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IPL match called off in Dharmshala



The Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 match between Punjab Kings (PBKS) and Delhi Capitals (DC) at Dharmshala was suddenly called off after suspected attacks from Pakistan hit different parts of India on Thursday. The development comes after spectators at the Dharmshala stadium were informed of the match cancellation and asked to leave calmly. Players and team staff were escorted safely back to their hotel under tight security, reported ANI.

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# Lahore defence destroyed in IAF blitz, India shields 15 key cities

Sudarshan Chakra' downs Pak drones; 2 Pak jets hit; Navy hits Karachi

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In a dramatic escalation along the India-Pakistan border, Pakistan launched a series of coordinated drone and missile strikes on multiple Indian cities late Thursday evening, drawing a firm and immediate military response from India. The cross-border hostilities have pushed the region dangerously close to full-scale conflict. According to a statement issued by the Indian defence ministry, "Military stations at Jammu, Pathankot, and Udhampur were targeted by Pakistani-origin drones and missiles along the international border in Jammu and Kashmir." However, Indian forces swiftly neutralized the threats using a combination of kinetic and non-kinetic capabilities. No casualties or material losses have been reported so far. Sources indicate that Indian air defence units intercepted at least eight missiles targeting sensitive locations such as the Satwari airbase (Jammu airport), Samba, RS Pura, and Arnai. In a significant development, Indian forces reportedly shot down two Pakistani Air Force fighter jets near Lahore.

## OPERATION SINDOOR

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An Indian anti-drone system takes out a Pakistani drone in Channi city.

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In a powerful pre-dawn counterstrike, the Indian Air Force (IAF) deployed its Israeli-origin Harpy drones to neutralize Pakistan's Chinese-made HQ-9B air defence system near Lahore. The drones, known for their ability to suppress enemy air defences (SEAD), executed a deep-strike mission successfully under contested airspace conditions. The defence ministry noted that the Indian retaliation matched Pakistan's aggression "in the same domain and with the same intensity." India's response targeted enemy air defence radars and installations across multiple Pakistani locations.

On Wednesday night, Pakistan had attempted a massive drone and missile assault on Indian military installations across 15 cities in northern and western India. These included key locations in Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, and further west in Bhuj and Phalodi.

In the ensuing exchange, multiple loud explosions were heard in Jammu and parts of Punjab. Unconfirmed reports suggest minor damage to Jammu airport premises between 8:00 and 8:15 pm. Additionally, Pakistan intensified unprovoked firing along the Line of Control (LoC), using mortars and heavy artillery in sectors

like Kupwara, Baramulla, Poonch, Mendhar, Uri, and Rajouri, resulting in the death of at least 16 civilians, including five children and three women.

As a precaution, power blackouts were enforced in several northern districts including Pathankot, Amritsar, Hoshiarpur, Mohali, and the Union Territory of Chandigarh.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a late-night high-level review meeting with National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and Army Chief General Uday Kumar Singh. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh also reviewed the situation with the Chief of Defence Staff and the three service chiefs.

## Indian Army Pays Tribute to Martyred Lance Naik

Schools, Colleges to Remain Shut in J&K Border Areas

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The Indian Army on Thursday paid tribute to Lance Naik Dinesh Kumar who laid down his life when a military post along the Line of Control (LoC) came under heavy artillery shelling by Pakistani troops the previous day. As many as 13 civilians including two women and four children were also killed and 59 injured in the Pakistan firing and shelling in multiple sectors of the LoC and International Border (IB) across Jammu and Kashmir. A resident of Haryana, Mr. Kumar belonged to the Army's 5-



Field regiment. "The GOC (general officer commanding) and all ranks of White Knight Corps salute the supreme sacrifice of Lance Naik Kumar of 5 Field Regiment, who laid down his life on May 7 during Paki-



stan Army shelling. We also stand in solidarity with all victims of the targeted attacks on innocent civilians in Poonch sector," the Army said in a post on 'X'.

## PM Modi Calls for Proactive Measures to Secure Vital National Systems

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In a high-level review meeting held a day after India successfully conducted air-strikes on a terror base in Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi directed over 20 key secretaries to ensure fool-



proof functioning of essential systems across crit-

ical sectors. The meeting, convened to assess national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination, was attended by secretaries from departments including atomic energy, space, electronics & IT, consumer affairs, road, railways, shipping, power, and border management. CONT:P4

## If India Wishes, No Sunrise for Pak Tomorrow: CM revanth

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to identify and detain Pakistani and Bangladeshi nationals residing illegally in Telangana, citing threats to law and order. During a high-level review meeting with top police officials, the CM emphasized the urgent need to monitor such individuals and set up a dedicated communication system at the Integrated Command and Control Centre

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Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy participated in a 'Solidarity Rally' from Telangana Secretariat to Indira Gandhi statue at Necklace Road.—Photo: Mir zulfequar ali

## Woman Killed In Pak Shelling in Uri

Srinagar WUT | May. 9

A woman was killed and another injured in the Pakistani shelling in the Uri sector along the Line of Control (LoC) in Jammu and Kashmir's northwestern Baramulla district late Thursday, the officials said. With this the toll among the civilians in the cross-border shelling in two days has risen to 14. One Army lance Naik (non-commissioned officer) also died when a military post was hit by an artillery shell fired from the border on Wednesday night. The officials said



that a vehicle was hit by a mortar bomb at a place called Mahura while moving from Rezerwani village to Baramulla town, killing one of the passengers identified as Nargis Begum wife of Bashir Khan instantly and injuring another Hafeeza wife of Razeek Ahmad Khan. The injured has been evacuated to a hospital in Baramulla.

## X Blocks 8,000 Accounts in India

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Social media platform X on Thursday said it has blocked 8,000 accounts in India following executive orders from the government. X said it received executive orders from the Indian government requiring it to block over 8,000 accounts in India, subject to potential penalties in-

cluding significant fines and imprisonment of the company's local employees. "To comply with the orders, we will withhold the specified accounts in India alone. We have begun that process. However, we disagree with the Indian government's demands," X said in a post on its Global Government Affairs handle.

## Rahul Gandhi: "We Support the Govt Fully, Understand the Sensitivity of the Situation

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Operation Sindoor is an ongoing operation, and while India does not want to escalate the situation at this point, it will hit back if Pakistan strikes, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told an all-party meeting today. The meeting was held a day after India carried out calibrated

airstrikes at nine locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir and destroyed terror infrastructure used by Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba to carry out attacks on Indian soil.

According to sources, the Defence Minister shared information about yesterday's strikes, while stressing that the government cannot share all details due to the situ-



ation's sensitivity. Mr Singh, sources said, told the all-party meeting that about 100 terrorists were killed in yesterday's airstrikes. He, ho-

wever, stressed that the number was not confirmed and information was still being gathered.

Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, assured complete support to the government in any action it takes. Mr Gandhi also appreciated the government's move to call all-party meetings before and after the operation to

take the Opposition into confidence. Mr Gandhi, sources said, asked some questions but did not push the government for answers, saying he understands the situation.

Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, questioned the Prime Minister's absence at the all-party meeting. Speaking to

the media later, Mr Kharge said, "He was not present at the earlier meeting either. It's okay, he thinks he is above Parliament. We will ask him sometime. But this is a time of crisis, we don't want to criticise anyone." Mr Gandhi said some details cannot be discussed with the media because they are confidential.

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India has asserted its zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism:Gudur Narayana Reddy

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BJP senior leader and state executive member Gudur Narayana Reddy stated in his Media statement on May 8.The Bharatiya Janata Party unequivocally applauds the Indian government's swift, precise, and resolute surgical strikes on terrorist strongholds in Pakistan and PoK. The BJP leader said that.These meticulously executed operations stand as a powerful testament to India's unyielding commitment to safeguarding its sovereignty and security.He asserted that.This military action is a direct and



proportionate response to the heinous terror attack orchestrated in Pehelgam, Kashmir, by Pakistan-sponsored and trained terrorists. Gudur Narayana Reddy clarified that Pakistan's persistent role as a breeding ground for terrorism, providing safe havens and resources to perpetrators of violence, has once again been exposed. These strikes deliver an unequivocal message that India

will not tolerate such nefarious activities, and those who threaten our nation will face severe and unrelenting consequences.He said that Under the decisive and courageous leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India has asserted its zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism. He said that The nation stands united, showcasing its unwavering resolve to protect every inch of its territory and decisively counter any threat with boldness and precision. These actions reaffirm India's position as a global force against terrorism, ensuring peace and security for its citizens.

BJP Telangana Accuses State Government of Failing to Address Illegal Immigrants

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N.V. Subhash, the official spokesperson and media in-charge for BJP Telangana, criticized the Telangana government for its failure to identify, arrest, and deport illegal immigrants from the state, despite clear directives from the Ministry of Home Affairs. The remarks come in the wake of the deadly terrorist attack in Pahalgam, Jammu & Kashmir, which claimed 26 innocent lives. Subhash expressed solidarity with the



Modi government's zero-tolerance policy toward terrorism, highlighting the swift action taken by the Indian Armed Forces under Operation Sindhoor, which destroyed nine terrorist camps in Pakistan. The BJP spokesperson also questioned why the Telangana government has not

acted on intelligence warnings from agencies like the IB and NIA about illegal immigrants linked to terror activities. Despite the Centre's clear guidelines for all states to deport foreign nationals residing illegally in India, Subhash noted that Telangana has failed

to take action, particularly against Pakistani nationals overstaying their visas. He pointed out that the Telangana government has not submitted any report on the number of illegal immigrants in the state, despite BJP's repeated demands. Subhash highlighted the issue of individuals obtaining Aadhaar cards, voter IDs, and accommodation through fake documents, calling it a serious security concern. In contrast, states like Gujarat and Maharashtra have already initiated

swift actions against illegal immigrants, with Gujarat detaining over 1,000 individuals with fake documents. Subhash questioned if Telangana's lack of action was due to political considerations, such as fear of offending the AIMIM party, and demanded the publication of a complete list of illegal immigrants residing in the state. He urged the Telangana government to cooperate with the Centre and take decisive action to ensure national security.

