

Meta India head named in Hyd cyber crime case

BJP complaint alleges objectionable post targeting PM Modi

HYDERABAD

THE Hyderabad Cyber Crime police has registered two cases against some social media users and Head of Meta in India, following a complaint by BJP activists over alleged objectionable content targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The FIR was booked under Sections 66C (identity theft), 67 (publishing obscene material in electronic form) of the IT Act, and 353 (2) (accused person to be competent witness), 336 (4) (forgery) of the BNS following a complaint made on July 29 by a social media core committee member of the Telangana BJP.

"The cases were booked against those who posted and how they (social platforms) allowed it," a cyber crime official told media on Friday.

In one case, the FIR was registered against 'users of Instagram and Facebook' mentioned in the complaint and the Head of Meta in India.

The complainant sought



an investigation into certain Instagram accounts that allegedly published and circulated content derogatory towards PM Modi.

The complaint stated the content appears to promote narratives prejudicial to the nation's sovereignty, integrity and public order.

The complainant submitted details of the Instagram and Facebook post URLs.

He requested the police to preserve electronic evidence related to the social media accounts and posts, identify the individuals operating the accounts, conduct a thorough probe, and coordinate with Meta to obtain necessary account details and preserve relevant digital evidence if required.

Telangana BJP Chief Spokesperson N V Subhash on Friday demanded immediate and exemplary legal action against those responsible for creating, disseminating and amplifying morphed, abusive and derogatory content targeting PM Modi during the CJP-led NEET paper leak agitation, asserting that "freedom of speech can never become a licence for organised abuse and character assassination".

At the heart of this issue lies a "fundamental constitutional question"-- whether repeated and organised public abuse directed at a constitutional office-holder falls within the ambit of free speech or amounts to actionable misconduct, he said.

The Constitution protects liberty, but it does not legitimise lawlessness. Rights come with responsibilities and accountability necessarily follows when legal limits are allegedly breached, Subhash said in a statement.

ASR INTL AIRPORT INAUGURATION TODAY

Bhogapuram gears up for rousing welcome to PM

Greenfield airport poised to transform North Andhra | 6 million passenger capacity in first phase

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ALLURI Sitarama Raju (ASR) International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district built with green-friendly technologies is expected to change the industrial landscape of North Andhra.

All arrangements are complete to accord a rousing reception to Prime Minister Narendra Modi when he will land in a special aircraft at Bhogapuram to declare the airport open on August 1. "We are trying to greet him with 14,000 tribal girls studying VIII, IX and X in ITDA schools. They will perform Dhimsa dance to set a Guinness record," MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, said on Friday. The first phase of the airport completed ahead of schedule by GMR Group under DBFOT basis in Vizianagaram district, about 45 to 50

km from Visakhapatnam, at an estimated cost of Rs4,750 crore, is built with international standards, modern technology and advanced infrastructure.

Sprawling over 2,203 acres, the airport features a 3,800-metre-long, 45-metre-wide CAT-I runway capable of handling Airbus and Boeing aircraft, a 79,000 sq. m. two-level passenger terminal, a 5,000 sq. m. cargo terminal with an annual handling capacity of 25,000 tonnes, a 55-metre-high Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower with 11,000 sq. m. built-up area, and a 25-acre world-class Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) complex with hangars, aircraft wash bays and engine run-up areas.

The terminal includes 40 check-in counters, 12 Digi Yatra pods, self-service baggage drop counters, 10 domestic and five international security screening lanes, 10



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e-gates, 10 immigration counters each for arrivals and departures, five domestic and two international baggage belts, eight domestic and two international bus gates, retail outlets, food courts, airline offices and commercial spaces.

The airport is designed with a flying fish-inspired architecture reflecting its coastal location,

the terminal ceiling incorporates traditional North Andhra motifs, while the airport has been built to withstand cyclonic winds of up to 275 kmph. In its first phase, the airport will handle six million passengers annually, with future expansion planned to 12 million and ultimately 18 million passengers per year

based on demand. The project is expected to boost passenger traffic, cargo exports of agriculture, marine and industrial products, tourism and regional economic growth.

The greenfield airport will also be the nearest international gateway for South Odisha & Chhattisgarh belt. The salient features of the airport include the development of a dedicated cargo terminal at Bhogapuram International Airport, aimed at strengthening air logistics infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh, total built-up area of 5,000 sq. m. (50 per cent completed) with a planned annual handling capacity of 25,000 MT per annum, support for key cargo segments across pharmaceuticals, perishables, textiles & engineering goods, electronics, and e-commerce shipments. There will be a strong focus on high-value, time-sensitive cargo, especially pharma, seafood, and e-commerce.

IN BRIEF

Set up research centre for skills varsity: Revanth

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Friday asked officials to set up a research centre for innovation in the state's Young India Skill University. Reddy, who held a meeting on the Skill, Human Capital and Knowledge Training Initiatives (SHAKTI) department, also told officials to establish a wing in the university to teach foreign languages. Industrialist Anand Mahindra is the Chairperson of Board of Governors of Young India Skills University. Reddy instructed officials to provide internship opportunities to students of state-run engineering colleges, an official release said. He told officials to introduce courses related to EV and drone technologies in the Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) in the state. The government transformed ITIs as ATCs. He directed the officials to strengthen the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM) which helps youth in finding jobs in foreign countries. The CM also said that the government would sanction nursing colleges as per demand, the release said.



