

Spain Break Messi’s Heart: La Roja Clinch Second FIFA World Cup Crown While Argentina Crumble

Sixteen years after conquering South Africa, Spain have done it again — only this time, they had to rip the trophy from Lionel Messi’s grasp.

Ferran Torres’ extra-time winner crowned Spain as two-time FIFA World Cup champions, while Argentina’s dream of becoming the first nation since Brazil in 1962 to successfully defend the trophy went up in smoke. The irony? Argentina came into the final as the tournament’s most feared attack. They left it without a single goal.

Spain, meanwhile, stuck to the blueprint that got them here. Suffocate. Control. Wait. Punish.

After spending 90 minutes knocking relentlessly on Argentina’s door, La Roja finally smashed it down in the 106th minute. Pedro Porro delivered, Nico Williams flicked it on, and Torres made no mistake.

Game over.

The numbers only make Spain’s



triumph even sweeter. Luis de la Fuente’s side finished the tournament with just two goals conceded and six clean sheets, proving that defence still wins World Cups. Argentina, on the other hand, spent the closing stages hanging on for dear life after Enzo Fernandez’s reckless red card left them down to ten men before extra time. Emiliano Martinez delayed the inevitable with save after save. Nico Williams thought he’d scored. VAR disagreed. Ferran Torres had another ruled out for offside. Spain simply refused to stop coming. Messi almost had one final Hollywood ending. With virtually the last kick of the game, the Argentine captain carved open Spain’s defence with a trademark pass for Marcos Senesi, whose point-blank effort was blocked in dramatic fashion. One final chance. One final heartbreak. Instead of a fairytale farewell, Messi’s last World Cup ended watching Spain celebrate.

TUMMALA SEEKS JOINT SOUTHERN PUSH FOR OIL PALM FARMERS’ MSP

Hyderabad: Telangana Agriculture minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has urged the agriculture ministers of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh to jointly press the Centre to safeguard the interests of oil palm farmers by ensuring a minimum support price (MSP) and other policy measures. Tummala writes to counterparts in southern states The Telangana minister urged Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh to jointly press the Centre for an MSP or higher import duty to protect oil palm farmers.

In separate letters addressed to his counterparts on Saturday, the minister said the southern states play a crucial role in achieving India’s edible oil self-sufficiency, but oil palm farmers are facing severe uncertainty due to fluctuating prices of fresh fruit bunches (FFBs), international crude palm oil prices and import duties. He called on the Union government to take immediate policy decisions to ensure stable incomes for oil palm growers across the country. Measures proposed

The minister proposed two key measures: restoring the import duty on crude palm oil to 44 percent or fixing a minimum support price of Rs 25,000 per tonne for oil palm fresh fruit bunches.

Tummala said a joint representation by the southern states to Prime Minister Narendra Modi would strengthen the case for these demands and improve the chances of a favourable decision by the Centre. He called on the Union government to take immediate policy decisions to ensure stable incomes for oil palm growers across the country. He stressed that coordinated efforts among the southern states would help protect the interests of oil palm farmers and provide them with greater income security amid market volatility. The Telangana minister urged Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh to jointly press the Centre for an MSP or higher import duty to protect oil palm farmers.

TELANGANA CM WARNS CONGRESS LEADERS AGAINST NEGLIGENCE IN SIR



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Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has once again asked all the party leaders to focus on the

ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and warned that negligence will not be tolerated. During a virtual meeting on SIR on Sunday, July 19, he directed the leaders to remain on the field to monitor the SIR process to ensure that the voting rights of all genuine voters are protected.

Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka, Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Goud, State Party Affairs In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, ministers, MLAs, MLCs, MPs, constituency in-charges, and SIR coordinators attended the meeting. The Chief Minister said ministers, MLAs, in-

charges, corporation chairpersons, and party in-charges appointed for the SIR process must go to the field.

Stating that ministers-in-charge must fully supervise the SIR process, he remarked that the ultimate responsibility lies with them.

He said PCC President Mahesh Goud and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka must take greater responsibility in coordinating the ministers-in-charge, MLAs, and party in-charges. The Chief Minister said that with the deadline for SIR being extended to August 3, this should be viewed as an opportunity. He announced that on Monday, 10 in-charge ministers will conduct review meetings on SIR

across all districts.

The Chief Minister said MPs must conduct regular reviews, even while attending Parliament sessions.

He said that strict action will be taken if MPs fail to perform their duties in the areas where they are acting as in-charges.

He said those designated as SIR in-charges for the party must ensure constant coordination. He noted that a total of 489 meetings regarding SIR have been conducted by the Congress party across the 119 constituencies.

The Chief Minister said that immediate action is required, especially in constituencies that are lagging.

India urges citizens to leave Iran, avoid travel immediately

India has advised its citizens to postpone all travel to Iran and urged those already in the country to consider leaving temporarily, citing the deteriorating security situation amid escalating regional tensions.

In a revised travel advisory issued on Sunday, July 19, the Embassy of India in Tehran said recent days had seen an increase in instability and conflict across Iran, prompting updated guidance for Indian nationals.

