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Nepal Flood Toll Climbs to 669

The death toll from devastating flash floods in central Nepal rose to 669 on Saturday, while more than 2,400 people remained missing as large-scale search and rescue operations continued across eight affected districts.

The disaster struck after an ice-rock avalanche following a glacial collapse near the Nepal-Tibet border unleashed a massive torrent of water, mud and debris downstream. Towns and villages were swept away, while roads, bridges, hydropower stations and other critical infrastructure suffered extensive damage.

According to Nepal Police, rescuers recovered 248 bodies in Chitwan, 158 in Nawalparasi East, 75 in Nawalparasi West and 54 in Gorkha. Another 49 bodies were recovered in Dhading, 41 in Nuwakot, 31 in Tanahu and 13 in Rasuwa.

Search teams continued working across the flood-hit region despite difficult Himalayan terrain, damaged transport links and intermittent rainfall, which have complicated efforts to reach isolated communities and locate those still unaccounted for.

Nearly 2,500 people, including 163 foreign nationals, have been evacuated as rescue teams led by the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA) continue relief and tracing operations.

More than 11,000 security personnel have been mobilised for the massive operation, including over 5,000 Nepal Army personnel, alongside other security and disaster-response teams.

With thousands still missing, authorities remain focused on search, evacuation and recovery operations, while efforts continue to restore access to communities cut off by the disaster.

More Than 2,400 Still Missing

AT A GLANCE		
	669	BODIES RECOVERED
	2,400+	PEOPLE STILL MISSING
	NEARLY 2,500	PEOPLE EVACUATED
	163	FOREIGNERS EVACUATED
	11,000+	SECURITY PERSONNEL DEPLOYED
	5,000+	NEPAL ARMY PERSONNEL INVOLVED

BODIES RECOVERED BY DISTRICT	
Chitawan	248
Nawalparasi East	158
Nawalparasi West	75
Gorkha	54
Dhading	49
Nuwakot	41
Tanahu	31
Rasuwa	13

404 Maharashtra Citizens Safe in Nepal; Fadnavis Orders Swift Evacuation

State agencies work round the clock as 338 people are contacted and nearly 143 residents head home following devastating floods.

Mumbai, August 29

Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Saturday directed authorities to maintain high vigilance and ensure the safe return of tourists and residents stranded in flood-hit Nepal.

According to the State government, 404 Maharashtra citizens have been verified safe and 338 successfully contacted. Forty-one people returned from Nepal's Saga on Saturday, while 106 citizens are scheduled to reach Nagpur at 4.30 am Sunday. Nearly 143 residents are currently travelling towards Maharashtra.

A group of 45 tourists from Nashik, Pune, Mumbai and Ahilyanagar, who were in Chitwan when the floods struck, has safely re-entered India. Road closures towards Kathmandu forced the group to travel through Lumbini, with onward arrangements being made.



Under Disaster Management Minister Girish Mahajan, the State is coordinating with the Ministry of External Affairs. Helplines have been activated and Mantralaya's Disaster Management Control Room is functioning round the clock.

The MEA also released details of 149 Indian tourists who safely entered Nepal from China.

Authorities are separately tracking eight tourists from Borivali and Andheri, including Laxminarayan Acharya, amid mobile connectivity problems. Officials remain in contact with their relatives.

The BMC Emergency Operations Centre said it had received no distress calls concerning residents of Mumbai City or Suburban districts.

AT A GLANCE

24-Hour Water Supply Disruption Hits Several Hyderabad Areas

Krishna Phase-III pipeline junction works at Bandlaguda X Road affect supplies until 10 am Sunday.

Hyderabad, August 29

A 24-hour water-supply disruption, which began at 10 am on Saturday, is affecting several parts of Hyderabad and will continue until 10 am Sunday due to pipeline junction works at Bandlaguda X Road.

The interruption has been necessitated by works related to the Krishna Phase-III drinking water supply pipeline. Several neighbourhoods connected to the affected network are expected to experience disruption during the maintenance period.

Areas affected include Attapur, Kismatpur, Gachibowli, Madhapur, Jubilee Hills, Shastripuram and Bandlaguda, besides several other localities receiving water through the concerned network.

Telangana Crime Figures: Overall Crime Up; Narcotics Cases Sharply Higher

Latest crime figures point to a moderate rise in overall offences but a significantly sharper increase in drug-related cases across the State.

Hyderabad, Aug 29

Overall crime in Telangana has increased by around 7 per cent over the past three years, while cases related to narcotics have recorded a much steeper rise of approximately 47 per cent, according to newly highlighted State crime data.

The figures indicate that while the broader crime graph has moved upward at a comparatively moderate pace, the substantial increase in narcotics-related offences has emerged as a significant concern.

The data brings renewed attention to drug-related crime and enforcement in Telangana, with narcotics cases rising considerably faster than the overall crime rate during the three-year period.

Revanth Reddy Seeks More Time for Claims, Objections in Telangana SIR

Chief Minister writes to CEC Gyanesh Kumar seeking extension, stresses that no eligible voter should be removed from electoral rolls.



Hyderabad, August 29

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has written to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, seeking an extension of the deadline for filing claims and objections under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana.

The Chief Minister sought additional time for the revision process, stressing the need to ensure that no eligible voter is removed from the electoral rolls during the exercise.

The request comes at an important stage of the SIR

process, with the claims and objections period providing electors an opportunity to seek inclusion, correction or raise objections concerning entries in the draft electoral rolls.

Reports of the Chief Minister's communication to the Election Commission emerged on Saturday afternoon and evening, bringing renewed attention to the time available to voters for addressing issues concerning their electoral records.

Revanth Reddy urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to provide more time so that eligible

electors have an adequate opportunity to complete the required process and resolve discrepancies before the revision is finalised.

The request assumes public significance as the SIR exercise affects electoral records across Telangana and the State continues to deal with claims, objections and verification-related issues following publication of the draft rolls.

A decision from the Election Commission on the Chief Minister's request for an extension is awaited.

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GHMC Deploys Drones to Curb Mosquito Menace in Hyderabad

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Telangana, Aug 29

The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has stepped up its mosquito-control measures by deploying drones to spray larvicide across Hyderabad. The initiative aims to tackle mosquito breeding in waterlogged areas and other locations that are difficult for field staff to access manually. The drones can quickly reach breeding spots and cover larger areas in less time, making the spraying process more efficient. GHMC officials hope the technology will help strengthen mosquito control efforts and reduce the risk of mosquito-borne diseases across the city.

Millions living with leg ulcers, but awareness remains low ‘WalkFree’ awareness initiative launched in Secunderabad



Advanced treatment crucial for ulcers caused by venous disorders. says Dr. Narendranadh Meda (Pic Syed Omar)

MUNSIF BUREAU
Telangana, Aug 29

An estimated 22 lakh to 65 lakh people in India may be living with chronic leg ulcers associated with venous disorders, but awareness about the condition remains limited, said Dr. Narendranadh Meda, Clinical Director, KIMS Group of Hospitals, and vascular surgeon. Against this backdrop, the Urgo Foundation launched its ‘WalkFree’ awareness initiative on chronic venous leg ulcers at KIMS Hospital, Secunderabad. The programme was the first such awareness initiative under WalkFree in India and brought together patients, caregivers and medical professionals to create awareness about the condition, available treatment options and the importance of adhering to therapy. Speaking at the pro-

gramme, Dr. Meda said ulcers caused by impaired blood flow in the veins could persist for prolonged periods and, in some cases, take years to heal. Nearly 40 per cent of patients were estimated to have ulcers that continued for two to four years, while recurrence remained a major concern. Up to 70 per cent of ulcers could recur within five years of healing, he said. The condition was particularly significant among people in the 36–60 age group and could have a considerable impact on families and livelihoods. Prolonged ulcers could affect mobility, day-to-day activities, work capacity and overall quality of life, Dr. Meda said. “Leg ulcers should not be treated as ordinary wounds. They can persist for long periods and may recur even after healing. It is important for patients

to understand the condition, adhere to treatment and follow medical advice,” he said. A key focus of the programme was compression therapy, which plays an important role in managing venous leg ulcers. Participants were educated on the use of specialised compression bandages to improve venous blood circulation and support ulcer healing. Multicomponent compression bandages, which provide sustained compression while being designed for greater comfort during use, were also discussed. Patients and their family members were counselled on the benefits of following a multicomponent compression approach under medical supervision, rather than relying on a single type of bandage. The importance of continuing compression therapy as advised by doctors and avoiding

interruptions in treatment was also emphasised. Patients and caregivers attending the programme interacted with medical experts and sought clarification on various aspects of chronic venous leg ulcers and their treatment. Representatives of the Urgo Foundation said the WalkFree initiative aimed to take awareness about chronic leg ulcers associated with varicose veins and other venous disorders beyond hospitals and into the wider community. They said early identification of the condition, timely and appropriate treatment, and regular adherence to medical advice could help reduce the severity of ulcers and lower the risk of recurrence. The initiative seeks to help more people living with chronic leg ulcers move towards recovery through greater awareness, consistent treatment and appropriate wound care.

