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ABOUT

JWALA KOTESH IS A HYDERABAD-BASED INDEPENDENT PHOTOJOURNALIST DOCUMENTING BREAKING NEWS, POLITICS, BUSINESS, PUBLIC HEALTH, ENVIRONMENT, LABOR, AGRICULTURE, SPORTS, AND DAILY LIFE ACROSS TELANGANA AND ANDHRA PRADESH. HIS WORK FOCUSES ON VISUAL STORYTELLING THAT EXPLORES THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND HUMAN IMPACT BEHIND MAJOR EVENTS AND EVERYDAY ISSUES.

WITH EXPERIENCE WORKING IN A REGIONAL NEWSPAPER NEWSROOM AND AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRIBUTOR, KOTESH HAS COVERED A WIDE RANGE OF EDITORIAL ASSIGNMENTS, INCLUDING ELECTION CAMPAIGNS, POLITICAL EVENTS, BREAKING NEWS, CLIMATE-RELATED INCIDENTS, RURAL LIVELIHOODS, AND COMMUNITY STORIES. HIS DOCUMENTARY WORK INCLUDES COVERAGE OF SHRIMP FARMERS AFFECTED BY GLOBAL TRADE DEVELOPMENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH , OLIVE RIDLEY SEA TURTLE CONSERVATION EFFORTS, URBAN FLOODS, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS, AND AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- CONTRIBUTOR- NUR PHOTO (2026-)
- STAFF PHOTOJOURNALIST - ANDHRA JYOTHI (2023-2025)
- INTERN PHOTOJOURNALIST - NEW INDIAN EXPRESS (6 MONTHS)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- BBC
- MORNING BREW
- BLOOMBERG
- BUSINESS INSIDER
- FORBES
- DW
- NIKKEI ASIA
- FIERCE PHARMA
- FINANCIAL TIMES
- FOREIGN POLICY
- CNBC
- SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST

ENERGY CRISIS IN HYDERABAD

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LONG QUEUES AND PUBLIC ANXIETY EMERGED IN HYDERABAD FOLLOWING ENERGY SUPPLY CONCERNS LINKED TO GEOPOLITICAL TENSIONS, HIGHLIGHTING THE IMPACT OF INTERNATIONAL EVENTS ON EVERYDAY LIFE.



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MOTORCYCLIST CARRIES PETROL IN A WATER CAN TO REFUEL HIS VEHICLE AT A GAS STATION IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON MARCH 24, 2026, FOLLOWING IMPORT DISRUPTIONS CAUSED BY THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST



A FUEL STATION WORKER FILLS CNG (COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS) IN A CAR AT A FILLING STATION IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON MARCH 13, 2026. OIL AND GAS PRICES ARE VOLATILE AS A RESULT OF THE CONFLICT AND INSECURITY IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FOLLOWING THE US-ISRAELI OFFENSIVE AGAINST IRAN.



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SHRIMP FARMING AMID GLOBAL TARIFFS

BUSINESS / ECONOMY | NELLORE, ANDHRA PRADESH



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YA GENERAL VIEW OF SHRIMP FARMS IN NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA, ON AUGUST 28, 2025.

POLITICS & ELECTION



RAHUL GANDHI, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT AND INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT ALONG WITH HIS SISTER PRIYANKA GANDHI GREETS PARTY WORKERS DURING THE TELANGANA ASSEMBLY ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN MEDCHAL DISTRICT, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON NOVEMBER 25, 2024.



REVANTH REDDY, TELANGANA PRADESH CONGRESS PARTY PRESIDENT GREETS PARTY WORKERS FOLLOWING THE TELANGANA ASSEMBLY 2023 ELECTION RESULT AT GANDHI BHAVAN IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON DECEMBER 03, 2024.



INDIA'S HOME MINISTER AMIT SHAH GREETS PARTY WORKERS IN A PUBLIC MEETING DURING THE INDIAN PARLIAMENT 2024 ELECTIONS CAMPAIGN AT PARADE GROUNDS IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON MAY 03, 2024.



VOTERS QUEUE UP OUTSIDE A POLLING STATION TO CAST THEIR VOTES DURING THE TELANGANA ASSEMBLY 2023 ELECTION IN TELANGANA, INDIA, ON DECEMBER 03, 2024.

