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**Paddy Row Politically Motivated: CM**



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Tuesday stated that paddy procurement had been completed in 21 out of 33 districts and blamed politically driven elements for sparking protests in a few areas. Addressing a meeting with District Collectors and officials on Sunday, the Chief Minister instructed authorities to conduct field inspections and resolve any issues immediately. He said certain minor incidents were being exaggerated in the media due to the absence of a focused campaign on the success of the procurement process. Revanth Reddy directed officials to file cases against those intentionally spreading false narratives and to monitor the paddy procurement process closely. He also emphasized the need to hire local godowns, engage enough trucks for transportation, and take strict action against any rice millers or brokers harassing farmers.

**Delhi Announces Pensions For People Jailed During Emergency**



The BJP government in Delhi will provide pensions to those who were political prisoners during the Emergency and felicitate them, Chief Minister Rekha Gupta said on Tuesday. She said this at an event held at the Delhi Secretariat to provide job letters to the family of the 1984 anti-Sikh riot victims. Previous governments did not provide any relief to those who were kept in jails for months to safeguard democracy during the Emergency imposed in the country, Ms Gupta said. "Our government has decided to provide pensions to the loktantra senanis (political prisoners). They will be felicitated and honoured by the Delhi government as many others states do," she said. The Congress government in the country imposed national emergency under the Constitutional provision of Article 352, during 1975-77. Several states in the country, including those ruled by the BJP like UP and MP, provide pensions to those who were jailed during the Emergency in 1975-77.

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**Defence Ministry Greenlights AMCA Project**



In a major step toward strengthening India's air power, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday approved the execution model for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme. The project aims to develop a homegrown, medium-weight fifth-generation stealth fighter jet with advanced capabilities. The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) will lead the programme through partnerships with both public and private sectors. This competitive model allows state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) as well as private companies like Tata, Adani, **CONT:P4**

**PM Modi Plans Six Visits to Poll-Bound Bihar**

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to undertake six visits to Bihar in the run-up to the Assembly elections slated for October-November to boost the BJP's prospects. Mr Modi's latest visit is scheduled for May 29-30, during which he will be visiting Patna and Bikramganj in Rohtas district to lead rallies and inaugurate projects. Earlier, Mr Modi had visited the poll-bound state last month, just two days



after the Pahalgam terror attack. Addressing a rally in Madhubani on April 24, the Prime Minister declared that the terror targets in Pakistan will be decimated. The May 29-30 visit will be his first visit after the launch of Operation Sindoor to destroy terror targets in Pakistan **CONT:P4**

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expected to help moderate maximum temperatures across many regions. Union Ministry of Earth Sciences Secretary M. Ravichandran stated that rainfall in June is likely to exceed 108% of the LPA of 166.9 mm. "Most of the country is expected to receive normal to above-normal rainfall in June, though some parts of peninsular, northwest, and northeast India may witness below-normal rain," he said. IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra added that between June and September, the country is **CONT:P2**

**SC Collegium Recommends To Bring Back Three Judges To Telangana HC**

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The Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice B.R. Gavai has recommended repatriation to the Telangana High Court, three judges who were earlier transferred to the High Courts in other states. At the same time, the Collegium also proposed to transfer acting Chief Justice of Telangana High Court Justice Sujoy Paul as judge of the Calcutta High Court. In its recommendation to transfer and repatriate 21 High Court judges, the collegium recommended repatriating Karnataka High Court judges Justice C. Sumalatha and Justice Kanneganti Lalitha back to the Telangana High Court. It also recommended transferring Justice Anni-

reddy Abhishek Reddy, currently judge of the Patna High Court, back to the Telangana High Court. These three judges were earlier transferred from the Telangana High Court. A statement uploaded on the apex court's website said the Supreme Court Collegium at its meeting held on May 26 had recommended the transfers and repatriation of the judges. The Collegium has also reportedly recommended the transfer Tripura High Court Chief Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh as Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court. An official statement regarding is yet to be released. It is learnt from sources that one or two judges from the Telangana High Court would be transferred to other High Courts.

**Bhatti's Claim on Cibil Score Misfires, Applicants Face Loan Hurdles**

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**China Shadow at Border?**

**China Rebuilding Lalmonirhat Airport Near Siliguri On Indian Border**

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Amid the news of China rebuilding Lalmonirhat Airport near Siliguri in India, the Bangladesh Army has said that it will not allow any foreign entity to operate in the country in a way that harms its security and national interest. The dormant Lalmonirhat airbase, in Rangpur division, is roughly 20 km away from the Indian border and is very close to the strategic



Siliguri corridor. Originally a military airbase built in 1931 and used by the Allied Forces during World War II, it is operated by the Bangladesh Air Force. If rebuilt by China it could be used by it for intelligence gathering and logistics sup-

port. "The airport is being revived to support national needs, including the Aerospace University. I have no information about Chinese involvement. Rest assured, no foreign entity will be allowed to operate in a way that harms our security or national interest," Brig Gen Md Nazimud-Daula, director of the Military Operations Directorate of Bangladesh said. The statement in way that can be seen as address- **CONT:P4**

**Scrap High-Value Currency Notes: Naidu**

Telugu Desam supremo and AP Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has sought demonetisation of all high-denomination currency notes to check corruption and introduction of digital currency. The highest value currency note is of Rs 500 denomination, while the Rs 2,000 notes, introduced during the demonetisation in 2016, are being withdrawn from circulation. Naidu said the removal of high-value currency notes, including Rs 500 notes, could lead to a significant decrease in corruption. He was addressing the Telugu Desam's three-day Mahanadu that **CONT:P4**

**Low Pressure Forms Over Bay of Bengal**

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A low-pressure area formed over north-west Bay of Bengal, off the coast of Odisha on Tuesday. The system may trigger heavy rain in parts of north coastal Andhra Pradesh

(Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle and Kakinada districts) for the next two days. During this period, south coastal Andhra Pradesh will also experience severe weather events like thunder-

storms. The India Meteorological Department said the system is likely to move slowly northwards and become more marked during the next two days prompting the Odisha government to put the collectors

of all nearby districts on alert. The conditions are favourable for further advance of southwest monsoon into remaining parts of central Arabian Sea and parts of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh,

Chhattisgarh and Odisha. The monsoon is expected to move into parts of west central India, north Bay of Bengal, parts of northeastern states and West Bengal in the next two to three days.

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Dr. K. Laxman Defends Modi Govt, Highlights Growth, Jobs, Farmers' Gains

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Rajya Sabha member and BJP OBC Morcha National President Dr. K. Laxman held a press conference at the BJP state office, strongly defending the Modi government's 11 years of governance against criticism from Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge. Dr. Laxman rejected Kharge's claim of an "undeclared emergency," highlighting that the real emergency affecting media freedom occurred during the Congress regime in 1975. He praised Modi's government for strengthening democratic institutions, ensur-



ing judiciary independence, and respecting media freedom. Dr. Laxman emphasized India's progress under Modi, with the country becoming the world's fastest-growing economy and surpassing Japan to become the fourth largest. He lauded Modi for empowering youth through schemes like Startup India, Standup India, and Make in India, which have generated lakhs of jobs and fos-

tered over 160,000 start-ups and 118 unicorns. Infrastructure development in roads, railways, and airports has increased employment opportunities significantly. He also highlighted improvements in farmers' welfare with better irrigation, free urea, soil health cards, crop insurance, and an increase in the minimum support price for paddy from Rs. 1310 to Rs. 2300 since 2014. Dr. Laxman praised women's empowerment initiatives and India's strengthened foreign relations. He assured that the BJP will continue to work for Telangana's development beyond elections.

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disruptions, particularly in paddy procurement. The unexpected rains have affected procurement operations in certain areas, raising farmer concerns. However, the CM assured that the government is fully equipped to address the situation without delay. Highlighting this year's agricultural achievement, Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana has recorded the highest paddy yield in the country at 2.75 crore tonnes. In the Yasangi (Rabi) season alone, the state procured 64.5 lakh tonnes, surpassing last year's 42 lakh tonnes. He noted that 90% of procurement was already completed, with ₹12,184 crore disbursed to farmers—most payments made within 48 hours of procurement. The CM added that around 4–5 lakh tonnes

of paddy are still with farmers and directed officials to ensure swift procurement. While operations ran smoothly in 21 districts, minor protests were reported in 12. He stressed that intensified field visits by collectors would help resolve remaining issues effectively. Calling out politically motivated protests, Revanth Reddy cited an incident where a farmer's death due to illness was falsely linked to procurement delays. He instructed collectors to maintain transparency and widely disseminate accurate information to counter such propaganda. "We are doing good work, but due to poor communication, false propaganda is damaging the government's image," he said.

Bhatti's Cibil Assurance Falls Flat, Banks Deny Loans Under Scheme

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lakh of the promised 5 lakh beneficiaries will receive assistance on June 2, Telangana Formation Day—and only up to ₹1 lakh each. Those seeking between ₹2 lakh and ₹4 lakh may face delays of up to four months, with the finance department citing budgetary constraints. Protests have erupted, especially among applicants from marginalised communities, who argue that their poor credit history should not be used against them in a welfare scheme aimed

at their upliftment. About 84% of total applicants come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Initially, the finance department required a ration card to apply, but this was reversed following protests, allowing income certificates instead. To qualify, applicants must fall under the income bracket of ₹1.5 lakh per annum in rural areas and ₹2 lakh in urban regions, with age limits ranging from 21–60 years (rural) and 21–55 years (urban).

Annadanam Program Held on Amavasya at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple

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A special Annadanam program was organized today at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in New Boynpally, Bapujinagar, to commemorate the auspicious day of Amavasya. The event, arranged by the temple committee, saw the participation of several dignitaries, including former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, who was the chief guest.