Bhatti Slams BRS for Ignoring Singareni, Vows Stronger Coal Sector

Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has reaffirmed that the state government is committed to providing uninterrupted, quality electricity while strengthening Singareni Collieries, one of Telangana’s most prestigious public sector enterprises. Addressing the media at Tekulapalli in Yellandu Assembly Constituency during his tour of Khammam and Bhadrachalam districts on Sunday, he alleged that the previous BRS government neglected Singareni for 10 years, failed to secure new coal blocks, and stayed away from coal block auctions, leading to the current challenges. Government Committed to Uninterrupted Power Supply and Stronger Singareni Speaking during his tour, Bhatti Vikramarka said the people’s government remains committed to ensuring uninterrupted and quality electricity for the people while strengthening Singareni Collieries.

CM Revanth applauds TGSWREIS students’ NEET, sports feats

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday, July 18, commended the gold winner in the recent Asian U23 Athletics Championships, Pravallika Narimalla, and NEET rankers from Telangana government’s social welfare residential institutions.

Pravallika won gold in the women’s 4×400 m relay in the Asian U23 Athletics Championships held recently in China. She is a student of Gurukul Degree College under the aegis of Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGSWREIS). Over 300 TGSWREIS students to secure admissions in medical courses At least 333 TGSWREIS students are expected to secure admissions to Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)

Rs 900 CR ALLOTTED FOR ROAD DEVELOPMENT IN VIKARABAD: MINISTER

He stressed that if road facilities are strengthened, industries and businesses will grow, and employment opportunities will improve in the area.



Hyderabad: Telangana Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Saturday, July 18, said that Rs 900 crore has been allocated for the development of roads in Vikarabad district.

He was speaking at the foundation-laying ceremony of road works in Tandur, which have been undertaken at a cost of Rs 290 crore.

He stressed that if road facilities are strengthened, industries and businesses will grow, and employment opportu-

nities will improve in the area Local MLA Buyyani Manohar Reddy said that the government is granting substantial funds for the development of the Tandur constituency.

He said that an Advanced Technology Centre (ATC) has been set up at a cost of 75 crores, which provided training to 165 people last year. He added that not only has the development of Bashirabad roads been approved, but 30-bed hospitals and junior colleges have also been sanctioned.

CHALO SANSAD EVE: JANTAR MANTAR COMES ALIVE AS NEARLY 20,000 GATHER

New Delhi: Ahead of the Cockroach Janta Party’s proposed march to Parliament on Monday, July 20, to press for education reforms, political leaders, actors and common people thronged the protest site at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.

CJP chief spokesperson Saurav Das claimed that nearly 20,000 people were “at and around Jantar Mantar” even before the scheduled mobilisation. In a post on X, Das said, “20,000 people are at and around Jantar Mantar. And it’s not even July 20 yet. Dharmendra Pradhan — your day of reckoning is here.” CJP

members shared photographs and videos on social media showing the protest site packed with supporters, claiming people from different parts of the country had begun arriving for Monday’s mobilisation.

They expressed apprehension over possible police action ahead of Monday’s march. It appealed to protesters not to respond to any provocation and to ensure the march remained peaceful.

CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, addressing supporters through a video message, urged them to remain at Jantar Mantar through the night, saying their presence

was essential to ensure the Parliament march proceeded peacefully.

Appealing for restraint, Dipke said, “Our protest and march will be peaceful. I request everyone to follow the rules and follow the guidelines.”

Sonam Wangchuk’s wife Gitanjali Angmo, while addressing supporters at Jantar Mantar, said the activist would end his hunger strike on Monday if political leaders visit him at Safdarjung Hospital and assure him that the issue of education accountability would be raised during the Monsoon Session of the Parliament.

MUJTABA MOSVI URF MUJGU SADR MARKAZI ANJUMAN MATAMI GURUHAAN PER ATTEMPT TO MURDER CHEATING AUR SANGEEN JARAIM ME MUQADAMA DARJ



Hyderabad, Numainda Sada-e-Husaini: Golconda Police ne Ashoorkhana Hazrat Abbas (A.S.), Qila Paltan mein pesh aaye waqea ke silsile mein Markazi Anjuman Matami Guruhan ke Sadr Muqtaba Moosvi urf Mujju aur digar ke khilaf iqdam-e-qatl, cheating, jaalsazi, mujrimana dhamki, ghair majaz mudakhlat aur digar mutaliqa dafaat ke tehat muqaddama darj karte hue tahqiqat ka aaghaz kar diya hai.

Police mein darj shikayat ke mutabiq mulzim par ilzam hai ke us ne mu-

bayyina taur par Ashoorkhana Hazrat Abbas (A.S.) ki intizamiya ke ikhtiyarat ki ghalat numaindagi ki, mazhabi sargarmiyan mein mudakhlat ki, awaam mein inteshar paida kiya aur 13 July ki shab salana matam ke mauqe par pesh aaye waqea mein mubayyina taur par aman-o-aman ki surat-e-haal ko mutasir kiya. Shikayat mein iqdam-e-qatl, dhoka dehi (cheating), jaalsazi, mazhabi ibadat mein khalal aur digar qabil-e-dastandazi police jaraim ke ilzamat bhi shamil hain

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