If India Wishes, No Sunrise for Pakistan Tomorrow: CM revanth

Hyderabad WUT | May. 9

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday issued a strong message to Pakistan, warning that India had the capability to erase the neighbouring country from the global map if provoked. Addressing a massive solidarity rally from the Telangana Secretariat to the Indira Gandhi statue at Necklace Road, Revanth de-

clared, "If India truly desires, Pakistanis wouldn't even be able to see the sunrise tomorrow."The rally was held to express support for the armed forces in the aftermath of Operation Sindoor, which was launched following the recent terror attack in Pahalgam. Thousands of citizens, ex-servicemen, and members of the Sainik Board joined the Chief Minister in a march holding

the National Flag, raising patriotic slogans like "Bharat Mata ki Jai," "Jai Jawan," and "Vande Mataram."Highlighting India's long-standing commitment to peace, Revanth reminded the gathering that both India and Pakistan attained independence through Mahatma Gandhi's non-violent struggle. "India is a peace-loving country. We secured freedom from the British through



non-violence. But some terrorists and their sponsors mistake our peace for weakness. They should not make that

mistake," he warned.Referring to the success of Operation Sindoor, Revanth praised the strength and

readiness of India's armed forces. "If India commands, there will be no Pakistan on the world map by tomorrow morning. Our brave soldiers can wipe them out before sunrise," he asserted.Revanth emphasized national unity in the fight against terrorism, stating, "All 140 crore Indians are united behind our armed forces. Political differences may exist, but when it comes to the na-

tion's security, we stand as one." He also commended Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi for supporting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the fight against Pakistan-sponsored terrorism.Veterans participating in the rally echoed the sentiment. M. Sudhakar, representing the armed forces, told Deccan Chronicle, "This display of unity by citizens is crucial for

those fighting on the front lines." Capt. Sangameshwar (Retd) of the Madras Regiment, a Kargil and Operation Parakram veteran, said, "I served for 32 years. Whether living or dead, we serve the country. This is our duty and our pride."The rally marked a rare moment of bipartisan unity and public solidarity in support of India's military actions against terrorism.

There Should Be No Terror and No Terrorists: Pankaj Kumar Agarwal

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In response to the recent Pahalgam attack, the Indian armed forces have launched a powerful counteroffensive through Operation Sindoor, delivering a decisive blow to terrorist hideouts in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir with precision missile strikes. Pankaj Kumar Agarwal, Founder of the Ghosh Ashoka Foundation, expressed his support for the military action, stating, "There should be no terror and no terrorists." He extended his



pride in India's brave soldiers and the Indian Army for their swift retaliation. Agarwal also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi, noting his strength and leadership, and lauded the action as a modern-day reflection of the valor of historical figures such as Maharana Pratap and Veer Shivaji.

Agarwal highlighted that Operation Sindoor has re-etched the brave stories of these icons into the present day, signaling India's unyielding spirit to the world. This military operation has evoked widespread celebration and relief among the people of India, who had been calling for retribution following the attack on Pahalgam. In his message, Agarwal expressed immense pride and faith in the Indian Army and the Government of India, affirming that the nation stands united with both in this moment of victory.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Appoints 121 Hostel Welfare Officers to Support Students

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Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar recently handed over appointment letters to 121 newly appointed Hostel Welfare Officers at the Secretariat. The event was attended by BC Welfare Principal Secretary Sridhar, Gurukul Commissioner Saidulu, Corporation Chairman Nuthi Srikanth Goud, and others. Minister Prabhakar congratulated the new officers, welcoming them to the BC Welfare family. He emphasized the important role they would play in shaping



the future of children, likening their responsibility to that of parents. He stressed the need to develop students' confidence and prepare them to become future leaders, whether in professions like teaching, medicine, journalism, politics, or

hostel welfare. The minister also highlighted the government's achievements, noting that over 60,000 jobs have been filled since Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration took office in December 2023. Additionally, vacancies in

703 hostels have been filled, marking a significant milestone for the BC Welfare Department. The government has also improved conditions in government schools and is addressing student concerns by increasing mess charges and providing additional cosmetic charges. Minister Prabhakar touched upon the government's efforts to enhance family honor and welfare, including offering small rice to the common people and conducting a comprehensive caste survey. He praised Telangana's pioneering role in caste surveys, stating that the

state's initiatives are setting an example for the nation. The new Hostel Welfare Officers are expected to ensure quality discipline and education within the hostels. The BC Welfare Department operates 703 hostels, catering to over 72,000 students, and the government continues to support them with monthly allowances for food, accommodation, and educational supplies. This step reflects the government's ongoing commitment to providing better facilities and opportunities for students from weaker sections.

90 Flights from Hyderabad Cancelled

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More than 90 flights that operate between Hyderabad and northern cities like Srinagar, Jammu, Amritsar, Leh and Chandigarh have been cancelled until 5.29 am on May 10 due to airspace restrictions. The cancellations have come after a notification from aviation authorities and major airlines including Air India, IndiGo and SpiceJet have suspended services to and from these destinations. These routes are especially busy during the summer season as many people travel to hill sta-

tions and tourist spots in the north. On an average, Air India operates around 11 flights to Srinagar, 10 to Amritsar, 14 to Leh and around 4-5 to Jammu and 12 to Chandigarh from Hyderabad. IndiGo also runs 10 flights to Srinagar, 11 to Amritsar, 11 to Leh and 7 to Jammu. In their travel advisories, airlines have asked passengers to check their flight status and have offered easy options for re-booking or refunds. Air India in its advisory stated that flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Jodhpur, Amritsar, Jannagar, Chandigarh and Rajkot are cancelled until

May 10 until 5.29 am. IndiGo also shared its advisory stating that flights to and from Jammu, Srinagar, Leh, Amritsar and Chandigarh are cancelled until the given time. As of now, flights to and from these destinations are expected to resume only after May 10 at 5.29 am, depending on further announcements from the aviation authorities. The cancellations have also had an impact on travel agencies. Anuradha Chetti, CEO of RT Tours and Travels (Hyderabad), said there has been a disruption due to the ongoing situation. "Most of our

clients who had booked tickets to Srinagar, Leh, Jammu and Amritsar have chosen to reschedule their trips after 15 to 20 days later, instead of cancelling them completely," she said. Only a few travellers, mainly corporate employees, have booked new tickets for immediate travel after May 10, 2025 especially on May 11 and 12. She also said that a few schools had planned excursions to these northern destinations but have now postponed their trips by about 10 days and shifted them to alternative locations in the south.

Three-Day FDP on Universal Human Values

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The Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of Spthoorthy Engineering College is conducting a three-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Introductory Universal Human Values (UHV)" from May 8 to 10, 2025. This self-financed program is being held under the guidance of AICTE and is designed to enhance the understanding of ethical and human values in higher education.The sessions are led by Ms. Ridhi Chirag Sachade as the Resource Person, with support from Ms. G. Prashanthi (Co-fa-



cilitator) and Dr. Ishrat Meera Mirzana (Observer), all affiliated with the NCCIP AICTE Regional Panel team. The inaugural address was delivered by Secretary and Correspondent Shri S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, Principal Dr. V. S. Giridhar Akkula, and IQAC Coordinator Dr. Gayathri,

who emphasized the growing relevance of Universal Human Values in shaping responsible, compassionate, and socially conscious educators.The UHV framework encourages ethical competence, clarity in human relationships, and harmony across individual, societal, and environmental

domains through self-exploration. This reflective process helps faculty cultivate a strong sense of purpose, responsibility, and holistic well-being—key pillars in transforming the educational ecosystem.Faculty members from various departments are actively participating in this thought-provoking and insightful program, aimed at integrating value-based education into the academic framework. The FDP is fostering an environment of introspection and dialogue, reinforcing the role of educators in nurturing character and values among students.



# Centre Announces Support for Telangana Chilli Farmers

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In a major move aimed at alleviating the financial distress of chilli farmers in Telangana, the Union Ministry of Agriculture has approved significant assistance under the Price Deficiency Payment (PDP) component of the Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) during the ongoing Rabi season. This intervention comes following persistent concerns raised by Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, who has been advocating for the protection of farmers from distress sale prices below their cost of cultivation. The key objective of the initiative is to safeguard farmers from incurring losses as they are forced to sell their produce at prices much

lower than their input costs. Under the approved scheme, the government will bridge the price gap by compensating farmers, ensuring that they do not face financial hardships due to the prevailing market conditions. The Ministry of Agriculture confirmed that the guidelines of the Market Intervention Scheme will be strictly followed, and the Telangana Agriculture Department has been instructed to take immediate steps for the effective implementation of the scheme. The MIS guidelines include a compensation mechanism that will cover a substantial portion of the state's chilli production. Kishan Reddy had earlier urged Union Minister for Agriculture, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, to intervene after receiving alarming reports from

several chilli-growing districts in Telangana. These districts include Khammam, Mahabubabad, Jogulamba Gadwal, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Suryapet, Warangal, Hanamkonda, and Nagarkurnool. In these regions, farmers have been cultivating chillies on a large scale but have been forced to sell their produce at drastically low rates, often far below their input costs. The Union Ministry responded to the distress call by announcing that under the MIS for the 2024-25 financial year, a total of 1,72,135 metric tonnes of chillies will be covered under the price support scheme. This amount represents 25 per cent of the state's estimated total chilli production of 6,88,540

metric tonnes for the season. The government has fixed the support price for chillies under the scheme at Rs. 10,374 per quintal, which is significantly higher than the market price that farmers have been receiving, ranging between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 6,000 per quintal. To ensure swift implementation, the Telangana government is required to deposit the difference between the market price and the cost of cultivation directly into the bank accounts of the affected farmers. The Centre will reimburse the state government for this expenditure in a 50:50 financial burden-sharing arrangement. This means that both the Union and state governments will equally bear the cost of this intervention. The intervention comes after reports of

widespread exploitation of farmers by middlemen, who have been purchasing chillies at drastically low rates. Kishan Reddy pointed out the failure of state agriculture and marketing officials to prevent this exploitation, and the lack of action against the middlemen responsible for these unfair practices. By implementing the MIS, the Centre aims to provide immediate relief to farmers, ensuring that they are paid a fair price for their hard work and investment in cultivating chillies. The initiative will also help mitigate the financial losses incurred due to the prevailing market prices, which have been significantly lower than the cost of cultivation.