Social security pensions to Thalassemia patients

HYDERABAD: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has said social security pensions would be provided to all persons suffering from Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia in the state. He asked officials to initiate the process of identifying eligible beneficiaries and sanctioning the relief. Reddy, who held a meeting with officials of the Panchayat Raj department, directed them to begin the distribution of the pensions to the identified beneficiaries from August 15. Both Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Anemia are an inherited blood disorders. He told officials to ensure that all widows, single women, weavers, and toddy tappers across the state get the pensions as per the existing scheme. The CM also instructed that every single village in the state should have blacktop (tar) road and also Gram Panchayat office. He asked the officials to ensure that the 'Indiramma' free sarees distributed to 10 million women are of high quality and feature attractive designs. He suggested taking inputs from National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) students for the design of the sarees. The CM further instructed the officials to take appropriate precautions regarding drinking water supply in view of possible deficit rainfall due to El Nino conditions.

Agentic AI takes centre stage at Vizag Fusion AI summit

Visakhapatnam eyes AI-powered future

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THE second edition of Fusion AI Summit 2026, India's premier AI summit on the East Coast, was organised on Friday with deliberations on some of the most important trends shaping the future of Artificial Intelligence, including: Agentic AI & Vertical AI - Exploring how AI agents are transforming enterprises, redefining industries, and shifting AI from assistance to autonomous decision-making while emphasizing responsible adoption and real business value.

The event organised by AP Digital Technology Industry (APDTI) Network brings together policymakers, global tech leaders, and industry pioneers to accelerate India's AI transformation from vision to execution.

MSME and NRI Empowerment & Relations Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, who inaugurated the summit, emphasised that participating in forums like Fusion AI Summit by a large number of students, startups and innovators broaden perspectives and prepares young talent for a future where success will increasingly depend on skills and continuous learning.

He also highlighted the government's adoption of AI for real-time governance and citizen services, including AI-powered policy access through



AP MSME, NRI Employment & Relations Minister Kondapalli Srinivas with Sreedhar Kosaraju, chairman, APDTI Network at 2nd edition of Fusion AI Summit in Visakhapatnam on Friday

WhatsApp. The Minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to creating opportunities across sectors such as aerospace, defence, oil & gas, space technology, manufacturing, and circular economy while engaging the global Telugu diaspora to contribute to Andhra Pradesh's growth.

In his opening remarks, Sreedhar Kosaraju, Chairman, APDTI Network, said that Andhra Pradesh is rapidly emerging as India's AI infrastructure hub, with nearly 20 per cent of India's recent AI and data centre investments coming to the State over the past two years. He highlighted the announcement of nearly 4 GW of data centre capacity by global and Indian players, including Google, Reliance, RMG, ReNew, and CtrlS, positioning Visakhapatnam as a major AI investment destination. He emphasised that the

industry has now entered the era of AI Agents and Vertical AI, urging startups and enterprises to build AI-native, globally competitive products while ensuring AI remains ethical, responsible, and human-centric.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suresh Batha, Additional Director, STPI, underscored the organization's unwavering commitment to fostering innovation and entrepreneurship through incubation support, internship opportunities, industry collaborations, and open innovation initiatives. He urged students to become entrepreneurs and job creators rather than merely job seekers and emphasized that innovation, productivity, continuous learning, a strong reading habit, and disciplined execution are the key qualities needed to succeed and lead in the rapidly evolving AI era.



CII IWN conclave held

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CONFEDERATION of Indian Industry (CII) Indian Women Network (IWN), Andhra Pradesh Chapter, hosted the Leadership Conclave 2026 on the theme "Leading India@100 - Resilient Systems for the Future" today at the Town Hall, Flutentgrid Ltd here on Friday.

The conclave brought together leaders from industry, government, academia and entrepreneurship to deliberate on how the systems built today will determine the resilience, sustainability and future-readiness of India as it moves towards the centenary of its independence in 2047.

The conclave showcased seven stalls by women entrepreneurs, providing them with a platform to exhibit their products and connect with industry leaders and participants. The event was organised as a zero-waste programme, with end-to-end waste management and resource recovery undertaken by Waste Connect NGO.

The speakers called for collective action to shape India of 2047 by today's leaders with resilient systems that

endure, evolve and create opportunities for generations to come.

The conclave reaffirmed the central role of women leaders in shaping not only organisations but also the broader ecosystems around them, bringing renewed focus to sustainability, inclusion, collaboration and long-term institution building. Through thought-provoking deliberations on leadership, innovation, entrepreneurship, policy and inclusive growth, the Conclave underscored the importance of equipping women to lead transformational change across sectors.

India@100 will be defined not only by economic growth but by institutions that continuously evolve, innovate and remain resilient in the face of change. Dr Usha Pantula, Chairperson IWN AP, in her opening speech reiterated that this gender agnostic conclave shifted the focus from merely adapting to disruption towards building enduring institutions, leading through uncertainty, and creating human-centered systems where technology, policy and economic growth work together to serve society.