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Revanth Seeks Four-Week Extension For SIR

Hyderabad, Aug 29
NSS

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to extend the deadline for filing claims and objections under the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana by another four weeks. In a letter to the ECI, the Chief Minister also sought an extension of the deadline for publication of the final electoral

rolls, citing concerns over the large number of voter entries categorised under Absent, Shifted, Dead and Duplicate (ASDD). Revanth Reddy pointed out that 73.39 lakh voter entries had been placed in the ASDD category. He expressed concern that voters who had temporarily moved out of their usual place of residence could also be categorised as permanently shifted. Against this backdrop, the Chief Minister said adequate time should be pro-

vided to voters to respond to notices and establish their eligibility. He stressed the need to ensure that no eligible voter was inadvertently deleted from the electoral rolls and urged the ECI to extend the claims and objections period accordingly. The ECI had earlier extended the SIR schedule in Telangana, allowing the enumeration exercise to continue until August 3. The draft electoral rolls were subsequently scheduled for publication on

August 10. The claims and objections period is currently scheduled from August 10 to September 9, while the final electoral rolls are to be published on October 12. In view of the concerns raised over the ASDD categorisation and the need to provide sufficient opportunity to voters, Revanth Reddy requested the ECI to extend both the claims and objections period and the deadline for publication of the final electoral rolls

Baig Responds to Allegations, Says AI-Generated Videos Used to Defame Him

MUNSIF BUREAU
Hyderabad, Aug 29

AIMIM MLC Mirza Rehmat Baig has responded to allegations surrounding videos circulating on social media, claiming that artificial intelligence (AI) technology is being misused to create fabricated content and tarnish his reputation. Baig alleged that certain individuals were deliberately creating AI-generated videos and widely circulating them on social media to make the material viral. He maintained that the videos were fabricated and intended to defame him and damage his political image. He said he approached the Cyber Crime police on August 26 and lodged a complaint regarding the alleged AI-generated video, urging authorities to investigate and identify those behind its creation and circulation.



“I have done nothing wrong,” Baig said, rejecting the allegations. He alleged that some individuals were attempting to defame the AIMIM and its high command through manipulated digital content. Referring to his long association with the party, Baig said he had served the organisation with integrity and honesty and alleged that the campaign was aimed at creating confusion among the public and damaging his political standing. The controversy has also highlighted growing concerns over AI-generated

and manipulated videos in political disputes. With advanced AI tools capable of producing realistic images, videos and audio, determining the authenticity of social media content has become increasingly difficult. The issue gained further attention following reports that Baig had approached Hyderabad Cyber Crime police over alleged threatening calls and digital material. Telangana Today reported that unidentified callers allegedly demanded money and threatened to release morphed photo-

graphs and deepfake videos involving Baig and his family. Police reportedly registered a case and began an investigation. Meanwhile, reports on August 29 stated that AIMIM had expelled Baig from the party with immediate effect and asked him to resign from the Telangana Legislative Council, reportedly in connection with the controversy involving an alleged video. Baig, however, has consistently denied wrongdoing and alleged that AI-generated content is being deliberately used against him. The authenticity and origin of the disputed videos are now central to the controversy, with Cyber Crime authorities expected to examine the material and establish whether it was manipulated and identify those responsible.

Congress will remain in power in Telangana for another 10 years: Komatireddy

Suryapet, Aug 29
NSS

Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday expressed confidence that the Congress government would remain in power in Telangana for another 10 years. Speaking after participating in various development programmes in Suryapet district, the Minister said the Congress was confident



of securing at least 120 seats if the number of Assembly constituencies in the State was increased to 183. “If the number of Assembly constituencies is increased, we are confident of winning at least 120 out of the 183

seats. This is not merely our claim; it is based on the confidence we have gained from the response we are witnessing among the people,” he said. Komatireddy Venkat Reddy said the people of Telangana would always remain grateful to former Congress president Sonia Gandhi for fulfilling the long-cherished demand for a separate Telangana State. “The people will stand by the Congress as a way of expressing their gratitude to Sonia Gandhi and

repaying the debt owed to her for giving Telangana State,” he said. The Minister said the government did not need to undertake extensive publicity campaigns to highlight its achievements. “There is no need for big publicity campaigns to tell people what our government has done. If we go among the people and ask them, they themselves will tell us what this government has accomplished,” he said.

CMC Demolishes 19 Unauthorised Constructions in Cyberabad

MUNSIF BUREAU
Telangana, Aug 29

The Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) demolished 19 unauthorised structures across the city on August 29 as part of its on-

going enforcement drive. Officials also identified 26 additional illegal buildings and issued notices in 12 cases. The action targeted constructions raised without required permissions and aimed to curb viola-

tions of building regulations. Serilingampally Zone recorded the highest number of demolitions, with nine structures removed, followed by six in Quthbullapur and four in

Kukatpally. Officials identified seven more structures for demolition. The CMC said it would continue strict action against unauthorised constructions and warned violators of further enforcement measures.

YASHODA HOSPITALS HOSTS ‘KIDNEY SYMPOSIUM 2026’ ON ADVANCES IN KIDNEY TRANSPLANTATION



Yashoda Hospitals–HITEC city Successfully Performed 400+ Kidney Transplant Surgeries Shri G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal & Mines inaugurated the “Kidney Symposium 2026” today

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Hyderabad:, Aug.29:

With the objective of highlighting advances in kidney transplantation, including modern treatment approaches, post-transplant care, long-term graft health, and creating greater awareness about organ donation, Yashoda Hospitals, HITEC City, organized “Kidney Symposium 2026.” The symposium brought together leading nephrologists, urologists, transplant specialists, and other medical professionals who discussed the latest developments in kidney transplantation and shared their clinical experiences. The programme was patronized by Yashoda Hospitals Chairman Shri G. Ravinder Rao and Managing Director Dr. G. Surender Rao. Union Minister of Coal & Mines and Secunderabad MP Shri G. Kishan Reddy participated as the Chief Guest, while NITI Aayog Member Dr. R. Balasubrahmanyam attended as the Guest of Honour.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy said, “Kidney transplantation

provides new hope and an opportunity for a better life to patients suffering from kidney diseases. The availability of advanced medical technology, coordination among expert medical teams, and improved treatment approaches in this field is highly commendable. Yashoda Hospitals, HITEC City, successfully performing more than 400 kidney transplant surgeries and achieving good outcomes even in complex cases is truly appreciable. In particular, medical services such as ABO-incompatible kidney transplantation and transplantation for elderly patients are providing hope to many more patients.

Similarly, creating greater awareness about organ donation among the public is extremely important. Through organ donation, one person can give another person a new lease of life. It is essential to dispel misconceptions about organ donation and encourage more people to come forward to donate their organs. Initiatives such as Kidney Symposium 2026 organized by Yashoda Hospitals play an important

role in strengthening awareness among medical professionals, the public, and society at large. I hope that awareness about prevention of kidney diseases, timely treatment, organ donation, and post-transplant care will continue to increase,” said Shri G. Kishan Reddy.

Yashoda Hospitals Managing Director, Dr. G. Surender Rao, said, “We are able to achieve improved outcomes in kidney transplantation through advanced technology, the collective efforts of experienced medical specialists, and comprehensive patient care. It is a matter of great pride for us that Yashoda Hospitals, HITEC City, has successfully performed more than 400 kidney transplant surgeries since the initiation of its kidney transplant programme. Achieving good outcomes in complex cases, including ABO-incompatible kidney transplantation, transplantation in elderly patients, and successful kidney donations from elderly living donors, is a testament to the commitment of our medical team,” said Dr. G. Surender Rao.

Dr. Rajasekhara Chakravarthy, Clinical Director, Department of Nephrology, Yashoda Hospitals–HITEC City, said, “Kidney transplantation is not a process that ends with the surgery alone. Proper selection of donors and recipients, comprehensive medical evaluation before transplantation, coordination among various medical specialties, continuous monitoring after surgery, and long-term follow-up all play a crucial role in achieving better outcomes. Performing more than 400 kidney transplant surgeries at Yashoda Hospitals, HITEC City, is a testament to the collective efforts of our medical team. Our experience with ABO-incompatible transplantation, kidney transplantation in elderly patients, and successful kidney donations from elderly living donors has helped us provide transplant opportunities to more patients. Even after transplantation, it is extremely important for patients to remain under regular medical supervision, take prescribed medications as advised, and follow a healthy lifestyle,” said Dr. Rajasekhara Chakravarthy.

TECHNOLOGY, TRAINING TO DRIVE TELANGANA POLICING: DGP ANAND

Hyderabad:, Aug.29:
NSS

Telangana Police must stay ahead of evolving crime by making technology, artificial intelligence and data-driven policing its top priorities, Director General of Police C.V.Anand said on Saturday.

Addressing senior police officers at the Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC), here at Banjara Hills, Anand directed all units to ensure effective implementation and regular updating of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) and Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).

He reviewed the implementation of NCL, e-Sakshya, e-Forensics and ICJS integration, besides Telangana’s performance on national policing portals. Officers were asked to make greater use of technology-enabled applications and continuously update digital policing systems.

The DGP called for greater attention to the management of court cases and strict compliance with legal procedures.



He stressed that regular training in investigation, court procedures and legal aspects should become an integral part of police functioning.

District and City Training Centres, Police Training Colleges, battalions and the Police Academy were directed to ensure that training programmes remained relevant to emerging policing challenges.

On this occasion, felicitated personnel from the top-performing units in various crime parameters. Hyderabad emerged as the best performer in Cluster-I, Ramagundam in Cluster-II, Nalgonda in Cluster-III and Suryapet in Cluster-IV. The respective teams received certificates of appreciation.

The DGP also appreciated

young IPS officers for developing AI-enabled applications and other technology-based innovations aimed at improving internal efficiency, monitoring and public service delivery. He urged them to come forward with more such initiatives.

During a leadership session for IPS officers of the 2013 batch and above, Anand emphasised leading from the front, integrity and team spirit. He called for coordinated efforts among all police wings to tackle emerging crime trends, stating that a combination of technology, data-based crime analysis, professional training and rational deployment of manpower would make Telangana Police more efficient and responsive.

The meeting was attended by DG (L&O) Mahesh Bhagwat, Jails DG Sowmya Mishra, RBVRR Police Academy Director Abhilasha Bisht, Cyber Security Bureau Director Shikha Goel, Women Safety Wing DG Charu Sinha, EAGLE Director Sandeep Shandilya, Police Commissioners, district SPs and other senior officers.

12th Edition of Telangana Golconda Masters tees-off on September 1

Field to feature Saptak Talwar (DP World PGTI Order of Merit leader), Honey Baisoya, Veer Ahlawat, Rashid Khan, local lad Mohd Azhar and defending champion Jamal Hossain

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Hyderabad:, Aug.29:

The DP World Professional Golf Tour of India (DP World PGTI), India’s official professional golf sanctioning body, will host the Telangana Golconda Masters 2026 at the Hyderabad Golf Association (HGA) from September 1–4. The tournament carries a prize purse of INR 1 crore.

