



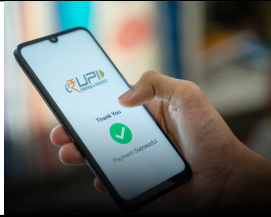
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Spotlight A Rare Beginning: Baby Born With Four Arms, Four Legs in Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal, Aug 25

A newborn boy with four arms and four legs has been transferred for specialist treatment after being born with an exceptionally rare congenital anomaly at Lavkush Nagar in Madhya Pradesh's Chhatrapur district.



The approximately 3-kg baby was born at the Lavkush Nagar Community Health Centre on Sunday. Doctors examining the newborn suspect heteropagus congenital anomaly, commonly described as parasitic twinning, in which the development of one twin is incomplete and portions of it remain attached to the more fully developed twin.

Milad Spirit Fills the Old City: Hyderabad Set for Grand Processions

Traffic restrictions and need-based diversions will operate from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, as Milad-un-Nabi peace processions move through five principal routes linking Falaknuma, Charminar, Mecca Masjid, Nampally and other parts of the Old City.



Hyderabad, Aug 25

Motorists travelling through Hyderabad's Old City and adjoining central areas have been advised to prepare for extensive traffic regulation on Wednesday, August 26, when Milad-un-Nabi peace processions are scheduled to pass through several major thoroughfares between 10 a.m. and 11 p.m. Hyderabad Traffic Police said vehicles would be stopped or diverted on a need basis as the processions advance, rather than all affected roads necessarily remaining closed throughout the 13-hour period. Commuters have conse-

quently been advised to avoid the notified routes and use alternative roads wherever possible. The principal procession routes include Falaknuma to Volta Hotel via Charminar; Yahiya Pasha Dargah to Volta Hotel; Mecca Masjid to Haj House, Nampally; Mecca Masjid to Volta Hotel; and Pattarghatti to Alijah Kotla. Traffic regulation is expected at 28 points along and around the routes, including Falaknuma, Engine Bowli, Nagulchinta X Road, Himmatpura, Volga, Haribowli, Panch Mohalla, Charminar, Gulzar Houz, Pattarghatti, Madina Junction,

Delhi Gate, Nayapul, Darulshifa, Purani Haveli, Etebar Chowk, Alijah Kotla, Bibi Bazar, Volta Hotel, Afzalgunj, Osmangunj, MJ Market, Taj Island, Nampally T Junction and Haj House. The concentration of procession routes around Charminar and the Old City means delays could extend beyond the immediate procession corridors as diverted vehicles move onto adjoining roads. Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) D. Joel Davis, IPS, has appealed to commuters to plan journeys in advance, follow instructions from traffic personnel and co-operate with officers deployed along the routes.

A Six-Figure Barrier: US Proposes \$103,265 H-1B Fee – Skilled Hiring Faces a Cost Reckoning

The proposed charge would apply to all cap-subject H-1B petitions, including those under the US advanced-degree exemption. DHS projects roughly \$8.8 billion in annual revenue, based on 85,000 cap-subject petitions.



Press Media Washington, August 25

The Trump administration has proposed an extraordinary \$103,265 additional fee for cap-subject H-1B petitions, opening a new front in its effort to reshape skilled immigration and potentially imposing a formidable new cost on American compa-

nies recruiting foreign professionals, including workers from India. Under the Department of Homeland Security proposal, the six-figure charge would be payable when an employer files a cap-subject H-1B petition and would come on top of other applicable fees or payments. It would also cover petitions filed for

workers qualifying for the advanced-degree exemption. Crucially, employers do not have to pay the \$103,265 charge yet. The measure is a proposed rule, rather than a final regulation, and is subject to a 30-day public-comment period before DHS can move towards finalisation.

The Current Ajit Doval Meets Chinese Vice President Han Zheng; Border Dispute Tops

Beijing, Aug 25



National Security Adviser Ajit Doval, who is currently on a visit to China, met Chinese Vice President Han Zheng on Tuesday and held discussions on the India-China border dispute and ways to maintain peace along the frontier. Doval arrived in China on Monday at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister and Communist Party of China Central Committee member Wang Yi. The 25th meeting of the India-China Special Representatives is scheduled to begin from Tuesday, with border-related issues expected to be a key focus.

Gachibowli tragedy sparks CMC demolition drive

Hyderabad, Aug 25

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) demolished 17 unauthorised under-construction buildings across its jurisdiction on Tuesday as it intensified enforcement against building violations following the deadly collapse of an allegedly illegal seven-storey structure at Anjaiah Nagar. Acting on directions from CMC Commissioner G. Srijana, IAS, enforcement teams demolished eight structures in Quthbullapur Zone, seven in Serilingampally and two in Kukatpally. The Telangana government's Municipal Administration and Urban Development Department lists Srijana as the Commissioner of CMC. The civic body also served notices on 11 unauthorised constructions and identified another 54 structures through complaints received on MyCURE and Prajavani as well as field inspections by municipal officials. Continued on Page 3...

MEDICINE WITHOUT MANDATE: Six Held in Secunderabad Clinic Sweep – Fake Credentials, Hundreds of Drugs Seized

Six men were arrested in coordinated raids by the Commissioner's Task Force & four local police stations across the Secunderabad Zone. Police seized 277 injections, 933 tablets, 70 syringes, 57 bottles of syrup, medical equipment, prescription pads and rubber stamps, besides 12 glucose bottles.



Munsif Bureau Hyderabad, August 25

Hyderabad police have apprehended six men accused of running clinics and providing medical treatment without the qualifications required for the practice they allegedly undertook, in a coordinated operation across the Secunderabad Zone that exposed what investigators described

as years of unauthorised medical practice in neighbourhood clinics. The Commissioner's Task Force, Secunderabad Zone, carried out the raids with Ramgopalpet, Chilkaalguda, Domalguda and OU City police. According to the police account, the accused allegedly represented themselves as qualified doctors and treated pa-

tients by prescribing medicines, administering injections and giving intravenous saline or glucose despite lacking valid qualifications or authorisation for such practice. Independent reports published on Tuesday broadly corroborated the details of the Secunderabad operation. Continued on Page 3...

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Harish Rao sets September 7 deadline for withdrawal of GO 97 affecting polytechnic students

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25 (NSS):

Hyderabad: BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao strongly opposed the proposed merger of government polytechnic colleges with the Young India Skill University, saying it would jeopardise the future of students and facilitate privatisation of valuable institutional assets. He vowed to raise the issue in the Assembly and lead

a massive protest with polytechnic students if the government failed to withdraw the controversial GO 97 by September 7.Shopping For Authentic South Asian Apparel

He made the remarks after extending support to students protesting against GO 97 at the Government Polytechnic College in Masab Tank here on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao stated that the government was seeking to hand over 59 of the State’s 113 poly-

technic colleges to the Skill University, which was established under a public-private partnership model. He questioned the fate of students once the government’s initial support ended and asked whether fees and fee reimbursement would remain affordable. He said the issue was not confined to one institution but concerned nearly one lakh students across the State. Exploring Guided Local City Tours.

The former Minister stated that the Congress

government was eyeing the land and buildings of polytechnic colleges, which he claimed were worth thousands of crores, to raise loans by mortgaging or auctioning them. He opposed any move to take the institutions out of government control and demanded immediate withdrawal of the GO.

Harish Rao reminded that polytechnic education offered students opportunities for lateral entry into engineering courses and the proposed

merger could deprive students of them. He also questioned why students currently paying around Rs 15,000 for polytechnic education should be pushed towards expensive private education.