## Courage of Our Forces is the Confidence of Every Indian Citizen": Diddi Sudhakar

Hyderabad  
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The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Telangana unit expressed strong solidarity with the Indian Armed Forces following the successful completion of Operation "Sindoor", which reportedly targeted multiple terrorist camps across the border in Pakistan. AAP Telangana State Convenor Dr. Diddi Sudhakar hailed the operation as a major step in the fight against terrorism. Speaking at a demonstration held at the Ambedkar statue on Tank Bund, Hyderabad, Dr. Sudhakar said the courage of the armed forces is the confidence of every Indian citizen. He saluted the bravery of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, crediting them for destroying camps linked to terrorist groups Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lash-



kar-e-Taiba. "Operation Sindoor has brought justice to the victims of the Pahalgam attack and sent a strong message to those who perpetrate terror against India," he stated, urging citizens to rise above political affiliations in matters of national security. Dr. Sudhakar emphasized the need for unity in supporting the Central Government's counter-terrorism initiatives. Calling for global cooperation, he appealed to world nations to support India in its mission to eradicate terrorism and

help create a peaceful world. Slogans like "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Pakistan should be destroyed" echoed during the protest, which saw participation from key AAP leaders including Javed Sharif, Dr. Lakshya Naidu, Sudharani, Aziz Baig, Shahbaz, Siddharth, S.N. Reddy, Ramya Goud, Vishali, Liaquat Khan, Rakesh and others. The party reiterated its commitment to national security and expressed continued support for the armed forces' efforts to eliminate terrorism.

## Family Get-Together Celebrated at Sphoorthy Engineering College

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Sphoorthy Engineering College hosted a joyful and memorable Family Get-Together for its faculty and staff, celebrating the spirit of unity and appreciation within the college community. The event saw enthusiastic participation from staff members along with their spouses and children, turning the campus into a vibrant hub of laughter, bonding, and celebration. A key highlight of the day was the Valedictory Ceremony of the Summer Camp, which was conducted from April 30 to May 7 for children. During the ceremony, young participants shared their learnings and experiences, showcasing their creativity and growth. All children were awarded certificates and tokens of appreciation in recognition of their active involvement and enthusiasm throughout the camp. To commemorate the occasion, every family was presented with a special memento by the college management as a token of grat-



itude. The day featured a host of fun-filled activities and cultural performances, engaging attendees of all age groups and fostering a strong sense of community and belonging. The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Chairman Sri S. Chalmra Reddy and Secretary Shri S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, who expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the staff and their families for making the event a grand success through their enthusiastic participation. The celebration was a perfect blend of entertainment, appreciation, and togetherness, further strengthening the relationship between the institution and its extended family.

## 5th Urs-e-Shareef of Hazrat Allama Qazi Syed Shah Azam Ali Soofi (R.A.) Observed with Devotion and Reverence

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The 5th Urs-e-Shareef of Hazrat Allama Qazi Syed Shah Azam Ali Soofi (R.A.) was held with deep devotion and spiritual reverence on the 2nd and 3rd of May, featuring the traditional Sandal Shareef and Chagah ceremonies. The event brought together a large number of devotees and followers who gathered to honor the life and teachings of the



revered Sufi saint. The program was graced by prominent guests, including AIMIM senior leader Syed Ahmed Pasha Quadri, AIMIM

MLC Mirza Rehmat Baig, AIMIM Alin Colony Area President Mohd Mustafa Ali Sufyani, and TJRA Vice President Md Mubeen Quadri. Their presence added significance to the occasion, reflecting the spiritual and social influence of Hazrat Allama Qazi Syed Shah Azam Ali Soofi (R.A.) in the community. The Urs served as a reminder of the saint's message of unity, peace, and divine love.

## Dentists Are Doctors: AIDSA Issues Stern Warning Against Disrespect to Dental Profession

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The All India Dental Students and Surgeons Association (AIDSA) has issued a strong statement condemning recent remarks by Dr. Rajatha Damisetty, Chairperson of the Indian Association of Dermatologists, Venereologists and Leprologists (IADVL), who claimed in a now-viral video that dentists should not be addressed as "doctors." Following widespread backlash from the dental and broader medical community, Dr. Damisetty has since publicly apologized. However, AIDSA has made it clear that any future attempts to demean or under-



mine the dental profession will be met with legal consequences. "Dentistry is a recognized and regulated branch of medical science," said Dr. MD Manzur Ahmed, National and Founder President of AIDSA. "Any disparagement against dental professionals is not just disrespectful — it is an attack on a legally es-

tablished healthcare discipline." Dentistry in India is governed by the Dental Council of India (DCI), a statutory body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The country currently has 327 recognized dental colleges, all of which operate as multi-departmental medical institutions with departments including Oral Surgery, Prosthodontics, Periodontics, Orthodontics, Conservative Dentistry, Oral Pathology, Pedodontics, Public Health Dentistry, and Oral Medicine & Radiology. Each department is staffed by experienced Heads of Departments (HODs) and qualified faculty, with a strong

emphasis on research, clinical excellence, and patient care. Dentists play a critical role in India's healthcare system, conducting surgical procedures, diagnosing complex oral and systemic conditions, and serving as first responders in cases involving oral trauma, infections, and cancer screenings. Refuting the notion that dentists are "auxiliary health workers," AIDSA asserts that dental professionals are fully qualified doctors entitled to use the prefix "Dr." — a right legally recognized by: The Dental Council of India, The Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002

The Revised Code of Ethics Regulations, 2014. An official statement in the Lok Sabha by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, affirming that both BDS and MDS degree holders are entitled to be addressed as "Doctor." AIDSA has called on the media, healthcare institutions, academic bodies, and the general public to acknowledge and uphold the dignity of the dental profession. "We will not tolerate disrespect toward our community," Dr. Ahmed said. "We will defend every dental professional — legally, institutionally, and nationally."

## Sanskrit should become our part of lives: MV. Satish Kumar

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On the eve of Shankara Jayanti, free learning and training of Sanskrit language was started under the agencies of the organization "Ekadanta - The School of Ancient Studies" in the Jubilee Hills. This program is aimed at making Sanskrit language to learn by everyone through the website ekadantha.in and the work of this organization is receiving special Appreciation. On this event, Uttarakhand Hrishikesh Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Vedanta Acharya Puj-



yashri Sakshatkritananda Saraswati Swami inaugurated the third level (Level 3) through the Ekadanta website. Speaking at the program, Swamiji explained, "Everyone in the orthodox virtue must study Sanskrit. It is a scientifically systematic language. Therefore, it is the mother source language of all languages." Swamiji

exuded happiness that people are learning Sanskrit easily and simply due to the free online courses undertaken by the organization. "We can strengthen our culture and traditions through Sanskrit," he added. Ekadanta Director Shri M.V. Satish Kumar, Head faculty C.H. Sadguna, Swami Satyathananda Saraswati,

Swami Atmarathananda Saraswati, Sri Kumara Velu, Sri Gopalakrishna, Sri Dayanand, Sri Kripa-nand and others participated in this program. Speaking on the occasion, Head Teacher Smt. C.H. Sadguna said, "Every student who is involved in the Sanskrit training should learn this language with respect, commitment and joy. It is equally useful for everyone from young to old. Everyone should utilize this opportunity provided by Ekadanta organization. The director of the organization, Shri Satish Kumar, said, "Sanskrit

should become our part of lives. Therefore, we are trying to make it hassle free, simple and enjoyable for everyone to learn this language." He said, "Our top goal is to provide our traditional education systems through the modern technology. Moreover, on the occasion of Shankara Jayanti, students recited Sanskrit hymn and shared a cultural performance. Finally, the organizers said that the ongoing service program's of the organization are receiving a great response from the people.

## National Ambedkar Sena's Food Distribution Drive

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Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) General Secretary and Nampally In-Charge, Feroz Khan, attended the Annadanam (free food distribution) program at Niloufer Hospital as the Chief Guest. The event was organized by the National Ambedkar Sena under the leadership of its National President, Manne Sridar Rao. Joining the initiative were key members Shaik Salam, Syed Aslam, Venkatesh, and the dedicated team of volunteers. The program aimed to serve patients and their families, reflecting the humanitarian values and inclusive vision of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. Feroz Khan praised the efforts of the organizers and volunteers, calling the initiative a true embodiment of Ambedkar's legacy of social justice and service to the underprivileged.



"Such acts of compassion highlight the importance of community service and collective responsibility," he said. The event concluded with a heartfelt salute to the volunteers for their tireless and selfless contribution.

## Dr. Pabbati Warns of Economic Risks in War with Pak

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Dr. Pabbati Srikrishna, the National President of Mala Mahanadu, expressed concerns about the economic consequences of India's ongoing conflict with Pakistan. He criticized the Modi government's approach to the war, noting that while it might be necessary to target terrorists, the broader conflict could harm the nation's economy. He pointed out that wars, particularly those fought with neighboring countries, often lead to



significant economic setbacks, with India already facing economic struggles. Dr. Srikrishna highlighted the tragic loss of life among the disadvantaged, particularly in defense, where soldiers from lower castes bear the brunt of the casualties, while higher-ranking officers typically

come from upper castes. The Mala Mahanadu leader also condemned the violence committed in the name of religion, whether by Pakistani terrorists or extremist groups within India. He expressed the view that violence in any form, whether driven by Islamic or Hindu ideologies, is unjustifiable. Drawing parallels between the ongoing situation in Pakistan and the violence perpetrated by RSS groups in India, Dr. Srikrishna condemned the killings of innocent people, especially in the

northeastern states, and emphasized the importance of distinguishing between terrorists and the broader population. Dr. Srikrishna further remarked that the BJP's frequent reference to Pakistani terrorists before elections has become a common tactic. He praised the Indian Army's professionalism and cooperation but urged the government to focus on targeting terrorists rather than engaging in war with an entire country, as such conflicts risk exacerbating India's already fragile economy.



Infiltration Bid Foiled In J&K's Samba Amid Surging India-Pak Tensions

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The Border Security Force said it foiled an infiltration bid in Jammu and Kashmir's Samba along the international border with Pakistan this evening amid massive drone and missile attacks from Pakistan.

Jammu, RS Pura, Samba, Hiranagar, and Arnia reported massive shelling from Pakistan and India, foiling attempts made to attack military installations. Pakistani drones have been intercepted in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer. A Pakistani drone has been intercepted near Sir Creek in Gujarat.