The event was announced at HGA on Saturday, August 29, by Shri Jupally Krishna Rao, Honourable Minister of Prohibition & Excise, Tourism & Culture and Archaeology, Government of Telangana, and Mr. Kapil Dev, President, DP World PGTI.

The tournament will feature 132 golfers and is supported by Event Partners Telangana Tourism, Hyderabad Golf Association, The Westin Hyderabad Mindspace and The Q Golf Studio

CEO Directs Officials to Ensure Proper Notice Delivery Under Sir-2026

Hyderabad:, Aug.29:
NSS

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharsan Reddy, along with Additional Chief Electoral Officer Dr. Vasam Venkateswar Reddy and Deputy CEO G.S. Chary, on Saturday held a video conference with GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, District Election Officers (DEOs), Electoral

Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to review the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026.

During the meeting, the CEO reviewed arrangements for claims and objections, delivery of notices and the conduct of hearings under SIR-2026, and issued a series of instructions to election officials.

Sudharsan Reddy directed officials to ensure that every notice is delivered personally by the Booth Level Officer (BLO) to the concerned elector and that proper acknowledgement is obtained.

He stressed that the stipulated seven-day notice period must be strictly maintained. BLOs were also instructed to remind electors of the date, time and venue of the hearing at least two

days in advance.

The CEO further directed officials to ensure wide publicity regarding the prescribed documents that electors are required to submit during the SIR process.

He also reviewed the progress of notice delivery, preparation of hearing schedules and distribution of cases among AEROs and additional AEROs with the DEOs of all districts.

T-BJP CHIEF TARGETS CONG, BRS OVER MINORITY POLITICS

Hyderabad:, Aug.29:
NSS

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday alleged that Congress and BRS have been pursuing minority appeasement for political gains, while the Narendra Modi-led Central Government has focused on the welfare and empowerment of minorities.

Addressing the State Minority Morcha Executive Committee meeting at the BJP’s Mahabubnagar district party office, Rao said the Modi Government follows the principle of “Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas” and “Appeasement for none, Justice for all”.

He claimed that the minorities constituted around 12 - 15 per cent of the country’s population, while their share among beneficiaries of several Central welfare schemes, including PM Mudra, Jan Dhan and Ujjwala, was significantly higher. He also highlighted scholarships provided to minority students across the country.

Rao accused Congress of indulging in divisive politics and alleged that BRS had also followed an appeasement policy towards Muslims. Recalling the Telangana Liberation Struggle, he said personalities including Swami Ramananda Tirtha, P.V. Narasimha Rao, Vandemataram Ramachandra Rao and Shoaibullah Khan had fought against the Nizam’s rule under the banner of patriotism.

The BJP leader also demanded strict legal action and an impartial probe into the allegations of sexual harassment involving MIM MLC Mirza Rehmat Baig. He questioned the silence of Congress and BRS over the issue and demanded that both parties explain their stand.

Rao alleged that merely suspending the MLC from the party was insufficient and called for a comprehensive investigation into the allegations and past incidents to ensure justice to the victim.

Local MP D.K. Aruna also attended the meeting, where party leaders discussed organisational strengthening and future action plans.

New Moosarambagh bridge set for inauguration

Hyderabad:, Aug.29:
NSS

GHMC Commissioner R.V.Karnan on Saturday inspected the newly constructed bridge across the Musi River at Moosarambagh, which is scheduled for inauguration shortly.

The bridge has been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.52.00 crore with the objective of strengthening traffic connectivity and providing improved transportation facilities to citizens.

The bridge, having a total length of 400 metres and width of 14.5 metres, is designed to facilitate smooth and efficient vehicular movement across the Musi River. Footpaths of 3.5 metres width have also been provided on the bridge to ensure safe and convenient movement of pedestrians.

The Commissioner inspected the bridge, its approaches and allied infrastructure and reviewed the arrangements required for opening the facility to traffic. Officials were instructed to ensure that all works, including road approaches, safety measures, lighting, pedestrian facilities and other finishing works, are completed to the required standards before inauguration.

The new bridge is expected to significantly improve traffic connectivity between Amberpet and Moosarambagh, reduce travel time and ease congestion on existing routes. The Commissioner directed the concerned officials to ensure proper coordination and complete all pending works on priority so that the bridge can be made available to the public smoothly and safely.

Hyderabad Traffic Police Intensify Crackdown on Fake Number Plates

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Hyderabad:, Aug.29:

The Hyderabad Traffic Police have intensified enforcement against vehicles using fake, tampered or unauthorised registration number plates amid a rise in complaints involving fraudulent plates. Police said such practices violate the Motor Vehicles Act and other relevant laws and can be used to conceal vehicle identities and evade traffic enforcement.

As part of the special drive, six criminal cases were registered during the past week against individuals allegedly using fraudulent registration plates. Several vehicles were also identified and seized during the operation.



The cases were registered at Mylardevpally, Sultan Bazaar, Shalibanda, Bandlaguda and Gudimalkapur police stations, as well as Vanasthalipuram Police Station under the Malkajgiri Commissionerate.

The Traffic Police clarified that only government-approved High-Security Registration Plates (HSRP) are legally permitted on vehicles. Custom alterations, miss-

ing digits and temporary stickers on registration plates are strictly prohibited.

The department has warned that there will be zero tolerance towards fraudulent registration practices. Vehicle owners found using fake or manipulated number plates may face criminal prosecution and immediate seizure of their vehicles.

Police have appealed to motorists to follow prescribed number plate standards and traffic regulations, stating that the enforcement drive will continue across Hyderabad to improve road safety, prevent crime and ensure compliance with the law.



Image courtesy: Syed Omar

Race to DP World India Championship, which will crown the DP World PGTI’s number one player. The top 24 players on the Order of Merit will qualify for the season-ending DP World India Championship.

Shri Jupally Krishna Rao said the Telangana Golconda Masters had become an important fixture on India’s golfing calendar and provided Telangana with a strong platform to showcase its tourism potential globally. He highlighted Hyderabad’s

blend of history, heritage, culture and modernity, adding that the Hyderabad Golf Club’s location beside the historic Golconda Fort offered significant potential for golf tourism. Telangana Tourism, he said, looked forward to continuing its partnership and promoting the state as a preferred domestic and international golf tourism destination.

Mr. Kapil Dev said the DP World PGTI was delighted to return for the 12th edition and thanked Telangana Tourism for its continued support

and HGA for providing an excellent venue. He said the tournament would promote Telangana and Hyderabad as leading golf tourism destinations and promised another exciting contest.

Mr. Jasvinder Singh Birgi, Captain, HGA, said the association was honoured to host the event and welcome India’s finest golfing talent. He added that the tournament would allow members to watch top-level competition while showcasing the course globally through the live telecast. Players will compete for a trophy depicting the historic Golconda Fort.

Promoted by Telangana Tourism Development Corporation and HGA, the 212-acre Hyderabad Golf Club has an 18-hole, 6,017-yard, par-70 course, modern facilities and clubhouse. Its ‘Best Tourism Friendly Golf Course’ award highlights its appeal, while the course offers views of Golconda Fort and Naya Quila.

Quick Update

Fresh low pressure area in Bay of Bengal to bring heavy rain in south Bengal

Munsif Bureau
Kolkata, Aug 29 (IANS)

As a fresh low pressure area is looming in the Bay of Bengal, south Bengal districts are likely to receive more rain in the next three days, said the Met office on Saturday. According to Habibur Rahman Biswas, Eastern Regional Director of the Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in Kolkata, there is currently a cyclonic circulation in the north Bay of Bengal area adjacent to the coast of Bangladesh and West Bengal.

NEET-PG 2026 to be held for over 2.73 lakh medical graduates tomorrow

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didates had registered for NEET-PG 2026, representing an increase of more than 12.5 per cent compared to the previous year, the official said, adding that the exam will be conducted in a single shift. Clearing NEET-PG allows doctors to secure seats in various advanced medical courses across government and private colleges and pursue courses including MD (Doctor of Medicine) and MS (Master of Surgery). Earlier, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J.P. Nadda re-

viewed the preparedness for NEET-PG 2026. The Union Minister directed all stakeholders to ensure a smooth, secure, transparent and technology-enabled examination process. For maintaining the integrity of the exam, the authorities are relying on an extensive security framework which includes CCTV surveillance, biometric verification, frisking, signal jammers, dynamic computer allocation, live monitoring through central and regional command centres, and deploy-

ment of more than 60,000 examination personnel. Nadda urged candidates not to be misled by rumours or fraudulent claims relating to the examination. He highlighted that the final question paper is selected through a highly secure, encrypted and time-bound process shortly before the commencement of the examination, with multiple layers of technological and operational safeguards ensuring its confidentiality until the scheduled start time. Any claim of prior access to the question paper by any-

one is therefore entirely false and intended to mislead candidates, Union Minister Nadda said. He advised aspirants to rely only on official communications issued by NBEMS and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and to promptly report any suspicious activities or attempts at unfair practices. Union Minister Nadda during the high-level review meeting assessed the preparedness of the NBEMS, technology partners and other agencies involved in conducting the examination.

Four migrant workers die inside septic tank in Bihar's

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Kolkata, Aug 29 (IANS)

Patna, Aug 29 (IANS) Four migrant workers died after being overcome by toxic fumes while working inside a septic tank in Savanhi Patti village, located on the border of the Shripur and Gopalpur police station areas in Bihar's Gopalganj district, on Saturday. The incident triggered panic in the village. Another man, who entered the tank while attempting to rescue the workers, was also overcome by the fumes and sustained serious injuries. He was taken to Gopalganj Sadar Hospital for treatment. According

to preliminary information, a woman, Reshma Khatun, was constructing a house on a plot gifted to her by her father following her husband's death. The septic tank at the construction site had filled with water, and workers were engaged in removing the centering used during construction. Javed Alam, alias Tipu Alam, and Shabbe Alam reportedly entered the tank first to remove the centering. They were soon overcome by fumes and lost consciousness. After hearing their cries for help, Bunty Baitha and Umesh Yadav entered the tank to rescue them, but they too were affected.