Citing incidents in Mahabubabad and Suryapet, the BRS leader termed the police excesses against protesting students, including the grabbing of a student by the throat, as atrocious. He said the government should not undermine the ability of Gen-Z stu-

Warangal police arrest inter-State ganja smuggler, seize ganja worth Rs 1.25 crore

Munsif Bureau
Hanamkonda:, Aug.25

Warangal commissionerate police have arrested an inter-State ganja smuggler and seized 251 kg of ganja from him.

Speaking to the media here on Tuesday, Commissioner of Police N Swetha informed that, under the supervision of East Zone DCP Ankit Kumar, Damera police took the accused, Mudigonda Nageshwar Rao of Pulukurthy vil-

lage in Damera mandal of Hanamkonda district, into custody. Preliminary investigations revealed that the accused used his network to purchase ganja from suppliers Ramesh and Sudhakar in Odisha. He then sold it to buyers Urdu, Ramdas Shesharao Biradar, Akleem, Shahrukh Khan, Shaik Akbar and Nunavath Raju across Telangana, Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. Acting on information

provided by Nageshwar Rao, the police seized ganja worth around Rs 1.25 crore from his residence. Special teams have been formed to apprehend the other accused from various States who had purchased ganja from Nageshwar Rao, the CP said.

The Telangana police department has been taking a very strict stance against both the trafficking and consumption of narcotics.

Jagan asks YSRCP cadres to fight for every seat in local polls

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25 (NSS):

Amaravati: Asserting that there is a strong anti-incumbency factor in Andhra Pradesh, former Chief Minister and YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Tuesday called upon the

party cadres to fight for every inch of ground in the ensuing local body elections.

Addressing the party leaders and cadres at the party’s central office at Tadepalli, he claimed that the anti-incumbency factor has a strong current against the coalition government.

YS Jagan Mohan

Reddy said that if the anger of all sections of people against the coalition translates into votes, YSRCP will have a resolute win.

He said all the nefarious malpractices of Chandrababu should be fought tooth and nail.

“Though it is clear that in the two years, the coalition has failed on all

fronts, we will win hands down if the elections are held in a free and fair manner, and we should ensure there is a contest for every seat, giving no scope for manipulation of any sort by TDP,” a party release quoted YS Jagan as saying. He told the party leaders that their endurance in these elections will pave the way for a

OU ranks 4th in India Today rankings

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25

Hyderabad : Osmania University (OU) achieved 4th rank among the top general government universities in India in the India Today ranking and 13th rank in the Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2026: Top 75 State Public Universities.

In addition, Osmania University College of



Engineering bagged the 18th rank in the Outlook-ICARE Rankings 2026: Top 25 Government Engineering Institutes.

Six fake doctors held in Hyderabad raids

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25 (NSS):

The Task Force (Jubilee Hills), along with local police, nabbed six persons for allegedly posing as qualified doctors and practising medicine illegally during raids at five locations on Monday.

The suspects were identified as D Rama Shekar Reddy (43), R Sudhakar (38), M Bharathi (44), K Mahesh Rao (43), P Bala Narasimha (52) and Mohd Abdul Vali (54)



Police said the suspects were operating unregistered clinics or using

pharmacies to provide medical treatment without valid qualifications.

Government plans to acquire 40,000 acres for irrigation projects over next three years

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad:, Aug.25 (NSS):

The Congress government is planning to acquire nearly 40,000 acres over three years for various irrigation projects, with an estimated outlay of Rs 6,150 crore. More than Rs 1,000 crore was stated to be at various stages in land-acquisition offices and district accounts, awaiting disbursement.Exploring Guided Local City Tours

During a review meeting on irrigation projects here on Tuesday, Irrigation

Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy directed the Collectors and Chief Engineers to complete pending works on a war footing, with the government targeting substantial completion within a couple of months. He stressed that funds released for acquisition should reach the oustees rather than remain parked in district or other government accounts. He said the government was prepared to provide funds immediately for land acquisition, R&R and forest-related requirements

once the necessary procedures were completed. The Collectors were asked to review land-acquisition progress daily and coordinate with revenue and irrigation officials to resolve bottlenecks. Uttam Kumar Reddy also asked the officials to examine the scheme component-wise, with land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) and forest-related clearances identified as key areas requiring immediate attention.

The State government has set a one-year tar-



get for completion of the long-pending Devadula

Doctors urge caution as viral fever, flu cases rise in Telangana

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25 (NSS):

Senior doctors and public health experts have urged the general public, especially vulnerable groups including children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with co-morbid conditions, in Hyderabad and elsewhere in Telangana not to dismiss typical viral fever symptoms as a mere inconvenience and, in the process, delay seeking medical attention.City & Local Guides

With cases of influenza, Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI), Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) and H1N1 clearly on the rise in all the neighbouring states of Telangana, including Maharashtra, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh, it is inevitable

that such ailments will take a similar trajectory in Telangana as well. Based on ground reports, the present circulating strain of H1N1 is proving to be far more severe. Doctors are reporting alarming clinical presentations such as extremely high-grade fevers unresponsive to antipyretics, severe week-long coughs and complications such as febrile delirium, a severe neurological reaction to high fever that causes confusion, disorientation or hallucinations, as well as seizures in children, alongside critical drops in blood oxygen saturation levels, plummeting as low as 75. Doctors have urged patients to seek immediate medical attention if they experience breathlessness, chest pain, low oxygen lev-



els, persistent or worsening fever, confusion, severe weakness or dehydration.

“Unlike states like Karnataka, Maharashtra etc, at present none of the government hospitals in Telangana offer instant tests for H1N1, normal influenza or SARI/ILI cases to patients. That’s why we

urge individuals with typical symptoms not to wait for tests but get checked by a qualified doctor first,” doctors said. On its part, the Directorate of Public Health (DPH), Telangana, has issued a generic advisory to guard against airborne infections, including viral fevers and influenza.

Five of family found dead at Andhra’s Srisailam, police suspect suicide

Munsif Bureau
Srisailam:, Aug.25 (NSS):

Five members of a family were found dead in a lodging facility here on Tuesday, with police suspecting that they may have died by suicide amid health and financial difficulties, an official said.

According to police, on July 28, Pallapu Sudhakar (36), a resident of Battalapalli village in Sri Sathya Sai district, came to Srisailam along with his three sisters and his 15-year-old nephew. The five had travelled to

Srisailam in Sudhakar’s autorickshaw and took a room on rent at Vadde Satram.

“Five members of a family were found dead in a room at Vadde Satram here on Tuesday, and preliminary inquiries suggest that health problems and financial hardships may have driven them to take the extreme step,” a police official said.

On Tuesday, when the lodge staff noticed that the door of the room remained closed and detected a foul smell coming from inside,

they opened the window and found all five persons hanging. The staff immediately informed the police about the incident.

During the probe, police learnt that Sudhakar, his two elder sisters and a younger sibling, besides his nephew, were all reportedly suffering from health problems. Further, Sudhakar’s elder sisters had separated from their husbands. The family’s financial condition also was not good.