Annadanam, the act of offering food to the needy, holds great significance in Hindu tradition, especially on Amavasya. Speaking at the event, Jampana Pratap emphasized the importance of charity and community service. He highlighted that this program started at the Bapujinagar Nallapochamma Temple about twenty years ago and has since expanded to other temples across the board's wards. He appreciated the sustained effort in providing meals to the

underprivileged, reinforcing community welfare. The event also included respected community members such as Prakash Bhantia, founder of the Human Foundation, and others like Durgayya, Ajith, Rama Rao, and Prem Mudiraj. Traditional meals were served, creating an atmosphere of unity and joy. The program concluded with prayers for peace and prosperity. The temple committee thanked everyone involved and expressed their commitment

GHMC-HYDRAA in Action: Better School Access, Public Land Protected in secunderabad

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In a joint effort to strengthen urban infrastructure and protect public assets, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), in collaboration with the HYDRAA team, has undertaken significant civic initiatives in Secunderabad. Responding to a complaint from Head Master Sri Mallikarjun Reddy, GHMC's Town Planning Department, guided by the Zonal and Deputy Commissioners of Circle-29, demolished a compound wall obstructing access to the Government Primary School at Dhood Bhavi. The move, executed with support from Bhaskar Colony residents, aims to pave the way for a new ap-



proach road. This development is expected to greatly improve access for students and parents, promoting a safer and more supportive learning environment. GHMC officials emphasized that community cooperation played a vital role in the success of this initiative. "Such collaboration is key to addressing grassroots civic concerns efficiently," a representative noted. In another significant step, GHMC acted on the Hon-

ble Court's directive in OS No. 783 of 1990 to safeguard 840 square yards of government land at Indiramma Colony, North Lallaguda. In coordination with HYDRAA, a signage board was installed to publicly declare the land's designated public utility purpose, discouraging encroachment and misuse. "Public lands are essential for community welfare, and our duty is to preserve them," said a senior GHMC official.

MLA Ganesh Secures ₹23.5 Cr for Cantonment Sports Complex

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In a significant boost to sports infrastructure in the Cantonment area, the state government has sanctioned ₹23.5 crore for the construction of a state-of-the-art sports complex at Dhobi Ghat Ground. This development comes as a result of persistent efforts by MLA



Sri Ganesh, who played a key role in securing the

funds. A delegation of local

sportspersons, led by Congress leader Santosh Yadav, met with and felicitated MLA Sri Ganesh at his camp office to express their gratitude for his commitment to the region's development. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA credited the achievement to repeated coordination with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and concerned officials. He

further stated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the state government and the Cantonment Board to facilitate the construction of the complex. MLA Sri Ganesh extended heartfelt thanks to CM Revanth Reddy for his special focus on the progress and development of the Cantonment area.

Joyful Celebrations Mark JMR Anna's Birthday with Esteemed Ex-Board Members

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In a celebration filled with warmth and nostalgia, the birthday of JMR Anna was recently commemorated amidst family, friends, and respected former board members—Smt. Anitha Prabhakar, Kum. Nalini Kiran, and Sri Pandu Yadav. The elegantly decorated venue buzzed with joy as

guests were welcomed traditionally and treated to a delightful array of cuisines. The event stood as a heartfelt tribute to JMR Anna's enduring leadership and the strong legacy he has built over the years. Smt. Anitha Prabhakar fondly recalled her time working alongside him, highlighting his dedication and vision. "This celebration is not just about a birthday—it's about a shared journey,"



she said with emotion. Kum. Nalini Kiran praised JMR Anna's role as a mentor and unifier, saying, "His presence brings people together."

Sri Pandu Yadav echoed the admiration, noting, "His vision has truly shaped our path." The evening featured vibrant cultural perform-

ances, touching speeches, and joyful moments that reflected the deep bonds formed under JMR Anna's guidance. The celebration culminated in a cheerful cake-cutting ceremony surrounded by laughter and love. More than just a birthday party, the event honored the spirit of leadership, friendship, and unity—an enduring reflection of JMR Anna's lasting influence.

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receive normal to above-normal rainfall in June, though some parts of peninsular, northwest, and northeast India may witness below-normal rain," he said. IMD Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra added that between June and September, the country is projected to receive 106% of the long-period average rainfall of 87 cm. The IMD defines 'normal' rainfall as being between 96% and 104% of this 50-year average. Meteorologists noted that neutral El Niño–Southern

Oscillation (ENSO) conditions currently prevail over the Pacific Ocean and are expected to continue through the monsoon season. A weak negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is also expected to develop, which could influence regional rainfall patterns. In Telangana, the above-normal rainfall is likely to benefit kharif crop sowing and reduce water stress in several districts. However, officials also warned of potential risks such as waterlogging, crop damage, and added pressure

on civic infrastructure due to heavy rain events. The IMD advised farmers, civic bodies, and disaster management authorities to remain vigilant and follow real-time updates and district-level forecasts during the active monsoon period. The June 2025 outlook suggests that most of India, including Telangana, will see normal to above-normal rainfall, although some parts of southern peninsular India may receive slightly below-normal precipitation.

BJP ST Morcha Protests ₹1600 Cr Tribal Dues, Demands Minister Quit

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ST Morcha, led by State President Dr. Kalyan Nayak, staged a large-scale protest today in front of the Industries Commissioner's office in Hyderabad. The demonstration highlighted the urgent need for the state government to release ₹1600 crore in tribal subsidy payments that have been pending for over six years. Protesters emphasized the financial hardships faced by tribal communities due to these delayed payments and demanded immediate action to clear the dues. In addition



to the subsidy issue, the BJP Morcha called for the resignation of Minister Batti Vikramarka, accusing him of receiving a 10% commission on the funds meant for tribal welfare. Dr. Kalyan Nayak condemned the government's negligence and urged officials to prioritize the welfare of tribal groups by releasing the pending funds without

further delay. The protest brought together hundreds of tribal community members and BJP activists, underscoring widespread frustration over the stalled subsidies and alleged corruption in their distribution. The BJP ST Morcha vowed to continue raising this issue until justice is delivered and the dues are paid in full.



# NRIs Give Grand Welcome to KTR in London

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Telangana NRIs gave a warm and grand welcome to BRS Working President K. Tarakarama Rao (KTR) upon his arrival in London. Hundreds of native Telangana people gathered at the airport, enthusiastically greeting their favorite leader. A huge banner displaying “Welcome KTR” was prominently showcased, adding to the celebratory atmosphere. Among the well-wishers was a group of directors from Pragmatic Design Solution Limited (PDSL) and their family members, who also came to receive KTR at the airport. The leader personally greeted



many of the attendees by name, posed for selfies, and shared moments of celebration with the expatriate community. KTR is in London to deliver the keynote address at India Week 2025, scheduled for the 30th of this month, organized by Bridge India. The event will bring together political leaders and influential figures from various

countries. KTR is expected to highlight Telangana’s impressive governance under the 9-year BRS rule, emphasizing the state’s development, innovation, and progress. On the same day, KTR will inaugurate the PDSL Knowledge Center in Warwick. The center provides advanced research and development services to renowned automotive

companies such as McLaren, Aston Martin, and Jaguar Land Rover. Expressing his gratitude, KTR thanked the Telangana expatriate community and the PDSL directors for their warm reception. After London, KTR will proceed to the United States to participate in Telangana Formation Day and the BRS Silver Jubilee celebrations.

# Kavitha Launches Singareni Jagruti to Protect SCCL Workers’ Rights

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MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Tuesday launched Singareni Jagruti, a new platform under Telangana Jagruti, dedicated exclusively to the welfare and rights of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) workers. The initiative aims to combat corruption and safeguard the interests of over 40,000 workers in coordination with the main workers’ union, TBGKS. Addressing representatives from all 11 SCCL areas at her residence, Kavitha accused the Congress government of trying to dismantle SCCL through corrupt policies. She emphasized that Singareni Jag-



ruti would work tirelessly to protect the institution and its workforce. Kavitha announced the appointment of area coordinators for each division and highlighted the platform’s focus on improving education and healthcare for workers and their families. She demanded the introduction of the CBSE syllabus in SCCL-run

schools and free corporate healthcare facilities for miners’ families. Kavitha also raised concerns about the diversion of DMFT funds, which are generated by SCCL, being misused for the constituencies of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, Kodangal and Madhira, instead of benefiting miners. She urged immediate

improvements in housing and basic amenities in mining colonies, pointing out that workers’ quarters built in the 1970s are collapsing and need urgent replacement with new constructions. Criticizing the outsourcing of SDL vehicle operations in open-cast mines, Kavitha called it a conspiracy to displace SCCL workers. She demanded that all such machinery be operated exclusively by SCCL employees and called for an end to private contractors’ involvement in core mining operations. Through Singareni Jagruti, Kavitha aims to strengthen workers’ rights and ensure SCCL remains a vital public institution.

# Jagadish Reddy Slams Congress Over Corruption, Notices to KTR, and Sircilla Attack

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Former Minister and Suryapet MLA Guntakandla Jagadish Reddy strongly condemned the Congress leadership, particularly Revanth Reddy, criticizing their governance and recent actions in Telangana. He accused the Congress government of widespread corruption and neglecting development, focusing instead on commissions and internal power struggles. Jagadish Reddy condemned the issuance of notices to KTR (K. T. Rama Rao), calling them attempts to intimidate and silence dissent.



He pointed out the irony of Revanth’s eagerness to meet Prime Minister Modi despite being under investigation by the ED, questioning the relationship between BJP and Congress in the state. Jagadish dismissed Revanth’s allegations against KTR, recalling KTR’s eight-hour stay at the ACB office and emphasizing KTR’s grow-

ing popularity nationally and internationally. Addressing the recent attack on the Congress camp office in Sircilla, Jagadish labeled it as petty politics and urged Congress to stop disruptive antics. He praised KCR’s development projects like Kaleshwaram and criticized Congress for failing to understand their importance. Jagadish concluded by warning Congress to focus on governance rather than petty politics, asserting that Telangana’s progress came by rejecting leaders like Revanth and that the ruling party will not be intimidated by their tactics.