Father killed, three children injured after container hits family on Nashik-Mumbai Highway

Munsif Bureau
Nashik, Aug 29 (IANS)

A tragic road accident occurred near the eighth mile area on the Nashik-Mumbai highway when a speeding container truck hit four members of the same family who were walking along the road, police officials said on Saturday. The accident left the father critically injured, while his three children also sustained injuries. The injured were immediately taken to Nashik District Hospital in a free ambulance operated by the Jagadguru Narendra Maharaj Sansthan. However, doctors de-

clared the father dead after examination. The deceased has been identified as Bhagirath Devaram Made, 45. His children -- Mayur Bhagirath Made (16), Shyam Bhagirath Made (6), and Devyani Bhagirath Made (8) -- were injured in the accident. The three children are currently undergoing treatment. According to preliminary information shared by the police, Bhagirath Made was walking along the road with his three children when a speeding container truck struck them. All four sustained injuries in the collision, the

police said. After receiving information about the accident, emergency assistance was provided and the injured were transported to Nashik District Hospital in a free ambulance, police added. Despite all the efforts to take the injured to hospital timely, Bhagirath Made was declared dead by doctors, the police said. Police reached the spot soon after the accident and took the container driver into custody. Authorities are investigating the circumstances that led to the crash. The investigators are also trying to determine

whether negligence or any other factor was responsible for the accident. According to officials, the accident has once again raised concerns about pedestrian safety on the busy Nashik-Mumbai Highway. Officials said that heavy traffic moves throughout the day on the highway where pedestrians are always at the risk. Motorists have been urged to control their speed and drive carefully, particularly in areas where pedestrians are present, the police officials said. Meanwhile, people who were there insist that patrolling needs to be increased.

Red Fort blast case: Delhi court takes cognisance of NIA chargesheet against 13 accused

Munsif Bureau
New Delhi, Aug 29

A Delhi court on Saturday took cognisance of the National Investigation Agency's (NIA) chargesheet filed in connection with the deadly Red Fort blast case that claimed 11 lives and left several others injured. The Special NIA Court listed the matter for further hearing on September 9. The anti-terror agency has chargesheeted a total of 13 accused in connection with the November 10, 2025, car bomb explosion near the Red Fort, including prime accused Dr Umer Un Nabi, who was killed in the blast. The high-intensity Vehicle-Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED)



blast had triggered a nationwide security alert and caused extensive damage to surrounding property. Earlier, the anti-terror agency

had filed a voluminous chargesheet running into around 7,500 pages against 10 accused under various provisions of the Unlawful

Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Explosive Substances Act, Arms Act and Prevention of Damage

FIR filed against Mamata over 'violation' of Cal HC order

Munsif Bureau
Kolkata, Aug 28 (IANS)

Kolkata, Aug 29 (PTI) The Kolkata Police have registered a suo motu FIR against former West Bengal chief minister and Trinamool Congress supremo Mamata Banerjee for alleged violation of Calcutta High Court-imposed conditions for holding a TMCP foundation day event here, a senior officer said on Saturday. The FIR was filed on Friday at the Hastings Police Station against Banerjee as well as the organisers of the meeting of the Trinamool Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), an officer said. "The FIR has been registered for the alleged violation of the court's order. The role of all those involved in the violation

will be examined during the course of the investigation. The case was registered under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) on August 28," he said. The case was registered after examining the conditions imposed by the court for holding the TMCP meeting at Cathedral Road in central Kolkata on Friday, the officer said. "The FIR was based on a complaint lodged by sub-inspector Apu Baidya, posted at the Hastings Police Station. It was alleged that Banerjee and the organisers entered into a criminal conspiracy and, in furtherance of it, violated the high court's order," he said. During the programme, TMCP supporters "breached barricades and jostled with police



personnel deployed for maintaining law and order, leading to a chaotic situation", the officer claimed. Those who at-

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Trinamool billboard row: One more party activist arrested

Kolkata, Aug 29 (IANS) Kolkata Police have arrested one Trinamool Congress activist in connection with the row over the removal of an illegal billboard from the roof of Diamond Harbour MP Abhishek Banerjee's house on Camac Street in Kolkata on Thursday. The arrested person has been identified as Toufik. According to a city police officer, the arrested person took a lead role in the creating obstructions for the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) and the police personnel on Thursday afternoon. Toufik had been arrested by the sleuth of the Anti-Rowdy Squad (ARS), a wing of the detective department of the city police.

TN: Mettur dam storage raises doubt over 45-day Samba water release

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Chennai, Aug 29 (IANS)

Delta farmers have expressed concern over whether water in the Mettur reservoir will be sufficient to sustain the Tamil Nadu government's proposed 45-day release for samba cultivation. Thirteen Cauvery delta districts, including Thanjavur, known as Tamil Nadu's rice bowl, depend on water from the Mettur dam for irrigation. Traditionally, the reservoir is opened on June 12 every year to support

kuruvai cultivation. However, water can be released on schedule only if the dam level is not below 90 feet. At the beginning of June this year, the water level stood at only 79 feet, preventing the authorities from releasing water on the customary date. Consequently, farmers dependent on Cauvery water were unable to undertake kuruvai cultivation, while those with access to groundwater



The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Saturday stated that four more Indian nationals were rescued from a hydropower project in Nepal's Rasuwa, bringing the total number of rescued Indian nationals to 88. The ministry confirmed that the rescued individuals are Ripu Kumar, Chaneswar Narzary, Kripa Shankar and Mohammed Minhajuddin. A six-member forensic experts team from India is expected to reach Kathmandu on Saturday to assist in the analysis of DNA samples for identification of mortal remains.

'Water up to 20 feet...ran up hills, climbed trees to stay alive': Indians rescued from flood-hit Nepal

Munsif Bureau
New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS)

People from different parts of the country, who were rescued from flood-ravaged Nepal, on Saturday recounted the extent of devastation in the Himalayan Nation and considered themselves lucky to have escaped the catastrophe. Migrant labourers from Bihar's Bettiah referred to the flash floods as "unimaginable", while speaking to IANS at their hometown. One of the labourers said: "There were five to seven of us, three of our people went missing...

There was a lot of water in the area, rising up to 20 feet. We took our children and ran up the hill. After an hour, when the water level receded, we went to look for them, but we could not find the three people." "We were told to run away from there as people said there is no guarantee, the water (flood) might come again," he added. A youngster said: "At around 9:30 a.m., I heard a lot of noise. I went outside to see what was happening, but I could only see dust. Moments later, I saw that there was a lot of water due to the storm...immediately

I alerted the people inside. We then ran towards higher terrain but three others were left behind." "After we came down, there was no trace of any humans nor our house," he said. Another migrant worker, sitting beside him, added: "We got up after hearing about the massive flow of water and despite being barefoot, we started running uphill...when we came down after an hour to search for our people, they were nowhere to be found." In Chennai, a woman who was on a pilgrimage to the Kailash Mansarovar, returned safely from Nepal.



In special gesture, Uzbekistan President Mirziyoyev receives PM Modi at Tashkent airport

Munsif Bureau
Tashkent, Aug 29 (IANS)

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Tashkent Saturday evening, kicking off his two-day State Visit to the Central Asian nation. In a special gesture, Uzbekistan President Shavkat Mirziyoyev received PM Modi at the airport, highlighting the friendship between both countries that has grown immensely over the last 12 years.

During his visit, PM Modi will hold delegation-level talks with President Mirziyoyev, advancing the shared developmental visions of Viksit Bharat 2047 and



Uzbekistan-2030.

“In recent years, India-Uzbekistan Strategic Partnership has seen significant advancement.

I look forward to

my discussions with President Mirziyoyev on further deepening our cooperation in trade and investment, digital connectivity, defence,

energy, and on advancing our shared visions of Viksit Bharat and Yangi Uzbekistan,” PM Modi said in his departure statement.

Neo-JMB group resurfaces in Bangladesh, raising fresh terror threat

Munsif Bureau
Dhaka, Aug 29 (IANS)

As Bangladesh confronts resurgence of terror outfits, Neo-JMB - an Islamic State-inspired offshoot of the banned Jama'atul Mujahideen Bangladesh - has re-emerged in the South Asian nation amid a string of recent bomb recoveries, including multiple pressure-cooker devices, by the law enforcement agencies.

The police operation has resulted in the arrests of suspected operatives — among them a former army soldier as well as a 16-year-

old — and alleged plans to unleash sabotage in and around Dhaka, a report has stated. Citing partial data compiled by the New Delhi-based Institute for Conflict Management (ICM), the South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP) revealed that at least five people have been arrested for alleged links to Neo-JMB this year.

According to the SATP report, Neo-JMB operative Mohammad Arif was arrested in the Savar area of Dhaka on August 11. The following day, a pres-

sure-cooker bomb wrapped in black tape was recovered from an open field beside a mosque in Savar.

“Arif’s arrest from Hemayetpur in Savar, in possession of several arms and ammunition, including five GI-pipe bombs, three knife-like bombs and bomb-making materials, is significant. During interrogation, investigators discovered that the bombs used tri-acetone triperoxide (TATP), a highly sensitive explosive that can detonate through heat, friction, impact or movement.

Pakistan's worsening security situation threatens CPEC, Chinese projects

Munsif Bureau
New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS)

Rising militant violence in Pakistan’s northern and southwestern regions is posing a growing security threat to China’s economic interests and future projects under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), according to a report.

A report by The Diplomat said with CPEC entering its second phase, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) has been expanding its footprint in areas around

Already received more than 57 tonnes of relief material from India: Nepal FM

Munsif Bureau
Kathmandu, Aug 29 (IANS)

Nepal is in close communication and coordination with its immediate neighbours and the international community following the devastating floods that have left several foreign nationals missing, Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal said on Saturday.

Addressing mediapersons in Kathmandu, Khanal said the Nepali government had established a dedicated Emergency Control Room at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to coordinate information and assistance related to foreign nationals affected by the disaster.