According to the official, Sudhakar had been

Anjaiah Nagar collapse: CMC demolishes 17 unauthorised buildings

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, Aug.25 (NSS):

Following the death of two workers when an illegally built 7-storeyed structure collapsed at Anjaiah Nagar on Sunday, the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) has intensified enforcement against unauthorised under-construction buildings across the corporation limits.Exploring Guided Local City Tours Following the directions of the CMC Commissioner, G Srijana, the enforcement drive on

Tuesday demolished 17 unauthorised constructions that included seven buildings in Serilingampally zone, two buildings in Kukatpally zone and eight in Quthbullapur zone. In addition to the demolitions, 11 notices were served to unauthorised constructions identified during the enforcement process. Further, 54 unauthorised constructions were identified through multiple sources, including MyCURE, Prajavani petitions and field-level identification by

officers.Booking Historical Guided Tours The identification and enforcement process is being carried out on a continuous basis to ensure that unauthorised constructions are detected at the earliest stage and necessary action is taken promptly, a press release said. The Commissioner has directed the Town Planning and enforcement teams to maintain daily field-level monitoring, strengthen identification of unauthorised constructions and ensure timely enforce-

Veligonda project to be inaugurated

Munsif Bureau
Amaravati:, Aug.25 (NSS):

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday said the Veligonda project, conceived three decades ago to transform the drought-hit erstwhile Prakasam district, would be inaugurated on August 31. Naidu said the long-standing resolve to bring Krishna River water to the drought-prone region had finally been realised. “The Veligonda project, conceived three decades ago to transform the drought-hit erstwhile Prakasam district, will be inaugurated on August 31,” Naidu said in a post on X. He said that after overcoming numerous obstacles and challenges, the government was completing Phase-1 of the project through a determined effort to bring Krishna River water to the drought-hit region. Naidu said he had laid the foundation stone for the project on March 5, 1996, when he was the CM of undivided Andhra Pradesh, and would inaugurate it himself three decades later. He said 10.7 TMC of water would be released into Nallamala Sagar and that Markapur district would host the historic event on August 31.

Hyderabad traffic diversions on Wednesday for Milad-un-Nabi procession

Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad:, Aug.25 (NSS):

The Hyderabad traffic police issued a traffic advisory informing commuters about diversions to be enforced across the city on Wednesday in view of the Milad-un-Nabi peace procession. The restrictions

will be in force from 10 am to 11 pm. Traffic will be stopped or diverted as required at several key junctions along the procession routes. These include Falaknuma, Engine Bowli, Nagulchinta X Road, Himmatpura Junction, Haribowli, Charminar,

Gulzar Houz, Pattarghatti, Madina Junction, Nayapul, Darulshifa, Purani Haveli, Mir Alam Mandi, Etebar Chowk, Alijah Kotla, Bibi Bazar, Volta Hotel, Afzalgunj T Junction, MJ Market Junction, Nampally T Junction and Haj House, among others.

The traffic police advised commuters to avoid the affected routes and junctions between 10 am and 11 pm and use alternative routes to reach their destinations.

Commuters requiring emergency assistance or travel-related information

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Behind the Clinic Doors; Years of Alleged Unauthorised



Munsif Bureau
Hyderabad, August 25

The six were identified by police as Nilagiri Prasad, 40; Adan Samdani, 23; M. Srinivas, 51; Peddapatla Sadanand, 52; Chintaluri Ramesh, 45; and Shivaratri Lingaiah, 57. They were allegedly operating from clinics in Chilkalguda, Nallagutta-Ranigunj, Lower Tank Bund and Manikeshwar Nagar in the Osmania University area. The scale and nature of the seizures have placed the focus not merely on alleged misrepresentation of credentials but on the potential patient-safety consequences of treat-

ment delivered outside recognised professional standards. Police reported recovering 277 injections and 933 tablets, along with 70 syringes, 57 bottles of syrup, 16 ointments, five stethoscopes, five blood-pressure machines, four thermometers, five pulse oximeters, nine prescription pads and five rubber stamps. Twelve bottles of glucose — four of 500 ml and eight of 100 ml — were also listed among the seizures. Investigators said the material additionally included a purported fake Indian Medical Council MBBS certificate, documents relating to a

Bachelor of Homeopathic and Surgery qualification, and homemade preparations allegedly used to treat skin disease. Police allegations indicate that some of the establishments had operated for considerable periods before the latest intervention. Nilagiri Prasad, according to the Task Force, had studied BHMS and previously worked as a compounder for about a decade in hospitals in the Eluru region. Police allege that he subsequently operated the Family Clinic near Badi Masjid in Chilkalguda for approximately eight years, presenting himself as an MBBS-qualified general and children's specialist. A stamp bearing the description "Dr. Prasad N MBBS (AM) General and Children Specialist" and a purported fake MBBS certificate were among the material police said they recovered from the establishment.

The distinction between possessing a qualification in one system of medicine and being legally entitled to practise another is significant. Telangana High Court jurisprudence has addressed the regulatory boundary between practitioners registered under Indian systems of medicine and modern medicine, observing that registration in one system does not by itself confer a right to practise modern scientific medicine. The Telangana State Medical Council has separately warned about public-health risks from unqualified practitioners engaging in modern medicine and prescribing scheduled drugs. Its anti-quackery framework cites provisions of the Telangana Medical Practitioners Registration Act, 1968, as amended, as well as provisions of



Old City in a Festive Glow: Hyderabad Lights Up for Milad-un-Nabi

- Decorative lighting has transformed roads, lanes and neighbourhood centres across parts of Hyderabad's Old City.
- Religious gatherings and community programmes are being organised alongside the Milad celebrations.
- Blood donation, food distribution and other welfare activities are planned at different locations in the city.



Press Note
Hyderabad, August 25

Hyderabad's Old City has taken on a festive glow ahead of Milad-un-Nabi on Wednesday, August 26, with colourful illuminations appearing across Yakutpura and adjoining neighbourhoods as residents and local organisers complete preparations for religious and community programmes. Major roads, lanes, intersections and areas around places of worship have been decorated with electric lights, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. The preparations extend beyond private and community initiatives: recent GHMC tender notices also provide for temporary lighting at mosques and various locations in the Yakutpura constituency for the occasion. Milad-un-Nabi commemorates the birth of Prophet Muhammad and is being observed in Hyderabad this year on August 26. Alongside

prayers and religious gatherings, organisers across the city have planned social-welfare initiatives, including blood donation and food distribution programmes and the distribution of fruits among hospital patients. Yakutpura is among the areas where civic arrangements are also being made. GHMC-related tender records show provisions for temporary illumination and amenities at several locations, including Yakutpura Railway Station, Bada Bazar X Road and other neighbourhood points. With celebrations drawing closer, organisers and residents are coordinating local arrangements with an emphasis on a peaceful and respectful observance. The occasion traditionally places the teachings of peace, compassion, brotherhood and service to humanity at the centre of community programmes.

BURFI GHAR Licence Suspended as TG Safe Seizes 15 Tonnes of Food

15 enforcement teams inspected **32 sweet and savoury businesses** across Hyderabad's CURE region, uncovering alleged **hygiene, storage, labelling and pest-control violations**.

Hyderabad, Aug 25

Telangana's newly constituted food-and-drug regulator has intensified its enforcement drive in Hyderabad, with 15 teams inspecting 32 sweet and savoury establishments and seizing around 15 tonnes of food articles valued at ₹30 lakh.

The licence of Burfi Ghar in Bachupally was suspended, and the establishment was directed to discontinue operations immediately. The inspections were conducted by the Enforcement Wing of the Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs (TG SAFE), comprising Food Safety Officers and police personnel, following directions from Commissioner Avinash Mohanty. Officials reported a range of alleged viola-

tions, including poor hygiene, expired food articles, improper handling and storage, fungal infestation on spoiled vegetables, pest and rodent presence, and breaches of food-safety labelling and packaging regulations. Inspectors also flagged products carrying allegedly misleading claims or advertisements. The teams collected 35 samples where adulteration was suspected. These will require laboratory examination to determine whether the products fail prescribed safety or quality standards; suspicion recorded during inspection should not itself be treated as proof of adulteration. Apart from the action against Burfi Ghar, authorities issued improvement notices to 12 establishments and show-cause notices to four.



Expanding India-US Trade Relations Is Our Goal: Us Ambassador Sergio Gor



US Ambassador Sergio Gor addresses business leaders at a high-level India-US trade roundtable at Taj Falaknuma Palace, Hyderabad.