# Osmania University students up in arms over leasing faculty quarters

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Different student organisations on Tuesday upped the ante in protest against the Osmania University administration’s decision to lease professor quarters on the campus to a private organisation. The BRSV, the students organisation of the BRS, strongly opposed the decision to lease university quarters to a private organisation, Aadi Dhvani Trust, and de-

manded the immediate withdrawal of agreement, warning that failure to do so will result in direct action from the student body. The University’s land has already shrunk to 1,300 acres due to encroachments, the BRSV said, adding that “Rather than protecting these lands, university officials are leasing them to private parties at throw-away prices”. The BRSV members – Jangaiah, along with Prashanth, Mithun, Nagender Rao,

Avinash, Vinod, and Satish – submitted a representation to the OU Registrar. Meanwhile, left student organisations staged a protest at OU Arts College demanding the immediate cancellation of lease agreement with Aadi Dhvani Trust. The student leaders expressed their outrage over the decision to lease the P1, P2, and P3 professors’ quarters—located opposite RTC Hospital and valued at over Rs 200 crore.

# AIMIM Leaders File Complaint Against YouTuber for Blasphemy, Police Launch Hunt

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AIMIM Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, along with Mustaq Ahmed, Personal Assistant to Owaisi, and MIM corporator Naseeruddin, have formally lodged a complaint against YouTuber Praveen for making blasphemous remarks against Prophet Mohammed (Peace Be Upon Him). They personally met Joint Com-



missioner of Police, Mr. Vikram Singh Mann, IPS, at the Command and Control Center in the Hyderabad Police Commissionerate to register the

complaint and demand immediate action. The leaders also reached out to Hyderabad Police Commissioner Mr. CV Anand IPS and other senior officials last night to highlight the seriousness of the issue and ensure prompt response. In response, the Joint CP assured them that multiple police teams have already been formed and are actively working to trace and apprehend the ac-

cused. The complaint and follow-up actions underline the urgency with which the Hyderabad police are handling the case, emphasizing zero tolerance for any offense targeting religious sentiments. The community leaders expressed their hope for swift justice and urged the authorities to maintain peace while taking strict measures against the offender.

# Annadanam Program Held on Amavasya at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple

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A special Annadanam program was organized today at Sri Devi Nallapochamma Temple in New Boynpally, Bapujinagar, to commemorate the auspicious day of Amavasya. The event, arranged by the temple committee, saw the participation of several dignitaries, including former Cantonment Board Vice President Jampana Pratap, who was the chief guest. Annadanam, the act of offering food to the needy, holds great significance in Hindu tradition, especially on Amavasya. Speaking at the event,



Jampana Pratap emphasized the importance of charity and community service. He highlighted that this program started at the Bapujinagar Nallapochamma Temple about twenty years ago and has since expanded to other temples across the board’s wards. He appreciated the sustained effort in providing meals to the underprivileged, reinforcing community welfare. The event also included respected community

members such as Prakash Bhantia, founder of the Human Foundation, and others like Durgayya, Ajith, Rama Rao, and Prem Mudiraj. Traditional meals were served, creating an atmosphere of unity and joy. The program concluded with prayers for peace and prosperity. The temple committee thanked everyone involved and expressed their commitment to continue this noble tradition in the future.

# Journalists Were Key to Telangana Movement: Srinivas Goud

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Former Minister Srinivas Goud, together with TUWJ State General Secretary Askan Maruti Sagar, unveiled the wall poster for the Telangana Journalists Federation (TJF) Silver Jubilee celebrations. The event is set for the 31st of this month at Jalavihar, Amara Veerula Stupa Gun Park. At the ceremony, Srinivas Goud praised the vital role journalists played in the Telangana statehood movement. He noted their unwavering commitment, highlighting how Telangana journalists agitated for a united Andhra without worrying about job security or personal gain. Their efforts were crucial in achieving Telangana’s formation as a separate state. Srinivas Goud urged all to support the up-



coming TJF Silver Jubilee celebrations to honor the journalists’ significant contribution to the region’s history. The event was also attended by TJF State General Secretary A. Ramana Kumar, TUWJ State Treasurer Yoganand, IUJ National Executive Member Avvari Bhaskar, TUWJ Hyderabad District President Secretaries Rakesh Reddy and Somesh, and other TUWJ leaders including Naveen, Ramana, Shiva Reddy, Sudarshan Reddy, Ravikumar, Kada Kanchi Venkat, and Bhupathi Kiran.

# Stop Operation Kagar, Hold Talks with Maoists: Niranjan Reddy

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Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy has strongly urged the Central government to stop Operation Kagar and initiate peace talks with Maoist groups. Speaking at a press conference held at Telangana Bhavan, he emphasized that the ongoing military operation aimed at eradicating Maoists is not in the interest of the common people but rather serves corporate agendas. Niranjan Reddy highlighted that the Central govern-



ment’s approach lacks consideration for current and future generations, acting with unchecked authority rather than dialogue. Referencing a public meeting in Warangal where

Chief Minister KCR also appealed to halt Operation Kagar, Niranjan Reddy stressed that shooting citizens is not the solution and insisted on negotiations to resolve the conflict peace-

fully. He criticized the notion of eradicating Maoists by March 2026 as unrealistic, pointing out that ideas cannot be destroyed by eliminating individuals, especially since many educated youths are attracted to the movement. Niranjan Reddy drew attention to Telangana’s success in reducing Maoist influence through development, irrigation, and employment without violent encounters during KCR’s decade-long rule. He urged the Centre to adopt similar political, social, and economic solutions nationwide

rather than continuing bloodshed. He also condemned the Central government for ignoring repeated demands from student unions, parties, and public organizations for dialogue. Criticizing the failures of both BJP and Congress governments in addressing people’s issues, Niranjan Reddy called for inclusive governance focused on sustainable development and peace, warning that continued repression will only deepen discontent and instability.

# Forest Department extends immediate relief to kin of farmer in Telangana’s Adilabad

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The Forest Department extended an immediate relief of Rs 10,000 to the kin of Kodapa Laxman who was gored to death by a wild boar in the forests of Rajuluguda village in Uttnoor on Tuesday. Uttnoor Forest Divisional Officer Revanth, in a statement, said the department had released the immediate relief and the same was handed

over to the wife and children of Laxman from Kadiki village in Narnoor mandal. He stated that a formal recommendation was being forwarded to DFO Adilabad and Conservator of Forests (CF-FDPT), requesting immediate release of compensation of Rs 10 lakh under the Human-Wildlife Conflict Relief Scheme. Key documents such as death certificate, FIR copy, post-mortem report and

dependent certificate from the MRO Office were being collected on priority. The Forest officials intensified awareness campaigns in all fringe villages, urging local residents to avoid venturing into forest areas unless absolutely necessary. The department emphasised that wildlife habitats were unpredictable, and any unfortunate encounter or attack can lead to deaths of humans.



## India Approves Execution Model for Indigenous 5th-Gen Fighter Jet AMCA

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has approved the execution model for the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, marking a major step in India’s efforts to develop an indigenous fifth-generation fighter jet. The AMCA project aims to build a medium-weight stealth fighter with advanced deep-penetration capabilities to strengthen India’s air power. The Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA) will lead the programme through partnerships with both public and private sectors. This competitive model allows state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) as well as private companies like Tata, Adani, and L&T to

participate in the development. This move comes amid reports of China accelerating delivery of its fifth-generation J-35A stealth fighters to Pakistan following “Operation Sindoor.” China is also developing two sixth-generation fighter jets, J-36 and J-50. Currently, India’s most advanced fighters, the Rafale jets, are 4.5 generation aircraft. The first AMCA prototype is expected to roll out by 2028-29, with induction into service projected between 2034-35. Last year, the Cabinet Committee on Security, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had approved the project emphasizing stealth technology to evade radar detection and boost India’s aerial combat capabilities.

## 9 New Covid Cases Reported In Rajasthan In 24 Hours

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Rajasthan reported nine new Covid-19 cases, including a 16-day-old infant, in the past 24 hours, taking the total number of cases this year to 32. Of the newly detected cases, seven were reported in Jaipur, while two were confirmed at AIIMS Jodhpur. The Health Department has collected samples from all the patients and sent them for genome sequencing. Health officials said that two cases were detected in AIIMS Jodhpur and an equal number tested positive in Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, Jaipur. Four cases tested positive in B Lal Diagnostic Lab, Jaipur - four cases, while one case came positive in Aanavik Diagnostic Centre, Jaipur. In Jodhpur, a 16-day-old male infant has tested positive with a 35-year-old female. The cumulative COVID-19 from January 1 to May

27 this year is 32, while one death has been registered. Jaipur has the highest number of patients who tested COVID-19 positive, followed by Jodhpur, counting six patients. Udaipur has four patients, Didwana has three patients, Ajmer has two patients, Sawai Madhopur has one, Phalodi has one, Bikaner has one and one more patient. Health officials continue to monitor the situation closely, urging citizens to follow safety protocols and get tested in case of symptoms. Following a rise in COVID-19 cases, Rajasthan’s Medical and Health Minister Gajendra Singh Khinwasar held a high-level meeting with officials from the Department of Medicine and Health on Tuesday. During the meeting, he issued necessary directions to strengthen preventive measures and ensure medical preparedness.

# China Rebuilding Lalmonirhat Airport Near Siliguri On Indian Border

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Amid reports suggesting China’s possible involvement in rebuilding the dormant Lalmonirhat Airport near the Indian border, the Bangladesh Army has issued a firm statement emphasizing that no foreign entity will be permitted to operate in a manner that compromises the country’s national security or interests. The Lalmonirhat airbase, located in Rangpur division and approximately 20 kilometers from the Indian border near Siliguri, holds strategic significance due to its proximity to the Siliguri Corridor — a narrow stretch of land crucial to India’s connectivity

with its northeastern states. Originally established in 1931 as a military base and used by Allied Forces during World War II, the airfield is currently under the control of the Bangladesh Air Force. Speaking on the matter, Brigadier General Md Nazim-ud-Daula, Director of the Military Operations Directorate, clarified: “The airport is being revived to support national needs, including the Aerospace University. I have no information about Chinese involvement. Rest assured, no foreign entity will be allowed to operate in a way that harms our security or national interest.” The Army’s response is seen as an indirect assurance to



India amid growing concerns in New Delhi over possible Chinese activities near its sensitive borders. While the Bangladesh Army has sought to downplay any friction with its political leadership, asserting that both institutions are working in close coordination, it has also drawn clear red lines regarding national security. In a separate development, the Ban-

ladesh military has reiterated its opposition to any proposed humanitarian corridor through Myanmar’s Rakhine State for the displaced Rohingya population. “The army will not be involved in any activity that compromises the country’s security,” said Colonel Md Shafiqul Islam of the Military Operations Directorate, when questioned by the media about the controversial proposal. Tensions also appear to be surfacing between the military and civilian leadership. After Bangladesh Army Chief urged the interim government led by Chief Advisor Md Yunus to hold national elections by December, observers have noted emerging differences between the two institutions on certain policy issues. Meanwhile, trade relations between India and Bangladesh are under strain following India’s imposition of restrictions on Bangladeshi agro-products, furniture, textiles, and other goods at its land ports. These steps came in retaliation after Dhaka announced a halt to yarn imports from India through four land ports and suspended trans-shipment facilities for Indian goods. Facing backlash from domestic trade bodies and business losses, the Bangladesh government is seeking an urgent Commerce Secretary-level dialogue with India to de-escalate the situation. “Our efforts will continue so that no further escalation takes place — we will not retaliate,” said Commerce Secretary Mahbubur Rahman, following an inter-ministerial meeting held last week. Officials in Dhaka confirmed that the matter is under active consideration and diplomatic engagement with New Delhi is likely soon.