Tata AIG named partner for PMFBY in AP

VIJAYAWADA: Tata AIG General Insurance Company, one of India's leading general insurers, has been appointed as implementing insurance partner for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in Anakapalli, Bapatla, Chittoor, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Konaseema, Krishna, Kurnool, NTR, Parvathipuram Manyam, and SPSR Nellore districts for the kharif 2026 season.

The PMFBY, a flagship crop insurance scheme jointly sponsored by the Government of India and the Government of Andhra Pradesh, aims to provide financial protection to farmers against crop losses arising from natural calamities, pests, and diseases. The scheme is a vital initiative to enhance the resilience of India's agricultural sector and support income stability for farmers.

As the implementing insurance partner, Tata AIG General Insurance Company will facilitate the enrolment of farmers cultivating notified crops under the scheme. Farmers are encouraged to enrol under PMFBY to safeguard their livelihoods and mitigate the financial impact of adverse weather conditions and crop-related risks.

Enrolment can be completed through banks, Common Service Centres (CSCs), or directly via the official PMFBY website.

Farmers can also check their applicable premium and complete the enrolment process before the notified cut-off dates.

AP to study VPA plea for equity in Mulapeta port

First phase of Mulapeta port is under development at a cost of ₹4,361 crore with breakwater, dredging and four berths

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THE Group of Ministers set up to look after the affairs of Ramayapatnam Port has also been entrusted with the responsibility to recommend the proposal of Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) to pick up 49 or 50 per cent equity with the Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board (APMB) in owning the Mulapeta port now under development in Srikakulam district.

The GoM consists of Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Minister for Infrastructure and Investment BC Janardhan Reddy and Tourism Minister Kandula Durgest. The government has already issued an RFP notification for a partner to develop and manage the



Ramayapatnam port.

The GoM will examine the modalities for transfer of salt lands to the SPV, in the event the Government of India allots the same to VPA at Rs1 per acre. The Union Government owns nearly 5,000 acres of salt lands in the vicinity of the port area, which could be used into a special economic zone and an industrial cluster by VPA. The port owns an Export-Import Park in the city and is in the process of getting transformed into a landlord model as per the directives given by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

The first phase of the Mulapeta port (erstwhile Bhawanapadu) is under development at a cost of Rs4,361 crore

with breakwater, dredging and four berths. APMB has taken a loan of Rs3,885 crore with the government guarantee from Power Finance Corporation at an interest of 10.15 per cent. The State Government contributed Rs528 crore towards land acquisition and rehabilitation package. For acquisition of 1900 acres of land for Phase-II, Rs440 crore has been earmarked.

To reduce the financial burden, the State Government is actively considering the VPA proposal. VPA's rich experience in port management will also help the APMB in efficiently running the Mulapeta Port," an official of APMB told Bizz Buzz.

VPA, in turn, wants to own two berths in first phase and another two in next

phase so that it could transfer bulk cargoes like iron ore and coal to keep dust pollution in Visakhapatnam bare-minimum. An official connected with the proposal made by VPA on entering into a joint venture with APMB, said the salt lands, if transferred by the Union Government to VPA and allowed for development industrialisation in the backward region, will change the landscape of Srikakulam district bordering South Odisha.

GAD (Cabinet) Department in GORT.No. 1464 issued on Wednesday, stated that the Infrastructure & Investment Department has requested to entrust the matter relating to working out the modalities for the participation of the VPA in the Mulapeta port SPV to the

existing GoM constituted for Ramayapatnam port matters.

The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the GoM in respect of Mulapeta Port include examining the proposal for allotment of two berths in the first phase and two berths in the second phase to VPA for handling diverted cargo. It will consider the valuation of equity taking into account the investments already made, risks assumed and time spent in obtaining statutory approvals and clearances.

The GoM will submit their report/recommendations at an early date to the government. The Special Chief Secretary, Infrastructure & Investment (I&I) Department has been directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

KTR appears before court in Formula E race case

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BRS Working President K T Rama Rao and other accused in the Formula E race case appeared before a local court on Friday which adjourned the matter to August 25.

Rao, other accused, including bureaucrat Arvind Kumar, appeared before the ACB court as per its directives. It was Rao's first appearance after the chargesheet was filed in the case in March this year and he submitted a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh. The trial has not begun in the case, Laxman Jakkula, advocate representing Rao, told media. The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau filed a chargesheet in March in the Formula E race case in which Rao is the prime accused. The chargesheet also names senior IAS officer Arvind Kumar, former Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority chief



engineer B L N Reddy, and two others. The probe pertains to alleged irregularities in payments of around Rs55 crore, mostly in foreign currency, in violation of laid-down procedures during the previous BRS government for the Formula E race planned for 2024. While the inaugural race was held in Hyderabad in February 2023, the second edition scheduled for 2024 was cancelled after the Congress government assumed office in December 2023. The ACB had registered a case in December 2024 against Rao, Kumar, and Reddy under provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code, invoking charges, including criminal misappropriation, breach of trust, and conspiracy.