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Ten killed in building collapse in Bhiwandi

THANE: At least 10 people were killed and three others injured after a four-storey residential building, tagged as 'dangerous' in 2020 by the local civic body and currently undergoing repairs illegally, collapsed in Bhiwandi town of Maharashtra's Thane district, officials said on Friday. Hectic efforts were on to rescue three other residents believed to be still trapped under the rubble, several hours after the collapse, they said.

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AVERAGE RAINFALL DURING 2ND HALF OF MONSOON TO BE BELOW-NORMAL:IMD P7

Slow land acquisition triggers delay in bullet trains from Hyd

The project connects Hyd to Bengaluru, Mumbai and Chennai

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CAN a project involving the launch of three bullet trains be grounded on schedule if the administration moves like the Nilgiri Mountain Railway passenger train, also known as the Ooty Toy Train?

That seems to the crux of the issue relating to the proposed bullet train corridors connecting Hyderabad to Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai, positioning Hyderabad as a major national high-speed rail hub.

For context, the Telangana Cabinet has already approved the revised alignments and land allocations for the three proposed bullet train corridors. The Cabinet cleared the allocation of 400 acres of land near Shamshabad for a central station and depot. The three routes form a core part of the Union government's expanded high-speed rail framework, covering over 500 km across Telangana out of a total 2,028 km network length for these specific southern/western paths.

The Union Government is expediting the completion of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and land acquisitions for bullet train terminals and alignments. The bullet train project connecting Hyderabad to Bengaluru, Mumbai and Chennai was announced recently. However, the National High Speed Rail Corporation (NHSRC) is not happy with the slow pace of land acquisition in view of hurdles, including resistance from local people. The NHSRC, on its part, is moving fast. It has sought the state government's help for expeditious land acquisition.

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EC extends SIR deadline to August 10
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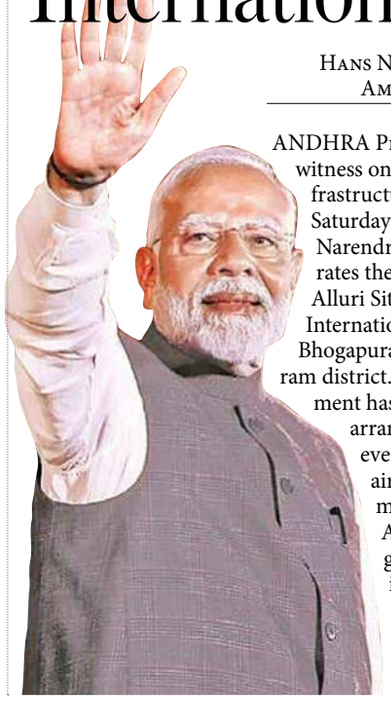
Modi to inaugurate Alluri International Airport today



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ANDHRA Pradesh is set to witness one of its biggest infrastructure milestones on Saturday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates the Rs 4,727-crore Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. The state government has made elaborate arrangements for the event, describing the airport as a transformational project for Andhra's economic growth, connectivity, and industrial expansion.

The Prime Minister will also lay foundation stones for, or dedicate, developmental projects worth nearly Rs 18,000 crore, including the ASIP semiconductor project at Bhogapuram, the transmission system for Phase-I of the Kurnool-IV Renewable Energy Zone, and major National Highway projects.

- State gears up for grand inauguration of Rs 4,727-crore Bhogapuram airport
- PM Modi to also unveil Rs 18,000-cr developmental projects

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Whether a word is parliamentary or unparliamentary depends on who says it

Trump mulls $100,000 fee on work visas

The proposed fee would significantly impact foreign graduates seeking to work in the US after completing their studies

Washington

THE United States is planning to impose a $1,00,000 fee on visas issued to international students for working in the US after graduation from an American university, The Wall Street Journal reported.

The Trump administration move comes after a US court struck down a proposal to levy a $1,00,000 fee on H1-B visas.

According to The Wall Street Journal, the Department of Homeland Security is mulling the high fee on Optional Practical Training (OPT) visas which are an extension of F-1 visas issued to students.

The OPT programme allows foreign graduates to work for one to three years on their student visas in areas directly related to their studies.

Roughly 4,19,000 foreigners were working on OPT in 2024, the latest year for which data are available.

Tech companies, which conduct most of the recruitments from US universities, opposed the $1,00,000 fee on H1-B visas.

A DHS spokeswoman said in a statement: 'No policies should be considered final until formally announced.

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ATCs, Skills University to offer EV, drone tech courses: CM

Reviews 'Shakti' Department

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CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced that EV and drone technology courses would be offered in Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) and Young India Skills University. A special wing would also be established in the university for offering foreign language courses.

At a review of the 'Shakti' Department attended by Minister Vivek Venkataswamy and top officials, the Chief Minister said that the requirement of skilled personnel to service electric vehicles being increasingly used has been felt.

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