## Scrap High-Value Currency Notes: Naidu

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Telugu Desam Party (TDP) supremo and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has called for the demonetisation of all high-denomination currency notes as a strong measure to combat corruption and promote transparency through digital transactions. Speaking at the grand inauguration of the TDP’s three-day Mahanadu in the YSR Congress stronghold of Kadapa on Tuesday, Naidu urged the government to withdraw high-value notes, including the Rs 500 denomination, alongside the ongoing removal of Rs 2,000 notes introduced during the 2016 demonetisation. Naidu emphasized that banning

high-value currency notes would significantly reduce illegal cash dealings and curb corruption. “I have submitted a detailed report to the Prime Minister proposing the introduction of digital currency to trace illicit transactions effectively. True public service demands clean governance. Party donations can now be made directly via phone-based bank transfers,” he said. On welfare measures, Naidu announced that the Andhra Pradesh alliance government will introduce free bus travel for women starting August 15. He also reiterated the government’s commitment to ensuring safety and security for all citizens. Highlighting the Telugu Desam Party’s legacy, Naidu stated, “TDP has consistently set new bench-

marks in governance, welfare, development, and reforms. Our priority is the state’s progress, driven by positive politics. We have enrolled over one crore members in just 45 days, a record for any regional party. Whether in power or opposition, the enthusiasm of our Mahanadus remains undiminished.” Naidu reflected on his leadership, saying, “I consider myself a lifelong student, always learning and working for the people’s welfare. We fought corruption while in opposition and now deliver clean governance. TDP has contributed significantly to Indian politics through its positive agenda, with many current leaders across Telugu states being alumni of the TDP.” He further emphasized the need for techno-

logical innovation within the party, noting that this Mahanadu will focus on deliberations to shape the future for coming generations. “Andhra Pradesh is emerging as a development benchmark. We are committed to completing Polavaram, linking rivers, and irrigating every acre. We aim to advance green energy and hydrogen initiatives, reduce logistics costs through better infrastructure, and lead the Telugu people forward with Quantum Valley and AI,” said Naidu. Underlining ambitious economic goals, Naidu said, “With Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s leadership, we are contributing to building a Viksit Bharat. Our Swarna Andhra 2047 vision aims for a \$2.4 trillion state economy and a household income.

## PM Modi Plans Six Visits to Poll-Bound Bihar

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to undertake six visits to Bihar in the run-up to the Assembly elections slated for October-November to boost the BJP’s prospects. Mr Modi’s latest visit is scheduled for May 29-30, during which he will be visiting Patna and Bikramganj in Rohtas district to lead rallies and inaugurate projects. Earlier, Mr Modi had visited the poll-bound state last month, just two days after the Pahalgam terror attack. Addressing a rally in Madhubani on April 24, the Prime Minister declared that the terror targets in Pakistan will be decimated. The May 29-30 visit will be his first visit after the launch of Operation Sindoor to destroy terror targets in Pakistan and PoK. The Prime Minister will lead a mega roadshow in Patna on Thursday, during which he will be felicitated for the success of Operation Sindoor. The roadshow will traverse key points in Patna, including the high court and the income-tax office. Mr Modi will be felicitated at 32 places on the route. During his visit to the state, the Prime Minister will inaugurate the new terminal of the Patna airport, besides laying the foundation stone for a new airport at Bihta on

the outskirts of the city. Later, he will visit the party office in the state capital and will hold a meeting with the Bihar BJP leadership. In Patna, Mr Modi will lay the foundation stones of major infrastructure projects worth several thousand crores. “The Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone of a four-lane access-controlled Patna–Arrah–Sasaram road that will be developed in hybrid annuity mode at a total capital cost of ‘3,712.40 crores,” sources said. On Friday, the second day of his visit, Mr Modi will launch several projects at Bikramganj in Rohtas district, where he will also address a rally. The upcoming visit beginning Thursday will be Mr Modi’s third visit to the state in the past four months. Earlier, he had visited Madhubani and Bhagalpur on February 24 and unveiled projects worth several thousand crores. “During his two-day visit, the Prime Minister will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate developmental projects worth several thousand crore. Till the announcement of the polls schedule, Mr Modi is expected to make four to five more visits to the state,” a party insider said, adding that he will visit the state again on June 20.

## Jaishankar Denies Pak Tip-Off, Defends Operation Sindoor

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External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Monday addressed the Consultative Committee on External Affairs, clarifying key points regarding India’s recent Operation Sindoor against terror camps in Pakistan. He stated that Pakistan was informed by the Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) only after the Indian strikes had been executed, refuting claims that India had given prior notice. Jaishankar emphasized that he personally never spoke to any Pakistani officials and dismissed allegations of US “interference” in the operation. The decision to halt Operation Sindoor was made bilaterally after a request from Pakistan’s DGMO, with no US me-

diation involved, he said. Responding to concerns raised by Congress and Rahul Gandhi, who accused the government of informing Pakistan in advance, the minister reiterated that only the DGMOs of both countries communicated after the strikes. He stressed India’s firm stance, stating that the DGMO had warned Pakistan that if firing occurred, India would respond in kind. Jaishankar highlighted that the strikes targeted terror camps effectively and dealt a significant blow to the morale of Pakistani forces. He appealed to all Members of Parliament to support the government’s efforts to expose Pakistan’s role in sponsoring terrorism worldwide. To reinforce India’s united stance, the government has dis-

patched multi-party delegations of MPs to various countries to deliver this message globally. During the meeting, Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri presented detailed information about Operation Sindoor. Congress members questioned why India is often “hyphenated” with Pakistan in US diplomacy, raised concerns over IMF aid to Pakistan, and criticized India’s abstention at an international meeting. They also voiced worries about Pakistan’s increasing ties with China. Jaishankar shared images from the meeting on social media, reiterating India’s zero-tolerance policy against terrorism in all forms and the importance of projecting a strong and unified response.



This complex is heavily protected with double fencing, its own watchtowers. With inputs: Damien Symon

## Operation Sindoor Sent Message to Not Just Pakistan, but Entire World: Shah

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Monday said that Operation Sindoor has sent a clear message to the world that India will not tolerate any threat to its armed forces, citizens or borders, and anyone who does so will face severe consequences. “Operation Sindoor has sent the mes-

sage to not just Pakistan but also the world that no one can mess with our armed forces, people and borders. Else, the perpetrators will have to face consequences,” Shah said during a rally at Nanded in Maharashtra. Recalling a series of retaliatory measures undertaken by India in response to cross-border terrorism, Shah said, “They attacked us in Uri

and we retaliated with a surgical strike. They attacked us in Pulwama and we carried out an air strike. And then, when terrorists targeted Pahalgam, we launched Operation Sindoor, which destroyed their terror hotspots.” Shah said that the Indian military destroyed nine terror camps within 22 minutes during Operation Sindoor, while the country’s air defence

shield successfully blocked incoming missiles and drones. “Prime Minister Modi had already made it clear that those responsible would not be spared. He stated that no matter where they hide, we will find them and eliminate them,” he added. The union home minister also took a dig at Shiv Sena (UBT), saying that had (late Shiv Sena founder) Balasaheb

Thackeray been alive, he would have wholeheartedly supported the Operation Sindoor. “Balasaheb Thackeray would have been proud of the decisive actions taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi. He would have given his blessing for these operations that protect the security of our nation,” Shah stated.





EDITORIAL

BAIL WELCOME; WHY REBUKE PROF?

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The Supreme Court granting interim bail to Ashoka University assistant professor Ali Khan Mahmudabad, arrested for expressing his opinion about Operation Sindoor, may have come as a relief for him, but the conditions and references the court has made trigger a feeling of foreboding regarding the shrinking space for free speech in the country. In contrast, the suo motu intervention of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in the case directing the Haryana state police chief to submit a detailed report on his arrest is to be welcomed. A plain reading of the Facebook post Prof Mahmudabad wrote

would convince anyone that he was attempting to expose the fakery of the right wing's celebration of an Army officer while indulging in lynching of individual citizens and resorting to bulldozer raj. What followed was, however, akin to the developments that can happen only in a banana republic: He was arrested and remanded in judicial custody for 14 days based on a petition of a statutory body. From the lower court to the highest, the judiciary failed to uphold the right to freedom of speech and expression, guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution. Worse, the apex court admonished the academic for the timing of his remarks calling them "dog whistling"

and an attempt to get "cheap publicity". It has barred him from talking about Operation Sindoor, an action of the Government of India, too. This is highly regrettable. The mandates of Article 19 have no constraints of timing or subject save pertaining to those mentioned in the Constitution itself. As the NHRC rightly pointed out, the arrest and incarceration of a citizen for expressing his opinion was, prima facie, a violation of his human rights and liberty. It is bit unnerving that the ultra-nationalism whipped up by a section of the people can put a question mark on democratic rights such as life, liberty and free speech. Courts exist to protect those sacred rights.