Press Note
Hyderabad, August 25

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor hosted a high-level business roundtable at the Taj Falaknuma Palace in Hyderabad aimed at advancing trade and industrial ties between India and the United States. Ambassador Gor and US Consul General Laura Williams met leading fig-

ures from Indian industry on the night of August 24 to discuss ways to accelerate bilateral trade, secure high-technology supply chains and further expand India-US commercial relations. The dinner, held to commemorate the 250th anniversary of American independence, brought together C-suite executives from the defence manufacturing, semicon-

ductor, pharmaceutical and technology sectors. The discussions focused on translating the strategic bilateral relationship into tangible business investment across southern India. Highlighting the momentum in bilateral ties, Ambassador Gor said: "The United States and India have long been strategic partners. Gatherings such as this demonstrate how far the US-India partnership has evolved beyond strategic alignment. Today, it represents a tangible framework of cooperation spanning defence, technology, life sciences and space. It rests on the foundation of enduring commercial partnerships between our two countries — partnerships that many of you

in this room have helped build, deal by deal." The event underscored the commitment of both countries to expanding market access, deepening defence-industrial cooperation and ensuring that the US-India economic partnership delivers tangible outcomes. Ambassador Gor encouraged business leaders from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha to leverage policy frameworks such as the TRUST Initiative, Pax Silica, the US-India COMPACT and the US-India Strategic Mineral Recovery Initiative to translate bilateral cooperation into direct investment, supply-chain partnerships, expanded market access and stronger business-to-business engagement.

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54 More Structures Face CMC Scrutiny

Officials issued 11 notices and identified another 54 unauthorised constructions.

The civic body also served notices on 11 unauthorised constructions and identified another 54 structures through complaints received on MyCURE and Prajavani as well as field inspections by municipal officials.

The action has acquired greater urgency following Sunday's collapse at Anjaiah Nagar, where two workers were killed. The incident has renewed scrutiny of how unauthorised multi-storey structures are detected and acted against while construction is still underway. CMC officials said the identification-and-enforcement exercise would continue across all three zones, with an emphasis on detecting violations early and taking prompt action. Under the latest enforcement directions,

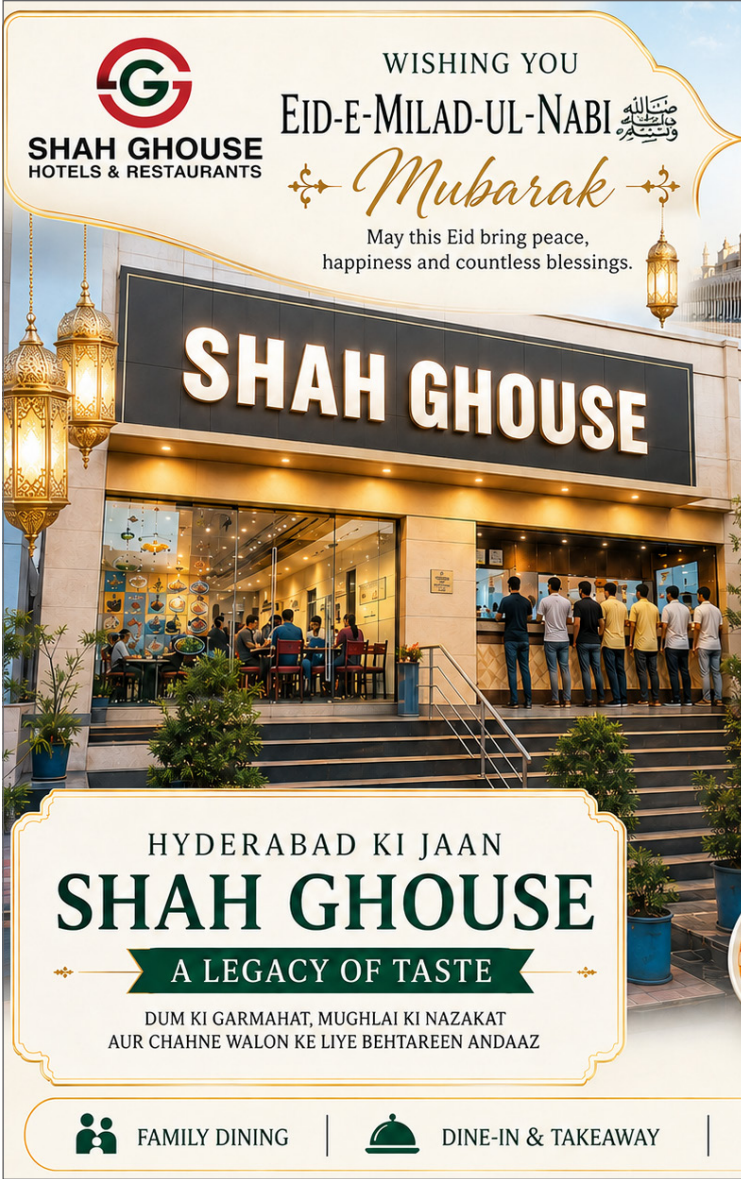


buildings on plots measuring less than 75 square yards that exceed seven metres in height face action. The latest demolitions form part of a much larger compliance challenge. CMC records reported by the press show that hundreds of unauthorised constructions have been identified across Kukatpally, Quthbullapur and Serilingampally over the past year, indicating that sustained enforcement rather than one-off demolition drives will be



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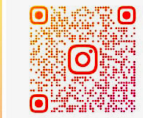
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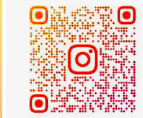
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Brief Update
No shortage of sugar, says Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann

Munsif Bureau
Chandigarh, Aug 25

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann on Tuesday said that there is no shortage of sugar in the state and the government is keeping a regular vigil on its stock, sale and supply to safeguard the interests of the common man. He directed the officers to ensure adequate availability of the essential commodity and take firm action against any attempt to create artificial scarcity or indulge in hoarding. Chairing a meeting with senior officers.

Patna student protest turns tense as police use water cannons; CRPF personnel deployed

Munsif Bureau
Patna, Aug 25 (IANS)

Chaos broke out on the streets of Patna on Tuesday as student organisations staged protests over recruitment-related demands. The administration deployed extensive security arrangements across the Bihar’s state capital, with barricades erected at several strategic locations to prevent protesters from reaching Lok Bhawan and other sensitive areas. The situation became tense at Dak bungalow

Crossing after protesting students breached police barricades. Police subsequently used mild force to control the situation and deployed water cannons to disperse the protesting mob. Amid the water being sprayed, some students were seen using shampoo while standing under the water jets. During the confrontation, one student reportedly suffered a head injury, while a female student was also reported to have fainted. Police detained several

protesters who crossed the barricades and attempted to advance towards the Lok Bhavan. The detained students were taken to Kotwali police station. Heated exchanges were also reported between police personnel and protesters at the site. A similar confrontation took place near JP Golambar, where students repeatedly attempted to move forward while police personnel tried to stop them. Security arrangements have been further

strengthened in the area. Near the New Secretariat, around a dozen sand-loaded tractors were reportedly positioned on both sides of Bailey Road to block the protesters’ route. A large contingent of police personnel was deployed across the area amid the heightened tension. A bunker vehicle, also known as a landmine-protected vehicle, was also deployed at Dak bungalow Crossing. Such vehicles are generally associated with security operations in areas

affected by Left-Wing Extremism. Additional forces were deployed at the crossing, while CRPF personnel wearing body protectors also arrived at the site as authorities stepped up security measures to contain the protest and prevent demonstrators from advancing towards sensitive government locations. The movement is being led by student leader Aman Kumar and has received the support of more than 15 student organisations.