The Defence Ministry said military stations at Jammu, Pathankot and Udhampur were targeted by Pakistani-origin drones

and missiles along the International Border in Jammu and Kashmir. The threats were swiftly neutralised using kinetic and non-kinetic capabilities in line with established Standard Operating Procedures. No casualties or material losses were reported, the ministry said in a post on X, formerly Twitter. India remains fully prepared to defend its sovereignty and ensure the safety of its people. In a post on X, formerly Twitter, from its official handle, the Information and Broadcasting Ministry said, "India has negated Pakistan's escalation bid with focused, measured and non-escalatory response. Indian armed forces reiterate their commitment to non-escalation, provided it is respected by the Pakistani military

India Strikes Terror Camps, Warns Pakistan Against Escalation

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National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval on Wednesday held high-level discussions with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi and conveyed that India does not seek escalation with Pakistan but is fully prepared to respond firmly if provoked.Doval's remarks came shortly after India launched Operation Sindoor, a series of precision missile strikes targeting nine key terror camps—four in Pakistan (Bahawalpur, Muridke, Sialkot, and Sarjal) and five in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK). The strikes were widely seen as a direct response to the recent Pahalgam terror attack.According to PTI, NSA Doval also engaged in diplomatic outreach with key international counterparts, including U.S. NSA and Secretary of State Marco Rubio, UK's Jonathan Powell,

Saudi Arabia's Musaid Al Aiban, UAE's H.H. Sheikh Tahnoun, and Japan's Masataka Okano. He briefed them on the nature of the operation, describing it as "measured, non-escalatory, and restrained."India has no intention of escalating tensions, but it remains prepared to retaliate resolutely if Pakistan chooses to respond," officials quoted Doval as saying.Further diplomatic communication was established with Russian NSA Sergei Shoigu, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and Diplomatic Adviser to the French President, Emmanuel Bonne.The strikes reportedly targeted terrorist infrastructure operating under the protection of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), underscoring India's zero-tolerance policy toward cross-border terrorism.

PM Modi Calls for Proactive Measures to Secure Vital National Systems

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A day after India executed successful airstrikes targeting a terror base in Pakistan under Operation Sindoor, Prime Minister Narendra Modi convened a high-level review meeting with over 20 senior secretaries to assess the country's national preparedness and inter-ministerial coordination in view of the evolving security situation.

The meeting, held at the Prime Minister's Office, saw participation from secretaries representing key sectors such as atomic energy, space, electronics and IT, consumer affairs, transport (road, rail, and shipping), power, and border management. These departments are considered crucial for ensuring the uninterrupted functioning of the country's essential services during any emergency or national crisis.

According to an official release from the PMO, Prime Minister Modi stressed the importance of "fool-proof functioning of essential systems" and issued clear directives to strengthen institutional resilience. He emphasized the need for comprehensive readiness, swift emergency response mechanisms, and robust internal communication protocols across ministries. He urged officials to act with urgency and foresight rather than waiting for instructions, especially in matters related to the security of critical infrastructure and the supply chain of essential commodities.

The Prime Minister called upon all secretaries to undertake a detailed review of their respective ministries and departments to identify vulnerabilities, assess current levels of preparedness, and ensure their systems are shielded from potential cyber threats. PM Modi highlighted the importance of ensuring seamless coordination between ministries and departments to maintain operational continuity and public confidence during uncertain times.

Sources present at the meeting noted that each secretary was given a specific time slot to present the current preparedness status of their department, existing emergency response frameworks, and any additional measures being considered to enhance resilience. Officials presented their strategies in line with a "whole-of-government" approach, which underscores cross-sector collaboration in addressing national-level contingencies.

The government is also closely monitoring key infrastructure assets.



Ministries handling transportation and logistics are reportedly focusing on the security and safety of vital components such as bridges, railway overhead electrical systems, and major highways to ensure there is no disruption in the movement of goods and people. Ports, particularly along the western coast, have stepped up their security posture, including deploying full access-controlled systems to restrict unauthorized movement and potential threats.

In addition to infrastructure, the Prime Minister also directed departments to keep a vigilant eye on market trends to prevent panic buying and stabilize the prices of essential goods. Special instructions were issued to counter misinformation, including the spread of fake news, that may trigger fear or unrest among citizens. The government expressed confidence in managing the economic situation, noting that prices of essentials such as pulses, cereals, and edible oils remain under control.

Following the Prime Minister's address, many departments immediately initiated internal review meetings, with marathon sessions aimed at sharpening response strategies and finalizing contingency plans. These measures are part of the government's broader effort to ensure national security readiness and uninterrupted delivery of essential services in the wake of heightened tensions and possible escalations.

With the current focus on institutional vigilance, proactive action, and strategic coordination, the Centre has made it clear that it is committed to safeguarding public interest and maintaining operational stability across all critical sectors.

"Pahalgam Attack Was Original Escalation": India On 'Op Sindoor' Response

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The attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam on April 22 was the "original escalation", Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri said on Thursday as he gave details about India's 'Operation Sindoor', in which the Indian armed forces carried out precision strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

"The first thing that must be kept in mind is that the attack of April 22 in Pahalgam was the original escalation. The action that was taken against Pakistan and PoK-based terror camps by the Indian armed forces was a response to that escalation," the foreign secretary said. The top diplomat also spoke about The Resistance Front - the terror group behind the Pahalgam attack, which is a shadow arm of the globally banned Lashkar-e-Taiba. "This terror outfit has been reported earlier by Indian authorities. Information had been provided to the United Nations 1267 sanctions monitoring committee. We will be meeting the UN team again very soon and shall be providing an update to the information given earlier."

He added that "India's response to the original escalation has been non-escalatory, precise, controlled, accurate, measured, and considered. No military targets have been selected. Only terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and PoK has been hit."

India has made it clear that any strike by Pakistan now, will only be treated as further escalation and not retaliation.

Addressing the disinformation emanating out of Pakistan, Mr Misri said, "There are a number of issues that have been raised in commentaries and lot of unfounded disinformation and fabrication has come from across the border. India would like to set the record straight."

"The first of these is that Pakistan has tried to wash its hands off any and all involvement with terrorism. Pakistan's information minister claimed there are no terrorists in Pakistan - and he was challenged on that on television," he said, adding that "Pakistan's reputation as the epicenter of global terrorism is rooted in a number of instances where concrete evidence is available, not just to India, but to governments, authorities and agencies across the world."

"Numerous incidents of terror globally have had Pakistan's fingerprints. I don't need to emphasize the point about where Osama bin Laden was found, and who called him a martyr. Pakistan has also for decades pursued cross-border terrorism into India with impunity," he noted.

"In the past, Pakistan had also deliberately misled the international community, claiming that terrorist Sajid Mir was dead, but after global pressure, they brought Sajid Mir back to life and took him in custody," the top diplomat said.

"Op Sindoor Is On, Will Hit Back If...": Rajnath Singh To All-Party Meet



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Operation Sindoor is an ongoing operation, and while India does not want to escalate the situation at this point, it will hit back if Pakistan strikes, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh told an all-party meeting today. The meeting was held a day after India carried out calibrated airstrikes at nine locations in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir and destroyed terror infrastructure used by Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba to carry out attacks on Indian soil.

According to sources, the Defence Minister shared information about yesterday's strikes, while stressing that the government cannot share all details due to the situation's sensitivity. Mr Singh, sources said, told the all-party meeting that about 100 terrorists were killed in yesterday's airstrikes. He, however, stressed that the number was not confirmed and information was still being gathered.

Rahul Gandhi, Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, assured complete support to the government in any action it takes. Mr Gandhi also appreciated the government's move to call all-party meetings before and after the operation to take the Opposition into confidence. Mr Gandhi, sources said, asked some questions but did not push the government for answers, saying he understands the situation. Mallikarjun Kharge, Congress chief and Leader of the Opposition in Rajya Sabha, questioned the Prime Minister's absence at the all-party meeting. Speaking to the media later, Mr Kharge said, "He was not present at the earlier meeting either. It's okay, he thinks he is above Parliament. We will ask him sometime. But this is a time of crisis, we don't want to criticise anyone." Mr Gandhi said some details cannot be discussed with the media because they are confidential.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said political leaders cutting across party lines showed maturity at the meeting. "At a time when the country is facing such a crisis, there is no place for politics. All leaders unanimously praised the armed forces. Everyone said we will support all actions of the government and the forces. Nobody had any opposition," he said.

Mr Rijiju added that Defence Minister Singh had said today's meeting shows we are not in politics to just form the government, but to run the country.

"Across the country, all political leaders are speaking in one language. That's good. I want to thank all the leaders. Everyone came and supported us the way we thought they would. This was a fruitful meeting," he added. India carried out the airstrikes under Operation Sindoor in retaliation for the Pahalgam terror attack on April 22, in which 25 tourists and Kashmiri pony ride operator were murdered in cold blood.

Amit Shah Speaks To Chiefs Of Border Guarding Forces

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Amid the escalating tensions between India and Pakistan, Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Thursday spoke with the Director Generals of border guarding forces to assess the situation.

Amit Shah also talked to the Director General of the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) regarding airport security. Pakistan has targeted military stations of Jammu, Pathankot and Udhampur in proximity to the International boundary, Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff said.

Pakistan Army has violated ceasefire and resorted to firing across the Line of Control. They have targeted Kupwara, Tangdhar, and Karnah sectors of Jammu and Kashmir.

They also fired eight missiles directed at Sattwari, Samba, RS Pura and Arnia, and all were intercepted and blocked by air defence units, defence sources said.

The sources said visuals over Jammu remind one of exactly a Hamas-style attack on Israel, like multiple cheap rockets. Pakistan Army is operating and behaving like a terrorist organisation, Hamas. Last month, ISI and Hamas met in Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir. Explosions were heard as Indian air defence intercepted Pakistani drones in Udhampur, Jammu and Kashmir. Pakistani drones were intercepted by Indian air defence in Jaisalmer. Explosions were heard, and flashes were seen in the sky. A complete blackout has been enforced in Bikaner, Rajasthan, and Jalandhar, Punjab. Blackouts have also been enforced in Kishtwar, Akhnoor, Samba, Jammu, and Amritsar, Jalandhar.

India had responded to the Pahalgam terror attack through Operation Sindoor, in which terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan and Pok was targeted through precision strikes. India also said that any attack on military installations will invite a suitable response.