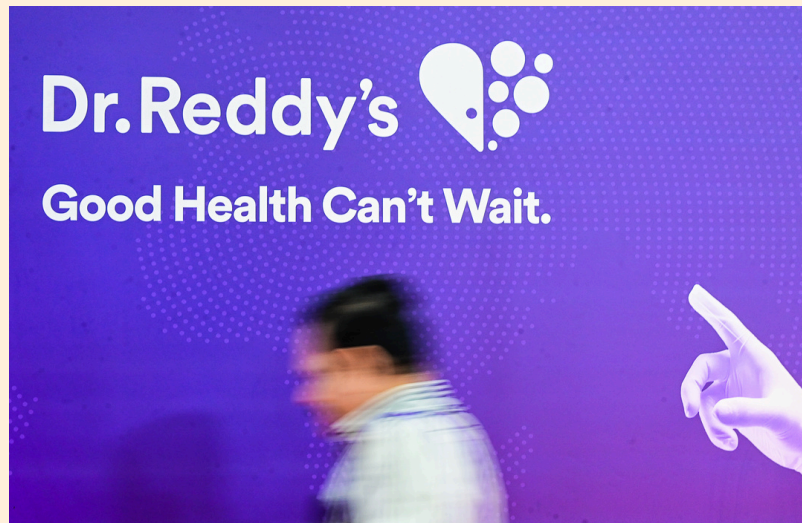


SUPPORTERS OF THE MALA COMMUNITY SHELTER THEMSELVES FROM RAIN USING CHAIRS DURING A PUBLIC MEETING AT PARADE GROUNDS IN TELANGANA, INDIA, ON NOVEMBER 21, 2024.



POLLING OFFICIALS VALIDATE THE DETAILS OF VOTERS AT A POLLING BOOTH DURING THE TELANGANA ASSEMBLY 2023 ELECTION IN TELANGANA, INDIA, ON DECEMBER 03, 2024.

BUSINESS & INNOVATION



A VISITOR WALKS NEXT TO THE LOGO OF THE INDIAN MULTINATIONAL PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY DR. REDDY'S LABORATORIES DURING THE BIO ASIA 2026 SUMMIT IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026.



VISITORS EXAMINE THE EXHIBIT KIOSK OF THE FRENCH MULTINATIONAL BIOPHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY SANOFI DURING THE BIO ASIA 2026 SUMMIT IN HYDERABAD, TELANGANA, INDIA, ON FEBRUARY 18, 2026.



Visitors look over the American pharmaceutical company Eli Lilly and Company's kiosk during the Bio Asia 2026 summit in Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on February 18, 2026.



The logo of Jio is seen on digital advertising boards at the Jio office in Hyderabad, Telangana, on June 19, 2026. Jio Platforms, India's largest telecom and digital services provider, has officially initiated its listing process by filing its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).

LABOR & INDUSTRY



SALT PAN WORKERS HARVEST SALT FROM AN EVAPORATION POND IN THE COASTAL TOWN OF ISAKAPALLE, NELLORE DISTRICT, ANDHRA PRADESH, ON MAY 29, 2026. THESE INFORMAL LABORERS EXPERIENCE CHALLENGES DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE, INCLUDING HEATWAVES, DUST STORMS, AND UNSEASONAL RAINS THAT AFFECT SALT PRODUCTION AND THEIR LIVELIHOODS.



VENDORS UNLOAD VEGETABLES FROM TRUCKS FOR SALE AT THE BOWENPALLY VEGETABLE MARKET YARD IN HYDERABAD, INDIA, ON JANUARY 6, 2025.



An Indian worker packs flour bags at a spices wholesale market ahead of the Union Budget 2025. India's prime minister, Narendra Modi, presents the Union Budget 2025-26 in parliament on Saturday, in Hyderabad, India, on January 30, 2025.



A farmer harvests cotton at a farm near Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, on January 29, 2024.

SPORTS



Abhishek Sharma of Sunrisers Hyderabad plays a shot during the 2025 IPL match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium on May 25, 2025, in Hyderabad, India.



India's Manvir Singh heads the ball during the Intercontinental Cup 2024 football match between India and Mauritius at Gachibowli stadium in Hyderabad, India, on August 08, 2025.



Tyler Bowers of Gujarat Blazers rides during the 250cc Asia category race in Indian Supercross Racing League at Gachibowli stadium in Hyderabad, India, on February 08, 2026.



Sunrisers Hyderabad's batter Ishan Kishan celebrated century during the 2025 IPL match between Sunrisers Hyderabad and Kolkata Knight Riders at Rajiv Gandhi Stadium on May 25, 2025, in Hyderabad, India.

ENVIRONMENT & CLIMATE



Motorists and pedestrians commute on a road through a haze of dust pollution from a nearby construction site in Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on March 23, 2026.



An amphibious excavator operator clears the remains of ganesh idols following the immersion at hussain sagar in Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on September 09, 2025.



People walk in flood water along a street following the heavy rain in Hyderabad Telangana, India, on September 25, 2025.



A commuter rides through the flood water during rainfall ahead of the severe cyclone Montha landfall in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, on October 28, 2025.

DAILY | LIFESTYLE



A kayaker paddles during sunset at Hussain Sagar Lake in Hyderabad, Telangana, on June 23, 2026.



An artisan paints statues of various Hindu deities ahead of the Ram Navami festival at a workshop in Hyderabad, Telangana, India, on March 23, 2026.



Hatchlings of olive ridley sea turtles emerge from a nest in a protected hatchery along the shore in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India, on April 1, 2026.



Musicians and artists perform during a religious procession in Udupi, Karnataka, India on March 15, 2021.



An Indian 'Theyyam' artist with his face painted performs during Kerala state cultural exchange festival in Hyderabad, India on May 21, 2024.