AIUDF is B-team of BJP, claims Assam Congress leader

Munsif Bureau
New Delhi, Aug 24 (IANS)



Senior Congress leader, Ripun Bora, has accused the All India United Democratic Front (AIUDF) of working as the ‘B team’ of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Assam, alleging that the party’s decision to name its candidate early for the Nagaon Lok Sabha bye-election, was aimed at splitting the Opposition vote and weakening the Congress. Bora alleged that AIUDF’s decision to announce its candidate well ahead of the bypoll was part of a larger strategy allegedly designed to consolidate minority votes in favour of the regional party and dent the Congress’ traditional support base among minority voters. “It is an open secret that AIUDF is the B team of BJP in Assam. At the advice of BJP, the AIUDF has declared the candi-

date so early. It is a part of their strategy just to consolidate the minority votes in favour of AIUDF and break the Congress support base among the minority people,” Bora said while speaking in Guwahati on Tuesday. His remarks came after AIUDF president Badruddin Ajmal announced former All Assam Minorities Students’ Union leader Rejaul Karim Sarkar as the party’s candidate for the Nagaon Lok Sabha bye-election. The AIUDF has also rejected the Congress’ appeal for an alliance for the bypoll, setting the stage for a contest in which Opposition votes could be divided between the two parties. The Nagaon seat fell vacant after the sitting Congress MP Pradyut Bordoloi resigned from Parliament and subsequently joined the BJP. The upcoming bye-election has, therefore, emerged as an im-

CBI cracks two bank fraud cases, apprehends two accused on the run for years

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New Delhi, Aug 25

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Tuesday apprehended two proclaimed offenders in two separate bank fraud cases and apprehended them after years of chase, the agency said in a statement. The two accused, namely Jitendra Kumar and Pooja Pahwa were on the run for seventeen and four years respectively. Accused Jitendra Kumar was involved in an incident of default of home loan in year 2002-03 as he secured loan on the basis of fake and forged salary certificates. This apparently resulted in loss of Rs 65.90 Lakh to GIC Housing

Finance Limited. The bank account was however declared NPA immediately, after the disbursement of the loan. The police, acting on complaints, filed chargesheet against the accused Jitendra Kumar and 18 others in 2006. He however evaded the trial proceedings and did not appear before the Court, since 2009. In 2013, he was declared a Proclaimed Offender (PO). The investigative agency, kept up the heat and on back of sustained efforts to track down the fradusters, apprehended him from Delhi’s Dwarka Mor on August 25. He will be produced before the competent court for further proceedings as per law.

‘Hijab Compulsory In Islam’: Muslim Clerics Call For Review Of Allahabad Hc’s Verdict

Munsif Bureau
New Delhi, Aug 25 (IANS)

Muslim clerics on Tuesday urged the Allahabad High Court to reconsider its judgment on wearing a hijab with a school uniform, saying that wearing of the head covering is “compulsory” in Islam. The Allahabad High Court, in a significant judgment, clarified that a student does not have a right to alter the dress code prescribed by an educational institution according to personal preferences. The court dismissed a petition, filed by a minor girl studying at a private school in Uttar Pradesh’s

Prayagraj, seeking directions to school authorities to allow a student to wear a headscarf in addition to the uniform prescribed by the institution. Reacting to the court’s verdict, All India Muslim Jamaat President Maulana Mufti Shahabuddin Razvi Bareilvi said that school uniform code and hijab are separate matters and that it should not be viewed together. Speaking to IANS, Bareilvi noted: “Withing the boundary of a school, the rules and regulations of the institution should be followed. As far as wearing hijab is concerned...its use has been clearly mentioned in Quran.”

“I would request the lawyer and the judges to please refer to the Quran, Hadith (and other religious texts), from where they will get to know about the Islamic practises,” he added. Islamic Centre of India Chairman Maulana Khalid Rasheed Farangi Mahli said: “We believe that the court’s decision regarding hijab needs to be reviewed and reconsidered.” Maintaining that the ‘hijab’ is an integral part of Islam according to the Quran and Hadith, he added: “We believe that girls who want to go to school wearing a scarf or hijab, should not be stopped. As far as the school uniform



is concerned, everyone must wear the uniform if they want to study in that school.” “However, scarf or hijab should be allowed along with the uniform...People of other faiths also wear certain things according to their religion, to which no one has a problem,” he told IANS.

Half-day bandh held over Bhojshala issue in MP's Dhar; police say situation peaceful

Munsif Bureau
Dhar, Aug 25 (IANS)

A half-day bandh called by Hindu organisations over the Bhojshala dispute was observed in Madhya Pradesh’s Dhar district on Tuesday, with most shops in major markets remaining closed and heavy police deployment in place to prevent any untoward incident. The Sakal Hindu Samaj had called the shutdown till Tuesday noon, alleging that the district administration was not implementing court directions concerning the arrangements for Friday prayers near the disputed complex. Members of Hindu organisations took out a motorcycle rally in the morning and appealed to traders to close their establish-

ments. At some places, members were also seen asking shopkeepers to shut their shops. Schools, colleges, petrol pumps, medical stores and other establishments providing essential services remained open. “The situation was completely peaceful and under control. Adequate police forces were deployed across Dhar, particularly in sensitive areas, to maintain law and order,” City Superintendent of Police Shashank Singh Gurjar told IANS. During Tuesday afternoon, members of Hindu organisations took out a protest rally from Lalbagh to the Collectorate and submitted a memorandum to Dhar Collector Rajiv Ranjan Meena.



ATS nabs wanted Punjab firing case accused

Munsif Bureau
Ahmedabad, Aug 25

The Gujarat Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) has arrested a man wanted by Punjab Police in connection with a firing case in Batala, after tracking him down to a hotel in Palanpur, officials said on Tuesday. The accused, identified as Sukhpinder Singh alias Sukhi Singh, a native of Loh Chap village in Batala taluka of Gurdaspur district in Punjab, was wanted in a case registered at Sekhwan Police Station in Batala. Police registered the case under Sections 109, 324(4) and 3(4) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Kashmiri Pandit Sangarsh Samiti voices concern over latest ‘threat’ to minority employees

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Srinagar, Aug 25

Kashmiri Pandit Sangarsh Samiti (KPSS) on Tuesday voiced serious concern at the ‘latest threats’ by a terrorist outfit to PM Package employees working in the Valley. In a press statement, KPSS President Sanjay Kumar Tickoo, said, “Brotherhood begins where fear ends. It cannot become a ceremonial phrase invoked after every threat or tragedy while the underlying vulnerability remains unaddressed.” “Nor can the burden

of demonstrating faith in Kashmir repeatedly be placed upon the very community that has already borne the consequences of violence and displacement.” “There is a deeper irony in the present situation. For years, the return of Kashmiri Pandits has been described as essential to restoring the pluralistic character of Kashmir. Yet when they return, they are expected to adjust; when they seek security, they are reminded that the situation is improving; when they raise questions concerning their ancestral properties,

they are encouraged to look towards the future; and when a threat again appears carrying personal details, they are expected to demonstrate patience, restraint and faith.” “At some point, society must ask itself a very simple question: How many times must the victim prove his commitment to Kashmir before Kashmir proves its commitment to him?” “The majority community should not be collectively held responsible for the crimes of militants, nor should the actions of a few be indiscriminately attributed to

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79% Indian HR Leaders Expect New Jobs in July-Dec 2026

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India’s hiring outlook for July-December remains positive, with 97 per cent of HR leaders expecting recruitment to continue, while 79 per cent anticipate the creation of entirely new jobs, according to a report by jobs platform Naukri.

The real estate sector recorded the highest optimism, with 86 per cent of HR leaders expecting fresh jobs, followed by FMCG at 85 per cent and IT and technology at 83 per cent. The report also found that 86 per cent of HR leaders do not expect significant job losses due to AI, while more than 20 per cent of HR leaders in IT and BFSI expect AI to create new roles over the next six months.

