

The Indian women's cricket team won the gold medal at the Asian Games 2026 by defeating Sri Lanka by 147 runs in the final.

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Typhoon Threat Puts India-Japan T20 Under Cloud



Sano (Japan): Japan will get their much-awaited moment under the sun when they host cricketing giants India for a historic one-off T20 International here on Tuesday with the hope that the game's impact extends well beyond the field of play in a country that loves baseball.

Chiranjeevi Marks 48 Years in Cinema, Thanks Fans For Their Love



Hyderabad: Megastar Chiranjeevi on Tuesday celebrated 48 years since his cinematic debut, marking the anniversary with an emotional social media post thanking fans, producers, directors, and co-workers for shaping his extraordinary career.

Bengaluru Court Orders Action Against Targeted Posts on Nani's The Paradise



A Bengaluru civil court has issued an interim order protecting actor Nani and his upcoming film "The Paradise" ahead of its worldwide theatrical release on September 24.

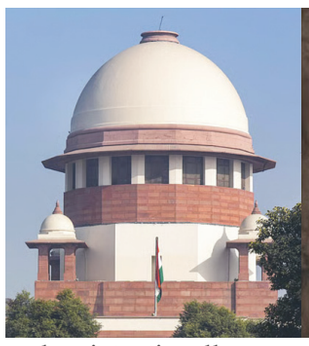
IIT Bombay Steps up Security as Tensions Mount over Student's Death

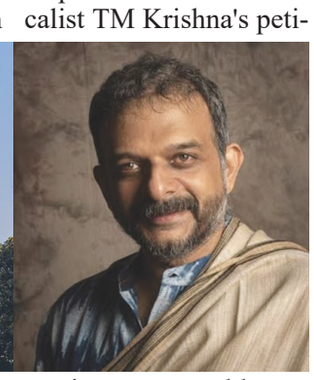


Mumbai: Security has been beefed up at the IIT Bombay campus in Powai on Tuesday amid tensions on the campus following the death by suicide of second-year BTech student Sahil Ravindra Wakode, with protests by students and a counter-protest by faculty members over the role of Professor Suryanarayana Doolla. The situation comes a day after the IIT Bombay Faculty Forum staged a campus march in support of Doolla, who has been suspended from the deanship, while student representatives issued a statement clarifying that their protest was not intended to justify cheating or any form of academic misconduct.

The student representatives said their protest was aimed at raising concerns over systemic issues within the institute and seeking institutional reforms following Sahil's death on September 18. “We do not stand for or condone cheating or any form of academic misconduct. At the same time, the loss of our fellow student, Sahil, is a deeply tragic event that has compelled us to reflect on the systems and processes within our Institute,” they said.

No penal action for those objecting to 'Vande Mataram' on religious grounds Supreme Court





The Supreme on Tuesday asked the Union government to respond to a plea challenging the constitutional validity of a 2026 amendment to the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, which makes intentionally preventing the singing of ‘Vande Mataram’ or disrupting an assembly engaged in its singing punishable with up to three years in jail.

A Bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi and Justice V Mohana asked the government to respond to Carnatic vocalist TM Krishna's petition within two weeks.

Pertinently, Justice Bagchi remarked during the hearing that the Supreme Court's earlier ruling in Bijoe Emmanuel case protecting those who choose not to sing the national anthem continues to hold the field. Hence, a conscientious objector who does not recite one or all stanzas of Vande Mataram should not face criminal prosecution, the judge indicated. "We would expect that the law of the land, as declared by this Court in Bijoe Emmanuel, will govern the act of the statute. The declaration of law in Bijoe Emmanuel has till now not been questioned," the judge said. CJI Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Justice V Mohana CJI Surya Kant, Justice Joymalya Bagchi, Justice V Mohana Krishna moved the Court questioning Section 3 of the Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act, 1971 (the law protecting national symbols), as amended in 2026. His plea also challenged the directions issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs requiring the complete six-stanza version of Vande Mataram to be sung at specified government, ceremonial and cultural occasions.



Two Infants Die in RIMS Adilabad Fire, Revanth Orders Proper Care

ADILABAD: Two infants died after a fire broke out in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit-Special Newborn Care Unit (SNCU) of RIMS Adilabad, with mothers and police personnel rushing into the smoke-filled ward to rescue babies following the incident. A mother waiting outside the ward noticed fumes through the transparent glass of the unit and alerted others. As the room filled with smoke and visibility reduced, mothers entered the ward and rescued their children. Police personnel who were deployed for Ganesh immersion duty also rushed to the hospital after receiving information and helped evacuate those inside.



SCR Announces MMTS Special Trains For Ganesh Immersion

Hyderabad: The South Central Railway (SCR) will operate special MMTS train services to clear the extra rush of passengers during the night of Ganesh idol immersion. According to the SCR, the special MMTS trains will run during the intervening nights of September 25-26 and September 26-27, between 11 pm and 5 am. The services will operate on various routes, including Secunderabad-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Lingampalli, Lingampalli-Hyderabad, Hyderabad-Secunderabad, Lingampalli-Falaknuma and Falaknuma-Secunderabad.