“As many foreign nation-



als are also missing, a dedicated Emergency Control Room has been established at the Ministry,” Khanal said. He said Nepal’s diplomatic missions abroad are con-

stantly sharing and updating verified information while facilitating communication with the families of those affected.

According to the National

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority (NDRRMA), at least 517 foreign nationals remain missing, while India’s Ministry of External Affairs has reported that at least 288 Indian nationals are out of contact. The Foreign Minister said Nepal’s diplomatic missions abroad have also been extending necessary assistance for the identification and repatriation of foreign nationals. Nepal has sought specialised assistance from its friendly neighbours to strengthen search-and-rescue operations in areas severely affected by the floods, including efforts to rescue people trapped inside tunnels, Khanal said.

South Korean response teams continue search for 9 missing in Nepal floods

Munsif Bureau
Kathmandu/Seoul, Aug 29 (IANS)

South Korean response teams in Nepal continued searching Saturday for nine nationals still missing after devastating flash floods, attempting to reach the site using helicopters and drones.

Six employees of Doosan Enerbility Co. and three of Korea South-East Power Co. remain unaccounted for for a fourth day following the massive floods in Nepal’s north-central Himalayan border area. They were work-

ing at a hydroelectric power plant construction site in the Rasuwa district when the floods struck the region on Wednesday. Ten other Doosan workers who had been isolated at a different location have been moved to safety, reports Yonhap news agency. An official from Korea South-East Power said the company plans to resume the helicopter search Saturday. The power generator conducted a brief helicopter search Friday after receiving late clearance from local authorities just before sunset, but it failed to locate the missing people.

Egypt, Kuwait urge de-escalation, return to Iran-US negotiations

Munsif Bureau
Cairo, Aug 29 (IANS)

Egyptian Foreign Minister Badr Abdelatty and his Kuwaiti counterpart Sheikh Jarrah Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah on Saturday called for de-escalation and a return to diplomacy and negotiations between Iran and the United States during a phone call, according to Egypt’s Foreign Ministry.

The two ministers discussed rapidly evolving regional developments and ways to contain the current escalation, the Egyptian ministry said in a statement.

They agreed that de-escalation and the resumption of negotiations between Iran and the United States should be a priority, highlighting the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed by Iran and the United States on June 18 as a framework to restart talks and reach political solutions that could spare the region further tension and instability, Xinhua News Agency reported.

The ministers also exchanged views on regional security concerns and called for addressing all



sources of tension in ways that promote regional security and stability, the statement said.

They also reaffirmed the principles of good-neighbourliness, respect for states’ sovereignty and territorial integrity, and non-interference in their internal affairs, calling for disputes to be resolved through peaceful and diplomatic means, it noted.

Meanwhile, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Friday that Iran will negotiate with the

United States, but remains wary of Washington, stressing that Tehran will honour its commitments only if the other side does the same.

Pezeshkian made the remarks in a televised interview broadcast Friday night, responding to questions about whether ongoing diplomatic efforts could revive the peace memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed by Iran and the United States in June and restore the Iranian nation’s rights.

Families put up posters outside Kathmandu hospital in hope of finding their loved ones

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Kathmandu, Aug 29 (IANS)

Relatives of people missing in the devastating flash floods in Nepal have been putting up posters outside the emergency gate of Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital in Kathmandu, desperately

searching for information about their loved ones.

The hospital administration has displayed photos of recovered bodies at the gate of the post-mortem block to help families identify the deceased, with officials updating the photos every hour. The brother of a man who went missing in the floods,

speaking to IANS, said, “This is my brother, who is still missing in Rasuwa. No information about him has been received yet. The last time I spoke to him was two days before the flood.”

Another man, while showing photos of his three brothers, said, “These are all my brothers; they are all

drivers. They were taking their vehicle to China. The flood struck while they were on their way, and they went missing.” Another survivor also thanked the rescue officials for their work and said, “In Rasuwa, the Nepal government and our rescue team are continuously engaged in safely evacuating people

and searching for them, but so far, many people have not been located.”

Recalling the moment the disaster struck, another local said, “We were over there at the Customs Department. I was sleeping in the vehicle. After that, when I went to the market to have tea, the glacier burst occurred.

US controls Hormuz: White House

Munsif Bureau
Washington, Aug 29 (IANS)

The White House has declared that the United States controls the Strait of Hormuz, claiming American forces have cleared Iranian mines, protected nearly 1,500 commercial vessels and prevented Tehran from exporting oil through the strategic waterway.

In a statement citing the US Central Command (CENTCOM), the White House said American forces were keeping global energy supplies moving while denying Iran revenue that Washington says could be used to threaten international commerce.



The assertions were presented by the administration as evidence supporting President Donald Trump’s

did not include a response from Iran.

According to the administration, Iranian mines have been cleared from international shipping lanes in the strait.

It said nearly 1,500 commercial vessels had travelled through the waterway under US protection, carrying 750 million barrels of crude oil to international markets.

The White House also claimed that Iran had exported no oil from its shores since an American blockade resumed in July.

It said US forces had turned around 75 vessels that attempted to break the blockade.

repeated statements that the US Navy had gained control over the strait. The White House release

Playing all sides, losing trust of all: Pakistan's mediator role comes under scrutiny

Munsif Bureau
Washington, Aug 29

While Pakistan seeks to position itself as a mediator in the US-Iran conflict, its parallel defence commitments to Gulf Arab monarchies have fuelled Tehran’s suspicions about Islamabad, a report has stated.

It noted that Pakistan’s expanding agreements with Gulf states — includ-

ing its pact with Saudi Arabia and a pending agreement with Kuwait — have reinforced Tehran’s view that Islamabad is tilting towards US and Saudi security frameworks, further eroding trust.

Writing for American media outlet ‘PJ Media’, Turkish journalist Uzay Bulut questioned: “How efficient can Pakistan be as a mediator between Tehran, Washington, and

Islamabad when it is attempting to play all sides while simultaneously losing the trust of all?”

Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, and Turkey signed the Mecca Joint Defence Agreement in Mecca on August 7, pledging to strengthen collective deterrence against acts of aggression.

The agreement stipulates that an armed attack against any one of the sig-

natories would be regarded as an attack against all three.

Two days later, the Iranian-backed Houthis struck an oil facility on Saudi Arabia’s Red Sea coast, with the coalition yet to respond to the attack, Bulut mentioned.

Despite entering into a mutual defence agreement with Saudi Arabia last year, she said, Pakistan has refrained from any mili-

tary response to Iranian attacks on the kingdom.

Bulut noted that Islamabad has rejected suggestions that its nuclear deterrent could be extended to its allies, clarifying that the pact does not include nuclear weapons.

According to the report, Iran-Pakistan relations have been strained for decades amid cross-border militant strikes and shifting regional alliances.

Sergio Gor's J&K remark subtle message directed at Pakistan

Munsif Bureau
Hong Kong, Aug 29

US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor’s remark describing the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir as “an important part of India” was welcomed by some as a significant indication that Washington may be moving closer to New Delhi’s position on the region, a report has stated.

While Pakistan Foreign Ministry branded Gor’s statement “irresponsible” and “factually incorrect”, India’s Ministry of External Affairs dismissed Islamabad’s reaction, saying there was “no reason to comment on Pakistan’s frustration”, Vivek Mishra, Deputy Director of strategic studies at the Observer Research Foundation in Delhi.

Indian peacekeepers continue to assist displaced persons in Abyei: UN

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The Abyei region is managed by UNISFA, located between Sudan and South Sudan. In June, India’s Permanent Representative to the UN, P. Harish, highlighted that “India was the first to deploy an all-female Unit to the

India's Digital Public Infrastructure Becomes Global Model for Inclusive Growth

India's Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) is emerging as a global blueprint for inclusive growth, with countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America studying and adopting elements of India's digital ecosystem to improve service delivery, financial inclusion and access to government programmes.

A report by Times of Oman said India's digital transformation is based on the principle that digital infrastructure should function as a public good that is accessible, affordable and interoperable. The country's DPI, built around the JAM trinity of Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar digital identity and mobile connectivity, has been expanded through platforms such as India Stack, UPI and DigiLocker.

These interconnected systems have helped reduce transaction costs, improve transparency and make government services more accessible. The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana has brought millions of previously unbanked citizens into the formal banking system, while Direct Benefit Transfer has strengthened the delivery of government benefits.

The report also highlighted initiatives such as the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, e-Shram and the Open Network for Digital Commerce as examples of how India is using digital infrastructure to expand opportunities for citizens and businesses.

Mecca Defence Pact Faces Questions Over Strategic Contradictions, Lack of Common Ideology

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According to a report published by Canada-based Geopolitical Monitor, the agreement lacks a clearly defined set of shared political values, common interests or a unified perception of threats that could provide a strong foundation for the alliance.

The pact, signed by Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Pakistan earlier this month, is being projected as a NATO-like security arrangement. One of its

key provisions is similar to Article 5 of the NATO treaty, under which an armed attack against one member is considered an attack against all three.

The agreement comes at a time of major geopolitical shifts in the Middle East. The report noted that the Iran war has altered the regional security landscape, with US military bases across the Gulf coming under repeated attacks and the Strait of Hormuz facing disruptions to maritime traffic and energy shipments.

These developments have encouraged several Middle Eastern countries to explore defence partnerships beyond their traditional reliance on Washington. The Mecca agreement has emerged as one of the most prominent examples of this changing

regional strategy.

However, the report questioned whether the three countries would necessarily act together in a future conflict, particularly when their individual national interests could point in different directions. It cited the possibility of future conflict between Pakistan and India as one of the key tests for the agreement. Saudi Arabia has significantly strengthened its economic, diplomatic and strategic ties with India over the past decade, raising questions over whether Riyadh would be prepared to support Islamabad in a conflict with New Delhi.

The report also pointed to the experience of the Yemen war. Saudi Arabia had previously requested Pakistan to

provide troops, ships and aircraft for the conflict, but Pakistan's Parliament voted against joining the war. The episode demonstrated the extent to which national interests can influence decisions on military involvement, even between close partners.