It said that this morning, the Indian Armed Forces targeted Air Defence Radars and systems at a number of locations in Pakistan. The Indian response has been in the



same domain with the same intensity as Pakistan's. It has been reliably learnt that an Air Defence system at Lahore has been neutralised.

The Defence Ministry said in a statement on Thursday that on the night of May 7, Pakistan attempted to engage a number of military targets in Northern and Western India including Avantipura, Srinagar, Jammu, Pathankot, Amritsar, Kapurthala, Jalandhar, Ludhiana, Adampur, Bhatinda, Chandigarh, Nal, Phalodi, Uttarlai, and Bhuj, using drones and missiles. "These were neutralised by the Integrated Counter UAS Grid and Air Defence systems.





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TECH TRASH, GROWING E-WASTE CRISIS

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Have you ever wondered where your old smartphone goes after you toss it? That tiny device — filled with valuable metals and toxic chemicals — doesn't just vanish. More often, it ends up in landfills or is dismantled under hazardous conditions in developing countries.


With technology evolving rapidly, devices are being replaced at an alarming rate, fueling a growing e-waste crisis. E-waste, or electronic waste, includes discarded gadgets like smartphones, computers and TVs. While no universal definition exists, it generally covers expensive, durable products used for data processing, communication and entertainment.

As lifespans shrink due to rapid innovation, global e-waste surged to 62 million tonnes in 2022 and is projected to hit 82 million tonnes by 2030 (Statista, 2025). Poor recycling rates,

informal processing and weak regulations intensify the crisis, posing severe environmental and health risks. Per Capita e-waste Per capita production is the average amount of e-waste each person in a country produces. In 2022, the average per capita e-waste production was 7.8 kilograms. While Asia generated the largest quantity of e-waste overall, Europe and Oceania had the highest per capita rates, producing 17.6 kilograms and 16.1 kilograms per person, respectively. This shows that e-waste is not evenly distributed worldwide, and different regions handle it in different ways.

Within this vast waste stream, valuable metals such as gold, silver and platinum can be found in recoverable amounts. Valuable metals in e-waste were worth \$9.6 billion in 2022 and could reach \$13.6 billion by 2029. However, only 22.3% was properly recycled, while 48 million tonnes were informally handled, with 29%

likely ending up in landfills. Weak enforcement of laws, such as the 2016 Municipal Solid Waste Rules (Turaga & Bhaskar), allows illegal e-waste exports in low to middle-income countries, where workers, including women and children, face toxic exposure. Poverty forces many communities to rely on e-waste scavenging despite serious health risks. Pregnant women and children are especially vulnerable, facing higher risks of neurodevelopmental disorders, respiratory diseases and toxic exposure. Studies link informal recycling to premature birth, stillbirth, and cognitive impairments. Addressing this crisis requires stronger regulations, safer recycling practices and technological innovations. Toxic Wasteland In Ghana, one of the world's largest e-waste dumps, children as young as ten can be seen rummaging through mountains of discarded electronics, hoping to find valuable metals like copper and gold. Their hands, often bare, are cov-



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**The Editor**



Health varsity told to act on seat plea

Justice Pulla Karthik of the Telangana High Court directed Kaloji Narayana Rao Medical University to consider and pass an appropriate order by Thursday on a fresh representation to be submitted on Wednesday by Nova Institute of Medical Sciences and Research Centre, which sought consent of affiliation for enhancement of 100 MBBS seats. The direction was issued while dealing with a writ plea filed by the institute, represented by its secretary M. Krishna Rao, challenging the inaction and delay on the part of the university in acting on its representation dated January 20, 2025. The petitioner contended that the delay in issuing the Consent of Affiliation (COA) for the proposed increase in UG MBBS seats was arbitrary and violative of its rights under the Constitution. Senior counsel Sunil Ganu, appearing for the petitioner, argued that the insistence on producing an essentiality or no-objection certificate was not legally required. Counsel appearing for National Medical Commission pointed out that the filed representation was without acknowledgement, raising doubts whether the representation was submitted in the first place. The judge, after considering the submissions of both sides, directed submission of a fresh representation by the petitioner and its consideration by the respondent authorities.

Accused Entitled to Default Bail Only After 60/90 Days from Remand: Telangana HC

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The Telangana High Court made it clear that an accused in a criminal case can seek default bail or statutory bail, only if the chargesheet or final report was not filed within the 60/90-day remand period which begins from the date of the magistrate's remand order. The court said that the date of registration of FIR cannot be computed to calculate the period of 60 or 90 days, for the purpose of default bail.

Justice J. Sreenivas Rao also said that if a charge-



sheet is filed on or after the 61st/91st day, the accused is entitled to default bail provided the application is made before such filing. Once the right to default bail accrues, it cannot be defeated by the subsequent filing of the chargesheet. The Judge

emphasised the right of default bail in a bail petition filed by Koka Raghava Rao (junior), 34, who was sent to prison on a complaint filed by his 96-year-old grandfather Koka Raghava Rao (senior), a senior advocate who has 70 years of standing as ad-

vocate in the High Court and Supreme Court. According to Dr J. Vijayalakshmi, counsel for Raghava Rao (senior), his client had acquired several properties in Munaganoor and flats in Ghaziabad, Noida and Supreme Towers at Delhi. Due to his advanced age, he reduced his travel and decided to sell his Ghazibad flat and for which he granted general power of attorney (GPA) to his grandson in December 2023. His grandson fraudulently portrayed himself as the GPA holder and executed a development agreement for another

property on 16.12.2023, which was registered just a day after the original GPA. Moreover, the complainant came to know that various plots in Munganoor village belonging to him and his relatives were sold to third parties by the accused and others by using fabricated death certificates and Aadhaar cards including those of Raghava Rao (senior)'s deceased wife and other relatives. Further, large sums of money were withdrawn from his bank accounts and fixed deposits without his consent. The stolen amounts included ₹90 lakh from his FDRs in

New Delhi, ₹13,41,111 from his savings account at a bank and ₹49,06,951 from the sale proceeds of his Noida flat through his account with another bank. Based on the complaint, the police registered an FIR on January 3, 2025, and arrested the complainant's grandson, Raghava Rao (junior), on February 11. Computing the 90-day period from the registration of FIR, the grandson approached the High Court for statutory bail. The court dismissed his petition and gave clarity on the right of default bail.

Amma's Love: A Lifelong Shield and Inspiration

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Machana Raghunandan, recipient of the International Tobacco Control Award, reflects on the invaluable love and protection of his mother, who shaped his life. "Mama" is a word that holds a deep, unshakable truth, and no matter how much a mother speaks, her love is beyond words. This truth is especially evident on World Mother's Day, celebrated every second



Sunday of May, when we honor the divine love of mothers. Machana recalls a story from his childhood

when his grandfather, Machana Pundarikam, lovingly referred to his mother as "a great man," a title she never

fully understood, even when her son turned forty. In 2022, Doordarshan interviewed him and praised his efforts, calling him a rare individual who could change society. Amma's pride was boundless, her heart swelling with joy as her son spoke on national television about tobacco control. For over two decades, Amma tirelessly spread awareness about the harms of tobacco, urging everyone she met to quit smoking. Her pride

in her son's work was immense. Machana recounts a specific moment when, during a rainstorm, he walked home and found Amma standing by a fallen electric wire. She had been waiting for him for an hour, warning others of the danger, knowing her son might get hurt. This moment encapsulated the love and protection she always gave, saving his life from an impending shock. When Machana decided to pursue civil

services, Amma went above and beyond to support him, even mortgaging her jewelry to fund his studies. Though his father focused on his duties, Amma was always there for her children, providing emotional and financial support. Despite his success, she remained humble, teaching him the values of simplicity and groundedness. Amma's love continues to be his refuge, a constant source of strength and protection.



Yo Yo Honey Singh, Nargis Fakhri wrap up shoot of ‘masterpiece’ song ‘Teri Yaadein’



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After belting out chart-busters such as “Millionaire,” “Maniac,” and “Laal Pari”, rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh is all set to bring out a new track titled “Teri Yaadein” featuring actress Nargis Fakhri and said that “it’s a masterpiece.”

Honey Singh took to Instagram, where he shared details about the wrap up of the song and also a glimpse of the romantic Arabic number. In the image, the

rapper and actress are dressed in Greco-Roman-inspired attire. Honey Singh is sporting a white toga-like outfit with ornate golden embellishments, evoking the look of a Roman noble or general. Meanwhile, Nagis looks gorgeous in a white one-shoulder gown, beautifully embroidered with gold floral detailing. The two are standing closely, with their foreheads gently touching, creating a romantic moment.

Lauren Gottlieb talks about the ‘biggest lesson’ she learnt in Bollywood

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Choreographer-dancer Lauren Gottlieb, who made her debut in Hindi cinema in 2013 with “ABCD: Any Body Can Dance,” said that entering Bollywood was a steep learning curve because she was unprepared for the industry’s unique pace, expectations, and culture.

Asked what’s one lesson the industry taught her that no one prepared her for, Lauren told IANS: “If I take Bollywood specifically, I’d say the biggest lesson was realizing just how much I didn’t know going in.”

“The inexperience—not just in performing, but in understanding how the industry and India itself worked—was a real



wake-up call. I didn’t know who was who, how the timelines worked, what was expected, or where to push versus where to hold back,” she added.

The actress further added: “The hours are long, shoots can stretch way beyond the scheduled time, and there’s just a whole rhythm to it that’s very different from other industries.”

Lauren said in those first few years, she often found herself thinking “Wait, what’s going on?”

“But over time, you just become more attuned to the pace, the process, and the personalities involved. Now I can walk onto a set and think, “It’s all good—it’ll get done,” because I’ve grown into the rhythm of it.”

She added: “I think that kind of learning curve

probably applies to a lot of people in their industries—you just have to live it to learn it.

Looking forward, Lauren has choreographed and performed on the number “Who Rules The World” from “The Royals.” It stars Ishaan Khatter, Bhumi Pednekar, Sakshi Tanwar, Nora Fatehi, Dino Morea, Milind Soman, Chunky Panday, Vihaan Samat, Kavya Trehan, Sumukhi Suresh, Udit Arora, and Luke Kenny. The upcoming series, which will premiere on May 9 on the streaming giant Netflix, will have Bhumi playing an ambitious and feisty CEO of Work Potato, Sophia Shekhar, and Aviraaj Singh, a dashing party prince played by Ishaan.