TG Safe Suspends Sapthagiri Foods' License over Unhygienic Conditions

Hyderabad: TG Safe suspended the license of Sapthagiri Foods in Karmanghat for maintaining unhygienic conditions. During an inspection, the officials found uneven flooring with growth of moss, lack of proper drainage, heavy presence of houseflies and no proper pest control measures and accumulation of garbage at several places. The records of testing of water, milk were not available and lack of proper hygiene of food handlers, officials said adding that the license of the unit was suspended for improper handling and processing of dairy products in unhygienic conditions.





Revanth Reddy Orders Rs.5 Lakh Aid for Missing Telangana Activist's Family

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to provide Rs.5 lakh financial assistance to the family of Mandala Raju, who went missing during the Telangana statehood movement in 2013. Raju, 34, the son of Mandala Sammi Reddy of Gorla Veedu village in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, went missing on June 20, 2013. According to Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, Raju had actively participated in the Telangana movement and was arrested and lodged in Cherlapally central jail. He subsequently went missing. In a representation to the Chief Minister, the MLA said Raju was the only son of his elderly parents, who are now facing severe financial difficulties without a source of livelihood. Responding to the MLA's request, the Chief Minister directed officials to sanction Rs.5 lakh to Mandala Sammi Reddy on humanitarian grounds under the Telangana martyrs' quota.

Heavy Rains Likely In Several Districts On September 24-25



Hyderabad: A Deep Depression is approaching the North Andhra coast and is expected to cross the coast near Srikakulam on September 23. This is likely to impact Telangana from the morning of September 24, with the effect expected to continue until the night of September 25. Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu and Bhadradri Kothagudem districts are likely to receive heavy rainfall on September 24 and 25. A few places in these districts may receive rainfall of up to 200 mm.

Kumaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Jagtial, Peddapalli, Karimnagar, Rajanna-Sircilla, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Jangaon, Mahabubabad, Khammam and Suryapet districts may receive moderate to heavy rainfall over the next two days. The remaining districts are likely to receive moderate rainfall, with some places recording 20–40 mm. Hyderabad city may also receive moderate rainfall during this period.

Banks Urge Customers to Finish Essential Work Before Nationwide Strike



Hyderabad:With bank unions calling a three-day nationwide strike from September 28 to 30, along with 4th Saturday holiday and Sunday preceding the strikes, bank customers have been advised to complete essential transactions early. The strike will come immediately after the fourth Saturday and Sunday on September 26 and 27, when bank branches will remain closed, resulting in a five-day period during which customers may not have access to branch-based services.

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The united forum of bank unions, representing several major bank employee and officer unions, has called the strike over various demands, including the implementation of a five-day banking week. The unions have also raised issues related to the performance linked incentive scheme and other service-related matters. Several banks have advised customers to complete important branch-related work before the strike. Services such as cash deposits and withdrawals at branches, cheque-related work, account services, KYC updates and other counter-based transactions could be affected depending on employee participation.

P. Sravan, a branch manager of a private bank in Hyderabad said “Customers who have urgent work such as cash transactions, cheque-related services, KYC updates or other branch work should complete them in advance to avoid inconvenience during the strike period.”

Naidu Lays Foundation for Projects worth Rs.11,360 Cr across State



Kuppam: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday virtually laid the foundation for several development projects across the state valued at Rs 11,360 crore from here in Chittoor district. The chief minister laid the foundation for the projects in 123 municipalities across 26 districts, which will be executed under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) for the first time. Naidu laid the foundation for works worth Rs 7,469 crore across the state and Rs 3,890 crore in Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC).

Under these projects, roads will be built at a cost of Rs 4,656 crore, central medians (Rs 88 crore), street lighting (Rs 247 crore) and parks (Rs 509 crore). Late on Monday, the CM inaugurated halts for two trains in Kuppam, Dadar-Puducherry and Vasco Da Gama-Velankini. "There are halts for 59 trains in Kuppam now and we are trying for more halts in the future," Naidu told reporters, adding that Kuppam will emerge as an economic hub. Further, the CM promised to transform Kuppam, the constituency he represents, into a tourist hub and connect it with more places.

India Advises Nationals Against Seeking Jobs In Malaysia On Visa-Free Entry



India on Tuesday advised its nationals in Malaysia not to use the country's 30-day visa-free entry facility to seek employment.In an advisory posted on X, the High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur said it has noticed a "noticeable increase" in Indian nationals arriving in Malaysia who are "misled by unscrupulous agents with false job promises." The High Commission said the 30-day visa-free facility is meant for tourism and social visits and does not permit employment. "There is a noticeable increase in Indian nationals arriving in Malaysia using the 30-day visa-free facility to seek employment. The High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur, alerts Indian nationals travelling to Malaysia on tourist visas against taking up employment," the post said. "Many Indian nationals are misled by unscrupulous agents with false job promises, leading to overstay, illegal status, exploitation, detention and legal action. This is a clear violation of immigration rules, as the visa-free entry facility which permits Indian passport holders to stay in Malaysia for up to 30 days is granted for tourism and social visits only," it said.