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Don't Pursue Criminal Case where Allegations are Vague, Vendetta-driven

Justice Juvvadi Sridevi of the Telangana High Court reiterated that criminal proceedings should not be pursued in cases where allegations are vague, baseless, or driven by personal vendettas. The judge while quashing the criminal proceedings against an accused in a case filed under various sections of the Dowry Prohibition Act and Indian Penal Code emphasised that generalised allegations in matrimonial disputes should be scrutinized carefully to avoid misuse of the legal process. The criminal plea is filed by a man, wherein a case was initially lodged by his wife, the de facto complainant, alleging physical and mental harassment related to dowry demands and threats. The marriage between the petitioner and the complainant took place in March 2019, with dowry exchanged at the time. After a brief period of marital happiness, tensions arose, and the complainant accused her husband and his family of demanding additional dowry. She alleged that she was physically and mentally tortured, with threats of death and the possibility of her husband marrying again. However, the petitioner argued that the allegations were vague and lacked specific details to constitute criminal offences. He further contended that the complaint was retaliatory, filed after he sought a divorce and sent a legal notice to his wife. The petitioner maintained that the complaint failed to provide concrete evidence or specify instances of harassment, and the allegations appeared to be aimed at settling personal scores. The state prosecutor insisted that the matter should be examined in a full trial, contending that the allegations warranted investigation. Despite this, the court considered the nature of the case and highlighted that the complaint lacked specific instances or details, such as dates or locations of alleged harassment, which would typically be expected in such accusations.

Two Injured in Stair Collapse at Fatehnagar Flyover; Corporator Takes Immediate Action

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Two individuals sustained injuries yesterday while descending stairs that were part of the under-construction Fatehnagar flyover. Following the incident, Corporator Pandala Satish Goud promptly lodged a complaint with Hydra officials and Zonal Commissioner Apoorva Chauhan. Today, officials from Hydra arrived at the site to supervise the demolition of the collapsed stairs to prevent further accidents. Meanwhile, railway passengers, after disembarking from the metro, faced difficulties as they had to



either detour through Fatehnagar or climb the damaged flyover stairs. Locals raised concerns with Corporator Satish Goud about the frequent accidents at the site. In response, the Corporator, accompanied by residents, met with Secunderabad Zone Railway Divisional Manager Gopala Krishna

at Sanchalan Bhavan to submit a petition highlighting the issue. The Railway official assured that a positive resolution would be reached soon. Corporator Satish Goud reminded that during the previous BRS government, under the leadership of former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, with

support from Kukatpally MLA Madhavaram Krishna Rao and then Municipal Minister KTR, funds for the Fatehnagar flyover had been sanctioned. Additionally, railway fees for permits were paid, a contractor was appointed, and land activation awards were processed. Satish Goud urged the government to settle payments to the affected building owners promptly and expedite the flyover construction work. The meeting was also attended by Division Party Presidents Kanchi Bikshapati, Afzal Mujju, Badri Shankar, Sagara Krishna, Basavaraju, Arun, and Srinu.

Tgana Govt Colleges Get Fire Safety Equipment

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The Telangana Directorate of Intermediate Education has started installing fire safety equipment in 430 government junior colleges in the state as a precautionary measure to ensure safety of students and college staff. The fire safety equipment was installed in private colleges following a High Court verdict which made no-objection certificate (NOC) mandatory for colleges. The same rule was subsequently applied to government colleges. An official from Intermediate Board said, "Fire NOC is made mandatory



for all Government colleges, and approving the affiliations. The rule is applied to all the government and publicly run educational institutions like welfare colleges, KGBVs, Model schools." The board has allocated '1 crore for the initiative.

Out of 430 colleges, 398 colleges got fire clearance and the remaining 32 colleges are expected to get it before June 8. A lecturer of a government college said most government colleges are located in remote areas, and fire equipment will improve

safety. "Government colleges which are mostly in a wide area consisting of 3 acres and many are located in villages. While there are no fire accidents reported, this is a welcome step for student safety," said Dr. P. Madhusudan Reddy, president of Government Junior lecturers Association. K. Suresh, general secretary, Intermediate Government Colleges Association, said, "As the equipment is installed in the summer vacation, demonstration sessions have to be conducted for students and staff by the fire safety officials or trained persons after the academic year starts."

Hyderabad Youths Prove Friendship Is Blind Too, Land In Jail For Impersonation

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A friend in need is a friend indeed, an adage says, but two friends landed in trouble as the Jubilee Hills police arrested them on Monday for indulging in impersonation in connection with a road accident case. The arrested have been identified as Sirish, a software engineer and a resident of DD Colony Amberpet and his close friend Sailsesh, a resident of Panjagutta. The duo studied in the same college, according to police. Jubilee Hill Inspector K. Venkateshwar Reddy said Sirish was on his way to his residence after attending a party in his SUV from Kokapet early Sunday under the influence of alcohol. While negotiating a curve on Road Number 45 in Jubilee Hills, Sirish lost control and rammed into a central median. As air balloons in the vehicle opened after hitting

the median, Sirish escaped unhurt. He fled leaving the vehicle at the spot fearing that the police would arrest him. With the help of SUV registration details on the number plate, the police identified that the vehicle was registered in the name of Krishna Sastri. Based on vehicle registration details, the police were trying to trace the owner when Sailsesh came to the police station on Monday stating that he had committed the accident. The police verified the footage of CCTV's on Road Number 45 in Jubilee Hills and its surroundings and found that Sailsesh was not driving the SUV. After grilling Sailsesh, the police found it was Sirish, who was driving the vehicle. The police registered a case against Sirish and Sailsesh, both in their early 30's and arrested them. Out of friendship only, Sailsesh agreed to help Sirish, the police said.

Drug Racket With Goa Links Busted in Hyderabad, Businessman Held

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The Ranga Reddy unit of Prohibition and Excise department here on Tuesday busted a drug racket having links to Goa with the arrest of a businessman from Begumpet. The 32-year-old businessman, Karan Parmar, was selling cocaine and OG Kush for the last seven months to persons known to him, said Assistant Prohibition and Excise Superintendent Jeevan Kiran. As many as 19.36 gms of cocaine and 6.7 gms of OG Kush was seized from the possession of Karan.

Jeevan Kiran said Karan was purchasing cocaine from supplier Santhosh Ghandav alias Ramky from Goa and selling the persons known to him for Rs.15,000 to Rs.10,000 per gram depending upon the customers' requirements. "We are checking the call data records of Karan to know the customers details," Jeevan Kiran said, adding that efforts were on to trace Santhosh Ghandav. The excise sleuths handed over the case papers and seized drugs to Balanagar Station House Officer for taking necessary action.



# 2nd Civil Investiture Ceremony: Prez Murmu confers Padma Awards to recipients

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In a grand ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, President Droupadi Murmu on Tuesday conferred Padma Awards to 68 individuals who have made exceptional contributions in diverse fields such as art, literature, education, public affairs, medicine, social work, science, sports, and industry. The event, attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, and other dignitaries, marked the second phase of the Padma Awards ceremony for the year 2025. The Padma Awards, among the highest civilian



honours of India, are conferred in three categories: Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Shri. This year, the government had announced a total of 139 Padma awardees on the eve of Republic Day. Among those honoured in this phase were 3 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan, and 56 Padma Shri awardees. The ceremony held special significance

Sinha, received the award on behalf of the legendary folk singer renowned for her devotional and Chhath songs. Other recipients of the Padma Vibhushan included former Chief Justice of India Jagdish Singh Khehar and classical dancer Kumudini Lahia (posthumous). The Padma Bhushan awardees included social activist Sadhvi Ritambhara, known for her role in the Ram Janmabhoomi movement, actor-politician Nandamuri Balakrishna, and celebrated journalist and author A. Surya Prakash. Among the posthumous Padma Bhushan recipients were legendary singer Pankaj Udhas, veteran politician Manohar Joshi, economist Bibek Debroy.

Renowned Malayalam writer M.T. Vasudevan Nair, and Osamu Suzuki, the Japanese industrialist known for his pivotal role in Suzuki's partnership with India. The largest share of honours came under the Padma Shri category, with 57 individuals recognised for their grassroots and innovative contributions across the country. Prominent names include playback singer Arijit Singh, cricketer R. Ashwin, author Pratibha Satpathy, former SBI Chairperson Arundhati Bhattacharya, and violinist Tejendra Narayan Majumdar. The list also included foreign nationals, NRIs, PIOs, and OCIs "ten in total" reflecting India's acknowledgement of global

contributions. Notably, 23 of the awardees are women, showcasing the growing recognition of female excellence in various sectors. The Padma Awards continue to honour unsung heroes "many of them from remote regions" who have made significant contributions without seeking the limelight. This year's ceremony reaffirms the spirit of "nation first, people first", with awardees reflecting India's cultural, scientific, and humanitarian diversity. The government's efforts to democratise the Padma Awards have made them a true people's honour, celebrating not just fame, but meaningful service.

# Vijay Sethupathi's pan-Indian film to go on floors from June



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If sources in the industry are to be believed, the unit of director Puri Jagannadh's upcoming film with actor Vijay Sethupathi playing the lead, is now busy scouting for locations to begin the first schedule of the film. Sources say that the team is meticulously scouting the Chennai and Hyderabad regions for the perfect location to begin the first schedule, which is expected to be in the last week of June this year. For the unaware, director Puri Jagannadh, who is known for his flamboyant manner of storytelling, is all set to helm his next ambitious project with the versatile actor Vijay Sethupathi playing the lead. The upcoming venture is to be a full-on mass and commercial entertainer, distinguished by a unique storyline that blends Puri's signature style with Vijay Sethupathi's magnetic screen presence. The film is to be bankrolled by Puri Jagannadh and Charmme Kaur under the Puri Connects banner.

With the entire cast and crew having been finalized, the film is slated to go on floors in the last week of June. This project marks a significant collaboration and is being crafted with precision at every level. Puri Jagannadh is reportedly taking extraordinary care in all creative and technical aspects, with a strong emphasis on visual storytelling through carefully chosen locations. The shooting will commence with Vijay Sethupathi and other lead actors participating in the first schedule itself. Vijay Sethupathi is set to essay a dashing role, whereas actress Tabu and Sandalwood dynamo Vijay Kumar will play crucial roles in the movie. The movie is slated for a multi-lingual release across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, and Hindi languages. Meanwhile, Vijay Sethupathi is busy promoting his recently released Tamil film, 'Ace', directed by Arumugakumar. The film has received positive response from the audience and is doing well in theatres.