Pankaj on Khelo India Youth Games: To see these games being held in Bihar fills me with pride



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Acclaimed actor Pankaj Tripathi, who has been invited as the face and driving force of Bihar for the Khelo India Youth Games, feels proud that the event is being held in his homeland. “It is an absolute honour for me to be associated with the Khelo India Youth Games here in my home state. To see these games being held in Bihar fills me with immense pride. Huge congratulations to the government of Bihar and the sports authorities for the landmark event,” Pankaj said.

Pankaj talks passionately about his role and the significance of hosting these landmark games. He said it is about “nurturing discipline, resilience, and self-belief.” He added: “Encouraging our youth to pursue sports is not just about building physical strength, it’s about nurturing discipline, resilience, and self-belief. I hope that my involvement as the driving force face of Bihar will inspire young boys and girls to dream big, stay active, and represent Bihar and India with pas-

sion and pride.” On the acting front, the actor will be seen in Anurag Basu’s anthology ‘Metro... In Dino’, which is set to release on July 4. He will be seen along with Aditya Roy Kapur, Sara Ali Khan, Anupam Kher, Neena Gupta, Konkona Sen Sharma, Ali Fazal, and Fatima Sana Shaikh.

“Metro... In Dino” is the spiritual sequel to Anurag Basu’s previous critically acclaimed hit film Life in a... Metro, which was released in 2007. The film is an anthology of 4 different heartwarming stories of contemporary couples. The film draws its title from the song “In Dino” from Life in a... Metro.

He will be returning as Madhav Mishra in ‘Criminal Justice Season 4’. The new season also stars Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, Surveen Chawla, Mita Vashisht, Asha Negi, Shweta Basu Prasad, Khushboo Atre, and Barkha Singh in pivotal roles. Produced by Applause Entertainment in association with BBC Studios India and directed by Rohan Sippy, “Criminal Justice Season 4” will stream from May 22 onwards on JioHotstar.

Here’s what Wamiqa Gabbi has to share about ‘Jubilee 2’

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Actress Wamiqa Gabbi, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film “Bhool Chuk Maaf,” has shared an update about the second season of “Jubilee” and said it is in the writing stage. Talking to IANS about the period drama show, which was released in 2023, Wamiqa told IANS: “I think it’s in writing. I only know this much. I have no idea what they

are writing, I am also waiting to know more about it. I have only this much update about it.”

“Jubilee” is created and directed by Vikramaditya Motwane. This series stars Prosenjit Chatterjee, Aparshakti Khurana, Sidhant Gupta, Aditi Rao Hydari, Wamiqa Gabbi and Ram Kapoor. It is a thrilling yet poetic tale woven around an ensemble of characters and the gambles they’re willing to take, in pursuit of their dreams, passion, ambition and love.

Talking about “Bhool Chuk Maaf”, directed by Karan Sharma, the film revolves around Ranjan, a small-town romantic boy from Banaras, who lands a government job to marry Titli but forgets his vow to Lord Shiva-only to be trapped until he fulfills his promise. A hilarious tale of love, fate, and redemption unfolds. The film is produced by Dinesh Vijan under the Maddock Films banner, with music by Tanishk Bagchi, lyrics by Irshad Kamil, and vocals by

Tanishk Bagchi and Madhubanti Bagchi. It is slated to release in theatres on May 9.

Wamiqa made her screen debut as a child with a brief role in the Hindi film Jab We Met in 2007. She tasted success in the Punjabi films Tu Mera 22 Main Tera 22, Nikka Zaildar 2 and its sequel Nikka Zaildar 3, and Kali Jotta. The 31-year-old actress has also starred in the Tamil film Maalai Naerathu Mayakkam and the Malayalam film Godha.



BUSSINESS

Ganesh Housing Unveils Tech City in Hyderabad

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Ganesh Housing Corporation Limited, in collaboration with the Government of Gujarat and the Department of Science and Technology, unveiled its visionary project, Million Minds Tech City, at the Gujarat IT/ITES Policy 2022-27 Roadshow held in Hyderabad on 8th May 2025. Organized in association with ASSOCHAM, the event drew over 200 IT and ITES companies from across the country and showcased Gujarat’s forward-looking policies and infrastructure to support the technology sector. The highlight of the roadshow was the announcement of Million Minds Tech City, a cutting-edge development that aims to reshape Guja-



rat’s technology and innovation landscape. The event featured key dignitaries including Ms. Mona Khandhar, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, Government of Gujarat; Mr. Srikanth Badiga, Past-Chairman, ASSOCHAM Telangana; and Mr. Anmol Patel, Director of Ganesh Housing, among others. Speaking at the event, Mr. Patel emphasized Hyderabad’s growing influence as a tech hub and described the strategic

intent behind introducing the project to stakeholders in the region. Ms. Khandhar underlined Gujarat’s commitment to creating a future-ready digital ecosystem through the state’s IT/ITES Policy, the GCC Policy, and initiatives like the semiconductor hub in Dholera. Million Minds Tech City exemplifies this vision by offering world-class infrastructure and a conducive environment for innovation. The roadshow highlighted Gujarat’s growing appeal as a destination for Global Capability Centers (GCCs) and technology investments, backed by robust policy incentives, land subsidies, and skill development programs. It marked a key step in driving collaborative, innovation-led growth across India’s technology landscape.

Sebi Clears Five IPO Proposals

Mumbai: Five companies initial public offerings proposals were cleared by market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India last week as per latest updates provided by Sebi. Veritas Finance, Laxmi India Finance, Ajay Poly, Regaal Resources and Jaajoo Rashmi Refractories have received Sebi approval for their IPOs as per details available. Veritas Finance’s public offer comprises of a fresh issue of Rs 600 crore and an offer for sale of Rs 2200 crore by existing shareholders. It is a retail-focused non-deposit taking

Hyderabad Welcomes the Grand Launch of SHEEK — “Fashion Made Fabulous”

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The city of Hyderabad just witnessed the dazzling debut of SHEEK, an exciting new fashion brand that aims to revolutionize streetwear with its bold ethos: “Fashion Made Fabulous.” Blending trend-forward design, high-quality craftsmanship, and an unapologetic sense of individuality, SHEEK marks a powerful new chapter in India’s urban fashion narrative.

Touted as Hyderabad’s most high-profile fashion launch to date, SHEEK is the brainchild of four enterprising visionaries — Rupankh Daneti, Srivanth Patnala,



Sandeep Nadimpally, and Jayesh Thakur — whose combined creativity and ambition have brought this style-forward label to life. SHEEK isn’t just a fashion brand; it’s a cultural movement. From statement graphic prints to elevated everyday essentials, each col-

lection is crafted to empower self-expression and redefine what it means to dress with confidence. With its official launch, SHEEK is set to become a style icon for the modern Indian youth and a proud symbol of Hyderabad’s rising influence in the national fashion scene.

Samsung Launches 2025 AI TV Lineup in India Featuring Vision AI Technology

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Samsung India has unveiled its 2025 lineup of Neo QLED 8K, Neo QLED 4K, OLED, QLED, and The Frame TVs, introducing the breakthrough Samsung Vision AI technology. This innovation promises a smarter, more immersive, and personalized home entertainment experience. Samsung Vision AI is built on three core pillars: AI Mode, which adapts picture and sound in real-time using deep learning; AI Experience, which personalizes content discovery and settings; and Multi-Device



Connectivity, enabling seamless interaction with Samsung’s ecosystem of devices.

The flagship Neo QLED 8K QN950F leads the lineup with cutting-edge features like AI Upscaling Pro, Glare-Free Display,

Auto HDR Remastering Pro, and Color Booster Pro. It boasts an ultra-slim Infinity Air design, Dolby Atmos, Q-Symphony audio, and a 240Hz refresh rate for premium visuals and immersive sound.

Other standout features include Universal Gesture Control, Generative AI Wallpapers, Pet & Family Care Mode, and SmartThings integration for real-time home insights and energy monitoring. Samsung Knox ensures security and privacy, while seven years of guaranteed OS updates future-proof the investment. Models span a wide range of sizes from 43” to 115”, catering to all spaces and preferences. Localized features like Cloud Gaming, Samsung TV Plus, and Education Hub enhance relevance for Indian consumers. The 2025 TVs are now available for pre-order

until May 28, 2025, via Samsung.com, retail stores, and major online platforms. Pre-order offers include a free soundbar (worth up to ₹90,990), up to 20% cash-back, and zero down payment EMIs starting at ₹2,990.

Pricing starts at: Neo QLED 8K: ₹2,72,990, Neo QLED 4K: ₹89,990, OLED: ₹1,54,990, QLED: ₹49,490, The Frame: ₹63,990

Samsung’s Vision AI TVs redefine entertainment by blending innovation, personalization, and intelligent lifestyle integration.

Viswam.AI Launches AI Internship to Build Telugu Language Model

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Viswam.AI has announced Summer of AI, a month-long internship program designed to train 1 lakh engineering students in artificial intelligence while contributing to the development of the world’s first Telugu Large Language Model (LLM). The program begins May 15, 2025, and is conducted in partnership with IIIT Hyderabad, Swecha, Meta, HySEA, Ozonetel, and others. Titled Sata Sahasra Yagam, the internship offers hands-on training in AI/ML fundamentals, data preparation, model building, and deployment.

Participants will play a key role in building the Telugu LLM by collecting and curating digital data from folk literature, historical archives, and news sources. The hybrid curriculum includes online learning and in-person workshops across seven centers in Telangana, including Hyderabad, Warangal, and Karimnagar.

The initiative is part of a larger movement to bridge India’s AI skills gap and promote representation of low-resource languages like Telugu in the digital world. Currently, fewer than 0.1% of online resources support Telugu. By involving students in the full AI development lifecycle—from

data collection to model deployment—the program aims to build local capacity for creating inclusive, culturally grounded AI solutions. Top performers will be offered extended internships with leading tech firms and research institutions like IIIT Hyderabad. The program will conclude with a grand finale featuring a live concert by Telugu music star Ram Miryala. Applications are open to all engineering undergraduates, with four rolling cohorts of 25,000 students each. For more information and to apply, visit <https://viswam.ai/summer-of-ai>.