The report said this raises a broader question about the Mecca pact: whether the three signatories would provide military assistance to one another in the event of a conflict and, if they did, what form and scale that assistance would take.

NATO, according to the report, provides a contrasting example. Its cohesion has historically been supported not only by common security interests but also by shared political values, including democracy, human rights and the rule of law. These common principles have provided what the report describes as an ideological glue for the alliance.

The Mecca agreement, by comparison, does not have a similar binding political ideology, the report argued.

It highlighted significant differences among the three countries. Saudi Arabia, it said, seeks to maintain its position as a leading Islamic state while pursuing domestic reforms. Pakistan has a political system in which the military continues to

wield considerable influence, while religion plays an important role in policymaking.

Türkiye, meanwhile, is described in the report as a democracy under strain that promotes an ideology of political Islam.

The report further pointed to a major ideological contradiction between Saudi Arabia and Türkiye. While Türkiye has historically supported political Islamist movements, Saudi Arabia considers political Islam, particularly the Muslim Brotherhood, a potential threat to the stability of its ruling system.

These differences, the report suggested, could become increasingly important if the alliance is tested by a major regional crisis. The Mecca pact therefore represents an important development in the evolving security architecture of the Middle East, but questions remain over whether shared defence commitments will be strong enough to overcome differences in national interests, foreign policy priorities and political ideology. The agreement's long-term effectiveness may ultimately depend on how the three countries respond when their individual strategic interests come into direct conflict with their collective security commitments.

Bangladesh Gas Crisis Exposes Supply Chain Weakness and Heavy Reliance on LNG Imports

Bangladesh's ongoing gas crisis has exposed serious weaknesses in the country's energy logistics and its heavy dependence on a highly concentrated LNG import system, with total gas availability falling far short of national demand, according to a new report.

A report published by Bangladesh-based The Daily Star said the country had around 2,420 million cubic feet per day (MMcfd) of gas available in mid-August, against national demand of approximately 3,800 MMcfd. The resulting shortfall has disrupted operations across factories, filling stations, households and power plants.

According to the report, the crisis is not the result of a single procurement failure but stems from disruptions across Bangladesh's LNG import chain. The situation worsened after an FSRU operated by Excelerate Energy went offline following a fire and technical problems.

Further delays in unloading LNG at a terminal due to adverse weather conditions also contributed to the depletion of available inventories, resulting in interruptions to gas supplies.

The report said the incidents exposed a fundamental weakness in Bangladesh's LNG infrastructure — the lack of sufficient backup capacity and supply-chain redundancy. Even though the disruptions were separate, their combined impact demonstrated how a problem at one point in the system can quickly affect the wider economy.

Bangladesh's LNG supply chain involves several stages before imported gas reaches consumers. LNG must first be procured and nominated as cargo, transported by specialised ships and scheduled for unloading. The cargo then has to navigate international maritime routes before reaching Moheshkhali Island. At Moheshkhali, the LNG is transferred to Floating Storage and Regasification Units, or FSRUs, where it is stored and converted back into gas. The gas is then transported through high-pressure pipelines before finally reaching

power plants, industries, refuelling stations and households. The report warned that a failure at any major stage of this chain can have consequences throughout the energy system and wider economy.

Bangladesh currently imports LNG through two FSRUs located off Moheshkhali Island, which together are estimated to supply around 30-37 per cent of the country's total gas requirements.

The heavy concentration of LNG infrastructure at a single gateway has created what the report described as a potential "single-point vulnerability". Technical failures, marine accidents, adverse weather or shipping delays affecting Moheshkhali could therefore trigger disruptions across multiple sectors.

The report noted that relying on two major facilities located at essentially the same entry point creates a significant concentration risk. Any prolonged disruption at the gateway could quickly reduce the availability of imported gas across the country.

Another major concern is the continued decline in Bangladesh's domestic natural gas production. As domestic output falls, the country is increasingly dependent on imported LNG to bridge the supply gap. However, greater reliance on imported LNG also exposes Bangladesh to international energy prices, foreign-exchange requirements and potential disruptions to maritime transportation.

The latest crisis therefore highlights the need for Bangladesh to strengthen its gas supply infrastructure, diversify import routes and sources, and develop greater backup capacity to prevent failures at a single facility or gateway from causing widespread disruptions.

The report's findings underscore how Bangladesh's growing dependence on imported LNG, combined with declining domestic production and limited infrastructure redundancy, has increased the vulnerability of the country's energy system to both technical failures and external disruptions.

Gold Falls Nearly 1.86% This Week as Hawkish Fed Signals Weigh on Prices

Gold prices declined nearly 1.86 per cent over the week as stronger-than-expected US inflation and economic data, along with a hawkish speech by US Federal Reserve Chair Kevin Warsh at the Jackson Hole symposium, reduced expectations of an early easing in monetary policy.

On Friday, MCX gold futures for October delivery fell 1.63 per cent, while September silver futures declined 1.66 per cent. MCX gold futures stood at Rs 1,56,400, while silver futures were quoted at Rs 2,36,651 per kg.

According to data released by the India Bullion and Jewellers Association, the price of 10 grams of 24-carat gold stood at Rs 1,59,578 on Friday, compared with Rs 1,62,603 at the opening of the market on Monday.

Gold had rallied strongly earlier in the week, reaching multi-month highs, amid renewed concerns over currency debasement and expectations of US Treasury support for long-term bonds. However, the momentum reversed after fresh economic data indicated that the US economy remained stronger than expected.

The July US Personal Consumption Expenditures inflation reading came in at 3.7 per cent year-on-year, while labour and trade data also pointed towards continued economic strength. The stronger data prompted markets to increase expectations that the Federal Reserve could maintain restrictive interest rates for longer.

A hawkish speech by Kevin Warsh at the Jackson Hole symposium further shifted market expectations regarding interest rates. Following his remarks, gold prices fell by around \$70 within minutes before recovering some of the losses, according to analysts.

Market expectations for a September rate hike also increased, with the probability rising from roughly one-in-three to more than two-in-five, according to the CME FedWatch tool. Expectations for interest rates at the end of the year also climbed to their highest level in three weeks.

Silver followed a similar pattern during the week. The precious metal briefly climbed to a 10-week high before giving up gains several times. Copper also touched fresh all-time highs before easing from those levels.

'Cortisol Face' Explained: Why Your Face May Look Puffy and What You Can Do

The term "cortisol face" has recently been trending on social media, with people using it to describe a face that suddenly appears rounder, puffier or swollen. However, "cortisol face" is not an official medical term. Elevated cortisol levels can sometimes cause changes in the way body fat is distributed and may contribute to fluid retention, making the face appear more swollen or rounded. However, mild facial puffiness caused by everyday stress should not automatically be considered a sign of high cortisol.

Cortisol is an important hormone produced by the adrenal glands, which are located above the kidneys. It plays a major role in several essential functions, including metabolism, blood pressure, immune system responses and the body's reaction to stress. Cortisol levels naturally rise when a person experiences stress. However, prolonged exposure to abnormally high cortisol levels can contribute to weight gain, sleep problems, anxiety or depression, weakened immunity, digestive problems and reduced bone health.

A rounded or swollen appearance of the face can



occur when cortisol levels remain unusually high for a prolonged period. This is particularly associated with conditions such as Cushing's syndrome or with the long-term use of certain prescription steroid medicines. In such cases, a characteristic rounded facial appearance, sometimes referred to as "moon face", may develop.

Excess cortisol can alter the way fat is distributed throughout the body, causing more fat to accumulate in certain areas. When fat builds up around the upper cheeks, jawline and sides of the face, the face can appear fuller and more rounded.

High cortisol levels may also influence the body's handling of sodium and fluids. Increased sodium retention can lead to greater fluid retention, which may cause swelling in the soft tissues of the face.

Cortisol can also affect collagen and elastin, proteins that help maintain the strength and elasticity of the skin. When these proteins are affected, the skin may become thinner and weaker, potentially making facial fat and fluid retention more noticeable. Elevated cortisol may also increase oil production in the skin, which can contribute to blocked pores, stress-re-

lated acne, facial redness and a flushed appearance in some people.

There is no single cream or instant treatment that can eliminate what is described online as "cortisol face". The most important step is to identify why cortisol levels may be elevated and address the underlying cause. Managing daily stress through practices such as meditation, deep-breathing exercises, yoga and tai chi may support overall wellbeing and help the body manage stress more effectively.

Regular physical activity can also help regulate cortisol and improve overall health. However, people experiencing significant physical or emotional stress should avoid constantly pushing themselves through extremely intense workouts. Activities such as walking, yoga or moderate strength training combined with adequate rest may be more appropriate.

Sleep is another important factor. Adults generally benefit from around seven to nine hours of good-quality sleep each night. Adequate, uninterrupted sleep supports the body's natural regulation of cortisol and gives tissues time to recover.

FSSAI Proposes Red Warning Labels for High-Sugar, Salt and Fat Foods

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has proposed prominent red warning labels on the front of processed food and beverage packages that contain high levels of sugar, salt or fat.

The labels may carry warnings such as "HIGH SUGAR", "HIGH SALT", "HIGH FAT" and "HIGHLY SWEETENED BEVERAGE" to help consumers quickly identify products with potentially high nutritional risks. The proposal was submitted to the Supreme Court, which has directed FSSAI to expedite the process, stressing that clear nutritional warnings are particularly important to protect children from health risks such as obesity.

The court has given the regulator two weeks to formulate a definitive framework, while major companies including Nestlé, PepsiCo and Coca-Cola are expected to oppose the move over concerns about its impact on sales. The move is aimed at helping consumers make healthier choices and reducing the risks of obesity and diet-related diseases.



PM Modi pays tribute to Major Dhyan Chand on National Sports Day

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS)

New Delhi, Aug 29 (IANS): Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended his greetings to sports lovers across the country on National Sports Day, praising their dedication and determination while paying tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand, whose birth anniversary is commemorated annually as the occasion.

The Prime Minister acknowledged the contribution of those associated with sport and remembered Dhyan Chand's enduring legacy.