# OGH Launches 24x7x365 Patient Assistance Services with Dedicated Helpline

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In a major step to enhance patient care, Osmania General Hospital (OGH), Telangana's largest and oldest tertiary care facility, has launched round-the-clock (24x7x365) patient assistance services. The initiative includes a dedicated helpline—7780288622—designed to support patient mobility, navigation, and general care services

throughout the hospital. This is the first time OGH will have continuous support services, especially for the timely availability of wheelchairs and stretchers across the vast hospital premises. Around 25% of emergencies occur late at night, and departments like the dialysis center, which serves 120–130 patients daily, along with elective surgery units, require uninterrupted assistance. The initiative is supported by



Mr. Mujtaba Hasan Askari of Helping Hand Foundation; Mr. Salman Babu Khan of BSB HDT; Dr. Rakesh Sahay, Superintendent OGH; Dr. Manisha Sahay, HOD Nephrology, OGH and OGH RMOs at the launch of the first round the clock patient assistance support services and a dedicated Help Line at Osmania General Hospital, Afzal Gunj, Hyderabad, today.

Basheer & Sarwar Babu Khan Human Development Trust (BSB HDT), with Helping Hand Foundation (HHF) as the implementing partner. HHF has been active in government hospitals for over a decade. An unused space near the ramp in the OP block has been transformed into a "WAR Room" facility to operate the Help Desk. A team of over 20 trained HHF volunteers will work in three shifts to ensure

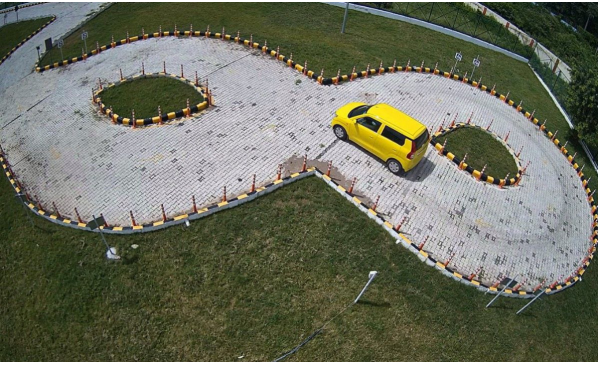
seamless assistance round the clock. Volunteers will help patients with mobility, guide them across departments, support OP services, and assist unknown or homeless patients with dignity and care. The Help Desk was inaugurated by Mr. Salman Babu Khan of BSB HDT in the presence of Dr. Rakesh Sahay, Superintendent of OGH, and senior hospital officials.

# BUSSINESS

# CM Dhami Inaugurates Automated Driving Test Tracks in Uttarakhand

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In a major push towards road safety and driving license transparency, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami inaugurated two Automated Driving Test Tracks (ADTTs) in Haridwar and Rishikesh. Developed under Maruti Suzuki's CSR initiative, these high-tech facilities aim to ensure efficient, unbiased evaluation of driving skills. Equipped with high-definition cameras and advanced IT systems, the



ADTTs enable 100% computerized testing for Light Motor Vehicles (LMVs) and two-wheelers. The evaluation process aligns with Central Motor Vehicle Rules (CMVR), removing human intervention and promoting transparency. These two new ADTTs join an existing facility in Dehradun, operational since 2019, which was previously recognized by the Uttarakhand Government for excellence in govern-

ance. Speaking at the event, Brijesh Kumar Sant (IAS), Secretary, Transport Department, said, "Maruti Suzuki's continued support has helped improve road safety in the state. From establishing the Institute of Driving and Traffic Research in 2009 to refresher training for Char Dham yatra drivers, the partnership has grown stronger." Mr. Rahul Bharti, Senior Executive Officer, Corporate Affairs, Maruti Suzuki India Limited, emphasized the role of skilled drivers in boosting tourism and road safety. "With tourism as a

key growth driver in Uttarakhand, ADTTs ensure that only competent drivers get licenses. Our refresher training program also prepares commercial drivers for the demanding Char Dham yatra route. This year, we aim to train around 11,000 drivers." Interestingly, automated testing initially leads to a dip in pass rates. Dehradun's ADTT saw pass rates drop to 60% in FY 2019–20, which later improved to 69%, reflecting better preparation by applicants.

# China to collect record USD 22 billion BRI debt repayments from developing nations this year

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China will turn from a capital provider to a debt collector of 75 developing countries, including the world's poorest and most vulnerable, this year as they are due to pay back a record USD 22 billion loans owed to Beijing, according to data released by an Australian think tank. China has become the leading debt collector of developing countries, shifting from a net capital provider, "as bills coming due from its Belt and Road lending surge in the 2010s now far outstrip new loan disbursements", the latest research report of the Australian think tank, the Lowy Institute, said. In 2025, about 75 of the world's poorest and most vulnerable countries will make "record high debt repayments" totalling USD 22 billion to China as a result of peaks in new loan commitments made from 2012 to 2018, the report said. China faces a dilemma and growing diplomatic pressure to restructure unsustainable debt besides mounting domestic pressure, particularly from its quasi-commercial institu-

tions, to recover outstanding debts, according to the report prepared by Riley Duke. Duke said the research was being published now because China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) lending spree peaked in the mid-2010s, and those grace periods began expiring in the early 2020s—a likely "crunch period" for developing-country repayments to China. How China's shift to chief debt collector will impact its reputation as a development partner remains to be seen, the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post quoted Duke as saying. On Tuesday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry sought to play down the report, saying that a handful of countries are spreading rumours against Chinese loan assistance to developing countries. China's investment and financing cooperation with the developing countries is in line with the international common practices, the market principles and the principle of debt sustainability, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning told a media briefing here while commenting on the report. A handful of countries

are spreading the rumours, citing China threat, but they don't talk about the fact that multilateral institutions are the major creditors of developing countries and the source of the debt repayment, she said. Under its influential BRI initiative, the signature initiative of President Xi Jinping, China has doled out billions of dollars of loans to dozens of infrastructure projects in developing countries to further its global influence. However, the investments attracted criticism of being debt traps after China acquired Sri Lanka's Hambantota port for a 99-year lease as a debt swap. Several recipient countries struggled to pay back the loans for the projects, especially after the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant economic crisis and poor viability of the undertakings. In 54 of 120 developing countries with available data, debt-service payments to China now exceed the combined repayments owed to the Paris Club—a bloc that includes all major Western bilateral lenders, the report said.

# GKB Opticals Launches Ray-Ban Meta AI Glasses Across India

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GKB Opticals, India's leading premium eyewear retail chain, has launched the revolutionary Ray-Ban Meta AI Glasses across its stores nationwide. This cutting-edge wearable, a collaboration between Ray-Ban and Meta, seamlessly combines iconic style with advanced AI-powered features. The Ray-Ban Meta AI Glasses offer a hands-free experience, enabling users to



capture photos and videos, listen to music, make calls, and interact with Meta AI directly through their eyewear. With this launch, GKB Opticals becomes one of the first retailers in India to introduce this innovative product to consumers. Commenting on the launch, Priyanka Gupta, Director of GKB Opticals, said, "We are thrilled to introduce the Ray-Ban Meta AI Glasses to the Indian market. This launch underscores our commitment

to bringing the latest global eyewear innovations to our customers, merging technology with vision and redefining smart living." Customers can now experience live demos and purchase the Ray-Ban Meta collection at GKB Opticals stores in cities like Mumbai, Bengaluru, NCR, Kolkata, Chennai, Chandigarh, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, and more. Established in 1968 in Kolkata by Brijendra Kumar Gupta, GKB Opticals has

over 60 years of legacy and serves more than a million patrons through its 90+ stores across India. The ISO-certified company has won accolades, including the "Most Admired Retailer of the Year" at MAPIC India Retail Awards 2022 and the "Best Retail Eyewear Chain in Eastern Region" at the Times Business Awards 2023. GKB Opticals offers an extensive portfolio of premium international and homegrown eyewear brands.



CITY CLICKS

Lakshay, Neeru top the table in second Shotgun National trials



Lakshay Sheoran and Neeru Dhanda finished on top in the men’s and women’s categories, respectively, in the trap finals of the second Shotgun National trials at the Dr. Karni Singh Shooting Range in Delhi on Tuesday. Lakshay, who qualified for the finals with a score of 120 in qualification, shot 43 in the finals, a two-shot difference over Jaswinder Singh, who finished second with a score of 41.

In the Women’s finals, Nationals Games gold medalist Neeru edged Aashima Ahlawat 40-39 to secure the top spot. Olympian Rajeshwari Kumari secured third place with a score of 31, while Bhowneesh Mendiratta finished third in the men’s category with a score of 33.

Earlier, in the qualification round, Jungsher S. Virk shot 119 to qualify for the finals behind Lakshay. National Champion Shardul Vihan, Jaswinder Singh, Bhowneesh and Rayyan Rizvi completed the top six with scores of 118, 117, 116 and 11,6 respectively. Olympians Kynan Chenai (114) and Prithviraj Tondaiman (112) and World Cup finals Silver medalist Vivaan Kapoor (113) failed to reach the finals.

In the women’s category, Neeru topped the qualification also with a score of 115, followed by Preeti Rajak with 114, Aashima Ahlawat with 113, Rajeshwari Kumari with 110, Pragati Dubey with 109 and Addya Katyal finished in the top six places.

A separate selection trial was not conducted for junior athletes; as a result, Bakhtyaruddin Malek, who shot 114 and Addya Katyal, with 108, were placed first in the junior men’s and women’s categories, respectively. Tarvez Singh Sandhu, who shot 11,1 and Udhav Singh Rathore, with 110, were placed second and third, while Ananya Yaduvanshi with 101 and Tanisska Senthilkumar, with 98, took the second and third spots in the junior women’s.

The Selection Committee will consider the scores from the recently concluded ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany, for junior athletes who participated in that event, as Selection Trials 2 coincided with it. Scores of such shooters will not be marked as “zero.”

