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## TELANGANA PLANTATION DRIVE

# Again, official assaulted in line of duty, MLA's brother arrested

Forest officer Anita has hairline fracture, other staff hit too; say police didn't help

**SREENIVAS JANYALA**  
HYDERABAD, JUNE 30

A WOMAN Forest Range Officer (FRO) was hospitalised with a hairline fracture after she was beaten up by a group, allegedly including Koneru Krishna Rao, the brother of Telangana Rashtra Samiti (TRS) MLA Koneru Konappa, on Sunday morning, during a plantation drive in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district. Other forest staff who were part of the team were also beaten up.

FRO C Anita tried to save herself by climbing onto a tractor but videos of the incident showed the crowd, including Rao, following her and assaulting her with a stick, hitting her several times on the head. Anita fell unconscious and was rushed to hospital, where she was diagnosed with a hairline fracture in her right wrist.

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C Anita trying to save herself by climbing atop a tractor as a crowd attacks her in Komaram Bheem Asifabad district. Krishna Rao is the man in white shirt second from right. Express

## Out on bail, Vijayvargiya Jr: Not sorry, but Gandhi's path from now

**DIPANKAR GHOSE**  
INDORE, JUNE 30

FOUR DAYS after he was sent to jail for assaulting an Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) official, Indore MLA Akash Vijayvargiya walked out of prison on bail Sunday to a hero's welcome. As his supporters cheered, Vijayvargiya said that he "did not regret his actions" but "would try and walk in the footsteps of Gandhi from here on."

As he spoke, supporters con-



Akash Vijayvargiya being welcomed on release. PTI

stantly garlanded him, chanting slogans lauding his "bravery" while videos even showed a man firing celebratory gunshots in the air from a rifle in front of his MLA office, with BJP flags waving in the background.

Vijayvargiya, the son of powerful BJP general secretary Kailash Vijayvargiya, was sent to jail for assaulting IMC official Dharendra Singh Bayas with a bat, preventing a building declared unsafe by the corporation from being demolished in the Ganji

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# In first Mann ki Baat in new govt, Modi focuses on saving water

**EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

IN HIS first *Mann ki Baat* after being re-elected, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday stressed on the importance of conservation of water to meet the ongoing crisis across the country, comparing water to "God's prasad".

"We together should resolve to save every drop of water," Modi said in his monthly radio address. "I believe, like other problems on hand, we can solve this predicament with the participation of the people, *janbhagidari*, and their power, *janshakti*... We are bound to find a solution through the strength, cooperation and resolution of 130 crore citizens."

Pointing out that "only 8% of the water received from rains in the entire year is harvested in our country", he talked about the Jal Shakti Ministry created recently to "allow faster decision-making on all subjects related to water", after merging the Water Resources and Drinking Water ministries. The Modi government has also promised to provide piped water to all households across the nation in the next five years, as part of a "Nal se Jal" initiative.

Many people had messaged him about the "prevailing water problem", Modi said, adding that he had recently written to all sarpanchs and gram pradhans asking them to "discuss the res-



In Delhi, Amit Shah, Manoj Tiwari tune in. Prem Nath Pandey

olution of this problem with villagers". In response, Modi said, on June 22, "crores of people contributed free labour across thousands of panchayats" and "people in village after village resolved to accumulate every single drop of rainwater". It seems villagers "have become involved in competition for raising a water temple in their respective villages", he said.

Modi asked people to make water conservation a "mass movement" like the cleanliness drive, urging luminaries to take up the issue, and people to share traditional methods of water conservation as well as information on those working in the field to create "an intensive database". "We must wake up society, unite society and join society in this endeavour."

Modi also spoke about the importance of democracy, while raising the issue of Emergency imposed on June 25, 1975. Resistance against it was not limited to the political arena or "the confines of prison cells", he said, adding that there was "an

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## As more resign, Rahul calls meeting of all Cong CMs today

**MANOJ CG**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

CONGRESS PRESIDENT Rahul Gandhi will meet chief ministers of all five Congress-ruled states Monday, his first with them after the party's disastrous performance in the Lok Sabha elections. The Chief Ministers are expected to urge him to reconsider his decision to step down as Congress chief, a move which has plunged the party into crisis and has lately triggered a wave of resignations by middle-rung leaders.

Sources said the meeting was called by Gandhi though the Chief Ministers had sought time with him. But with Gandhi firm on his decision to step down, the Congress is facing a crisis unparalleled in its recent history, with several leaders now calling for mass resignations.

Rajya Sabha MP and former Punjab Congress president Pratap Singh Bajwa has written a letter to AICC general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal saying Gandhi's decision to take responsibility for the poll defeat is an example of accountability but "has not had the intended effect".

"It is my firm belief that senior party office-bearers must follow Rahul Gandhi's lead and resign from their posts. This includes all CWC, all Chief Ministers and state chiefs. Instead, I am asking for fresh leadership, one that brings a renewed sense of purpose and drive to our demoralised cadres," he said in the letter.

"These resignations will help strengthen Rahul Gandhi's hand

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#### BUSINESS AS USUAL

By UNNY



# Budget may unveil a national warehousing grid to plug key gaps, Maharashtra model

**ANIL SASI**  
NEW DELHI, JUNE 30

THE CENTRE is readying the broad contours of an integrated warehousing network, with the aim of operationalising a 'national warehousing grid' to effectively integrate the highly fragmented warehousing market in India. An announcement on the scheme is likely in the Budget.