"To every sports lover...your dedication, passion and determination make everyone proud. We also pay homage to the legendary Major Dhyan Chand Ji, whose brilliance inspires generations. #NationalSportsDay," PM Modi wrote on X.

The tribute came days after the Prime Minister



spoke about Major Dhyan Chand and India's long-standing sporting relationship with New Zealand while virtually addressing the country's youth during the Khelo India Dialogue (Khelo India Samvaad) on Thursday.

The iconic leader had recalled India's historic hockey tour of New Zealand a century ago, noting that Dhyan Chand was part of the travelling

side and describing the tour as an important moment in the sporting ties between the two countries.

"National Sports Day is also an occasion to remember Major Dhyan Chand. A hundred years ago, India's hockey team toured New Zealand, and Dhyan Chand ji was part of that tour. That tour became the foundation for completing 100 years of sports relations between

India and New Zealand. A few days ago, when I visited New Zealand, I remembered him there as well. Major Dhyan Chand ji laid the foundation for these ties, and today India continues to work towards strengthening and enriching those relations," PM Modi said.

During the interaction, the Prime Minister also underlined the wider impact of an athlete's achievements, saying

sporting success can bring recognition not only to an individual but also to their family, educational institutions and region.

"When a sportsperson succeeds, that success is not theirs alone. Their success builds the identity and enhances the prestige of their family. It also raises the reputation of the school or college they studied at, and strengthens the identity of their district and state. The world begins to recognise a city or state by the name of that sportsperson. And when a region shines on the global map through many such successes, the world's perception of that region also changes. Every district has the potential to shine on the world's sports map," he said.

National Sports Day is observed in India on August 29 in honour of Major Dhyan Chand, widely regarded as one of the greatest hockey players in the sport's history.

DPL 2026: Central Delhi Kings, South Delhi Superstarz set for blockbuster title clash

New Delhi, Aug 29

The stage is set for a thrilling finale of the 2026 Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026, with Central Delhi Kings set to take on South Delhi Superstarz in the summit clash at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Sunday.

With the title at stake, both teams are preparing for a high-pressure contest. While South Delhi Superstarz booked their place in the final after defeating the Kings in Qualifier 1, the latter bounced back strongly to beat Purani Dilli 6 in Qualifier 2 to secure their place in the title clash.

South Delhi Superstarz captain Tejasvi Dahiya said his team is looking forward to the big occasion and will focus on keeping things simple. "We are very excited for the finals. The boys have been performing really well throughout the tournament and everyone has



been working hard and preparing well for the big game.

"A final is always a special occasion, but we don't want to think too much about the pressure or the result. We just want to stick to our basics, follow our plans and play the kind of cricket we have played throughout the tournament. If we can execute our plans well and enjoy the game, hopefully we can finish the season with the trophy," he said on the eve of the title clash.

Central Delhi Kings skipper Jonty Sidhu, who produced a

match-winning all-round performance in the all-important Qualifier 2, stated that his team will approach the final like any other game. "We are taking it as another game and don't want to give ourselves any added pressure. Of course, playing a final is a big moment and everyone wants to win the trophy, but putting too much pressure on ourselves can take us away from our game plan.

"We have worked hard to reach this stage and have played some good cricket throughout the tournament. We will focus on the basics, back our abilities and try to execute our plans well on the day," Sidhu stated.

Adding to the excitement, the 2026 DPL closing ceremony will feature performances by popular singers Abeer Arora and Pallavi Seth, along with Tabla Maestro Mannanjot Singh.

Women's Asia Cup: India battle for continental glory as Thailand opener awaits

New Delhi, Aug 29

The Harmanpreet Kaur-led Indian women's team will aim to put 2024's complacency behind them and show their muscle in a battle for Asia Cup glory. The continental showpiece, hosted in the UAE, kicked off on Friday with Thailand beating Hong Kong China in the opener, but the most successful side in the competition's history, India, will take the field on Sunday against Thailand.

India enter the Asia Cup on the back of their second consecutive group-stage exit at the T20

World Cup, despite an unprecedented ODI world crown to their name. They largely field the same squad that played the T20 World Cup in England earlier this year, with only Yastika Bhatia, Shreyanka Patil (fitness) and Jemimah Rodrigues (hamstring injury) missing from that roster.

Pratika Rawal's maiden T20I call-up for the Asia Cup, as a replacement for Rodrigues, came as a surprise to many, as she last played a T20 game in November 2024. The Women in Blue have dropped Yastika, while leg-spinner Prema Rawat,

who replaced Shreyanka at the World Cup, kept her place.

The bowling front remains unchanged, with a Renuka Singh-led pace attack that also includes Arundhati Reddy, Kranti Gaud and Nandani Sharma, and will look to assert its authority. The spin department features Radha Yadav, Deepti Sharma and Shree Charani. Meanwhile, Vaishnavi Sharma, Pooja Vastrakar and Asha Sobhana have not made the cut for the squad.

Eyes will also be on how India field their Playing XI, especially who re-

places Rodrigues, and the game against Thailand could offer a glimpse of their mindset when selecting combinations. Smriti Mandhana and Shafali Verma are likely to be at the top, while it could come down to Pratika or Kamalini battling for Rodrigues' spot at No.3. Harmanpreet Kaur, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh and Bharti Fulmali are likely to form the middle order, while the toss-up will be among the pacers. Radha Yadav and Charani will be pushing for a place if India decide to pick two spinners.

Thailand are coming into this tournament on the back of confidence. They won the Women's Premier Cup in June by beating the UAE in the final and have also started this tournament on a high note. Left-arm spinner Thipatcha Putthawong is their bowling lynchpin and is the highest wicket-taker in the history of women's T20I cricket, with 169 wickets to her name. She went past India's Deepti with a 1-23 against Hong Kong.



Djokovic, Alcaraz, Sabalenka and Williams: Five reasons to watch US Open 2026

New Delhi, Aug 29

The final Grand Slam of the season is set to bring tennis' biggest names and some of the sport's most compelling storylines to New York, with the US Open 2026 promising history, high stakes and plenty of star power at Flushing Meadows.

A record prize pool, Novak Djokovic's pursuit of another landmark, Carlos Alcaraz's return to Grand Slam action and the reunion of Serena and Venus Williams are among the major attractions at this year's tournament.

Here are five reasons why the US Open 2026 could be one of the most anticipated events of the tennis season:

A record \$108 million prize pool

The financial stakes at Flushing Meadows will reach unprecedented levels this year, with the US Open offering a record \$108 million in total prize money.

The singles champions in both the men's and

women's competitions will receive \$5.5 million each, while even players competing in the opening round are guaranteed \$140,000.

The prize pool is the largest ever offered at a Grand Slam, adding another layer of significance to a tournament where every round carries enormous sporting and financial consequences.

Djokovic goes in search of a historic 25th major

Novak Djokovic will once again arrive at the US Open with history firmly in his sights.

The Serbian great is chasing his 25th Grand Slam singles title, a victory that would take him beyond Margaret Court's tally of 24 major singles titles and give him sole

possession of the all-time record.

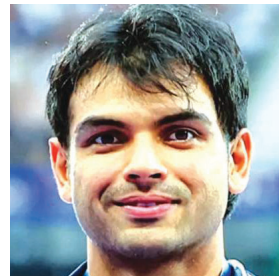
Djokovic knows the New York stage better than most. A four-time US Open champion, he last won the title in 2023 and has reached the championship match at Flushing Meadows on 10 occasions.

At 39, another demanding two-week Grand Slam campaign presents a significant physical challenge, but Djokovic's ability to rise to the occasion on tennis' biggest stages remains one of the defining features of his career.

Should he make another deep run, the chase for title No. 25 is likely to dominate the conversation throughout the tournament.



Neeraj to miss Asiad, ruled out of remainder of season



New Delhi, Aug 29

Star Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has been ruled out of the remainder of the 2026 season after suffering a ligament tear in his ankle during training, forcing the two-time Olympic medallist to miss next month's Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

The setback will also keep Chopra out of the Diamond League Finals in Brussels on September 5 and the inaugural World Athletics Ultimate Championships in Budapest from September 11 to 13, bringing an abrupt end to a season in which he had only recently begun to regain momentum following a delayed return from injury. Chopra announced the news in a post on his X account on Saturday, saying the decision to sit out the remainder of the season was taken after consultations with his doctor and team.

Liverpool agree deal worth up to GBP 123mn for Barcola from PSG: Report

New Delhi, Aug 29

Liverpool have agreed a deal worth up to GBP 123m for Paris Saint-Germain striker Bradley Barcola. The Reds have been pursuing the French international to add firepower to the forward line since the departures of Luis Diaz and Mohamed Salah over the past two summers.

Barcola has been with PSG since 2023 and is a two-time Champions League winner, a three-time Ligue 1 champion and a two-time French Cup winner. He also featured in the recent FIFA World Cup, where he scored three goals for the French side that reached

the semi-finals.

According to a BBC report, Liverpool have agreed an initial GBP 106m deal with GBP 17m in potential add-ons, bringing the total to GBP 123m, which would be a record fee for a player leaving the French top flight. PSG had initially valued Barcola's transfer at GBP 145m, but a GBP 123m deal would not hurt them.

Barcola had his minutes limited at PSG, with the club preferring Desire Doue and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia. Moreover, he is entering the final two years of his contract with the Reds and does not seem willing to extend his stay.

For Liverpool, though, this will be a shot in the arm. They have seen the departures of Diaz to German club Bayern Munich and of Salah, whose nine-year career with the Reds has ended, as he moved to Turkish Super Lig side Trabzonspor. Barcola could be cover for Alexander Isak and can add fire to the attack.

Meanwhile, Barcola's potential deal leaves forward Cody Gakpo's future at Anfield in the balance. The BBC reported that the likes of Tottenham Hotspur and Manchester City have shown interest in the Netherlands international. He was selected for Liverpool's 2-2 draw against Newcastle and is also named in the team for Saturday's home clash against Nottingham Forest.