Business development, marketing and IT are expected to see the highest hiring activity, with 45 per cent, 37 per cent and 31 per cent of HR leaders respectively anticipating strong recruitment in these areas.

For entry-level jobs, BFSI leads the outlook, with 83 per cent of HR leaders expecting fresh hiring for candidates with up to three years of experience, followed by healthcare at 61 per cent and IT at 60 per cent. Meanwhile, 58 per cent of HR leaders expect salary increments to remain below 10 per cent, while 28 per cent foresee hikes of 10–15 per cent.

IT, manufacturing and real estate remain the most optimistic sectors for double-digit salary increases. Overall, the report points to a resilient Indian job market, with companies expected to create new roles as businesses expand and adapt to the growing use of AI.

Nearly Half Of Employees Plan To Switch Jobs As Gen Z Workforce Doubles

Nearly half of employees in India’s professional services sector are actively looking for new jobs, while three in four plan to leave their current organisation within the next 12 months, according to a Great Place To Work report.

The study of over 130 organisations and 1.1 lakh employees found that Gen Z now accounts for 34 per cent of the workforce, double the 17 per cent recorded in 2023. The younger workforce is particularly sensitive to pay, recognition and promotion opportunities.

The report also found that 86 per cent of frontline managers and supervisors are looking for new jobs, compared with 53 per cent of individual contributors, amid growing pressure from projects, clients and team responsibilities.

Meanwhile, nearly six in 10 organisations are using AI in their daily operations, but only two in 10 employees said they had received sufficient information about the risks

Pakistan Rebuilds Jaish-e-Mohammed's Bahawalpur Base Destroyed in Operation Sindoor: Report

The headquarters of the United Nations-designated terrorist organisation Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) in Bahawalpur,

Pakistan, which was severely damaged in Indian strikes during Operation Sindoor last year, has reportedly been rebuilt, according to media reports citing intelligence inputs and satellite imagery.

The Markaz Subhanallah complex in Bahawalpur, considered a key facility of Jaish-e-Mohammed, was among the terror infrastructure targeted by India during Operation Sindoor in May 2025.

Recent images reportedly show that significant reconstruction work has been carried out at the facility, including fresh

plaster, new paint and polished marble.

According to the reports, the central hall of the complex, which suffered extensive damage during the Indian strikes, has been repaired and refurbished. Craters created by the strikes have reportedly been filled, while damaged sections of the structure have been restored.

The facility now appears to have been prepared for regular use by Jaish-e-Mohammed. Media reports, citing intelligence inputs, have also claimed that the

Pakistani establishment provided around Rs 25 crore in cash instalments to Jaish-e-Mohammed for rebuilding the facility. Of this amount,

approximately Rs 11 crore was reportedly allocated for reconstruction of the central hall. Other structures surrounding the main complex have also reportedly undergone major changes.

These include the Madrasa Al-Sabir, described in reports as an indoctrination centre, as well as residential quarters allegedly used by JeM commanders. Structures damaged during Operation Sindoor have reportedly been cleared or demolished, with fresh construction taking place on parts of the site.

The Bahawalpur complex was one of the locations targeted by India during Operation Sindoor, which was launched in response

to the April 22, 2025 Pahalgam terror attack in Jammu and Kashmir. India’s military operation targeted what it described as terrorist infrastructure located in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Among the key targets were Jaish-e-Mohammed facilities in Bahawalpur and Lashkar-e-Taiba’s headquarters in Muridke.

The coordinated operation involved the Indian Army, Indian Air Force and Indian Navy. According to Indian government accounts, the strikes carried out on May 6 and 7, 2025, involved 24 missiles hitting nine terror-related facilities across Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied

Jammu and Kashmir. Indian officials said the operation specifically targeted verified terror infrastructure and claimed that around 70 terrorists were killed in the strikes. Operation Sindoor followed the Pahalgam terror attack of April 22, 2025, in which 26 people were killed.

According to Indian authorities, the attackers allegedly questioned tourists about their religion and forced some victims to recite the Islamic kalima before targeting them.

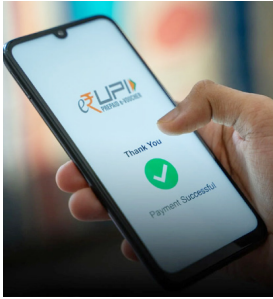
The victims included 25 tourists and a local pony ride operator, who was killed while attempting to save tourists during the attack.

India subsequently described Operation Sindoor as a major military and strategic response aimed at dismantling terrorist infrastructure responsible for planning and supporting attacks against India.

The reported reconstruction of the Bahawalpur complex has now raised fresh questions over the continued presence and functioning of Pakistan-based terrorist infrastructure.

The development also comes despite India’s repeated assertions that terror infrastructure across the border remains a major security concern.

UPI Turns 10. Ministers Highlight Digital Payments Growth



Union Ministers on Tuesday highlighted the decade-long journey of the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s digital vision for its rapid adoption across India and growing presence in international markets.

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal described UPI as a revolution envisioned by Prime Minister Modi and a defining achievement of Digital India.

He said the phrase “QR code please?” has become part of everyday transactions for millions of Indians. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said UPI is now operational in 11 countries, including France, Singapore, the UAE, Greece and Mauritius.

She said the platform is taking India’s digital public infrastructure to global markets and making cross-border payments easier. According to Sitharaman, UPI-enabled payment points have increased around 260 times since 2018, expanding digital payment access across the country.

ONION PRICES RISE: Beyond Political Blame, Consumers and Farmers Need Relief

The sharp rise in onion prices across India has once again brought the country’s fragile agricultural supply chain into focus.

While the increase has triggered a political war of words between the ruling NDA and the Opposition, the immediate concern is much simpler: farmers are struggling to get adequate produce to markets, traders are facing supply disruptions, and consumers are paying significantly more for an essential kitchen staple. In Maharashtra, one of the country’s major onion-producing states, traders and farmers say the quantity reaching markets has fallen sharply.

Firoz Tamboli, an onion seller in Pimpri-Chinchwad, said less than 40 per cent of the expected stock is reaching markets, pushing prices to around Rs 40-50 per kg, compared with Rs 20-25 per kg last year. Farmers and sellers have attributed the shortage to several factors, including a gap in the monsoon, delays in the arrival of the new crop, higher transportation costs and spoilage of stored onions.

They have also raised concerns about alleged hoarding by middlemen and urged the government to ensure that stocks are released into the market.

The situation highlights a recurring problem in India’s food economy. Onion prices can rise rapidly when supplies tighten, but the impact is felt immediately by households, particularly those already dealing with higher costs of essential commodities.

For consumers, even a seemingly moderate increase in the price of onions can add to the pressure on monthly household budgets.

The political debate over the issue is inevita-

ble, but political rhetoric alone cannot bring prices down.

The government must focus on identifying where the supply chain is breaking down and determine whether shortages are genuinely caused by lower production, weather-related disruptions, storage losses or artificial restrictions on supply.

At the same time, farmers must not become the unintended victims of efforts to control retail prices. If market interventions are necessary, they should ensure that consumers receive relief without depriving farmers of fair returns for their produce.

Better storage facilities, improved transportation and timely market intervention can help reduce the extreme price fluctuations that repeatedly affect both producers and consumers.

The Opposition has argued that the government has a responsibility to prevent essential food items from becoming unaffordable, while the ruling NDA has maintained that the current increase is likely to be temporary.

Both sides, however, must recognise that food inflation is not merely a political talking point. It directly affects household purchasing power and public confidence.

The immediate priority should therefore be to improve market supplies, investigate allegations of hoarding and ensure that available stocks reach consumers.