CITY CLICKS

Cricket Star Pat Cummins Visits GKB Opticals



Blending the worlds of sport and fashion, GKB Opticals welcomed global cricket sensation and Carrera’s brand ambassador Pat Cummins to its flagship store at Sarath City Capital Mall in Hyderabad.

The Australian pace bowler visited the store as part of a special event organized by GKB Opticals in collaboration with Safilo, the official distributor of Carrera Eyewear. During his visit, Cummins officially launched his exclusive Carrera Signature Collection, showcasing his favorite eyewear styles and sharing insights into the inspiration behind the designs. Speaking at the event, Cummins highlighted how Carrera’s bold, performance-driven aesthetics align with his personal style. He also explored the latest collections from the brand, reflecting Carrera’s legacy of innovation and fashion-forward design.

“It was a sheer pleasure to have Pat Cummins at our Hyderabad outlet,” said Ms. Priyanka Gupta, Director of Brands at GKB Opticals. “His association with Carrera resonates with values we deeply cherish — individuality, confidence, and performance. Events like these reflect our ongoing commitment to bring world-class eyewear experiences to our Indian customers.” With over 60 years of heritage, GKB Opticals remains a leading name in Indian eyewear retail, known for its quality offerings and trendsetting designs. The event marked yet another step in the brand’s journey to deliver globally inspired, premium eyewear solutions to consumers across India.

It was a personal decision, BCCI had no role in it: Rajeev Shukla on Rohit’s Test retirement



Rohit Sharma retiring from Test cricket was a personal decision and there was no pressure put on him by the BCCI to take that call, its vice-president Rajeev Shukla said on Thursday. Rohit announced his retirement on Wednesday ahead of the five-match Test series in England beginning on June 20. “As far as Rohit Sharma’s retirement from Test cricket is concerned, he has made his own decision. “It is our policy that the players who take the decision of retirement — we do not put any pressure on them, nor do we suggest anything, nor do we say anything,” Shukla told PTI Videos.

Rohit is an undisputed white-ball great but he could not replicate that success in the 67 Tests he played. Shukla said his contribution to the five day game was immense. “The more we praise him, the less it is. He is a great batsman. The good thing is that he has not yet decided to retire from cricket (will play only ODIs). So we will definitely take advantage of his experience and talent,” said Shukla.

With Rohit stepping down, it remains to be seen who is elevated to India Test captaincy. Jasprit Bumrah, K L Rahul and Shubman Gill are among the contenders. When asked about potential names in the fray, Shukla said that the matter lies strictly with the selection committee. “There should not be any speculations. The selectors will decide and tell you who the captain

KKR's Slim Playoff Hopes: Never Give Up

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On JioHotstar’s Kuhl Fans Match Centre Live, JioStar expert Sanjay Bangar highlighted MS Dhoni’s composed approach and the crucial role Shivam Dube played in guiding the team through a pivotal middle-order partnership. Bangar praised Dhoni’s ability to remain calm in challenging situations and his strategic approach to chasing down targets. “He definitely got it right and was well supported by Shivam Dube from the other end,” said Bangar. “With not much batting left after the pair of Dube and Dhoni, they had to play conservatively. Shivam took the risks, while MS rotated the strike smartly and waited for the bowlers to make mistakes. That’s been his template, and he’s stuck to it despite everything he’s gone through this season. CSK needed him again—just like in that win against LSG. You simply can’t count him out. In two of CSK’s three recent wins, he’s been the key in those last-over finishes.”Bangar also acknowledged MS Dhoni’s consistent brilliance in high-pressure scenarios, which has been a hallmark of his leadership throughout the season. He emphasized how Dhoni’s calmness and tactical acumen in the final overs have helped CSK win crucial matches, showcasing his



invaluable contribution to the team.Aakash Chopra also shared his insights on Chennai Super Kings’ auction strategy, focusing on their successful bid for Noor Ahmed, the young leg-spinner. “When you look at the auction, CSK may have got a few things wrong, but one thing they got absolutely spot on was Noor Ahmed,” Chopra remarked. “There was a bit of a bidding battle with Gujarat Titans—GT even tried to RTM him—but CSK were determined. They were ready to spend big because they really wanted Noor. I remember his first game, it was against Mumbai, where he picked up three or four wickets and helped CSK win. He’s taken another four-wicket haul since then. In a 14-game season, you’ll have your ups and

downs, but Noor looks like someone who’s here to stay. And one thing that never changes with CSK is their loyalty—if they invest in a player and believe he can take the franchise forward, they stick with him. Noor is definitely one of those players.”Aakash Chopra also addressed KKR’s slim yet unwavering hopes of qualifying for the IPL playoffs. “Never say never. Even with a 0.1% chance, it’s not over yet,” he said. “As improbable as it seems, if there’s still a chance, you keep fighting. Sport teaches you to never give up. By the next game, others might be out of contention, but while hope remains, KKR will push for it. They face tough fixtures ahead—SRH away and RCB away. While SRH is near the bottom,

they have match-winners, and RCB will be keen to finish the season with a double. KKR’s game against RCB will be a crucial one.”Sanjay Bangar then spoke about CSK’s continued ability to discover and nurture young talent. He singled out Urvil Patel, who has impressed with his performances despite being signed late in the season. “Very impressive—it clearly shows Urvil Patel has a sound temperament. To come in and make an immediate impact is a remarkable talent to have,” Bangar said. “And because he keeps wickets, you wonder if MS sees something in him that could eventually lead to him being CSK’s long-term wicketkeeper and also someone who can bat in key positions. It’s a big positive for CSK. Urvil Patel was signed

late in the season, and after giving Rasheed a fair run, they handed Urvil an opportunity—and he made an immediate impact. It reminded me of the kind of debut Ayush Mhatre had for them.”Finally, Bangar shared his reflections on Rohit Sharma’s leadership style, describing him as a captain who brings a sense of calm and support to his players. “Every captain has a different style, and Rohit Sharma’s has been that of an elder brother—approachable and supportive,” he said. “Players felt comfortable opening up to him, and he backed youngsters like Nitish Reddy, who flourished under his leadership. Rohit’s true contribution goes beyond just match tactics—it’s in grooming the next generation. Just like Ganguly was known for backing

Harbhajan and Schwag, Rohit’s faith in players like Rishabh Pant or Nitish Reddy may one day be seen as a defining legacy of his Test captaincy.”Reflecting on Rohit Sharma’s retirement from Test cricket, Aakash Chopra praised his transformation as a red-ball opener. “Rohit Sharma might be the last of that generation to lead India across all three formats—an era that’s clearly behind us now,” Chopra observed. “What stood out about Rohit was the calmness he brought and his belief in continuity, especially with Rahul Dravid as coach. His second innings as a Test opener changed everything. He adapted his game—learning to leave, defend, and stay disciplined—traits not natural to an aggressive batter like him. From a T20 star to a one-day legend, he figured out how to succeed in the toughest job in cricket: opening in Tests, especially in places like England. It takes rare discipline to make that shift—and Rohit did it brilliantly.” This comprehensive analysis reveals not only the incredible leadership and skill of MS Dhoni and other key players but also sheds light on the remarkable transformations and strategic decisions that have made a lasting impact on the IPL season.

India Women’s Football team to face Uzbekistan in two friendlies ahead of AFC Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers

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The Senior India women’s national football team will play two FIFA women’s international friendly matches against Uzbekistan in theMay/June 2025 International Window. The two matches against Uzbekistan will be played on May 30 and June 3, 2025, at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence, in Bengaluru.

The Blue Tigresses, coached by Crispin Chettri, are on the preparation path for the AFC Women’s Asian Cup 2026 Qualifiers, having

begun their camp in Bengaluru on May 1. India have been drawn in Group B, where they are set to face Mongolia (June 23), Timor-Leste (June 29), Iraq (July 2), and hosts Thailand (July 5), in Chiang Mai.

India, who are at 69th in the FIFA Women’s Rankings, have played Uzbekistan, ranked 50th, on 13 occasions. The White Wolves have come out victorious on 9 occasions, while the Blue Tigresses have won one match; three matches between the two sides have ended in draws. The list of probables: Goalkeepers: Payal Basude, Elangbam Panthoi Chanu,



Keisham Melody Chanu, Moirangthem Monalisha Devi. Defenders: Purnima Kumari, Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi, Martina Thokchom, Shubhangi Singh, Sanju, Malati Munda, Toijam Thoibisana

Chanu, Sorokhaibam Ranjana Chanu, Ngangbam Sweetie Devi, Viksit Bara, Hemam Shilky Devi. Midfielders: Kiran Pisda, Nongmaithem Ratanbala Devi, Muskan Subba, Lisham Babina Devi,

Karthika Angamuthu, Cindy Remruatpui Colney, Sangita Basfore, Priyadharshini S, Baby Sana, Santosh, Anju Tamang. Forwards: Mousumi Murmu, Malavika P, Sandhiya Ranganaathan, Soumya Gugu-

loth, Sulanjana Raul, Lynda Kom Serto, Rimpa Haldar, Manisha Naik, Renu, Karishma Purushottam Shirvoikar, Sumati Kumari, Manisha Kalyan, Grace Dangmei.



Two held for mobile phone snatching



Hyderabad: The Jubilee Hills Police nabbed two persons involved in several mobile phone snatching cases on Thursday. The duo identified as Naseer Khan, an auto-rickshaw driver and Irfan Khan, a furniture trader, both from Habeebnagar, targeted people in crowded places and snatched their mobile phones by diverting their attention. They further disposed them and made easy money. Based on a recent complaint, the Jubilee Hills police booked a case and nabbed them. A bike and four mobile phones were seized.

L&T Seeks CM Revanth's Nod for Metro Fare Hike



Hyderabad: Officials from L&T Metro Rail (Hyderabad) Ltd (L&TMRHL) are likely to meet Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to seek approval for a hike in Metro Rail fares. The meeting, initially scheduled for Thursday, was cancelled reportedly as the government had not reviewed the proposal. The company is pushing for a fare revision starting May 10, proposing to raise the minimum fare from ₹10 to ₹15 and the maximum fare from ₹60 to ₹75. According to official sources, L&T chairman S.N. Subrahmanyam has personally sought an appointment with the Chief Minister to press for the fare revision. The meeting is now expected to be held within the next two to three days.