Shooter Ashi Chouksey targets Asian Games gold

Bhopal, Aug 29

Indian rifle shooter Ashi Chouksey, who entered competitive shooting unexpectedly in 2018, is preparing for her second Asian Games. At 24, she previously won one bronze and two silver medals, and now she aims to achieve gold at Aichi-Nagoya 2026.

Chouksey secured a silver medal in the Women's 10m air rifle team event, a silver in the Women's 50m rifle 3P team event, and a bronze in the Women's 50m rifle 3P event at the 2022 Asian Games, which took place in 2023.

She feels that competing here has enhanced her clarity and confidence for the upcoming event in Japan.

Reflecting on the difference between her first and second Asian Games campaigns, Chouksey said, "Asian Games is one of the biggest multi-sport tournaments after the Olympics, and I have competed there before. I have performed on that stage, so I know what it takes. After winning three medals, I now have good experience of competing at this level. So, this time, I am going to Japan with a clear view and goal for what I want to achieve at this competition."

The journey to the Asian Games included a rigorous training period, during which the Indian shooting team participated in intensive camps in Bhopal.

Kush Maini completes two-day Alpine F1 test ahead of F2 return in Monza

Austria, Aug 29

Indian racer Kush Maini has completed another Formula 1 testing programme with the BWT Alpine F1 Team, covering around 200 laps and approximately 850 kilometres over two days at the Red Bull Ring in Austria.

The BWT Alpine F1 Team Reserve Driver's latest outing in Formula 1 machinery comes after an earlier test at Zandvoort and provides another boost ahead of his return to FIA Formula 2 action in Monza following the summer break.

Maini began the programme in a TPC (Testing Previous Car) machine, completing 82



laps on the opening day in changing weather conditions. The Indian driver ran on wet, intermediate and soft tyres as a wet morning gradually gave way to drier conditions later in the day.

He continued his programme on the second day in a 2025-specification car, the same machinery he drove during the official Young Driver Test in Abu Dhabi last

December.

With dry conditions allowing for extensive running, Maini completed more than 500 kilometres on the second day, taking his total mileage across the two-day test to around 850 kilometres.

The test forms part of Alpine's young driver programme, with Maini continuing to gain experience in Formula 1 machinery as a member of the Alpine Academy.

The 2026 F1 outing also comes at an encouraging point in Maini's Formula 2 campaign. The Indian driver currently sits sixth in the FIA Formula 2 Drivers' Championship after claiming two podium finishes in his last three races.

NEPAL FLOODS: GREEN HOUSE STANDS FIRM AMID RAGING WATERS, FAMILY REPORTEDLY SAFE



MUNSIF BUREAU Kathmandu, Aug 29

A devastating flood in Nepal has caused widespread destruction, with dramatic videos circulating on social media showing buildings collapsing, roads disappearing under torrents of muddy water and people being swept away by

powerful floodwaters. Amid the destruction, a green-coloured house has emerged as a remarkable story of survival. A viral video shows the house standing intact as powerful floodwaters rush around it from all sides. Several nearby structures appear to have been damaged or swept

away by the force of the water. The video shows muddy floodwater carrying debris and crashing through surrounding areas, highlighting the intensity of the disaster. Despite being surrounded by the raging current, the green house remained standing, drawing widespread attention on social media.

The footage also sparked concern about the family reportedly inside the house. Social media users expressed fears for their safety and prayed that they would survive the dangerous situation.

A second video later circulated online, with claims that the family inside the house had managed to remain safe. The reports brought relief among viewers, many of whom expressed happiness over the family's

survival. The remarkable strength of the house has also become a topic of discussion online. Users praised its construction, noting that it remained standing despite the destruction around it. Some described the house as an example of how strong construction can make a crucial difference during a natural disaster.

The videos have been viewed millions of times, with social media users expressing both shock at the devastation and relief over the reported survival of the family. Natural disasters often leave behind scenes of unimaginable destruction, but stories of survival can also offer a sense of hope. In Nepal's devastating floods, the green house has become a striking symbol of survival amid the raging waters.

Building Towards a Thalassemia-Free India: TSCS Expands Care, Prevention and Global Collaboration

MUNSIF BUREAU Hyderabad, Aug 29

The Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, has emerged as a major centre for the treatment and support of patients suffering from thalassemia and sickle cell disease, growing from a small patient-support initiative in 1998 into what is described as the world's largest standalone thalassemia treatment facility.

Speaking about the Society's journey and future plans, TSCS President Dr. Chandranth Agarwal said the organisation currently supports more than 4,700 registered patients and is approaching the milestone of three lakh free blood transfusions. The Society provides consultations, blood transfusions, diagnostic tests, medicines, counselling and meals to patients at no cost.

Dr. Agarwal said around 70 to 80 patients visit the facility on a typical day for consultations, investigations or transfusions. Many families travel long distances, including from other states, to access comprehensive and free treatment. To reduce this burden, TSCS has also established branches in Khammam and Kurnool.

One of the major upcoming initiatives is the GANSID Congress 2026, which TSCS will host in Hyderabad in partnership with the Global Action Network for Sickle Cell and Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID), USA. The three-day international congress will be held from October 23 to 25 at HICC Novotel, Hyderabad, bringing



together clinicians, researchers, laboratory scientists, industry representatives, policymakers and patient groups from across the world.

The theme of the congress is "From Innovation to Implementation: Bridging Science and Access in Inherited Blood Disorders." According to Dr. Agarwal, the event aims to ensure that advances in research and technology reach patients and families who need them. The programme will include plenary sessions, research presentations, industry symposia and dedicated patient engagement programmes.

TSCS has also been working to strengthen awareness and professional education through medical symposiums, including a recent programme conducted in association with Marham. Such initiatives aim to keep doctors and healthcare professionals, particularly those outside major metropolitan centres, updated on advances in diagnosis and treatment.

Another important area of TSCS's work is bone marrow transplantation. The Society has partnered with Bajaj Electronics, Narayana Hrudayalaya

and Sankalp India Foundation, Bengaluru, to provide free HLA typing, bone marrow transplant counselling and financial assistance to eligible families. Dr. Agarwal stressed that financial constraints should not prevent a child from accessing a potentially curative treatment.

Prevention remains another key focus of the Society. Dr. Agarwal said thalassemia and sickle cell disease are genetic disorders and that early screening can help identify carriers and reduce the risk of affected children being born. He advocated wider use of HbA2 testing before marriage or early in pregnancy, along with stronger antenatal

screening programmes. He also highlighted awareness campaigns and blood donation initiatives such as "Red the City", aimed at increasing public awareness and strengthening blood supplies for patients who require regular transfusions.

For Dr. Agarwal, the mission has a deeply personal dimension. He said his granddaughter Nitya was diagnosed with thalassemia after her health unexpectedly changed during infancy, an experience that encouraged him to devote himself more fully to the cause.

Looking ahead, TSCS plans to expand its reach into underserved districts beyond Khammam and Kurnool, promote routine antenatal screening across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, and develop further research partnerships so that patients can benefit from advances taking place globally. Dr. Agarwal said his long-term vision remains a thalassemia-free India, where no child suffers from a preventable blood disorder because of a lack of awareness, screening or access to treatment.

Student Bitten by Snake at Warangal Social Welfare Gurukul

MUNSIF BUREAU Hyderabad, Aug 29

A Class 5 student was reportedly bitten by a snake at the Social Welfare Girls' Gurukul in Rayaparthy Mandal of Warangal district, triggering concern among students and school staff.

The girl was immediately taken to

Vardhannapet Social Hospital, where she received initial medical treatment. Considering the need for further care, she was later shifted to MGM Hospital in Warangal for better medical attention. The student is under treatment at MGM Hospital, while the incident has raised safety concerns.

Zepto Rider Pleads With Hyderabad Traffic Police After Bike Seized During Delivery



MUNSIF BUREAU Hyderabad, Aug 29

A Zepto delivery rider was reportedly left distressed after Hyderabad traffic police seized and towed away his motorcycle while he was out delivering an order on Friday, August 28. A video of the incident has since circulated widely on social media, drawing attention to the difficulties faced by delivery workers while carrying out their jobs.

According to the video, the rider can be heard pleading with traffic po-

lice officials to allow him to complete his delivery before taking action against his motorcycle. He reportedly told the officials, "Please, sir, I will deliver the order and leave. My wife is in the hospital."

The motorcycle was reportedly parked on the roadside while the rider went to pick up or deliver an order. When he returned, traffic officials were seen towing the vehicle away. The rider repeatedly requested the officials to give him an opportunity to complete the delivery and said he

would return afterwards to deal with the vehicle.

The officials reportedly asked him to come to the police station to collect the motorcycle. As the towing vehicle began moving, the rider attempted to stop it and continued requesting the officials to listen to his plea. In the video, one of the officials is seen opening the door of the towing truck and appearing to push the rider away.

The incident has triggered a discussion on social media, with several users expressing sympathy for the deliv-

ery rider and highlighting the challenges faced by workers who depend on their motorcycles for their livelihood. Some users questioned whether greater consideration could have been shown after the rider reportedly informed officials about his wife's hospitalisation.

At the same time, the exact traffic violation that led to the seizure of the motorcycle has not been clearly established from the available video. It is also not immediately clear whether the rider was subsequently allowed to complete his delivery or what action was taken regarding the vehicle.

The incident has once again brought attention to the working conditions of delivery personnel in Hyderabad, many of whom rely on two-wheelers to meet strict delivery timelines and earn their daily income. Further details regarding the traffic violation and the subsequent action, if any, are awaited.

Godavari Pulasa Fish Fetches Record 31,500 at Yanam Auction

MUNSIF BUREAU Godavari, Aug 29

The prized Pulasa fish has fetched a record price at an auction in Yanam, with two fish weighing

1.3 kg sold for ₹31,500. Fisherwoman Parvathi bought one for ₹24,000 and the other for ₹7,500. Local fishermen said

Pulasa availability has declined this year due to delayed Godavari floods, pushing up demand and prices. Known for its

distinctive taste, the seasonal fish attracts buyers from across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and neighbouring states.

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