and their families who were hurt,” he wrote. The actor also urged students not to let the movement become politicised, saying the issue should remain between students and the education system. He expressed confidence that the government would address their concerns and hoped India would eventually become a global education hub. The protests continue at Jantar Mantar, although activist Sonam Wangchuk ended his 26-day fast after meeting BJP president JP Nadda, who assured him that the demands related to education reforms would be addressed.

Shabana Azmi diagnosed with swine flu, to skip CJP protest on doctor’s advice



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One of the first prominent voices from the film industry to publicly back the ongoing CJP protests was veteran actor Shabana Azmi. She expressed solidarity with the students and also joined the widely covered Chalo Sansad march, walking alongside protesters as they marched towards Parliament. Videos of her participation quickly went viral across social media, with many praising her presence at the demonstration.

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a truck surrounded by protesters. Welcoming reports that the government had finally agreed to hold talks with the students, Shabana stressed that the agitation remained “a peaceful protest,” rejecting allegations suggesting otherwise.

She also posted a video of herself walking through a sea of demonstrators. Sharing it, she wrote, “Climbing up with the help of young colleagues to the protest site at Jantar Mantar to demand reforms within our educational system and an overhaul of the entire system. Allocate 6 per cent of GDP to education, public health and women’s empowerment to measure the success of our country.” In addition, Shabana shared videos of herself reciting poems by her father, the celebrated poet Kaifi Azmi, saying that his verses reflected the price people often pay for speaking the truth. “Got an attack because of the tear gas”

Earlier, in an exclusive conversation with SCREEN, Shabana recalled suffering an asthma attack after tear gas was used during the protest march. “I am an asthmatic and got an attack because of the tear gas, but I had my pump with me so I am okay now. I was respectfully escorted to a nearby building and after catching my breath, I went right back and spoke to the students who had been lathi charged. Their spirit is unprecedented. My salaams to all of them,” she said.

Speaking about why she chose to join the demonstration, Shabana added, “I came to Jantar Mantar in solidarity with the students who have been on a hunger strike for over 20 days and whose health is now failing. What they are demanding is not sinister or evil. Students are asking for educational reforms to safeguard their future and an overhaul of the education system. Demanding that an allocation of 6 percent of the GDP for education is urgently required. Listen to them, give them an ear, and give them hope.” The protests at Jantar Mantar, spearheaded by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), have intensified over the past few weeks after educator and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk began an indefinite hunger strike, which concluded on Thursday night. On Monday, July 20, as the Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced, students from across the country gathered in New Delhi and marched towards Parliament under the banner of the Chalo Sansad march. The march was stopped by the Delhi Police, leading to clashes that triggered widespread criticism and intense debate on social media. The protesters have been demanding a dialogue with the Central government and are seeking, among other demands, the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the alleged NEET-UG paper leak.