HYDRAA Is to Save Hyderabad, Not Just Demolish'': CM Revanth

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Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Wednesday clarified that the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) is not just about demolitions, but a broader initiative to safeguard the city's ecological and environmental balance. Speaking at the inauguration of HYDRAA's police station at Buddha Bhavan in Secunderabad, he said the agency was launched to protect lakes, ensure clean roads, restore power supply during rains, streamline traffic, and ultimately shield Hyderabad from disasters. "HYDRAA is a mission to revive Hyderabad's ecological heritage. It's about preventing floods, clearing illegal encroachments, and allowing natural water to flow freely," Revanth Reddy said. He pointed out that even short spells of rain were flooding entire colonies due to blocked drains and



Chief Minister Revanth Reddy inaugurated the police station of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) at Buddha Bhavan in Secunderabad.



lakes, and warned that Hyderabad could face the same fate as Bengaluru, Mumbai, and Chennai if immediate action wasn't taken. Also present at the event were HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath, Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MA&UD Secretary K. Ilambarithi, Special Chief Secretary Ravi Gupta, and MLC Addanki Dayakar. Recalling the 1908 floods

that prompted the Nizam government to build Osmansagar and Himayatsagar with the help of engineer Sir Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya, the Chief Minister stressed the importance of proactive governance. "Ignoring nature leads to catastrophe," he cautioned. Revanth Reddy also criticised opponents of HYDRAA's lake-clearing and anti-encroachment

drives. "Some are upset because they have encroached on lakes and nalas. Others fear real estate will collapse. But why object to efforts that protect the environment?" he asked. Drawing comparisons, he said similar efforts by the BJP government to restore the Sabarmati and Ganga rivers were praised, yet attempts to revive the Musi River were being politicised. He urged HY-

DRAA officials to crack down on wealthy violators while extending compassion and alternative arrangements to poor families affected by evictions. At the event, the Chief Minister flagged off 122 HYDRAA vehicles, including 21 Disaster Response Force (DRF) trucks, 59 cars, five minibuses, and 37 two-wheelers, all meant to enhance disaster management in the city.

Police Begin Checks at Sensitive Areas

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In view of the tense situation along the country's borders, police officials have intensified checking at sensitive areas, including inter-district and inter-state borders to prevent untoward incidents. Senior officials have asked all unit officers to keep a vigil on sensitive localities by conducting regular checks. The district police have taken precautionary measures to protect citizens and maintain law and order. In tri-police commissionerates, the police patrolling has been intensified day and night. Police checks have

been conducted in Nagarkurnool, Gadwal, Medak, Nalgonda and Suryapet districts among others. Suryapet SP Narasimha said police teams, including the dog squad, bomb squad personnel conducted checks at bus stands, national highways, flyovers, business complexes and important intersections in the Suryapet district. "We have also alerted all the personnel across the district, in view of the government's orders, we have canceled the leaves of the police and directed them to be on duty round the clock and we are conducting extensive checks in major cities," he said.

TPDMA to boycott universities' degree exams

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The Telangana Private Degree and PG Colleges Management Association (TPDMA) on Thursday announced that it would continue to boycott universities degree examinations scheduled to begin on May 14, citing inordinate delay in releasing fee reimbursement arrears by the State government. This decision was taken during an online meeting convened by the association with the college managements, which

expressed growing frustration over the government's failure to release the funds despite making numerous pleas. Earlier, the association boycotted the Mahatma Gandhi University and Telangana University degree exams over the fee arrears issue. The TPDMA said although the universities, including Mahatma Gandhi University, Satavahana University and Osmania University, announced the schedules for the degree second, fourth and sixth semester examinations, several colleges have been

struggling to pay the exam fee of students and have not even been able to register students due to financial constraints. During the meeting, the managements decided not to collect exam material, download hall tickets and cooperate with exams proceedings unless fee reimbursement arrears were cleared. Some college owners complained that their institutions were not listed in the ongoing Degree Online Services Telangana (DOST) 2025 counselling, further complicating the issue.

Hyderabad Cricket Association hit by fresh financial setback

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Hyderabad Cricket Association is in the news but for all wrong reasons again!. In yet another significant development which might have a serious impact on the finances of Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA), former Acting Chief Justice and now Ethics Officer and Ombudsman, Additional Charge of HCA, directed the HCA on May 7, 2025, to implement the General Body resolution (dated 13-9-2015) and pay the development fee of Rs 3 lakhs per year to each of the private clubs from 2017-18. Importantly, the Ombudsman directed that the payment may be made as expeditiously as possible within a period of eight weeks. This was in response to the petitioner Imran Mahmood, secretary of the HCA affiliated club Mahmood Cricket Club, pointed out that in the AGM on 13-9-2015, it was resolved to pay Rs 4 lakhs for the year 2014-15 to all

the affiliated clubs as cricket development funds. It was also resolved that the general body may ratify this payment and approve payment of Rs 4 lakhs to affiliated clubs. Imran Mahmood pointed out that HCA did not dispute the resolutions and hence there is no reason forthcoming for non-payment of Rs 3 lakhs per year from 2017-18 onwards. The Ombudsman said in the Order that having regards to facts and circumstances the HCA is directed to implement the AGM resolution of September 13, 2015. This Ombudsman comes in the wake of the recent order of the Telangana High Court which has set aside the crucial appointments including that of former India star BK Venkatesh Prasad as Consultant for Cricket Operations and Game

Raja Singh Hits Out At Sujatha On OP Sindoor

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BJP senior MLA T. Raja Singh said that 'urban Naxals' were exhibiting their 'true colours' when the nation was celebrating 'Operation Sindoor' being carried out by the armed forces against terror hide-outs in Pakistan. He condemned the comments made by Prof. Surepalli Sujatha, Telangana Education Commission advisory member and Satavahana University facility, against the name of the operation. She has since withdrawn her social media post. In a statement, Raja Singh asked why the 'urban Naxals' were silent when the terrorists claimed 26 lives and wiped out the sindoor of women. If the state

government felt that her comments fit with treason against the country, why no action was initiated against her, he asked. In a letter to Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, BJP deputy floor leader Payal Shankar sought action against Prof. Sujatha for her remarks. He appreciated the state government for cancelling leave for government employees, and ordering the identification and reporting of unauthorised immigrants as well as for taking out a rally to support and the Indian Army.

Regency College Wins TCA Culinary League 2.0 at IHM Hyderabad Grand Finale

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The Telangana Chef's Association (TCA) successfully concluded the TCA Culinary League 2.0, a prestigious state-level competition aimed at promoting culinary innovation and celebrating Telangana's rich food

heritage. This season featured five themed contests held across four cities in the state, with enthusiastic participation from aspiring chefs. The regional rounds included: Millet Mania at Global College, Warangal; Telangana Food Challenge at Infinity College, Nizamabad; Biryani

vs Pulao at KIMS College, Karimnagar; The Art of Plate at IIHMCA, Hyderabad; and Neo Telangana at Regency College, Hyderabad. The top two contestants from each event advanced to the Grand Finale, hosted at the Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad (IHM-Hyderabad), a pre-



Mr. Sanjay K. Thakur, Principal, IHM-Hyderabad; along with the Jury, members of TCA and the participants at the prestigious state-level competition TCA Culinary League 2.0, at Institute of Hotel Management, Hyderabad (IHM-Hyderabad), DD Colony, today.

mier central institute under the Ministry of

Tourism. In the high-pressure finale, partici-

pants faced a 90-minute Rice Cooking Challenge where they had to create an original dish using surprise ingredients and unfamiliar equipment, testing their creativity, technique, and adaptability. Emerging victorious was Regency College of Culinary Arts and Hotel Man-

agement, Hyderabad, crowned as the Champion of TCA Culinary League 2.0. This win is a testament to the college's dedication to excellence and the outstanding skill of its young chefs. "This league wasn't just a competition — it was a movement to uplift regional cuisine and em-

power future chefs," said Chef Dharmender Lamba, President, Telangana Chef's Association. The event highlighted the talent brewing in Telangana's culinary institutions and set a benchmark for future editions.

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Congress Party Strengthened by Grassroots Activists at GHMC Booth Secretaries Meeting

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In a booth committee secretaries meeting for the Himayatnagar division, senior Congress leader CA Venugopalaswamy underscored the critical role of activists in fortifying the Congress Party. The meeting, held at Mercure Hotel in Somajiguda, was attended by booth committee secretaries, party members, and senior leaders, and presided over by former corporator B. Raju Yadav. Venugopalaswamy praised the tireless efforts of grassroots leaders, emphasizing that they are essential to the party's growth. He reassured attendees that the Congress Party remains committed to supporting dedicated activists. He also urged booth secretaries to highlight local issues and ensure that the party's developmental and welfare schemes reach the public effectively. B. Raju Yadav raised concerns about the lack of recognition for long-time



party workers, criticizing recent joiners for undermining the efforts of loyal members. Mehta, a Delhi-based Congress leader, emphasized the importance of grassroots engagement, while senior leader Venkatesh urged unity to ensure the party's success in the upcoming GHMC elections. The meeting concluded with a collective resolve from booth secretaries and leaders to strengthen outreach and work towards securing the Congress Party's victory.

DRF Chief For More Defence Drills

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Telangana State Disaster Response and Fire Services director-general Y. Nagi Reddy on Thursday hinted at more civil defence exercises based on the instructions of the government and equipment available during the real-time incidents. The only shortcoming in the civil defence exercise of Wednesday was found the blocking of vehicles by the public unknowingly. Speaking to Deccan Chronicle, Nagi Reddy said, "This is the first time any of the officers experienced it and we all pulled it together. We are now ready to face any such incident. If there are any instructions to us, we will organise more drills to prepare



ourselves and the public. There was all the cooperation from the gathered crowd and all the wings, the only lapse I felt was the blockade of vehicles." Out of four places selected for the mock drill, the departments took permission from the apartment management and alerted the residents. The premises were filled with ambulances and fire engines to use for the demo. Commuters and outsiders who wanted to participate parked their bikes randomly.

Mogulla greeted transport minister occasion of his birthday



Hyderabad: Indian National Trade Union Congress STATE VICE PRESIDENT Shri Mogulla Raji Reddy met with state cabinet minister state Transport minister Shri Ponnam Prabhakar at state secretariat on Thursday May 8 on occasion of his birthday met him and greeted him with shawl and bouquet and he wished minister celebrated many more birthdays