Hyderabad mountaineer Vishwanath sets new record



Vishwanath Karthikey Padakanti of Hyderabad set a new record by becoming India’s youngest and the world’s second youngest to complete the 7 Summits across all the continents, which is the ultimate dream for any mountaineer.

The 16-year-old Vishwanath completed the 7- Summits challenge, climbing the highest peak on each of the seven continents. With this extraordinary achievement, he becomes “India’s youngest and the world’s second youngest” to complete one of the most prestigious feats in mountaineering.

His final summit was the iconic Mt. Everest (8,848 metres) — a moment that marked the culmination of years of rigorous training, endurance, and sheer determination. The full list of his summits includes:

- Asia – Mount Everest (8,848 m / 29,029 ft)
- South America – Aconcagua (6,961 m / 22,838 ft)
- North America – Denali (6,190 m / 20,310 ft)
- Africa – Kilimanjaro (5,895 m / 19,341 ft)
- Europe – Mount Elbrus (5,642 m / 18,510 ft)
- Antarctica – Mount Vinson (4,892 m / 16,050 ft)
- Australia – Mount Kosciuszko (2,228 m / 7,310 ft)

“This journey tested every part of me — physically, mentally, and emotionally,” said Vishwanath Karthikey. “But standing on the summit of Everest and completing the 7 Summits is a dream comes true. I am deeply grateful for the love and support I’ve received throughout this journey,” he said.

He thanked his parents Padakanti Rajendera Prasad and Padakanti Laxmi, and his grandparents, who have been his pillars of strength throughout his mountaineering journey. “I owe a lot to my mother in particular who worked tirelessly to ensure I could pursue my dreams.

Jitesh Sharma’s Blazing 85 Powers RCB to Qualifier 1 Despite Pant’s Heroics

LSG skipper Rishabh Pant's exceptional 118 off 61 balls goes in vain as RCB chases down the target of 228 with 8 balls to spare

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In a match that had all the ingredients of a blockbuster thriller, Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) secured a pulsating six-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) to seal a berth in Qualifier 1 of the IPL 2025 season. Stand-in skipper Jitesh Sharma stole the show with a career-best unbeaten 85 under intense pressure, overshadowing a breathtaking 118\* by LSG captain Rishabh Pant. The high-scoring encounter unfolded at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium on Tuesday night.

With this win, RCB ended the league stage with 19 points, the same as Punjab Kings. However, they finished second on the points table due to an inferior net run rate (+0.30) compared to Punjab’s +0.37. The two sides will now lock horns in Qualifier 1 on Thursday at the Mullanpur stadium, with the winner earning a direct spot in the final.

Winning the toss and opting to bat first, LSG rode on a sensational century by Rishabh Pant to post a mammoth 227/3 in 20 overs. Pant, who had struggled for form and strike rate throughout the season, unleashed a stunning array of shots to notch up his second IPL century and his first in seven years. His unbeaten 118 came off just 61 deliveries and included 11 boundaries



and 8 towering sixes. Pant’s innings began cautiously but picked up momentum in the fourth over when he took on left-arm pacer Yash Dayal, smashing him for 18 runs including a 6-4-4 combination. That aggressive burst gave the left-hander much-needed confidence, and his clean, calculated hitting thereafter became the cornerstone of LSG’s innings.

Australian all-rounder Mitchell Marsh gave Pant steady company in the middle, and together they put on a colossal 152-run partnership for the second wicket. Marsh, who had already crossed 600 runs this season, continued his brilliant form with a 67 off 37 balls, peppered with four sixes and five fours. He initially struggled to time the ball, scoring only 19 off his first 16 balls, but later exploded into form with a pulled six off Romario Shepherd that signaled his intent.

Pant reached his half-century in 29 balls with back-to-back boundaries off leg-spinner Suyash Sharma. He then went on to bring up his hundred in 54 balls, reaching the landmark with a signature inside-out loft over covers off Bhuvneshwar Kumar. The celebration was vintage Pant — a wide smile followed by a somersault — as he soaked in the applause from the packed Bengaluru crowd.

The LSG innings closed at 227/3, with Nicholas Pooran adding a quick 17\* and sharing a useful 49-run stand with Pant in the final overs.

Chasing a daunting total of 228, RCB began with ferocity. Openers Virat Kohli and Phil Salt came out all guns blazing, putting on 61 runs in just 5.4 overs. Kohli looked in sublime touch, piercing the field with surgical precision and hitting 10 boundaries during his 30-ball 54. One of the

highlights of the innings was a masterful back-foot punch for four off Akash Khan, which also brought up his fifty in just 27 deliveries.

Salt, on the other hand, played the perfect supporting role with a 19-ball 30 before falling to Akash Khan. Kohli too could not extend his stay after reaching his half-century and was dismissed trying to loft Avesh Khan over long-off, only to be caught by Ayush Badoni.

Soon after, RCB suffered a double blow in the eighth over, losing captain Rajat Patidar and Liam Livingstone, who was drafted in as a replacement for the injured Tim David. Will O’Rourke claimed both scalps, reducing RCB to 123/4 in 11.4 overs and putting LSG in the driver’s seat.

With 103 runs still required off 50 balls and the required run rate touching 13, all eyes turned to stand-in captain Jitesh Sharma. The wicketkeeper-batsman,

who was already involved behind the stumps with a key catch earlier, rose to the occasion with one of the finest knocks of the season under pressure.

Jitesh, who was handed a lifeline on 49 when Digvesh Rathi overstepped, and another on 57 when Pant withdrew a run-out appeal, made LSG pay dearly. He showed remarkable maturity and shot selection, targeting the ‘V’ region with straight lofts and punishing anything on his pads with well-executed sweeps and flicks.

Mayank Agarwal, playing his role to perfection at the other end, began with a flurry of cuts and drives past the point region and covers. The Karnataka batter rotated strike efficiently and found gaps with precision, complementing Jitesh’s aggressive intent.

The duo stitched together an unbeaten 107-run stand for the fifth wicket, absorbing the

pressure and shifting momentum completely in RCB’s favor. Jitesh saved his best for the 18th over, where he launched Will O’Rourke for three consecutive sixes to seal the match in emphatic style. RCB finished with 230/4 in 18.4 overs — one of their finest run chases in IPL history.

The match will be remembered not only for the electrifying batting performances but also for the contrasting fortunes of the two captains. Pant, who was returning to form, played his best innings of the season but ended on the losing side. Jitesh, on the other hand, led RCB in the absence of Patidar and delivered a captain’s knock that may well go down as one of the defining moments of the season.

With this win, RCB now move into Qualifier 1 where they will face Punjab Kings at Mullanpur. The winner of that match will advance straight to the IPL 2025 Final. LSG, despite Pant’s heroics, will now have to wait for the outcomes of other matches to determine their fate in the playoffs. On a night filled with fireworks, fortunes swung wildly, but it was Jitesh Sharma’s nerve, class, and clean hitting that ultimately tilted the balance in RCB’s favor — a reminder that in cricket, as in life, it’s never over until the final ball is bowled.

GHMC Summer Coaching Camp Gymnastics & Fitness Competition 2025

Young Gymnasts Shine at GHMC Summer Coaching Camp 2025 with Outstanding Performances in Floor Exercise, Bridge Balance, and Handstand Events

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The GHMC Summer Coaching Camp Gymnastics & Fitness Competition 2025 was a vibrant and inspiring showcase of young talent in Hyderabad. Held at the GHMC Sports Complex in D.K. Road, Ameerpet, the event was efficiently organized by G. Brahmananda Prasad, Senior Gymnastics Coach at GHMC. Participants from various city localities competed across different age groups in events like Floor Exercise, Bridge Balance, and Handstand Balance.

In the Floor Exercise



Rehana Begum, GHMC Assistant Director of Sports; G. Balaraj, N.I.S Senior Gymnastics Coach; G. Brahmananda Prasad, GHMC Senior Gymnastics Coach; and G. Mahesh Kumar, GHMC Gymnastics Coach, Ameerpet, along with all medal winners at the closing ceremony of the GHMC Summer Coaching Camp & Fitness Competition for Boys & Girls, held at GHMC Sports Complex, D.K. Road, Ameerpet, Hyderabad.

Under 5 Boys, Mahith secured first place, followed by Sriram and Risith—all from Ameerpet. Among Under 5 Girls, Lalithya clinched the gold, with Ira and Varnna close behind. The Under 6 Boys category saw Somiksh from Hindi Nagar emerge vic-

torious, while Bhavik (Ameerpet) and Md. Azamuddin (V.P.G) came second and third. In the Under 6 Girls, Jhanavi and Anaya from Vijay Nagar Colony earned top honors, while Shikara from Ameerpet placed third.

The Under 7 Boys category featured Maham (Vijay Nagar Colony) as the winner, with Rishikesh (Sanath Nagar GHMC) and Vrishank (V.P.G) completing the podium. In Under 8 Boys, Sai Charan (Sanath Nagar GHMC) took first place,

while Jashwant and Bhavik earned silver and bronze. The Under 8 Girls saw a clean sweep by Vijay Nagar Colony with Sanvika, Mahira, and Dhanika leading. In the Under 9 Boys, Maazuddin and Ishant (Sanath Nagar GHMC)



secured the top two spots, with Rishik (Vijay Nagar Colony) placing third. Bridge Balance events were dominated by Vijay Nagar Colony. Notable winners included Ananya Dochania (6 years), Dhanika Lalwani (8 years), Akshita (10 years), and Bhuvana (12 years).

In Handstand Balance Under 6, Bhaavik (Ameerpet) and Jhanavi (Vijay Nagar Colony) won in boys’ and girls’ categories respectively. This well-organized event fostered confidence, discipline, and sportsmanship, while encouraging young gymnasts and bringing communities together in celebration of youth talent.