A transparent assessment of production, storage and market arrivals would also help prevent speculation from worsening the situation. Onion prices have risen before and will likely fluctuate again. The larger challenge is to build a supply chain resilient enough to absorb weather shocks, production gaps and sudden changes in demand.

ICMR Clarifies H1N1 Spread Is Seasonal, Says No New Virus Detected

Amid reports of rising H1N1 cases in several states, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has clarified that the virus currently circulating in the country is not a new or more dangerous strain. ICMR Director General Dr Rajiv Bahl said the virus is the same Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09 strain that caused the 2009 pandemic and has since continued to circulate as a seasonal flu virus.

He explained that minor genetic changes in influenza viruses occur naturally every season. Such changes do not necessarily mean that a new or more dangerous virus has emerged. Most of the H1N1 cases currently being reported are showing mild symptoms and recovering, he said, while assuring people that there is no need for panic.

The ICMR is continuing to closely monitor the situation through a nationwide surveillance network. Samples of re-

spiratory infections are being tested every week through 73 sentinel hospitals, with samples collected from patients suffering from severe respiratory problems as well as those showing flu-like symptoms.

In addition, 167 virus research and diagnostic laboratories are conducting tests for H1N1 and other respiratory viruses, including H3N2, Influenza B, Covid-19, HMPV and adenovirus.

According to the ICMR, H3N2 currently accounts for around 2-3 per cent of reported cases. The health body has advised elderly people, children below five years of age, pregnant women and those with weakened immunity to take extra precautions, as influenza can become severe in these groups and may lead to complications such as pneumonia.

ICMR says H1N1 cases are seasonal, not a new strain. Most cases are mild, with precautions advised for vulnerable groups.



The newly rebuilt Markaz Subhanallah complex in Bahawalpur, Pakistan, reportedly reconstructed after sustaining extensive damage during India’s Operation Sindoor strikes in May 2025.

Can Blood Sugar Rise Even Without Diabetes? Experts Explain the

Blood sugar levels can rise temporarily even in people who do not have diabetes, and a single elevated reading does not necessarily indicate the presence of the disease, health experts say.

The extent of the rise, how long it remains elevated, how frequently it occurs and whether glucose levels return to normal are important factors that need to be considered. Blood sugar naturally increases after a meal as carbohydrates are broken down into glucose and absorbed into the bloodstream.

In response, the pancreas releases insulin, which helps glucose move from the blood into muscles and other tissues. In people without diabetes, this process generally brings blood glucose levels back towards normal after some time. However, different foods can have very different effects on blood sugar. Foods such as white rice, potatoes, sugary beverages and sweets can cause glucose levels to rise rapidly, while vegetables, protein, healthy fats and high-fibre carbohydrates can slow the rate at which glucose enters the bloodstream.

The quantity of food consumed is also an important factor. Stress is another common reason for a temporary rise in blood sugar. During periods of intense stress, the body releases hormones such as cortisol and adrenaline.

These hormones signal the liver to release stored glucose into the bloodstream, which can result in temporarily elevated blood sugar even in people who have not previously experienced glucose-related problems.



A similar response can occur during illness, fever or physical injury. Stress hormones rise during such conditions, while the body’s response to insulin may temporarily become less effective.

As a result, blood glucose levels may increase for a short period. Poor sleep can also affect blood sugar regulation. Insufficient sleep may reduce insulin sensitivity and interfere with appetite regulation. Therefore, people who notice higher-than-usual blood sugar readings after nights of inadequate sleep may find a connection between their sleep pattern and glucose levels. Exercise can have different effects on blood sugar depending on its intensity and duration.

Moderate aerobic ac-

tivity generally helps muscles use glucose more efficiently and can lower blood sugar. However, during intense or strenuous exercise, hormones such as adrenaline can stimulate the liver to release additional glucose,

resulting in a temporary increase in blood sugar. This does not mean that exercise should be avoided. Regular physical activity over the long term improves insulin sensitivity and helps the body use glucose more effectively.

Certain medicines can also affect blood glucose levels. Corticosteroids such as prednisolone are known to potentially increase blood sugar, while some other hormonal and prescription medicines can also influence glucose regulation.

Anyone who notices repeated increases in blood sugar after starting a new medication should consult a doctor rather than stopping the medicine on their own. Experts also emphasise that not only what people eat, but how they com-

bine foods can influence blood glucose. A breakfast consisting of sugary tea, white bread and jam, for example, contains rapidly absorbed carbohydrates while providing relatively little fibre and protein.

This can lead to a faster rise in glucose. A meal containing eggs, vegetables and whole grains may slow the absorption of glucose and result in a more gradual increase. There is generally no need to completely eliminate carbohydrates from the diet.

Instead, paying attention to portion sizes, choosing high-fibre sources and combining carbohydrates with protein can help reduce rapid fluctuations in blood sugar. An isolated high reading should not automatically cause alarm.

Home glucose meters also have limitations, and the timing of the test is important when interpreting the result. Blood sugar measured shortly after a meal, for instance, cannot be interpreted in the same way as a fasting reading. However, repeatedly elevated blood sugar should not be ignored. People experiencing symptoms such as excessive thirst, frequent urination, unexplained weight loss, unusual fatigue or blurred vision should seek medical advice.

Depending on the individual’s condition, doctors may recommend tests such as fasting blood glucose, an oral glucose tolerance test or



Heavy Rain Threatens Day 4 of India-Sri Lanka 2nd Test as India Eye Victory in Colombo

Rain could disrupt India's strong position in the second Test as Sri Lanka resume at 265/8, with Sonal Dinusha unbeaten on 85. India need two wickets to wrap up the innings, but persistent showers in Colombo may reduce their chances of securing a decisive result.



Rain threatens to disrupt Day 3 of the India-Sri Lanka 2nd Test at Colombo's SSC Ground, with a 60% chance of scattered showers expected during the morning and afternoon.

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Rain is expected to play a major role on the fourth day of the second Test between India and Sri Lanka in Colombo, with the forecast pointing to frequent showers that could disrupt India's push for a decisive result.

The third day had already been affected by rain, with play interrupted twice before the umpires called stumps early during the final session. India had established a strong position in the match, but the weather could now become a significant obstacle as they look to complete the remaining work on the fourth day. Sri Lanka will resume their first innings with Sonal Dinusha unbeaten on 85 and Lahiru Kumara on eight, providing the hosts with some resistance.

Dinusha is now closing in on his second Test century of the series and of his career, while Kumara has shown considerable patience at the crease, taking 50 balls to reach his eight runs.

According to AccuWeather, Colombo has a 97 per cent chance of precipitation on Wednesday, with periods of rain expected throughout the day.

The forecast indicates an 85 per cent chance of rain at 6 am, while the probability remains at 75 per cent at 9 am, just 45 minutes before the rescheduled start of play.

The weather outlook remains uncertain through the afternoon. There is a 49 per cent chance of rain at 10 am, rising to 75 per cent at 11 am and remaining at 68 per cent at noon. The probability

is forecast at 49 per cent at 1 pm, 56 per cent at 2 pm, 63 per cent at 3 pm, 45 per cent at 4 pm, 53 per cent at 5 pm and 45 per cent at 6 pm.

With 98 overs scheduled for the fourth day, India will be hoping for sufficient playing time to press home their advantage. However, frequent interruptions could make it difficult for the teams to complete the full day's quota. India are in a commanding position after posting a massive 503/9 declared in their first innings. Sri Lanka, in reply, have been reduced to 265/8, leaving them under considerable pressure to avoid conceding a decisive advantage to the visitors.

The Indian bowling attack has shared the wickets effectively. Manav Suthar and Prasidh

Krishna have claimed three wickets each, while Mohammed Siraj and Ravindra Jadeja have taken one wicket apiece.