A template is likely to come from Maharashtra, where the state government has kicked off a scheme for identifying warehouses spread across various government departments and institutions, to be then taken over and managed by one nodal agency. The Centre's scheme, officials involved said, aims at broad integration of the warehousing capacities in India, where approximately 90% of the warehousing space is controlled by unorganised players, with small warehouses of less than 10,000 sq ft area.

An action plan has already been approved by the Centre on sectoral basis for the construction of steel silos with a capacity of 100 lakh metric tonnes in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode for modernising storage infrastructure and improving shelf life of stored foodgrains. The Ministry of Food Processing

## EXPLAINED

### A timely move

PRACTICALLY, MUCH of the country's warehousing capacity outside of the agri sector is in the unorganised sector, with small warehouses of less than 10,000 sq ft area. This creates an economies of scale problem. The push for a scheme to integrate the sector comes at a time when India's warehousing capacity, apart from conventional storing services, is now increasingly being used to offer value-added services.

Industries too has launched a 'Cold Chain Scheme' under which some 180 projects entailing a capacity of 60 Lakh MT of agri produce would be completed by next year. Other sectors could also see similar interventions, officials indicated.

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## FIRST LOSS FOR INDIA

England celebrate the dismissal of Rohit Sharma, who scored his third World Cup century, as India lost by 31 runs at Birmingham on Sunday. The result means India stay in the 2nd spot on the table, England move up to fourth and Sri Lanka is out of the tournament.

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# Dangal star Zaira Wasim quits acting, says came in way of her religion, faith

**BASHARAT MASOOD**  
SRINAGAR, JUNE 30

NATIONAL AWARD winner Zaira Wasim on Sunday announced her decision to quit acting, saying it interfered with her faith and religion. The 19-year-old Srinagar-born star, who gained widespread popularity with her impressive debut in *Dangal* (2016), was last seen in Aamir Khan-produced *Secret Superstar* (2017).

"This journey has been exhausting, to battle my soul for so long. Life is too short yet too long to be at war with oneself," Wasim announced in a long Facebook post, which she later shared across other social media platforms. "Therefore, today I arrive at this well-grounded decision and I officially declare my disassociation with this field (film industry)... This field indeed brought a lot of love, support, and applause my way, but what it also did was to lead me to a path of ignorance, as I silently and unconsciously transitioned out of *imaan* (faith)," she wrote. "While I continued to work in an environment that consistently interfered with my *imaan* (faith), my relationship with my religion was threatened."

Wasim could not be con-



Said she had been thinking about quitting for long. File

tacted, with her phone switched off till late into Sunday evening.

Wasim had been the subject of a hate campaign in January 2017 after she met then chief minister Mehbooba Mufti. When Mufti, who was at the time facing massive protests, shared a picture of her with Wasim and called her a "real role model", she was trolled, abused and cursed on social media in the Valley. This had forced her to write an "apology" saying she was not the real role model.

Wasim said she had been thinking about quitting for a long time and that she wasn't "truly happy" with her new identity. "Five years ago I made a decision

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# In historic first, Trump steps into North Korea, says will resume talks with Kim

**PETER BAKER & MICHAEL CROWLEY**  
SEOUL, JUNE 30

PRESIDENT DONALD Trump became the first sitting American commander-in-chief to set foot in North Korea Sunday as he met Kim Jong Un, the country's leader, at the heavily fortified Demilitarized Zone, and the two agreed to restart negotiations on a long-elusive nuclear agreement.

Greeted by a beaming Kim, Trump stepped across a low concrete border marker at 3.46 pm local time and walked 20 paces to the base of a building on the North Korean side for an unprecedented, camera-friendly demonstration of friendship intended to revitalise stalled talks.

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Trump with Kim at the Demilitarized Zone Sunday. Reuters

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**NAVEED IQBAL**  
BUDDHAM, JUNE 30

AT-SHIRT hurriedly thrown over her green *salwar-kameez* school uniform, 13-year-old Zahida Manzoor waits her turn to play a round of badminton before school is done for the day. Acutely aware that she will not be able to attend school for about four days next week, she is keen to get a few games this week. "Me and other girls my age miss school during our monthly period and I miss the game for about a week," she says.

## TRACKING CHANGE

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A student at the Government Girls' Middle School Razwan, Zahida promises to return to school even if she misses a few days. But last year, for more than 300 girls from the district's 1,200 schools, classes ended when menstruation began. And this is



Budgam Deputy Commissioner Syed Sehrish Asgar with students. She has ensured all Budgam schools, colleges have sanitary napkin dispensers, incinerators starting today. Express

what Syed Sehrish Asgar, J&K's only woman Deputy Commissioner, aims to change.

Starting Monday, all higher secondary girls' schools and colleges of Budgam district, adjoining Srinagar, will have sanitary napkin dispensers and incinerators installed. The district administration's efforts are focused on bringing girls who have dropped out for concerns of personal hygiene back to school and prevent their absence from classrooms. The current dropout rate is close to 20 per cent according to Asgar.

A 2013-batch IAS officer,

Asgar (33) says that by opening up the conversation about menstrual hygiene, she also hopes to advance the understanding that "one does not become a lesser human being or feel the need to hide from public view or make life-altering compromises for something that's entirely natural and normal".

With no separate budget allocations for such projects, she managed funds from the state's rural development department as well as assistance from the Airports Authority of India's corporate social responsibility (CSR) contribution.

"All the incinerators have been procured and the sanitary napkins are being sourced through a tendering process. These units will be placed at 106 high and higher secondary schools, five degree colleges and one ITI in the district," Asgar told *The Indian Express*. Apart from these, dispensers will also be placed at the DC's office as well as the Srinagar international airport that falls in the district.

Also essential to bring about this change are functional toilets to give young girls the privacy they need to use the facilities

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