Hyderabad Gears Up for Monsoon: Focus on Flood, Traffic, and Emergency Response

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A high-level monsoon preparedness meeting was conducted on Monday, May 26, at the Telangana Integrated Command and Control Centre (TGICCC) in Banjara Hills. The focus was on addressing key concerns like flood monitoring and traffic management at 141

waterlogging hotspots identified within the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) limits. Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand underlined the importance of deploying emergency teams in advance at vulnerable points across the city. He stressed the need for robust coordination among GHMC, Traffic Police, Hyderabad Met-



ropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL), Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protec-

tion Agency (HYDRAA), and volunteer groups to enable swift and effective responses during intense rainfall. Commissioner Anand also advocated for the optimal use of TGICCC's advanced monitoring, surveillance, and communication infrastructure to ensure smooth coordination between departments. He urged all stakeholders to anticipate

and prepare for challenges instead of merely reacting after disasters occur. The meeting also reviewed critical infrastructure and public health readiness, including plans to ensure uninterrupted power supply during storms, timely diversion of floodwaters into nalas, and response strategies for seasonal disease outbreaks. Emphasis was placed on the urgent inspection and reinforcement of old and dilapidated buildings to avoid structural collapses during the rains. Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services Director General Y. Nagi Reddy called for the formulation of a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) to address monsoon-related emergencies. He emphasized the inclusion of all major departments, especially medical and health services, for a unified response strategy. The deployment of Aapda Mitra volunteers, NGOs, and the use of digital platforms like the SACHET mobile app were also discussed to enhance public awareness and deliver timely alerts and advisories.



CM Revanth Grants Job After 19-Year Wait

The long-standing hope of B. Raja Sri, who had been waiting for a compassionate appointment for 19 years, was finally fulfilled by the government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Raja Sri's father, Head Constable B. Bheem Singh from Warangal, lost his life in the line of duty during an encounter on September 24, 1996. Following his tragic death, Raja Sri applied for a job as a compassionate appointment. However, successive governments rejected her requests on various technical grounds. Despite repeatedly approaching the authorities, she was met with no success. The turning point came when Vardhannapet MLA Nagaraju raised her case with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Responding with empathy, the CM directed the officials at the Chief Minister's Office to relax the rules and grant her the appointment. As a result, Raja Sri was officially appointed as a Junior Assistant in the Home Department. Raja Sri, accompanied by her family, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for this life-changing opportunity. MLA Nagaraju also took part in the ceremony, marking a moment of joy and relief for Raja Sri's family after nearly two decades of waiting. This appointment has brought happiness and hope to the family, fulfilling a long-awaited dream.

Telangana SSC supplementary exams from 3 June; 42,832 students to appear

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The Telangana Board of Secondary Education has completed all arrangements for the SSC Advanced Supplementary Examinations, scheduled to begin on 3 June and conclude on 13 June. A total of 42,832 students will appear for the exams, including 26,286 boys and 16,546 girls. The Board has set up 150 examination centres across the state to facilitate the process. The exams will be conducted daily from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Students have been instructed to report to their respective centres by 9 am. Entry will not be allowed without a valid hall ticket. Hall tickets can be downloaded from the official website of the Telangana Board of Secondary Education at [bse.telangana.gov.in](http://bse.telangana.gov.in).

KTR Calls for Grand Telangana Formation Day Celebrations Across State on June 2

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BRS Working President KTR has called for grand celebrations of Telangana State Formation Day on June 2, urging party leaders and members to commemorate the occasion with enthusiasm and unity. He emphasized that the state's formation, achieved under the leadership of Telangana movement leader KCR after 14 years of persistent struggle, is a milestone that deserves large-scale festivities. The main event will be held at Telangana Bhavan



in Hyderabad, where founding members of the party and the Leader of Opposition in the Legislative Council, Madhusudhana Chary, will hoist both the national flag and the BRS party flag. KTR urged senior party leaders and activists across the state to actively participate in the celebrations.

He further requested that all district party offices across Telangana, led by respective party presidents, hoist the national and party flags and organize celebrations. The same is expected at constituency offices, municipalities, towns, and mandals, with the aim to unite the people of Telangana in marking this significant day. KTR remembered the decades-long dream of Telangana's statehood, highlighting the sacrifices made by martyrs, government employees, students, and people from all walks of life. He noted that the first ten years of the Telangana struggle set an inspiring example nationwide. KTR also praised the visionary leadership of Telangana's first Chief Minister KCR, whose policies have influenced many state and central governments. He highlighted key schemes such as Rythu Bandhu, Mission Kakatiya, and Mission Bhagiratha, calling them sources of pride for every Telangana resident. These programs reflect Telangana's commitment to progress and welfare, making the state formation celebrations even more meaningful.

Telangana Formation Day celebrations to be held on grand scale: Deputy CM Bhatti

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Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu directed officials to make comprehensive and well-planned arrangements to ensure grand Telangana State Formation Day celebrations on 2 June. He reviewed the preparations during the coordination meeting held on Tuesday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Secretariat. The Deputy CM reviewed district-level and Hyderabad-based arrangements, including the main state event where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will pay tributes at the Martyrs' Memorial, followed by a flag hoisting, ceremonial



march-past, official speeches, and medal presentations at Parade Grounds. He stressed that, in line with CM Revanth Reddy's vision, the main celebration in Hyderabad should be given top priority, while similar events must also be held at all district headquarters. Plans for Telangana Formation Day programmes at Telangana Bhavan in Delhi were also

reviewed, along with arrangements for events to be led by in-charge ministers in each district. The Deputy CM noted that international guests, including the Mayor of a Japanese city and Miss World titleholders, are expected to attend this year's events. He reviewed special arrangements for their visit and hospitality. Recalling that last year's celebrations were restricted due to the election code, Bhatti said this year's events must be held in a grand and victorious manner. He instructed all departments to organise events that highlight the glory, culture, and pride of Telangana. Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao will oversee the implementation of all arrangements. The Deputy CM assured full support to officials and encouraged them to directly approach him with suggestions or difficulties, without hesitation. The meeting was attended by State Government Advisor Narender Reddy, Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao, DGP Jitender, Principal Secretary (Finance) Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Special Chief Secretaries Vikas Raj and Raghunandan Rao, Information Commissioner Harish, and senior police officials including CV Anand and Nagireddy. The committee recently held consultations with leaders of various employee unions and collected their representations. On Tuesday, the committee

Hyderabad's ORR to Kondapur (Shilpa Layout Phase 2) flyover to open soon

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The state-of-the-art Outer Ring Road to Kondapur flyover – Shilpa Layout Phase 2 – promising to ease the traffic woes of commuters in the IT Corridor is getting ready and is planned to be inaugurated in the first week of June. This flyover has been constructed under the Strategic Road Development Programme (SRDP) at a cost of Rs. 178 crore. It will be available with six lanes – 1.2 km long and 24 meters wide – and is a third-level structure built on two existing flyovers. Below is the Gachibowli Junction flyover, above which is the Shilpa Layout Phase 1 flyover, and now the Phase 2 Flyover is built above it. This flyover when operational will reduce the severe traffic problem at



Gachibowli Junction to a large extent and will be very convenient for vehicles going from ORR to Kondapur and Hafizpet routes. It will provide better connectivity to Hitec City and Financial District. Apart from saving travel time, commuter can reach their destinations faster without getting stuck in traffic. GHMC officials said the work of the flyover is in the final stage and arrangements were being made to complete the work by the end of this month. Out of the total 42 works undertaken through SRDP, 37 works have been completed with this flyover.

Telangana govt to hold sub-committee meeting on employee issues on May 29

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To address the concerns of state government employees, the Telangana government has constituted a high-level committee comprising CCLA Secretary Naveen Mittal, Panchayat Raj Secretary Lokesh Kumar, and TRANSCO CMD Krishna Bhaskar. The committee recently held consultations with leaders of various employee unions and collected their representations. On Tuesday, the committee briefed Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, who also chairs the Sub-Committee for Employee Issues, at Praja Bhavan on the concerns raised and the feedback received. The Deputy CM announced that a sub-committee meeting would be held on 29 May to further deliberate on the issues. He directed the officials' committee to present a detailed report on the problems highlighted by employee unions, along with proposed solutions, during the upcoming meeting.

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A high-level coordination meeting was held at the Salar Jung Museum Auditorium on Tuesday to ensure a peaceful and hygienic celebration of Bakrid in Hyderabad. The meeting was chaired by Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C.V. Anand, IPS, and attended by senior officials from multiple departments, including Animal Husbandry, GHMC, RTA, TGSPDCL, and HMWSS&B. Also present were Additional CP (Law & Order) Vikram Singh Mann, GHMC Charminar Zonal Commissioner, RTO Raghu Prasad, Dr. Malleswari from the Animal Husbandry Department, Dr. Babu Beri, SE/OP Hyderabad D. Somi Reddy, and several officials from the police and veteri-



nary departments. MLAs Majid Hussain (Nampally), Kausar Mohiuddin (Karwan), Zulfiqar Ali (Charminar), Jaffer Hussain Meraj (Yakutpura), MLC Mirza Rahmat Ali Baig, and religious leaders also participated. Commissioner Anand announced that special checkpoints would be set up around the city to monitor the illegal transport of animals and maintain security. He urged citizens to refrain from taking the law into their own hands, clarifying that only authorised government officials and police are allowed to stop or inspect vehicles. Instructions to departments included:

- Animal Husbandry & GHMC: Ensure round-the-clock availability of veterinary doctors at all checkpoints.
- GHMC: Deploy dog-catching teams across the city before Bakrid; distribute disposal covers for animal waste to all households; arrange special teams and vehicles for carcass collection and waste disposal; and assign adequate staff and equipment, including tippers and JCBs.
- Electricity & Engineering Departments: Maintain uninterrupted power supply throughout the festival.
- HMWSS&B: Monitor sewerage and provide continuous water supply.
- RTA: Ensure availability of drivers, mechanics, and cranes for emergency services.

Religious leaders and community representatives appealed to the public to

dispose of animal waste only in designated areas and to keep public spaces clean. They emphasised the importance of upholding the city's "Ganga-Jamuna Tehzeeb" and maintaining communal harmony. The GHMC Zonal Commissioner detailed sanitation measures, including additional waste collection teams and garbage bags near mosques and residential areas. C.V. Anand reiterated that only police, GHMC, and Animal Husbandry staff would be deployed at the checkpoints. He assured full support from the police and stated that the coordinated planning and cooperation among departments would help ensure a safe, clean, and joyous Bakrid for all residents.