Sri Lanka's hopes of extending their innings rest largely on Dinusha, who has already displayed strong form in the series. His unbeaten 85 has kept the hosts' innings alive, but India will be keen to dismiss him early and wrap up the innings.

For India, the objective will be to take the remaining two Sri Lankan wickets as quickly as possible and then assess whether enough time remains to push for a result. However, the forecast suggests that the weather could dictate the pace of the contest more than the players themselves.

With rain expected at several intervals from morning through eve-

ning, the fourth day could become a battle against both Sri Lanka's lower-order resistance and Colombo's unpredictable weather. If significant playing time is lost, India's chances of forcing a result could be reduced despite their commanding position.

India-Pakistan Asia Cup Clash Carries 'Unmatched Pressure', Says Harmanpreet Kaur

India Women's Captain Urges Team to Focus on Process as Rivals Prepare for September 5 Showdown



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India women's captain Harmanpreet Kaur has admitted that matches against Pakistan bring a level of pressure unlike any other contest as the Indian team prepares for their much-anticipated clash in the upcoming Asia Cup.

India have been placed alongside arch-rivals Pakistan in Group A and will face the Fatima Sana-led side in their final league-stage match on September 5. India have dominated Pakistan in T20Is, winning 14 of their 17 meetings, including the last four encounters.

Despite that strong record, Harmanpreet said the intensity surrounding an India-Pakistan match remains unmatched.

"It's a high-pressure game and as a player you need to deal with multiple things. We keep playing international cricket, but

the amount of pressure in an India vs Pakistan match, that kind of pressure you don't feel anywhere else," Kaur told Sony Sports Network.

The India captain said the pressure comes not only from cricket fans but from the wider public, with the match attracting the attention of people across the country.

She stressed that the team's approach would be to avoid thinking too far ahead and instead concentrate on its routines, preparation and game plan. According to Kaur, focusing on the process rather than putting additional pressure on themselves to win will help the players perform at their best.

India enter the tournament with strong expectations after a successful run in recent years. The team won the 2025 ODI World Cup and recently registered a historic Test victory over England at Lord's.

India are also the most successful team in the Women's Asia Cup, having won the tournament seven times — four titles in the ODI format and three in T20Is. However, they missed out on the previous edition after losing the final to Sri Lanka.

Kaur said the Indian team is determined to reclaim the continental title and believes the squad's winning mentality will be a major advantage. She added that the players have developed a culture of constantly discussing how to win matches and tournaments, which keeps the team motivated and hungry for further success.

With the India-Pakistan clash scheduled for September 5, the match is expected to be one of the biggest attractions of the Asia Cup, with India looking to maintain their dominance while handling the intense pressure surrounding the rivalry.

Neha Juggles Fitness Goals, Food Cravings & 'Bad Decisions'



Bollywood actress Neha Sharma gave fans a glimpse into her everyday struggle between staying fit and giving in to food cravings, joking that she is "mentally somewhere between gym, snacks, and bad decisions."

Neha shared a series of pictures on Instagram featuring moments from her gym sessions, beach outings and cheat meals, offering a light-hearted look at the challenges of maintaining fitness goals while enjoying her favourite foods.

Sharing the pictures, the actress captioned them: "Mentally somewhere between gym, snacks, and bad decisions." Her humorous post resonated

with the familiar dilemma of balancing exercise, healthy habits and occasional indulgence.

Neha, who has worked in films including Yamla Pagla Deewana 2, Solo and Tanhaji, has also made a mark in the digital space.

She entered the OTT world with the 2020 web series Illegal and later appeared in projects such as Kriti and Vikalp.

The actress made her acting debut in 2007 with the Telugu film Chirutha, directed by Puri Jagannadh. The film also marked the acting debut of actor Ram Charan and featured Prakash Raj, Ashish Vidyarthi and Sayaji Shinde.

Kriti Breaks Silence Over Controversial Rakhi Ad, Says Culture Lies in the Heart, Not Clothing

Bollywood actress Kriti Sanon has responded to the controversy surrounding her Raksha Bandhan-themed jewellery advertisement, saying that a woman's dignity and cultural values should not be judged by her clothing. The advertisement faced criticism after BJP MP and actress Kangana Ranaut questioned Sanon's outfit and the portrayal of the festival. Some social media users also objected to Sanon tying a rakhi to a pet dog featured in the advertisement.

Responding through her Instagram Stories, Sanon said culture and tradition are rooted in the heart and

emotions, not in clothing. She questioned why women are still told what they should wear and argued that the meaning of a festival should not be reduced to appearance.

Sanon explained that Raksha Bandhan represents love, protection and family bonds. She said she and her sister also tie rakhis to each other, symbolising that women can support and protect one another.

The controversy has sparked a wider debate over the portrayal of traditional festivals in advertisements and the focus on women's clothing in discussions about culture and tradition.





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Best Wishes ★
TO ALL OUR TEAMS!




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Heartiest greetings to all
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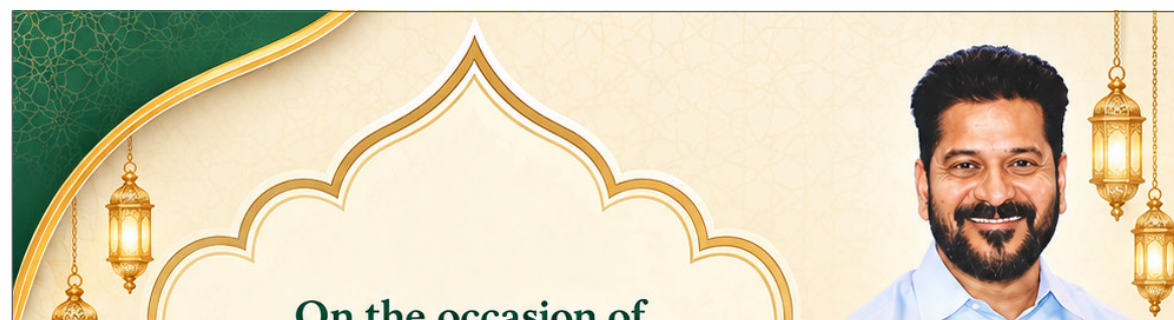
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May Allah (SWT) shower His countless blessings upon the beloved Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and grant us the happiness of following in his path. May He grant us success in this world and the hereafter. Ameen.



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On the occasion of
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May this blessed day bring peace in your hearts, barakah in your homes, and success in your lives.

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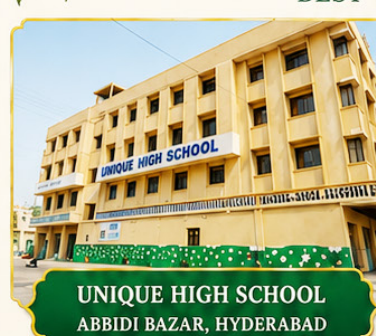


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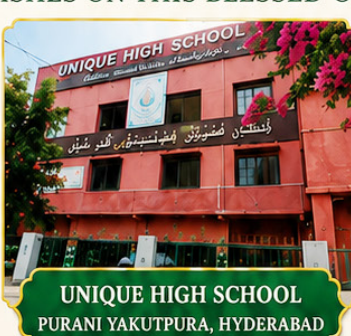
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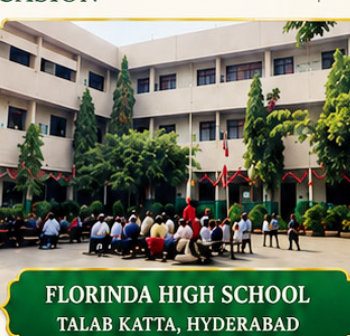
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